4000 IELTS General Words List (3)

dad

n. an informal term for a father; probably derived from baby talk

daily

a. of or belonging to or occurring every day ad. every day; without missing a day

damage

n. any harm or injury resulting from a violation of a legal right n. loss of military equipment

damn

n. something of little value ad. extremely

dance

n. an artistic form of nonverbal communicationn. taking a series of rhythmical steps (and movements) in time to music

dancer

n. a person who participates in a social gathering arranged for dancing (as a ball) n. a performer who dances professionally

danger

n. a venture undertaken without regard to possible loss or injury n. the condition of being susceptible to harm or injury

danish

n. a Scandinavian language that is the official language of Denmark n. light sweet yeast-raised roll usually filled with fruits or cheese

dare

v. to be courageous enough to try or do something v. challenge

dark

a. stemming from evil characteristics or forces; wicked or dishonorable n. absence of light or illumination

darken

v. become dark or darker v. make dark or darker

darkness

- n. an unilluminated area
- n. an unenlightened state

darling

- a. dearly loved
- n. a special loved one

dating

- n. a meeting arranged in advance
- n. a particular but unspecified point in time

daughter

n. a female human offspring

daughter-in-law

n. the wife of your son

day

- n. time for Earth to make a complete rotation on its axis
- n. the time after sunrise and before sunset while it is light outside

daybreak

n. the first light of day

daylight

- n. light during the daytime
- n. the time after sunrise and before sunset while it is light outside

daytime

n. the time after sunrise and before sunset while it is light outside

daze

- v. to cause someone to lose clear vision, especially from intense light
- v. overcome as with astonishment or disbelief

dead

- a. devoid of activity
- a. no longer having force or relevance

deadline

n. the point in time at which something must be completed

deafen

- v. make or render deaf
- v. be unbearably loud

dealer

- n. a firm engaged in trading
- n. a seller of illicit goods

dealing

- n. the act of transacting within or between groups (as carrying on commercial activities)
- n. method or manner of conduct in relation to others

dear

- ad. with affection
- a. having a high price

death

- n. the time when something ends
- n. a final state

deathly

- ad. to a degree resembling death
- a. causing or capable of causing death

debit

- n. an accounting entry acknowledging sums that are owing
- v. enter as debit

deceased

- a. dead
- n. someone who is no longer alive

deceitful

- a. marked by deliberate deceptiveness especially by pretending one set of feelings and acting under the influence of another
- a. intended to deceive

december

n. the last (12th) month of the year

decency

- n. the quality of being polite and respectable
- n. the quality of conforming to standards of propriety and morality

decide

- v. influence or determine
- v. reach, make, or come to a decision about something

decided

a. recognizable; marked

decidedly

ad. without question and beyond doubt

decision

- n. (boxing) a victory won on points when no knockout has occurred
- n. the outcome of a game or contest

decisive

- a. determining or having the power to determine an outcome
- a. characterized by decision and firmness

deduction

n. a reduction in the gross amount on which a tax is calculated; reduces taxes by the percentage fixed for the taxpayer's income bracket

n. the act of subtracting (removing a part from the whole)

deep

- a. strong; intense
- n. a long steep-sided depression in the ocean floor

deepen

v. make more intense, stronger, or more marked

v. make deeper

deeply

ad. to a great depth; far down

ad. to a great depth psychologically

deer

n. distinguished from Bovidae by the male's having solid deciduous antlers

defiant

a. boldly resisting authority or an opposing force

deflection

n. the amount by which a propagating wave is bent

n. a twist or aberration; especially a perverse or abnormal way of judging or acting

degree

n. a position on a scale of intensity or amount or quality

n. a specific identifiable position in a continuum or series or especially in a process

delegation

n. a group of representatives or delegates

n. authorizing subordinates to make certain decisions

deletion

n. (genetics) the loss or absence of one or more nucleotides from a chromosome

n. the act of deleting something written or printed

deliberation

n. careful consideration

n. the trait of thoughtfulness in action or decision

delicacy

- n. something considered choice to eat
- n. smallness of stature

delight

- v. hold spellbound
- v. take delight in

delightful

a. greatly pleasing or entertaining

deliverance

n. recovery or preservation from loss or danger

delivery

- n. (baseball) the act of throwing a baseball by a pitcher to a batter
- n. the voluntary transfer of something (title or possession) from one party to another

delusive

a. inappropriate to reality or facts

demand

- v. lay legal claim to
- v. summon to court

demanding

- v. lay legal claim to
- v. summon to court

democrat

- n. an advocate of democratic principles
- n. a member of the Democratic Party

democratic

- a. belong to or relating to the Democratic Party
- a. characterized by or advocating or based upon the principles of democracy or social equality

demurrage

- n. a charge required as compensation for the delay of a ship or freight car or other cargo beyond its scheduled time of departure
- n. detention of a ship or freight car or other cargo beyond its scheduled time of departure

den

- n. a room that is comfortable and secluded
- n. a hiding place; usually a remote place used by outlaws

denmark

n. a constitutional monarchy in northern Europe; consists of the mainland of Jutland and many islands between the North Sea and the Baltic Sea

denominate

v. assign a name or title to

department

- n. the territorial and administrative division of some countries (such as France)
- n. a specialized division of a large organization

depend

- v. have faith or confidence in
- v. be contingent upon (something that is elided)

dependability

n. the quality of being dependable or reliable

dependant

- a. contingent on something else
- n. a person who relies on another person for support (especially financial support)

depiction

- n. a drawing of the outlines of forms or objects
- n. a graphic or vivid verbal description

depth

- n. the intellectual ability to penetrate deeply into ideas
- n. degree of psychological or intellectual profundity

derivation

- n. the source or origin from which something derives (i.e. comes or issues)
- n. inherited properties shared with others of your bloodline

derrick

- n. a simple crane having lifting tackle slung from a boom
- n. a framework erected over an oil well to allow drill tubes to be raised and lowered

describe

- v. make a mark or lines on a surface
- v. to give an account or representation of in words

designation

- n. the act of designating or identifying something
- n. identifying word or words by which someone or something is called and classified or distinguished from others

designer

- n. a person who specializes in designing architectural interiors and their furnishings
- n. someone who designs clothing

desk

n. a piece of furniture with a writing surface and usually drawers or other compartments

desolation

- n. sadness resulting from being forsaken or abandoned
- n. an event that results in total destruction

desperation

- n. desperate recklessness
- n. a state in which all hope is lost or absent

destroy

- v. destroy completely; damage irreparably
- v. put (an animal) to death

detail

- n. extended treatment of particulars
- v. assign to a specific task

detailed

a. developed or executed with care and in minute detail

deterioration

- n. process of changing to an inferior state
- n. a symptom of reduced quality or strength

detract

v. take away a part from; diminish

devaluation

- n. the reduction of something's value or worth
- n. an official lowering of a nation's currency; a decrease in the value of a country's currency relative
- to that of foreign countries

devalue

- v. remove the value from; deprive of its value
- v. lower the value or quality of

develop

- v. move into a strategically more advantageous position
- v. cause to grow and differentiate in ways conforming to its natural development

developing

- n. processing a photosensitive material in order to make an image visible
- a. relating to societies in which capital needed to industrialize is in short supply

development

- n. a state in which things are improving; the result of developing (as in the early part of a game of chess)
- n. a recent event that has some relevance for the present situation

deviation

- n. a turning aside (of your course or attention or concern)
- n. the difference between an observed value and the expected value of a variable or function

devil

- n. a cruel wicked and inhuman person
- v. cause annoyance in; disturb, especially by minor irritations

devoted

- a. zealous in devotion or affection
- a. (followed by 'to') dedicated exclusively to a purpose or use

dew

n. water that has condensed on a cool surface overnight from water vapor in the air

dial

- n. the circular graduated indicator on various measuring instruments
- n. a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

dialog

- n. a literary composition in the form of a conversation between two people
- n. a conversation between two persons

diamond

- n. the area of a baseball field that is enclosed by 3 bases and home plate
- n. a playing card in the minor suit that has one or more red rhombuses on it

diary

- n. a personal journal (as a physical object)
- n. a daily written record of (usually personal) experiences and observations

dictation

- n. speech intended for reproduction in writing
- n. an authoritative direction or instruction to do something

dictatorship

n. a form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc.)

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words with information about them

die

- v. lose sparkle or bouquet
- v. to be on base at the end of an inning, of a player

diesel

- n. an internal-combustion engine that burns heavy oil
- n. German engineer (born in France) who invented the diesel engine (1858-1913)

difference

- n. a variation that deviates from the standard or norm
- n. a disagreement or argument about something important

different

- a. unlike in nature or quality or form or degree
- a. marked by dissimilarity

differential

- a. involving or containing one or more derivatives
- n. the result of mathematical differentiation; the instantaneous change of one quantity relative to another; df(x)/dx

differently

ad. in another and different manner

difficult

- a. hard to control
- a. not easy; requiring great physical or mental effort to accomplish or comprehend or endure

difficulty

- n. an effort that is inconvenient
- n. a condition or state of affairs almost beyond one's ability to deal with and requiring great effort to bear or overcome

dig

- n. an aggressive remark directed at a person like a missile and intended to have a telling effect
- v. turn up, loosen, or remove earth

digit

- n. one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration
- n. a finger or toe in human beings or corresponding body part in other vertebrates

dike

- v. enclose with a dike
- n. a barrier constructed to contain the flow of water or to keep out the sea

dinner

- n. a party of people assembled to have dinner together
- n. the main meal of the day served in the evening or at midday

direct

- v. lead, as in the performance of a composition
- v. be in charge of

direction

- n. a line leading to a place or point
- n. a message describing how something is to be done

directive

- a. showing the way by conducting or leading; imposing direction on
- n. a pronouncement encouraging or banning some activity

directly

- ad. without deviation
- ad. in a forthright manner; candidly or frankly

director

- n. the person who directs the making of a film
- n. someone who supervises the actors and directs the action in the production of a show

directory

- n. an alphabetical list of names and addresses
- n. (computer science) a listing of the files stored in memory (usually on a hard disk)

dirt

- n. obscene terms for feces
- a. (of roads) not leveled or drained; unsuitable for all year travel

dirty

- a. expressing or revealing hostility or dislike
- v. make soiled, filthy, or dirty

disabled

- a. incapable of functioning as a consequence of injury or illness
- n. people collectively who are crippled or otherwise physically handicapped

disadvantageous

a. constituting a disadvantage

disagree

- v. be different from one another
- v. be of different opinions

disagreement

- n. the speech act of disagreeing or arguing or disputing
- n. a conflict of people's opinions or actions or characters

disallow

v. command against

disappear

- v. get lost, as without warning or explanation
- v. become invisible or unnoticeable

disappearance

- n. the act of leaving secretly or without explanation
- n. ceasing to exist

disappoint

v. fail to meet the hopes or expectations of

disappointed

a. disappointingly unsuccessful

disburse

v. expend, as from a fund

disbursement

n. the act of spending or disbursing money

n. amounts paid for goods and services that may be currently tax deductible (as opposed to capital expenditures)

disciplinary

a. relating to a specific field of academic study

a. relating to discipline in behavior

disclaim

v. make a disclaimer about

v. renounce a legal claim or title to

discontinue

v. come to or be at an end

v. put an end to a state or an activity

discover

v. find unexpectedly

v. make a discovery

discovery

n. a productive insight

n. something that is discovered

discreetly

ad. with discretion; prudently and with wise self-restraint

discrimination

n. the cognitive process whereby two or more stimuli are distinguished

n. unfair treatment of a person or group on the basis of prejudice

discuss

v. to consider or examine in speech or writing

v. speak with others about (something); talk (something) over in detail; have a discussion

discussion

n. an extended communication (often interactive) dealing with some particular topic

n. an exchange of views on some topic

disease

n. an impairment of health or a condition of abnormal functioning

disgraceful

- a. giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation
- a. (used of conduct or character) deserving or bringing disgrace or shame

disgustful

a. highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust

dish

- v. provide (usually but not necessarily food)
- n. the quantity that a dish will hold

dishonor

- v. bring shame or dishonor upon
- v. force (someone) to have sex against their will

dishonorable

- a. lacking honor or integrity; deserving dishonor
- a. deceptive or fraudulent; disposed to cheat or defraud or deceive

disillusion

- n. freeing from false belief or illusions
- v. free from enchantment

disintegration

- n. the spontaneous disintegration of a radioactive substance along with the emission of ionizing radiation
- n. total destruction

dislike

- n. an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
- v. have or feel a dislike or distaste for

disloyal

- a. deserting your allegiance or duty to leader or cause or principle
- a. showing lack of love for your country

disloyalty

n. the quality of being disloyal

dismissal

- n. the termination of someone's employment (leaving them free to depart)
- n. permission to go; the sending away of someone

disobey

v. refuse to go along with; refuse to follow; be disobedient

displease

v. give displeasure to

displeasure

n. the feeling of being displeased or annoyed or dissatisfied with someone or something

disposal

n. the power to use something or someone

n. a method of tending to or managing the affairs of a some group of people (especially the group's business affairs)

dissatisfaction

n. the feeling of being displeased and discontent

dissatisfy

v. fail to satisfy

distillation

n. the process of purifying a liquid by boiling it and condensing its vapors

n. a purified liquid produced by condensation from a vapor during distilling; the product of distilling

distributor

n. electrical device that distributes voltage to the spark plugs of a gasoline engine in the order of the firing sequence

n. a person with authority to allot or deal out or apportion

disunite

v. force, take, or pull apart

v. part; cease or break association with

disuse

n. the state of something that has been unused and neglected

ditto

v. repeat an action or statement

n. a mark used to indicate the word above it should be repeated

do

v. carry on or function

v. be sufficient; be adequate, either in quality or quantity

doctor

v. restore by replacing a part or putting together what is torn or broken

n. a licensed medical practitioner

dog

n. metal supports for logs in a fireplace

v. go after with the intent to catch

doggedly

ad. with obstinate determination

dollar

- n. a United States coin worth one dollar
- n. a symbol of commercialism or greed

donkey

- n. domestic beast of burden descended from the African wild ass; patient but stubborn
- n. the symbol of the Democratic Party; introduced in cartoons by Thomas Nast in 1874

door

- n. a swinging or sliding barrier that will close the entrance to a room or building or vehicle
- n. a structure where people live or work (usually ordered along a street or road)

doorway

n. the entrance (the space in a wall) through which you enter or leave a room or building; the space that a door can close

double

- n. a stand-in for movie stars to perform dangerous stunts
- v. do double duty; serve two purposes or have two functions

dough

- n. informal terms for money
- n. a flour mixture stiff enough to knead or roll

dove

- n. flesh of a pigeon suitable for roasting or braising; flesh of a dove (young squab) may be broiled
- n. any of numerous small pigeons

down

- n. fine soft dense hair (as the fine short hair of cattle or deer or the wool of sheep or the undercoat of certain dogs)
- ad. spatially or metaphorically from a higher to a lower level or position

downstairs

- a. on or of lower floors of a building
- ad. on a floor below

downward

- a. extending or moving from a higher to a lower place
- a. on or toward a surface regarded as a base

downwards

ad. spatially or metaphorically from a higher to a lower level or position

dozen

- n. the cardinal number that is the sum of eleven and one
- a. denoting a quantity consisting of 12 items or units

dragon

v. proceed for an extended period of time

v. last unnecessarily long

dramatist

n. someone who writes plays

dream

n. a cherished desire

v. have a daydream; indulge in a fantasy

dress

v. decorate (food), as with parsley or other ornamental foods

v. arrange in ranks

dressing

n. a mixture of seasoned ingredients used to stuff meats and vegetables

n. the activity of getting dressed; putting on clothes

drink

v. propose a toast to

v. be fascinated or spell-bound by; pay close attention to

drive

v. have certain properties when driven

n. a wide scenic road planted with trees

driver

n. (computer science) a program that determines how a computer will communicate with a peripheral device

n. a golfer who hits the golf ball with a driver

droop

v. hang loosely or laxly

n. a shape that sags

drop

n. a sudden sharp decrease in some quantity

v. fall or descend to a lower place or level

dropout

n. someone who quits school before graduation

n. someone who withdraws from a social group or environment

drug

- v. use recreational drugs
- n. a substance that is used as a medicine or narcotic

drugstore

n. a retail shop where medicine and other articles are sold

drum

- n. small to medium-sized bottom-dwelling food and game fishes of shallow coastal and fresh waters that make a drumming noise
- n. a musical percussion instrument; usually consists of a hollow cylinder with a membrane stretched across each end

drunk

- n. a chronic drinker
- a. as if under the influence of alcohol

drunkard

n. a chronic drinker

dry

- a. free from liquid or moisture; lacking natural or normal moisture or depleted of water; or no longer wet
- v. remove the moisture from and make dry

duck

- n. (cricket) a score of nothing by a batsman
- v. submerge or plunge suddenly

duke

- n. a nobleman (in various countries) of high rank
- n. a British peer of the highest rank

dummy

- n. a person who does not talk
- n. an ignorant or foolish person

dumping

- n. a place where supplies can be stored
- v. fall abruptly

dung

- v. defecate; used of animals
- v. fertilize or dress with dung

dungeon

- n. the main tower within the walls of a medieval castle or fortress
- n. a dark cell (usually underground) where prisoners can be confined

dusk

- n. the time of day immediately following sunset
- v. become dusk

dust

- v. cover with a light dusting of a substance
- n. the remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up

dustbin

n. a bin that holds rubbish until it is collected

dusty

- a. covered with a layer of dust
- a. lacking originality or spontaneity; no longer new

duty

- n. a government tax on imports or exports
- n. the social force that binds you to the courses of action demanded by that force

dynasty

n. a sequence of powerful leaders in the same family

each

- ad. to or from every one of two or more (considered individually)
- a. (used of count nouns) every one considered individually

eagle

- v. shoot in two strokes under par
- v. shoot two strokes under par

ear

- n. attention to what is said
- n. the externally visible cartilaginous structure of the external ear

earl

n. a British peer ranking below a marquess and above a viscount

early

- ad. before the usual time or the time expected
- a. of an early stage in the development of a language or literature

earmark

- n. identification mark on the ear of a domestic animal
- v. give or assign a resource to a particular person or cause

earn

- v. acquire or deserve by one's efforts or actions
- v. earn on some commercial or business transaction; earn as salary or wages

earnings

- n. the excess of revenues over outlays in a given period of time (including depreciation and other non-cash expenses)
- n. something that remunerates

earphone

n. electro-acoustic transducer for converting electric signals into sounds; it is held over or inserted into the ear

earth

- n. the loose soft material that makes up a large part of the land surface
- n. the solid part of the earth's surface

earthly

a. of or belonging to or characteristic of this earth as distinguished from heaven

easily

- ad. indicating high probability; in all likelihood
- ad. with ease ('easy' is sometimes used informally for 'easily')

east

- ad. to, toward, or in the east
- n. the countries of Asia

easter

- n. a Christian celebration of the Resurrection of Christ; celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox
- n. a wind from the east

eastern

- a. lying toward or situated in the east
- a. from the east; used especially of winds

eastward

- a. moving toward the east
- n. the cardinal compass point that is at 90 degrees

easy

- ad. in a relaxed manner; or without hardship
- a. less in demand and therefore readily obtainable

easy-going

- n. easy unobstructed progress
- a. not hurried or forced

eat

- v. take in food; used of animals only
- v. worry or cause anxiety in a persistent way

economically

- ad. with respect to the economic system
- ad. in an economical manner

editor

- n. (computer science) a program designed to perform such editorial functions as rearrangement or modification or deletion of data
- n. a person responsible for the editorial aspects of publication; the person who determines the final content of a text (...

educate

- v. teach or refine to be discriminative in taste or judgment
- v. give an education to

educational

- a. relating to the process of education
- a. providing knowledge

eel

- n. voracious snakelike marine or freshwater fishes with smooth slimy usually scaleless skin and having a continuous vertical fin but no ventral fins
- n. the fatty flesh of eel; an elongate fish found in fresh water in Europe and America; large eels are...

effect

- v. act so as to bring into existence
- n. a symptom caused by an illness or a drug

effectively

- ad. in an effective manner
- ad. in actuality or reality or fact

egg

- n. one of the two male reproductive glands that produce spermatozoa and secrete androgens
- n. oval reproductive body of a fowl (especially a hen) used as food

eggplant

- n. hairy upright herb native to southeastern Asia but widely cultivated for its large glossy edible fruit commonly used as a vegetable
- n. egg-shaped vegetable having a shiny skin typically dark purple but occasionally white or yellow

egypt

- n. an ancient empire to the west of Israel; centered on the Nile River and ruled by a Pharaoh; figured in many events described in the Old Testament
- n. a republic in northeastern Africa known as the United Arab Republic until 1971; site of an ancient ...

egyptian

- n. a native or inhabitant of Egypt
- a. of or relating to or characteristic of Egypt or its people or their language

eight

- n. the cardinal number that is the sum of seven and one
- n. one of four playing cards in a deck with eight pips on the face

eighteen

- n. the cardinal number that is the sum of seventeen and one
- a. being one more than seventeen

eighth

- n. position eight in a countable series of things
- a. coming next after the seventh and just before the ninth in position

eighty

- n. the cardinal number that is the product of ten and eight
- a. being ten more than seventy

either

ad. after a negative statement used as an intensive meaning something like 'likewise' or 'also'

ejection

- n. the act of expelling or projecting or ejecting
- n. the act of forcing out someone or something

elder

- n. any of various church officers
- n. a person who is older than you are

elect

- v. choose
- n. an exclusive group of people

electric

- n. a car that is powered by electricity
- a. affected by emotion as if by electricity; thrilling

electricity

- n. energy made available by the flow of electric charge through a conductor
- n. a physical phenomenon associated with stationary or moving electrons and protons

electrify

- v. excite suddenly and intensely
- v. charge (a conductor) with electricity

elemental

- a. relating to or being an element
- a. of or being the essential or basic part

elephant

- n. five-toed pachyderm
- n. the symbol of the Republican Party; introduced in cartoons by Thomas Nast in 1874

eleven

- n. the cardinal number that is the sum of ten and one
- a. being one more than ten

eleventh

- a. coming next after the tenth and just before the twelfth in position
- n. position 11 in a countable series of things

elsewhere

ad. in or to another place

email

- n. (computer science) a system of world-wide electronic communication in which a computer user can compose a message at one terminal that can be regenerated at the recipient's terminal when the recipient logs in
- v. communicate electronically on the co...

embarrassing

- a. hard to deal with; especially causing pain or embarrassment
- a. causing to feel shame or chagrin or vexation

embarrassment

- n. extreme excess
- n. the state of being embarrassed (usually by some financial inadequacy)

emigration

n. migration from a place (especially migration from your native country in order to settle in another)

emperor

- n. the male ruler of an empire
- n. red table grape of California

emphatic

- a. forceful and definite in expression or action
- a. sudden and strong

empire

- n. the domain ruled by an emperor or empress; the region over which imperial dominion is exercised
- n. a group of countries under a single authority

emptiness

- n. having an empty stomach
- n. an empty area or space

encouragement

- n. the act of giving hope or support to someone
- n. the expression of approval and support

encyclopaedia

n. a reference work (often in several volumes) containing articles on various topics (often arranged in alphabetical order) dealing with the entire range of human knowledge or with some particular specialty

end

v. put an end to

n. a final part or section

ending

- n. the act of ending something
- n. event whose occurrence ends something

enemy

- n. an opposing military force
- n. a personal enemy

engaged

- a. (of facilities such as telephones or lavatories) unavailable for use by anyone else or indicating unavailability; ('engaged' is a British term for a busy telephone line)
- a. involved in military hostilities

engine

- n. an instrument or machine that is used in warfare, such as a battering ram, catapult, artillery piece, etc.
- n. motor that converts thermal energy to mechanical work

engineer

- v. design as an engineer
- n. the operator of a railway locomotive

engineering

- n. the discipline dealing with the art or science of applying scientific knowledge to practical problems
- n. a room (as on a ship) in which the engine is located

england

n. a division of the United Kingdom

english

- n. the discipline that studies the English language and literature
- n. the people of England

englishman

n. a man who is a native or inhabitant of England

enjoy

- v. have benefit from
- v. take delight in

enjoyable

a. affording satisfaction or pleasure

enjoyment

- n. the pleasure felt when having a good time
- n. act of receiving pleasure from something

enlarge

- v. make larger
- v. add details, as to an account or idea; clarify the meaning of and discourse in a learned way, usually in writing

enlargement

- n. the state of being enlarged
- n. the act of increasing (something) in size or volume or quantity or scope

enlightening

- a. tending to increase knowledge or dissipate ignorance
- a. enlightening or uplifting so as to encourage intellectual or moral improvement

enough

- ad. as much as necessary
- a. sufficient for the purpose

enroute

ad. on a route to some place

enter

- v. take on duties or office
- v. register formally as a participant or member

entire

- a. (used of domestic animals) sexually competent
- n. uncastrated adult male horse

entirely

- ad. without any others being included or involved
- ad. to a complete degree or to the full or entire extent ('whole' is often used informally for 'wholly')

entirety

n. the state of being total and complete

envelope

- n. a flat (usually rectangular) container for a letter, thin package, etc.
- n. any wrapper or covering

envious

a. showing extreme cupidity; painfully desirous of another's advantages

environmental

- a. concerned with the ecological effects of altering the environment
- a. of or relating to the external conditions or surroundings

equally

ad. in equal amounts or shares; in a balanced or impartial way ad. to the same degree (often followed by `as')

equivalence

- n. a state of being essentially equal or equivalent; equally balanced
- n. essential equality and interchangeability

era

n. a major division of geological time; an era is usually divided into two or more periods n. a period marked by distinctive character or reckoned from a fixed point or event

eradication

n. the complete destruction of every trace of something

erasure

- n. a surface area where something has been erased
- n. a correction made by erasing

erection

- n. an erect penis
- n. a structure that has been erected

err

- v. to make a mistake or be incorrect
- v. wander from a direct course or at random

error

- n. inadvertent incorrectness
- n. departure from what is ethically acceptable

especial

a. surpassing what is common or usual or expected

especially

- ad. in a special manner
- ad. to a distinctly greater extent or degree than is common

essayist

n. a writer of literary works

essentially

ad. in essence; at bottom or by one's (or its) very nature

established

- a. shown to be valid beyond a reasonable doubt
- a. settled securely and unconditionally

estimation

- n. the respect with which a person is held
- n. an approximate calculation of quantity or degree or worth

europe

- n. the 2nd smallest continent (actually a vast peninsula of Eurasia); the British use `Europe' to refer to all of the continent except the British Isles
- n. an international organization of European countries formed after World War II to reduce trade b...

european

- a. of or relating to or characteristic of Europe or the people of Europe
- n. a native or inhabitant of Europe

evaluation

- n. act of ascertaining or fixing the value or worth of
- n. an appraisal of the value of something

eve

- n. the period immediately before something
- n. the day before

even

- a. occurring at fixed intervals
- ad. used as an intensive especially to indicate something unexpected

evening

- n. a later concluding time period
- n. the early part of night (from dinner until bedtime) spent in a special way

evenly

- ad. in a level and regular way
- ad. in equal amounts or shares; in a balanced or impartial way

event

- n. a phenomenon located at a single point in space-time; the fundamental observational entity in relativity theory
- n. something that happens at a given place and time

ever

- ad. at all times; all the time and on every occasion ad. at any time
- every

- a. each and all of a series of entities or intervals as specified
- a. (used of count nouns) each and all of the members of a group considered singly and without exception

everyday

- a. found in the ordinary course of events
- a. commonplace and ordinary

everywhere

ad. to or in any or all places

evidently

ad. unmistakably ('plain' is often used informally for 'plainly')

evil

- n. morally objectionable behavior
- n. the quality of being morally wrong in principle or practice

ex

- n. a man who was formerly a certain woman's husband
- a. out of fashion

exactly

- ad. in a precise manner
- ad. indicating exactness or preciseness

exaggerated

- a. represented as greater than is true or reasonable
- a. enlarged to an abnormal degree

exam

n. a set of questions or exercises evaluating skill or knowledge

examination

- n. formal systematic questioning
- n. a set of questions or exercises evaluating skill or knowledge

examine

- v. question closely
- v. consider in detail and subject to an analysis in order to discover essential features or meaning

example

- n. punishment intended as a warning to others
- n. a task performed or problem solved in order to develop skill or understanding

exasperation

- n. an exasperated feeling of annoyance
- n. actions that cause great irritation (or even anger)

excellence

- n. the quality of excelling; possessing good qualities in high degree
- n. an outstanding feature; something in which something or someone excels

except

- v. take exception to
- v. prevent from being included or considered or accepted

excited

- v. stimulate sexually
- v. act as a stimulant

exclamation

- n. an abrupt excited utterance
- n. a loud complaint or protest or reproach

exercise

- n. the activity of exerting your muscles in various ways to keep fit
- v. put to use

exist

- v. have an existence, be extant
- v. support oneself

existence

- n. everything that exists anywhere
- n. the state or fact of existing

existing

- a. existing in something specified
- a. having existence or being or actuality

exoneration

- n. the act of vindicating or defending against criticism or censure etc.
- n. the condition of being relieved from blame or obligation

expect

- v. be pregnant with
- v. regard something as probable or likely

expectation

- n. anticipating with confidence of fulfillment
- n. belief about (or mental picture of) the future

expedience

- n. taking advantage of opportunities without regard for the consequences for others
- n. the quality of being suited to the end in view

expense

- n. a detriment or sacrifice
- n. money spent to perform work and usually reimbursed by an employer

expensive

a. high in price or charging high prices

experience

v. undergo

v. go or live through

experienced

a. having experience; having knowledge or skill from observation or participation

experiment

n. a venture at something new or different

v. try something new, as in order to gain experience

experimental

- a. of the nature of or undergoing an experiment
- a. relying on observation or experiment

experimentation

- n. the act of conducting a controlled test or investigation
- n. the testing of an idea

expiry

- n. the event of dying or departure from life
- n. a coming to an end of a contract period

explain

v. serve as a reason or cause or justification of

v. make plain and comprehensible

explanation

n. a statement that makes something comprehensible by describing the relevant structure or operation or circumstances etc.

n. thought that makes something comprehensible

explanatory

a. serving or intended to explain or make clear

explicitly

ad. in an explicit manner

explosion

n. the terminal forced release of pressure built up during the occlusive phase of a stop consonant

n. the act of exploding or bursting

exportation

- n. the commercial activity of selling and shipping goods to a foreign country
- n. commodities (goods or services) sold to a foreign country

exporter

n. a businessperson who transports goods abroad (for sale)

express

- v. obtain from a substance, as by mechanical action
- n. mail that is distributed by a rapid and efficient system

expression

- n. the style of expressing yourself
- n. a group of symbols that make a mathematical statement

expressway

n. a broad highway designed for high-speed traffic

extensively

ad. in a widespread way

extraction

- n. the action of taking out something (especially using effort or force)
- n. the process of obtaining something from a mixture or compound by chemical or physical or mechanical means

extravagance

- n. excessive spending
- n. the trait of spending extravagantly

extremely

- ad. to an extreme degree
- ad. to a high degree or extent; favorably or with much respect

eyeball

- n. the ball-shaped capsule containing the vertebrate eye
- v. look at

eyebrow

n. the arch of hair above each eye

eyeglass

n. lens for correcting defective vision in one eye; held in place by facial muscles

eyelid

n. either of two folds of skin that can be moved to cover or open the eye

eyesight

n. normal use of the faculty of vision