able /əbˈliːl/ adj in a positive way: our village is always able to provide help.
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abduct /əˈbʌkt/ v to take away someone illegally: The child was abducted by a kidnapper.
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abhor /əˈbʌhər/ v to hate something or someone very much: He abhors poverty and inequality.
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able-bodied

• ably adverb Robson, ably assisted by Anderson, has completely rebuilt the team.

able-bodied /əˈblɪdˈbɔːdi/ adjective HEALTH having all the physical abilities that most people have

abnormal /əˈbɜːr-nəl/ adjective different from what is normal or usual, in a way which is strange or dangerous abnormal behaviour/weather • They found abnormal levels of lead in the water. • abnormally

abnormality /əˈbɜːrnələtɪ/ noun [C, U] HEALTH something abnormal, usually in the body a genetic abnormality

aboard /əˈbɔːrd/ adverb, preposition on or onto a plane, ship, or train Welcome aboard flight BA109 to Paris.

abode /əˈbɔːd/ noun [C] a formal a home

abolish /əˈbɒliʃ/ verb [I] LAW to officially end something, especially a law or system National Service was abolished in Britain in 1960.

abortion /əˈbɔːrʃən/ noun [C, U] HEALTH a medical operation to end a pregnancy when the baby is still too small to live She had an abortion.

abortive /əˈbɔːrtɪv/ adjective [before noun] An abortive attempt or plan fails before it is complete

the ABO system /əˈbɪsəstəm/ noun BIOLOGY, HEALTH the system that divides human blood into four main groups called A, B, AB and O

abound /əˈbɔːnd/ verb [I] formal to exist in large numbers Rumours abound about a possible change of leadership.

above /əˈbɔːv/ adverb, preposition 1 higher up above the ocean, above the market, above the truth • There’s a mirror above the washingbin. • I could hear music coming from the room above. 2 more than an amount or level It says on Bob’s children aged three and above. 3 more important or advanced position than someone else Sally’s a grade above me. 4 too important too good or important for something No one is above suspicion in this matter. 5 above all most importantly Above all, I’d like to thank everyone.

aboved /əˈbɔːd/ adverb, higher on the same page the above diagram • the address shown above

abovel board adjective [never before noun] honest and legal We hired a lawyer to make sure the agreement was all above board.

above the line promotion [noun] [U] ways of advertising products that involve people outside the business, such as newspapers or TV

abrasive /əˈbresɪv/ adjective 1 SUBSTANCE An abrasive substance is rough and can be used for rubbing surfaces, to make them clean or smooth 2 SMELLY a strange, unpleasant smell • an abrasive manner abrupt /əˈbrʌpt/ adjective 1 abrupt to or in a foreign country He goes abroad a lot with his job. • abrupt manner, abruptly

absciss /əˈbɛksɪs/ noun [C] HEALTH a painful, swollen area on the body which contains a joint

abscissa /əˈbɛksɪs/ noun [C] a mathematical measurement, especially one which is plotted horizontally along the x-axis

abdicated /əˈbɪdɪktid/ adjective An abdicated book or other piece of writing has been made shorter. • Opposite unabridged eabridge /əˈbrɪdʒ/ verb [T]

aboard /əˈbɔːrd/ adverb in or to a foreign country He goes abroad a lot with his job

abrupt /əˈbrʌpt/ adjective 1 sudden and not expected Our conversation came to an abrupt end. 2 sudden dealing with people in a quick way that is unfriendly or rude She has a rather abrupt manner.

abseal /əˈbɛsəl/ noun [C] a painful, swollen area on the body which contains a joint

absecd /əˈbɛskəd/ verb [I] formal to leave somewhere suddenly without permission because you want to escape, or because you have stolen something

abscence /əˈbɛsəns/ noun [C] an absence from sth • during/ in sb’s absence

absence /əˈbɛsəns/ noun [C] a time when you are not in a particular place Lisa was abroad for two weeks. • a voyage on a ship

able-bodied

very soon I stopped her just as she was about to leave.
absent /ˈæbsənt/ adjective not in the place where you are expected to be, especially at school or work He has been absent from school all week.

absentee /ˈæbsɛntiː/ noun [C] someone who is not in a place where they should be the absence- ism noun [U] when someone is often absent from work or school

absent-minded /ˈæbsɛntmɛndɪd/ adjective often forgetting things absent-mindedly adverb absent-mindedness noun [U]

absolute /ˈæbsəluːt/ adjective [always before noun] 1 COMPLETE complete power/control. 2 DEFINITE there was no absolute proof of fraud.

absolutely /ˈæbsəluːtli/ adverb 1 completely The food was absolutely delicious. 2 There’s absolutely nothing (= nothing at all) left.

absorb /ˈæbsɔːrb/ verb [T] 1 to take moisture, keeping your skin dry. 2 be absorbed in sth to give all your attention to something that you are doing Simon was so absorbed in his computer game, he didn’t notice me come in. 3 ABSORB to understand and remember facts that you read or hear. 4 IT’S HARD TO ABSORB so much information.

absorbed /ˈæbsɔːrd/ adjective 1 incur. 2 having absorbed something into something else, it becomes part of it. The drug is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream.

absorbing /ˈæbsɔːrbiŋ/ adjective very interesting an absorbing book/game

abstain /ˈæbstiːn/ verb [T] 1 NO LONGER to do something that you enjoy because it is bad or unhealthy. The doctor suggested that he abstain from alcohol. 2 NOT VOTE to choose not to vote for or against something 63 members

academic /ˈækədəmɪk/ noun 1 SITUATION relating to education, schools, universities, etc. 2 ABILITY/STANDARD related to subjects which involve thinking and studying and not technical or practical skills. 3 MOVIE clever and good at studying

absoute /ˈæbsɔːt/ noun [U] PHYSICS, MEASURES the lowest temperature that scientists think is possible

absolve /ˈæbzsolv/ verb [T] formal to formally say that someone is not guilty of something, or to forgive someone.

abuse /ˈæbjuːz/ verb [T] 1 VIOLENCE rude and offensive words to someone. 2 a very bad situation. The crowd started abusing him.

abusive /ˈæbjuːsɪv/ adjective saying rude and offensive words to someone an abusive phone call

abysmal /ˈæbɪzməl/ adjective very bad, especially of bad quality the team’s abysmal performance last season

abyss /ˈæbɪs/ noun [U] a deep hole The country is sinking into an abyss of violence and bloodshed.

abyssal /ˈæbɪsəl/ adjective GEOGRAPHY found at the bottom of deep oceans (= big seas)

academic /ˈækədəmɪk/ noun [U] EDUCATION the people and organizations, especially universities, involved in studying

academic /ˈækədəmɪk/ adjective relating to education, schools, universities, etc academic ability/standards It’s the start of the academic year.

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abstention /ˌæbstəˈtenʃən/ noun [C, U]
They offered me the job and I've accepted to take it.

When you agree to do something, you say that you will do something which someone asks you to do.

They offered me the job and I agreed to take it.

academic

academic, it has no purpose because it relates to a situation that does not exist. The whole discussion is academic since management won’t even listen to us. academically adverb

academic2  /əkˈdeɪmɪk/ noun [C] EDUCATION someone who teaches at a university or college, or is paid to study there

academy /ækˈdeɪmi/ noun [C] 1 EDUCATION a college which teaches people the skills needed for a particular job a military academy 2 an organization whose purpose is to encourage and develop an art, science, language, etc the Royal Academy of Music

accelerate /əkˈselərət/ verb 1 PRED [I] to start to drive faster 2 PRED [P] to start to happen more quickly, or to make something start to happen more quickly Inflation is likely to accelerate this year. acceleration /əkˌseləˈreɪʃən/ noun [U]

accelerator /əkˈselərətər/ (also US gas pedal) noun [C] the part of a car which you push with your foot to make it go faster See colour picture Car on page Centre 7

WORD PARTNERS FOR accent

have/speak with a [local/northern/strong, etc] accent a lose your accent a a heavy/strong/thick accent

accent /ˈæksənt/ noun [C] 1 LANGUAGE the way in which someone pronounces words, influenced by the country or area they come from, or their social class an American accent a a French accent 2 LANGUAGE a mark above a letter to show you how to pronounce it, for example (á) and (é) 3 LANGUAGE the word or part of a word that you emphasize when you are speaking In the word impossible the accent is on the second syllable. 4 the accent on sth particular importance or attention that you give to something a wonderful menu with the accent on fresh fish

accentuate /əkˈsesjʊət/ verb [T] to emphasize something so that people notice it make up to accentuate the eyes

accept /əkˈsept/ verb 1 AGREE [I] to agree to take something that is offered to you to accept an invitation/offer He won’t accept advice from anyone. 2 AGREE [T] to admit that something is true, often something unpleasant (+ that) He refuses to accept that he’s made a mistake. 3 AGREE [PRED to + V] [T] to allow someone to join an organization or become part of a group She’s been accepted by two universities. 4 accept responsibility/blame to admit that you caused something bad that happened The company has now accepted responsibility for the accident. 5 UNDERSTAND [T] to understand that you cannot change a very sad or unpleasant situation The hardest part is accepting the fact that you will never see that person again.

COMMON LEARNER ERROR

accept or agree?

When you accept an invitation, job, or offer, you say yes to something which is offered. Accept is never followed by another verb. They offered me the job and I’ve accepted it.

acceptable /əkˈseptəb(ə)l/ adjective 1 GOOD good enough to be accepted to a university 2 PRED good enough to be accepted to both sides. 2 PRED allowed or approved of Smoking is less socially acceptable. 3 PRED unacceptable 4 PRED unacceptable

acceptance /ˈæksəntʃuːs/ noun [C], when you accept something his acceptance of the award 2 there is a growing public acceptance of alternative medicine.

accepted /ˈæksəptɪd/ adjective agreed or approved by most people an accepted spelling

access1 /ˈækses/ noun [U] 1 OPPORTUNITY when you have the right or opportunity to use or see something I don’t have access to that kind of information. 2 ENTRANCE the way in which you can enter a place or get to a place The only access to the village by boat.

access2 /ˈækses/ verb [T] COMPUTING to find or see information, especially using a computer You can access the files over the Internet.

accessible /ˈæksesəbl/ adjective easy to find or reach Information such as this is freely accessible to the public. 2 the hotel is in a quiet but easily accessible part of the resort. opposite inaccessible 2 UNABLE easy to understand They are attempting to make opera accessible to a wider audience.

accessory /ˈæksesəri/ noun [C] 1 something extra which is not necessary but is attractive or useful bathroom accessories 2 computer accessories 2 LAW formal someone who helps a criminal to commit a crime an accessory to murder.

access provider noun [C] COMPUTING, INTERNET a company that makes you able to use the Internet, so that you can use email and see or show documents

WORD PARTNERS FOR accident

have/be involved in an accident a an accident/happens/occurs a a fatal/serious/tragic accident a [killed, paralyzed, etc] in an accident a a car/traffic accident

accident /ˈæksɪdənt/ noun [C] 1 something bad which happens that is not intended and which causes injury or damage a car/traffic accident a She had an accident in the kitchen. 2 by accident without being intended I deleted the wrong file by accident.
accidental /ˈækʃənl/ adjective not intended accidental damage • accidentally adverb She accidentally dropped a glass of red wine. 
accident-prone /ˈækʃənd prəʊn/ adjective Someone who is accident-prone often has accidents.

acclaim /ˈkreɪəm/ noun [U] praise from a lot of people international/critical acclaim 
acclaimed /ˈkreɪəmd/ adjective praised by a lot of people the acclaimed singer and songwriter

acclimatize (also UK -ise) /ˈækəmətɪzaɪ/ verb [I, T] to start to feel happy with the weather, the way of life, etc. in a new place, or to make someone do this acclimatization /ˈækəmətɪzaʃən/ noun [U]

collaborate /ˈkələboʊrət/ verb [T] 1 give space for to have enough space somewhere for a number of things or people We need more roads to accommodate the increase in traffic. 2 help to do what someone wants, often by providing them with something He requires special equipment and, where possible, we’ve accommodated those needs. 3 pick a hotel to provide someone with a place to live or stay The athletes will be accommodated in a special Olympic village.

accommodating /ˈkəmədətɪŋ/ adjective willing to change their plans in order to help people

accommodation /ˈkəmədəʃən/ noun [U] 1 (also US accommodations plural) a place where you live or stay a rented accommodation The price includes travel and accommodation. 2 biology the way the lens in the eye changes depending on on whether the thing it is looking at is close or far away accompaniment /ˈkəmpərnənt/ noun 1 food (C) formal something that is nice to eat or drink with a particular food or drink salmon with an accompaniment of green salad 2 music (C, U) music that is played with the main instrument or with a singing voice a song with piano accompaniment

company /ˈkəmpəni/ verb [T] 1 for/with formal to go somewhere with someone We accompanied her back to her hotel. 2 together to happen or exist at the same time as something else The teachers’ book is accompanied by a video cassette. 3 music to play a musical instrument with someone else who is playing or singing

compel /ˈkəmpl/ verb [T] a law someone who helps a criminal to commit a crime compel /ˈkəmpl/ verb [T] to succeed in doing something good I feel as if I’ve accomplished nothing all day. 

accomplishment /ˈkəmpləʃənt/ noun 1 achievement [U] when you succeed in doing something good. Finishing the course gave me a great sense of accomplishment. 2 show [C] formal a skill in art, music, writing, etc

account /əˈkʌnt/ noun 1 of your own accord If you do something of your own accord, you choose to do it and no one else forces you. Luckily, she left of her own accord. 2 politics [C] an official agreement, especially between countries a peace/trade accord

account /əˈkʌnt/ verb [T] formal to treat someone specially, usually by showing respect the respect accorded to doctors

accordance /əˈkʌndəns/ noun formal in accordance with sth agreeing with a rule, law, or wish Both countries insisted that they were acting in accordance with the law.

accordingly /əˈkʌndərli/ adverb in a way that is suitable We’ll wait until we hear the decision and act accordingly.

account /əˈkʌnt/ verb [T] If someone you do not know accosts you, they move towards you and start talking to you in an unfriendly way.

account /əˈkʌnt/ noun [C] 1 a written or spoken description of something that has happened. They gave conflicting accounts of the events. 2 finance (also bank account) an arrangement with a bank to keep your money there and to let you take it out when you need to I paid the money into my account. 3 finance an arrangement with a shop or company that allows you to buy things and pay for them later 4 take sth into account; take account of sth to consider something when judging a situation You have to take into account the fact that he is less experienced when judging his performance. 5 on account of sth formal because of something He doesn’t drink alcohol on account of his health. 6 by all accounts as said by a lot of people The party was, by all accounts, a great success. 7 on my account just for or because of me Please don’t change your plans on my account. 8 on no account; not on any account UK not for any reason or in any situation On no account must these records be revealed by someone or shown by something current account, deposit account

account /əˈkʌnt/ verb account for sth phrasal verb 1 be part of to be part of a total number of something fall accounts for 40% of Norway’s exports. 2 explain to be the reason for something, or to explain the reason for something She was asked to account for the missing money.

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qualities to an acid acid soil: an acid smell/taste 2 acid remark/comment, etc an unkind remark that criticizes someone

**acidify** /'a:sidlɪ/ verb [T] 1 CHEMISTRY to become an acid or to make something become an acid

**acidity** /'a:sɪdɪtɪ/ noun [U] CHEMISTRY the amount of acid in a substance or in your stomach

**acid rain** noun [U] ENVIRONMENT rain that contains chemicals from pollution and damages plants, etc

**acid salt** noun [C] CHEMISTRY a chemical compound that is formed when an acid has reacted with another substance to produce salt and water

**acid test** noun [C] (usually singular) a sure test of whether something is true or of good quality

**acknowledge** /'æknəʊl[d]ʒ/ verb [T] 1 ACCEPT to accept that something is true or exists 2 LETTER He acknowledged that there was a problem. 3 ACKNOWLEDGE to tell someone, usually in a letter, that you have received something they sent you. 4 LETTER to tell someone, usually by saying hello She didn't even acknowledge my presence. 5 ACKNOWLEDGMENT (also acknowledgment) /'æknələʊdʒm(ə)nt/ noun 1 ACCEPT [C, U] when you accept that something is true or exists There was no acknowledgement of the extent of the problem. 2 LETTER [C] a letter telling you that someone has received something that you sent them 3 ACKNOWLEDGMENT something written at the front of a book by the author to thank people who have helped them (usually plural) His name appears in the acknowledgements.

**acne** /'ækn/ noun [U] HEALTH a skin problem that young people often have that causes spots on the face

- **acorn** /'eɪkʌrn/ noun [C] BOTANY an oval nut which grows on oak trees
- **acoustic** /'ækstɪsk/ adjective 1 MUSIC [always before noun] An acoustic musical instrument does not use electricity. 2 PHYSICS relating to sound and hearing
- **acoustics** /'ækstɪks/ noun [plural] PHYSICS the way in which the shape of a room affects the quality of sound. The acoustics of the hall were terrible.

- **acquaintance** /'ækweɪntns/ noun [C] someone who you know but do not know well He’s just a business acquaintance.
- **acquaint** /'ækweɪnt/ verb [T] 1 FORMAL to get to know someone, you have met them but do not know them well. We’re already acquainted - we met at Elaine’s party. 2 BEFRIENDED to know about something I’m afraid I’m not yet acquainted with the system.

- **acquisitions** /'ækweɪʃnɪz/ noun [plural] to get to know about something, often when you do not want to
- **acquired** /'ækwaɪrd/ adjective [used with noun] 1 ACCEPT to have help from them. 2 LETTER to have received something that you sent 3 ACKNOWLEDGMENT something you get, usually by buying it. And the hat - is that a recent acquisition?
- **acquit** /'ækwɪt/ verb [T] acquitting, past acquittal 1 LAW if someone is acquitted of a crime, a court of law decides that they are not guilty. (often passive) Both men were acquitted of murder.
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- **acre** /'ɑ:kr/ noun [MEASURES a unit for measuring area, equal to 4047 square metres See Extra help page Numbers and measurements on page Centre 24

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- **slime** /slai/ noun a material produced by some plants or animals
- **soot** /saut/ noun black material that is produced when something is burned
- **smoke** /sməʊk/ noun a material that is produced when something is burned
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acrid /ˈækrid/ adjective An acrid smell is unpleasant and causes a burning feeling in your throat.

acrimonious /ˌækriˈnɔmɪəs/ adjective involving a lot of anger, disagreement, and bad feelings an acrimonious divorce • acrimony /ˌækriˈnomi/ noun [U] angry, bad feelings between people

acrobat /ˈækroʊbæt/ noun [C] someone who entertains people by performing difficult physical acts, such as walking on a wire high above the ground • acrobatic /ˌækroʊˈbætɪk/ adjective • acrobatics /ˌækroʊˈbætɪks/ noun [plural] the actions of an acrobat

acronym /ˌækroʊnɒm/ noun [C] LANGUAGE a word made from the first letters of other words AIDS is the acronym for ‘acquired immune deficiency syndrome’.

across /əˈkrəʊs/ adverb, preposition 1 from one side of something to the other They’ve built a new bridge across the river. 2 opposite on the opposite side of There’s a library just across the street. 3 proportion after a measurement to show how wide something is The window measures two metres across.

acrylic /əˈkrɪlɪk/ noun DT 1 [U] a type of cloth or plastic produced by chemical processes 2 [C] usually singular a type of paint • acrylic adjective acrylic paints

act1 /ækt/ verb 1 behave to behave in a particular way to act responsibly • Jeff’s been acting strangely recently. • Stop acting like a child! 2 do something to do something, especially in order to solve a problem We have to act now to stop the spread of this disease. 3 perform [T] to perform in a play or film He’s acted in a number of successful Hollywood films.

act as sth phrasal verb 1 [T] to do a particular job, especially one you do not normally do He was asked to act as an adviser on the project. 2 [T] to have a particular effect Caffeine acts as a stimulant.

act sth out phrasal verb to perform the actions and words of a situation or story The children acted out a verse from their favourite poem.

act up phrasal verb If someone, especially a child, acts up, they behave badly.

active1 /ˈæktɪv/ adjective 1 involved in an organization or planned activity He played an active role in the campaign. 2 doing a lot of things, or moving around a lot Even by the age of 80 she’s still very active.

active2 /ˈæktɪv/ adjective 1 doing things actively • living an active lifestyle. • Be all frantastic! 2 [adjective] enthusiastic • They’re encouraging people to be more active.

act up to do or perform an activity • frantic/strenuous • outdoor/leisure activity • a flurry of activity
acutely /ˈækjʊtli/ • adverb very strongly I was acutely aware of how Alex felt about the situation.

AD /ˈɛd/ • abbreviation for Anno Domini: used to show that a particular year came after the birth of Christ 1066 AD

add /æd/ • noun [C] an advertisement • See also: classified ad

adagio /adəˈdʒiəʊ/ • noun [C] MUSIC a piece of classical music (= serious music by a composer such as Mozart) that should be played slowly

adamant /aˈdæmənt/ • adjective very sure of what you think and not willing to change your opinion [+ (that)] They are adamant that they have not broken any rules. • adamantly adverb

Adam's apple /əˈdæmz əˈpl/ • noun [C] ANATOMY the lump in a man's throat that you can see moving up and down when he speaks or swallows

adapt /ˈædəp/ • verb 1 CHANGE BEHAVIOUR [I] to change your behaviour so that it is suitable for a new situation It takes time to adapt to a new working environment. 2 CHANGE SOMETHING [T] to change something so that it is suitable for a different use or situation Courses have to be adapted for different markets. 3 [ESCAPE] [T] to change a book or play so that it can be made into a film or television programme Both novels have been adapted for television.

adaptable /əˈdæptəbl/ • adjective able to change to suit different situations or uses • adaptability /əˈdæptəbɪlɪtɪ/ • noun [U]

adaptation /ˌædəptəˈʃən/ • noun [U] • film, television programme, or play which has been made from a book 2 CHANGE [C] U the process or act of changing to suit a new situation Evolution occurs as a result of adaptation to new environments.

adapter (also adaptor) /ˈædəpər/ • noun [C] something that is used for connecting two or more pieces of electrical equipment to an electrical supply

addicted /əˈdɪktɪd/ • adj addicted to smoking

addiction /ˌædɪkʃən/ • noun [C] 1 a great love for something or a great wish to have something 2 the habit of always wanting or needing something particularly bad for you 3 the condition of being addicted to a drug or a harmful habit • addict /ˈædɪkt/ • noun [C] 1 HEALTH someone who cannot stop taking a drug a heroin/drug addict 2 informal someone who likes something very much and does it or has it very much • addicted /ˈædɪktɪd/ • adj addicted to smoking
addicted

often a TV/computer game addict.

addicted /ˈdɪkstɪd/ adjective 1 HEALTH not able to stop taking a drug He later became addicted to heroin. 2 informal liking something very much and doing or having it too often He’s addicted to chocolate/football.

fight/have/suffer from an addiction • alcohol/drug/gambling addiction • addiction to sth

addiction /ˈdɪkʃn/ noun [C, U] HEALTH when you cannot stop doing or taking something because you are addicted to it.

addictive /ˈdɪkstɪv/ adjective HEALTH If something is addictive, it makes you want more of it so that you become addicted. Tobacco is highly addictive.

addition /ˈdɪdʒn/ noun 1 in addition to (sth) added to what already exists or happens, or more than you already do or have In addition to teaching, she works as a nurse in the holidays. 2 MATHEMATICS [U] the process of adding numbers or amounts together in order to get a total 3 [C] a new or extra thing which is added to something. Defender Matt Smith is the latest addition to the team.

additional /ˈdɪdʒənl/ adjective extra to what already exists. We plan to take on an additional ten employees over the next year. • additionally adverb

addiction reaction noun [C] CHEMISTRY a chemical reaction where two whole molecules join together to form one larger molecule.

additive /ˈdɪdʒɪtɪv/ noun [C] FOOD a chemical white solid added to food in order to make it taste, or look better, or to keep it fresh.

add-on /ˈadən/ noun [C] COMPUTING a piece of equipment that can be connected to a computer to give it an extra use.

- Word partners for address
  - give sb your address • your business/home/work address • a change of address

- address /əˈdres/ 1 /əˈdres/ noun [C] 1 [BUILDING DETAILS] the details of where a building is, including the building number, road name, town, etc 2Pornhub is a series of letters, signs, or numbers used to send email to someone or to reach a page of information on the Internet through a URL 3 /verb [T] to give a formal speech to a group of people 4 see also: forward- ing address, public address system

- address2 /əˈdres/ verb [T] 1 BUILDING DETAILS to write a name or address on an envelope or parcel. A parcel arrived addressed to Emma. 2 DEAL WITH to deal with a problem We have to address the issue/problem before it gets worse. 3 [SPEECH] formal to speak to someone, or to give a speech to an audience. Today she will be addressing a major conference in London. 4 address sb as sth formal to give someone a particular name or title when you speak or write to them Do you think I should address him as ‘Mr Benson’ or ‘Albert’?

- address book (US address book) noun [C] 1 COMPUTING a computer document that keeps a list of names and email addresses 2 a book in which you keep a list of names and addresses

- adept /əˈdept/ adjective good at doing something difficult. She’s very adept at dealing with the media.

- adequate /əˈdikwət/ adjective 1 ENOUGH enough I didn’t have adequate time to prepare. 2 [SPEECH] good enough • but not very good. The sound quality isn’t exceptional but it’s adequate for everyday use. 3 opposite inadequate • adequately adverb Make sure you are adequately equipped for the journey.

- adhere to sth phrasal verb to obey a rule or principle. We always adhere strictly to the guidelines.

- adherence /əˈdɛrəns/ noun [U] formal when someone obeys a set of rules or principles • adherent noun [C] formal someone who obeys a particular set of rules, principles, etc.

- adhesive /əˈdihsiv/ noun [C] DT a substance used for sticking things together • adhesive adjective

- ad hoc /ədˈhoʊk/ adjective not regular or planned, but happening only when necessary. We meet on an ad hoc basis.

- adipose /əˈdaɪpəs/ adjective [ALWAYS before noun] BIOLOGY of animal fat adipose tissue

- adjacent /əˈdʒɛns/ adjective formal. If two things are adjacent, they are next to each other. The fire started in an adjacent building. • They live in a house adjacent to the railway.

- angle /ˈæŋgəl/ noun [C] MATHEMATICS one of two angles that are formed when one angle is divided by a straight line.

- adjective /ˈædʒɪktɪv/ noun [C] LANGUAGE a word that describes a noun or pronoun. The words ‘big’, ‘boring’, ‘purple’, and ‘obvious’ are all adjectives.

- adjudicate /əˈdʒudɪkət/ verb [T] 1 to make an official judgment or decision about a competition or disagreement. Occasionally, he has to adjudicate on a pensions matter. 2 adjudication /əˈdʒudɪkeɪʃn/ noun [U] • adjudicator noun [C]

- adjust /əˈdʒæst/ verb 1 [PHRASE] [T] to change something slightly so that it works better, fits better, or is more suitable. You can adjust the heat using this switch here. • The figures need to be adjusted for inflation. 2 adj in [PHRASE] to change the way you behave or think in order to suit a new situation. They found it hard to adjust to life in a new country.

- adjustable /əˈdʒæstəb(ə)l/ adjective able to be changed slightly in order to suit different people or situations an adjustable seat

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