

cor-gi /'kɔrɡi/ noun [C] a small dog with short legs and pointed ears

co-ri-an-der /,kɔri'ændər/ noun [U] CILANTRO

Co-rin-thi-an /kə'ri:nθiən/ adj relating to a style of ARCHITECTURE that uses tall thin COLUMNS with a decoration at the top

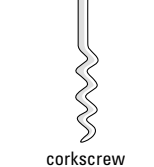
cork¹ /kɔrk/ noun **1** [C] an object used for blocking the hole in a bottle, especially a bottle of wine. Corks are made of cork or sometimes plastic. You use a **cork-screw** to remove them. **2** [U] a light substance forming the BARK (=outer covering) of a tree called the **cork oak**

cork² /kɔrk/ verb [T] to close something, especially a bottle, with a cork

cork-age /'kɔrkɪdʒ/ noun [U] money that some restaurants charge you if you bring your own wine

corked /kɔrkt/ adj corked wine tastes unpleasant because the cork in the bottle has been damaged and has allowed bacteria into the wine

cork-screw¹ /'kɔrk'skru/ noun [C] a tool used for pulling the corks out of wine bottles



corkscrew

cork-screw² /'kɔrk'skru/ verb [I] to move in a SPIRAL (=a curve that curls upward)

cork-screw³ /'kɔrk'skru/ adj in a SPIRAL shape, like a corkscrew

cor-mo-rant /kɔrmɔ'rɑnt/ noun [C] a large dark-colored bird with a long neck that lives near the ocean and eats fish

corn /kɔrn/ noun ★★★ **1** [U] a tall plant with large yellow seeds on a COB (=thick piece of stem).

Br E usually maize. **1a.** the seeds of a corn plant that are cooked as food or fed to animals

2 [C] a small piece of hard skin on your foot which is painful

corn-ball /'kɔrn,bɔl/ adj [only before noun] *Am E informal* CORNY

corn-bread noun [U] bread made from CORN

corn-cob /'kɔrn,kɔb/ noun [C] the long hard part at the top of a CORN plant, on which large yellow seeds grow

corn-crake /'kɔrn,kreɪk/ noun [C] a European bird with brown feathers and a loud cry

corn-dog noun [C] *Am E* a HOT DOG covered with CORN-MEAL, usually served on a stick

cor-ne-a /kɔrniə/ noun [C] *medical* the transparent layer that covers the outside of your eye

cor-ne-al /'kɔrniəl/ adj *medical* relating to the cornea

corned beef /kɔrnd 'bɪf/ noun [U] cooked BEEF that has been preserved in salt water

cor-ner¹ /'kɔrnər/ noun [C] ★★★

- 1** where two sides meet
- 2** turn/meeting of roads
- 3** end of mouth/eye
- 4** small (quiet) area
- 5** difficult situation
- 6** in boxing/wrestling
- 7** in soccer, etc.
- + PHRASES

1 the part of something square or RECTANGULAR where two edges meet: *Watch the baby, that table has sharp corners.* ♦ **at/in the corner** *The date is displayed in the corner of the screen.* ♦ *I had to park in the far corner of the parking lot.* ♦ **right-hand/left-hand corner** *That's me, in the bottom right-hand corner of the picture.* **1a.** a place where two sides or walls meet, usually inside a room or a box: ♦ **of** *The box was tucked away in a dark corner of the room.* ♦ **in the corner** *She sat in the corner reading.* **2** a sharp turn in a road, where you cannot see what is coming: *Slow down for the corner.* **2a.** a place where two roads or paths meet: **on/at the corner** *I get my newspaper from the store on the corner.* ♦ **turn the corner** (=go around it) *As she turned the corner onto Bank Street, she saw us.* ♦ **street corner** *people begging on street corners* **3** the end of your mouth or eye: ♦ **of** *A tear trickled from the corner of her eye.* **4** a small area away from the center, especially one that is quiet, peaceful, or secret: *Let's find a quiet corner and talk about it.* ♦ ♦ **of** *Plant it in a sunny corner of your garden.* ♦ **the four corners of the Earth/globe/world etc.** *People come from the four corners of the Earth to take part in the Olympics.*

5 a difficult situation that you cannot easily escape from: **PREDICAMENT:** *The government is in a corner on the subject of taxes.* ♦ **back/force sb into a corner** *She was forced into a corner, and had no choice but to admit her guilt.* ♦ **tight corner** *We've gotten out of tighter corners than this!*

6 in BOXING or WRESTLING, one of the corners of the square RING where the fighting happens

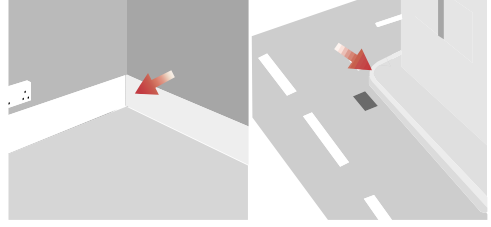
7 in soccer, FIELD HOCKEY, etc., a kick that one team is allowed to take from a corner of the field, near the GOAL where they are trying to score

around the corner **1** not far away: *The kids go to school just around the corner.* **2** coming very soon: *It feels like spring is just around the corner.*

cut corners to do something less carefully or thoroughly than you should because you are trying to save time or money

out of the corner of your eye without looking at something directly: *Out of the corner of my eye I noticed Tom moving away.*

turn the/a corner to begin to be healthy, happy, or successful again after a difficult period: *Has the economy finally turned the corner?* ♦ *With this new job I feel I'm turning a corner.*



corner

cor-ner² /'kɔrnər/ verb **1** [T] to force a person or animal into a place that they cannot move away from: *He cornered her and tried to kiss her.* ♦ **have sb/sth cornered** *The dogs had the cat cornered.* **1a.** to find someone and make them talk to you when they have been trying to avoid this: *Her English teacher finally cornered her and asked where her essay was.* **1b.** to put someone in a situation where they have to do something that you want: *Cornered, he handed her the letter.* **2** [I] if a car corners, it moves around a corner or curve in the road

3 [T] to get control of an area of business so that no one else can succeed in it, for example because you own all the supply of a particular product: *Hamden had managed to corner the entire grain supply.* ♦ **corner the market (for/in sth)** *Her company has cornered the market for frozen vegetarian meals.*

cor-ner-stone /kɔrnər'stoʊn/ noun [C] **1** the basic part of something, on which everything depends: **BEDROCK:** ♦ **of** *Trust is the cornerstone of their marriage.* **2** the stone at one of the bottom corners of a new building, often put there during a special ceremony

corner store noun [C] *Am E* a small store that sells food and other products, often found on the corner of a street

cor-net /kɔrnət/ noun [C] a musical instrument like a small TRUMPET

corn-flakes /kɔrn'fleɪks/ noun [plural] a breakfast food made of small flat dried pieces of CORN, eaten with milk

corn-flour /'kɔrn'flaʊər/ noun [U] *Br E* CORNSTARCH

corn-flow-er /kɔrn'flaʊər/ noun [C] a small wild plant with bright blue flowers

cor-nice /'kɔrni:s/ noun [C] *technical* a raised line of PLASTER, wood, or stone at the edge of a ceiling

Cor-nish /'kɔrniʃ/ adj from or relating to Cornwall, an area in the extreme southwest of England

corn-meal /'kɔrn,mil/ noun [U] a type of flour made from CORN

corn on the cob noun [C/U] the top part of a CORN plant, cooked and eaten as a vegetable

corn pone /'kɔrn'pəʊn/ noun [U] *Am E* a type of bread made from CORN

corn-row /'kɔrn,rəʊ/ verb [T] to arrange hair in a style consisting of many rows of small tight BRAIDS close to the head. The rows are called **cornrows**.

corn-starch /'kɔrn,stɑ:tʃ/ noun [U] *Am E* white flour made from CORN that you use in cooking to make liquids thicker

corn syrup noun [U] *Am E* a thick sweet brown sticky liquid made from CORN, used in cooking

cor-nu-co-pi-a /kɔrnjə'kɔʊpiə/ noun [singular] *literary* a large quantity and variety of something good

corn-y /'kɔrni/ adj corny stories, jokes, songs, etc. have been used so much that they seem silly: *I know it sounds corny, but we knew immediately that we were meant to be together.*

cor-ol-lar-y /'kɔrə'leri/ noun [C] *formal* something that will also be true if a particular idea or statement is true, or something that will also exist if a particular situation exists

cor-o-na /kə'rəʊnə/ noun [C] *science* **1** the circle of light around the Sun or the Moon, seen especially during an ECLIPSE **2** the outer atmosphere of the Sun

cor-o-nar-y¹ /kɔrə'neri/ adj *medical* relating to your heart: *the risk of coronary heart disease*

cor-o-nar-y² /'kɔrə'neri/ noun [C] *medical* a HEART ATTACK: *He suffered a massive coronary.*

coronary thrombosis noun [C/U] *medical* a HEART ATTACK in which the blood supply to the heart is blocked

cor-o-na-tion /kɔrə'neɪʃn/ noun [C] a ceremony at which someone officially becomes king or queen

cor-o-ner /'kɔrənər/ noun [C] someone whose job is to decide officially how a person died, especially if they died in a sudden or violent way: *The coroner recorded a verdict of suicide.*

cor-o-net /kɔrənət/ noun [C] a small CROWN

Corp. abbrev **1** corporation **2** corporal

corpora a plural of CORPUS

cor-po-ral¹ /'kɔrp(ə)rəl/ noun [C] a NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER of low rank in the armed forces

cor-po-ral² /'kɔrp(ə)rəl/ adj *very formal* relating to your body

corporal punishment noun [U] the physical punishment of someone by hitting them

cor-po-rate /'kɔrp(ə)rət/ adj [only before noun] ★★★ **1** relating to large companies, or to a particular large company: *Our corporate headquarters are in Madrid.* ♦ *a powerful group that represents corporate America* (=big businesses in the U.S.)

2 *formal* shared by or including all the members of a group: **COLLECTIVE:** *Is there a corporate identity shared by all Asian countries?*

Words frequently used with corporate		
nouns	culture, identity, image, planning, strategy, structure	1

corporate bond noun [C] *business* a type of BOND (=official document given to someone who has lent money, promising to pay that money back) that is provided by a public company

corporate hospitality noun [U] entertainment provided by companies for their customers, for example at major sports events, in order to get more business

corporate raider noun [C] *business* a person or organization that tries to take control of a company by buying a large number of its SHARES

corporate welfare noun [U] *Am E mainly journalism* the use of government money or tax policy to support corporations instead of poor people: *Critics claim that letting big companies raise private stock on public land amounts to corporate welfare.*

cor-po-ra-tion /kɔrpə'reɪʃn/ noun [C] ★★★ **1** a large company or business organization: *American tobacco corporations*

2 *Br E* the local government of a city

corpo-ration tax or **corporate tax** noun [U] a tax that companies pay on their profits

cor-po-rat-ism /'kɔrp(ə)rə'tɪzəm/ noun [U] *technical* a political and economic system in which planning and policy are controlled by large groups such as busi-

nesses, LABOR UNIONS, and central government

cor-po-re-al /kɔr'pɔriəl/ adj *very formal* relating to the physical world, and not to spiritual or emotional states

corps /kɔr/ (plural **corps** /kɔrz/) noun [C] ★

1 a part of an army that has particular responsibilities: *the U.S. Army's Corps of Engineers* **1a.** *technical* a part of an army that consists of at least two divisions (=large units)

2 a group of people who work together to do a particular job: **CONTEMP:** *members of the press corps* ♦ *the diplomatic corps*

corps de bal-let /kɔr də bæ'leɪ/ noun [singular] all the members of a group who perform in a BALLET, especially those who are not the main dancers

corpse /kɔrps/ noun [C] ★ the body of a dead person: *They found his corpse a week later, washed up on the shore.*

cor-pu-lent /'kɔrpjələnt/ adj *mainly literary* fat

cor-pus /'kɔrps/ (plural **cor-pora** /'kɔrpərə/ or **cor-pus-es**) noun [C] **1** *formal* a collection of writing, for example all the writings of one person **2** *linguistics* a collection of written and spoken language held on computer and used for language research and writing dictionaries

cor-pus-cle /'kɔr,pɔsl/ noun [C] one of the white or red cells in the blood

cor-ral¹ /kə'ræl/ verb [T] **1** to move horses, cows, etc. into a corral **2** *mainly journalism* to move people into a place and stop them from leaving it **2a.** to organize a group of people and persuade them to do something: *Despite his efforts, the President could corral no more than 42 Democratic votes.*

cor-ral² /kə'ræl/ noun [C] an enclosed space where horses, cows, etc. are kept temporarily

cor-rect¹ /kə'rekt/ adj ★★★ **1** right according to the facts, with no mistakes: *The first person to give the correct answer wins the contest.* ♦ *Make sure you use the correct address.* **1a.** right according to your opinion or judgment of a situation: *If our interpretation of the law is correct, members of environmental groups could be charged with unlawful assembly.* ♦ *a correct diagnosis* **1b.** right according to the established rules or ways of doing something: *a grammatically correct sentence* — opposite INCORRECT

2 [not usually before noun] behaving in a way that is considered socially right or polite: *My father was always very formal and correct.* — **correctly** adv: *She guessed my age correctly.* ♦ *They refused, quite correctly, to give us this information.*

cor-rect² /kə'rekt/ verb ★★ **1** [T] to show that something is wrong, and make it right: *I want to correct the false impression that I am not interested in this subject.* **1a.** to look at a piece of writing and make marks showing where the mistakes are: **RECTIFY:** *She sat correcting the students' homework.*

2 [T] to deal with a technical or medical problem, in order to make something work in the way that it should: *She had surgery to correct a defect in her left eye.* ♦ *Interest rates should drop in order to correct the huge trade imbalance.*

3 [T] to tell someone that what they have said is not right, true, or suitable: *Rice started to correct him, then realized he didn't know how to begin.* ♦ **correct yourself** *She had kept all her promises. Well, almost all of them, she corrected herself.*

4 [I] [+for] *technical* to change calculations or measurements so that they become more accurate: *To give an accurate figure, you will need to correct for inflation.*

correct me if I'm wrong *spoken* used when you are fairly sure that you are right, especially as a way of politely disagreeing with someone: *Correct me if I'm wrong, but doesn't the government pay for that kind of thing?*

I stand corrected *spoken formal* used when someone has told you that you are wrong, to show that you accept this

cor-rection /kə'rekʃən/ noun ★

- 1** change that corrects
- 2** change that solves sth
- 3** when investments fall
- 4** in calculations
- 5** punishment

1 [C] a change that makes something correct or accurate: *spelling corrections* ♦ **make a correction** *I've made*

a few small corrections in your essay. ♦ **issue/publish a correction** *The State Department was forced to issue a correction.* **1a.** [U] the action of changing something in order to make it correct or accurate: *some factual errors that need correction* **1b.** spoken used for telling people that you are correcting what you just said: *The time is 11:28. Correction, 11:38.*

2 [U] the process of changing something in order to solve a problem or produce the right result: *correction of sight problems by lenses or surgery* ♦ **automatic correction of the flight path** **2a.** [C] a change that solves a problem or produces the right result: *minor corrections to the steering mechanism*

3 [C] *business* a fall in values on the STOCK MARKET following a period when values have risen very fast

4 [U] *technical* the process of changing calculations or measurements to make them more accurate: *Correction for the difference in age did not affect the result.*

5 [C/U] *old-fashioned* punishment for doing something wrong or illegal

cor-rec-tion-al /kə'rekʃənl/ adj relating to prisons and prisoners: *correctional programs / systems*

cor-rec-tion-al fa-cil-ity noun [C] *Am E formal* a prison **cor-re-ction fluid** noun [U] a white liquid used to cover the mistakes in a piece of writing

cor-re-ctions offi-cer noun [C] *Am E* someone whose job is to guard prisoners at a CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

cor-rec-tive¹ /kə'rektiv/ adj *formal* **1** designed to solve or improve a physical problem: *corrective shoes / lenses / surgery* **2** corrective action is intended to make a bad situation better

cor-rec-tive² /kə'rektiv/ noun [C] *formal* **1** something that corrects a mistake or improves a bad situation **2** something that changes people's ideas or improves the general effect of something: ♦ *This bleak film provides a corrective to Hollywood's usual sentimental treatment of love.*

cor-re-late¹ /kə'relət/ verb [I/T] *formal* ★ if two or more things correlate or are correlated, they are connected in a way that is not caused by chance: ♦ **with** *This response to the question did not correlate significantly with age or gender.* ♦ **Quick reactions are correlated with high intelligence.** **a.** [T] to examine two things and find out whether they are connected: **correlate sth with sth** *Attempts will be made to correlate our findings with various environmental factors.*

cor-re-late² /kə'relət/ noun [C] *formal* one of two things that correlate with each other

cor-re-la-tion /kə'reləʃn/ noun *formal* **1** [C/U] a connection or relationship between two or more things that is not caused by chance. **a positive correlation** means that two things are likely to exist together, a **negative correlation** means that they are not: ♦ **between the correlation between personal wealth and health** ♦ **a significant/strong/high correlation** *There is evidence of a strong correlation between drinking and violence.* ♦ **a direct/close/clear correlation** *There is usually a direct correlation between an older person's social status and their level of personal achievement.* **2** [U] the process of making connections between two or more things

cor-rel-a-tive¹ /kə'relətɪv/ adj **1** *formal* correlative rights or obligations are connected with or depend on each other **2** *linguistics* two words that are correlative are often used together but not usually used next to each other. For example, "either" and "or" are correlative conjunctions.

cor-rel-a-tive² /kə'relətɪv/ noun [C] *formal* something that is connected with or depends on something else

cor-re-spond /kə'respənd/ verb [I] ★★

1 to be the same as something else, or very much like it: *If their statements correspond, we'll have no trouble.* ♦ **with** *The statistics do not correspond with our own experience.* ♦ **to** *In 60% of the patients, all symptoms corresponded to what we expected.* ♦ **closely correspond** *This closely corresponds to the wording of the existing law.* **1a.** used about something in a different country or system that is very much like something in yours: **roughly correspond** (=not be exactly the same) *His first job was as a Lecturer, which roughly corresponds to Associate Professor here.*

2 to be connected or related to something: ♦ **to** *In machine code, one instruction corresponds directly to one operation of the computer.* ♦ **with** *The timing of the gift closely corresponded with Robert's return from Italy.* **2a.** used about objects that are put together or attached: ♦ **with** *These metal loops should be spaced to correspond with the curtain hooks.*

3 *formal* if two people correspond, they regularly write letters to each other: ♦ **with** *He corresponded with leading European scholars.*

cor-re-spon-dence /kə'respəndəns/ noun ★★

1 [singular/U] the process of writing and receiving letters: ♦ **with** *She kept up a thirty-year correspondence with Mary Hays.* **1a.** [U] the letters that someone sends and receives: *the file where he kept his personal correspondence*

2 [C] a strong connection between two things: ♦ **between** *They noted a correspondence between defects in speech and injuries to this part of the brain.*

cor-re-spon-dence course noun [C] an educational course that you take at home, receiving your work and sending it back by mail

cor-re-spon-dent¹ /kə'respəndənt/ noun [C] ★★

1 a newspaper or television reporter, especially one who deals with a particular subject or area: *CNN senior Washington correspondent Charles Bierbauer*

2 someone who regularly writes letters or e-mails to another person

cor-re-spon-dent² /kə'respəndənt/ adj *formal* appropriate for a particular situation: ♦ **with** *a punishment that was correspondent with the severity of the crime*

cor-re-spond-ing /kə'respəndɪŋ/ adj [only before noun] ★★

1 related to or connected with something: *Their hope is that this major investment in the subway will bring a corresponding improvement in services.* ♦ **corresponding increase/decrease/decline/fall** *Rising prosperity had not been matched by any corresponding decrease in crime.* **2** similar to or the same as something: EQUIVALENT: *Nurses smoke as much as corresponding groups in the general population.* ♦ *Income from tourism is five percent higher than in the corresponding period last year*

cor-re-spond-ing-ly /kə'respəndɪŋli/ adv used for saying that one thing is related to another, or is caused by another

cor-ri-dor /'kɒrɪ,dɔːr/ noun [C] ★

1 a long passage inside a building with doors on each side: *a hotel/hospital corridor* ♦ *I walked down the corridor to her office.* **1a.** a passage on a train

2 a long narrow area of land that people or animals travel through: *The Lombard Plain is a natural corridor at the foot of the Alps.* ♦ *wildlife corridors* **2a.** used about an area of land that belongs to one country but is surrounded by another: *The supply corridor was closed by officials on Wednesday due to heavy shelling.* **2b.** used about the land near a major river, road, or railroad line: *the Hudson River corridor*

the corridors (of power) *mainly journalism* the places where people use their political influence and major political decisions are made: *the lobbyists who inhabit the corridors of power in Washington*

cor-rob-o-rate /kə'rɒbə'reɪt/ verb [T] *formal* to support what someone says by giving information or evidence that agrees with them: BEAR OUT: *Details of the killings were corroborated by official documents.*

cor-rob-o-ra-tion /kə'rɒbə'reɪʃn/ noun [U] *formal* evidence or information that supports what someone has said

cor-rob-o-ra-tive /kə'rɒb(ə)rətɪv/ adj *formal* corroborative evidence supports what someone has said

cor-rob-o-ree /kə'rɒbəri/ noun [C] *Australian* an Aboriginal festival of singing and dancing

cor-rode /kə'rəʊd/ verb [I/T] **1** if metal or another substance corrodes, or if something corrodes it, it is gradually destroyed by a chemical reaction: *Acid rain poisons fish, destroys forests, and corrodes buildings.* ♦ *The metal structure is corroding badly and needs to be replaced.* **2** [T] *formal* to make something weak by causing gradual damage: *a society corroded by fear*

cor-ro-sion /kə'rəʊʒn/ noun [U] damage caused to metal or stone when it is corroded: *corrosion-resistant metals*

cor-ro-sive /kə'rəʊsɪv/ adj **1** a corrosive substance contains chemicals that can cause damage **2** *formal* causing gradual damage to something such as a society, an institution, or a relationship: *the corrosive effects on society of too much freedom and not enough morality*

cor-ru-gat-ed /kə'rʊgeɪtəd/ adj corrugated materials have been shaped into parallel folds: *a corrugated tin roof* ♦ *corrugated cardboard*

cor-rupt¹ /kə'rʌpt/ adj ★

1 doing illegal, dishonest, or immoral things in order to gain money or power: *corrupt politicians/officials/judges* **1a.** used about societies or systems: *a brutal, corrupt, and violent dictatorship*

2 *computing* corrupt computer programs or files contain mistakes that prevent them from operating correctly — **cor-rupt-ly** adv

cor-rupt² /kə'rʌpt/ verb **1** [I/T] to encourage someone to start doing dishonest, illegal, or immoral things: *In Bork's view, the American people have been corrupted by liberal permissiveness.* **2** [T] to damage or spoil something: *I feared that my taste might have become corrupted.* **2a.** *computing* if computer programs or files are corrupted, they have mistakes in them that prevent them from operating correctly

cor-rupt-i-ble /kə'rʌptəbl/ adj capable of being corrupted

cor-rupt-ion /kə'rʌpʃən/ noun ★★

1 [U] dishonest or illegal behavior by officials or people in positions of power, especially when they accept money in exchange for doing things for someone: *The bank was closed down amid allegations of corruption and fraud.* ♦ *the arrest of a number of officials on corruption charges*

2 [U] the process of CORRUPTING someone or something: *corruption of the morals of the young* ♦ *corruption of the database*

3 [C] *linguistics* a word or name formed from another word that has gradually changed over time

4 [U] *literary* the process of decay, especially in a dead body

cor-sage /kə'rʌʒ/ noun [C] a decoration made of flowers that a woman wears on a dress or suit

cor-sair /kə'rseɪ/ noun [C] an old word for a PIRATE

cor-set /kə'rset/ noun [C] **1** a stiff piece of underwear worn by women to make their waists look thin, especially in the past **1a.** a piece of clothing that looks like a corset: *cut-off pants and small corset tops* **2** *medical* a piece of clothing designed to support your back

cor-set-ed /kə'rsetəd/ adj wearing a corset

cor-tege or **cor-tège** /kə'reʒ/ noun [C] a long line of people and cars taking part in a funeral

cor-tex /kə'reks/ (plural **corti-ces** /kɔːrɪ,sɪz/) noun [C] *medical* the outer layer of your brain or another organ: *the cerebral cortex*

cor-ti-son-e /kɔːrɪ,zəʊn/ noun [U] a drug that is an artificial HORMONE, used to improve medical conditions such as ARTHRITIS and ALLERGIES

cor-us-cat-ing /kə'rʌskeɪtɪŋ/ adj *very formal* **1** lively and impressive: *a coruscating performance* **2** flashing with light

cor-vette /kə'rvet/ noun [C] a small fast ship that is used for protecting other ships

cos abbrev cosine

Co-sa Nos-tra, the /kəʊzə'nəstrə/ the MAFIA

COSATU /kə'satʊ/ Congress of South African Trade Unions: a large and powerful organization in South Africa that represents many different LABOR UNIONS

cosh¹ /kɔʃ/ verb [T] *Br E informal* to hit someone with a cosh

cosh² /kɔʃ/ noun [C] *Br E informal* a weapon shaped like a short thick stick

under the cosh *Br E informal* experiencing difficulty or criticism: *The home team was soon under the cosh.*

co-sign /kəʊ'saɪn/ verb [T] to sign a check, contract, formal agreement, etc. together with another person — **co-sign-er** noun [C]

co-sig-na-to-ry /kəʊ'sɪgnə'tɔːri/ noun [C] *formal* someone who signs a legal document together with other people

co-sine /'kəʊsaɪn/ noun [C] in a RIGHT TRIANGLE, the measurement of an ACUTE angle that is equal to the length of the side between the angle and the right angle divided by the length of the HYPOTENUSE

cos let-tuce /'kɔs'letʃs/ noun [C] *Br E* ROMAINE LETTUCE

cos-met-ic /kəz'metɪk/ adj **1** cosmetic changes only affect the appearance of something instead of its basic structure: *superficial. Alterations to the original building have been largely cosmetic.* **2** relating to the improvement of someone's appearance: *Several nuts produce oils suitable for cosmetic use.* ♦ *the cosmetic industry* — **cos-met-i-cal-ly** adv

cos-met-ics /kəz'metɪks/ noun [plural] substances that you use on your hair or skin to make yourself look more attractive: *In China, sales of cosmetics increased by 16% in 1996 to \$2.6 billion.*

cos-met-ic 'sur-gery noun [U] medical operations that improve someone's appearance

cos-mic /kəz'mɪk/ adj **1** relating to the planets, stars, space, and the universe in general: *cosmic materials / explosions* **2** often *humorous* very big, important, or difficult to understand: *He treated his approaching death as a sort of cosmic joke.*

cos-mic rad-i-ation noun [U] a form of RADIATION that reaches the Earth from space

cos-mic rays noun [plural] COSMIC RADIATION

cos-mo-log-i-cal /kəz'mɒlədʒɪkəl/ adj relating to the study of the origin and nature of the universe

cos-mol-o-gist /kəz'mələdʒɪst/ noun [C] someone who studies the origin and nature of the universe

cos-mol-o-gy /kəz'mələdʒi/ noun [U] the study of the origin and nature of the universe

cos-mo-naut /kəz'mɒnɔːt/ noun [C] an ASTRONAUT in the Russian space program

cos-mo-pol-i-tan¹ /kəz'mɒpəlɪtən/ adj showing the influence of many different countries and cultures: *a cosmopolitan atmosphere* **a.** used about a place where people from many different countries and cultures live: *this great cosmopolitan city* **b.** used about someone who has traveled a lot and knows about different societies and cultures: *modern progressive people with a truly cosmopolitan outlook*

cos-mo-pol-i-tan² /kəz'mɒpəlɪtən/ noun [C] someone who has a lot of knowledge and experience of different countries and cultures

cos-mos, the /kəz'mɒs; kəz'moʊs/ noun [singular] the whole universe

cos-set /kə'set/ verb [T] *formal* to give someone a lot of care and attention, often too much: PAMPER

cost¹ /kɒst/ noun ★★

1 [C/U] the amount of money that is needed in order to buy, pay for, or do something: ♦ **of** *A rise in interest rates will increase the cost of borrowing.* ♦ **cover the cost of sth** (=be enough to pay for something) *You need more money in winter to cover the cost of extra heating.* ♦ **the cost of doing sth** *The cost of rebuilding the theater will be \$13 million.* ♦ **at a cost of** *We're organizing a trip to New York, at a cost of \$300 per person.* ♦ **to** *These volunteer programs help homeless people at no cost to the taxpayer.*

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2 [C/U] damage or loss that is caused to something good or worth having: ♦ **of** *the serious environmental costs of the new road network* ♦ **to** *They decided to divorce, whatever the cost to their children.* ♦ **at a cost of** *The plant closed down at a cost of over 1,000 jobs.* ♦ **the social / human costs of sth** *the social costs of unemployment*

3 costs [plural] money that an individual or organization must spend regularly on things like electricity, rent, and travel: *Higher fuel prices will lead to increased costs for car owners.* ♦ **cut/reduce costs** *New technology has helped us to cut costs.* **3a.** all the money that a business must spend to produce something or provide a service: *Selling computers at these prices, they are not even covering their costs.* ♦ *manufacturing costs* → OPERATING COSTS

4 legal costs [plural] money that someone involved in a court case must give in order to help pay for the lawyers and the court, usually after they have lost the case: *He was ordered to pay a fine of \$500 plus \$250 costs.*

at a cost or **at what cost** used for saying that it may

not have been worth doing something because so much has been lost or damaged as a result: *He got the job, but at a cost.*

at all costs or **at any cost** used for saying that something must be done, however difficult it is or however much damage it causes: *She was determined to win at any cost.* ♦ *At all costs, we must avoid letting the press hear about this.*

at cost if you sell something at cost, you sell it for the same amount that you spent when you made it or bought it

to your cost *mainly Br E* if you know something to your cost, you know it is true because of a bad experience

Words frequently used with cost

verbs	cover, cut, defray, incur, meet, offset, recoup, recover, reduce	1
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cost² /kɒst/ (past tense and past participle **cost**) verb [T] ★★★

1 if something costs an amount of money, that amount is needed in order to buy it, pay for it, or do it: *A new computer costs between \$500 and \$3,000.* ♦ **cost sb sth** *Unemployment costs the taxpayer billions each year.* ♦ **cost sth per minute/hour/year etc.** *Calls cost 36 cents per minute.* ♦ **cost sth per person/head/adult etc.** *Dinner cost \$35 per person including wine.* ♦ **cost sth to do sth** *How much does it cost to rent a bike?*

2 to cause someone to lose something good or valuable: *The merger will cost jobs.* ♦ **cost sb sth** *His decision to take the car cost him his life.* ♦ **cost sb dearly** (=cause a serious loss) *We made two mistakes that cost us dearly.*

3 (past tense and past participle **costed**) to calculate exactly how much something will cost: *All your proposals must be costed before we can consider them.*

cost a fortune *informal* to cost a lot of money: *Her car must have cost a fortune.*

cost an arm and a leg *informal* to cost a lot of money: *It will cost you an arm and a leg to fly.*

sth costs money used for saying that something is expensive, so someone should not expect to have it: *The kids want all the latest designer clothes, but they cost money.*

it'll cost you *spoken* used for saying that if someone wants something they will have to pay a lot or do something else for it

cost accounting noun [U] *business* the process of recording and calculating all the costs of managing a business or organization

co-star¹ /'koʊ,star/ noun [C] an actor's costars are the other actors who have main parts in a movie or play

co-star² /'koʊ,star/ verb [I/T] if actors *costar* in a movie or play, they act the main parts together

cost-benefit analysis noun [C] *business* a comparison of the likely costs of a plan or project with the benefit it will bring, done in order to help make a decision

cost cutting noun [U] actions taken to reduce the costs of a business, government, or other organization: *a cost cutting exercise*

cost-effective adj giving the most profit or advantage in exchange for the amount of money that is spent: *Is it more cost-effective to buy or rent property?* — **cost-effectively** adv, **cost-effectiveness** noun [U]

cost-ing /'kɒstɪŋ/ noun [C/U] calculation of the expected cost of a plan, business proposal, etc.

cost-ly /'kɒstli/ adj *formal* ★

1 costing a lot of money: *EXPENSIVE: They have been investing in costly new equipment.* ♦ **a costly business/process/exercise** *Changing your company's management style can be a costly business.* **1a.** used about something that costs more money than you want to pay: *Appeals can be costly and time-consuming.* **1b.** used about something that is expensive and special: *costly silks/perfumes*

2 causing a lot of problems: *Dropping the ball with only seconds left to play was a costly mistake.*

cost of living, the noun [singular] the amount of money you need in order to pay for basic things such as food, clothes, shelter, heating, and transportation — **cost-of-living** adj: *a cost-of-living allowance*

cost-plus noun [C] *business* an amount calculated by taking the cost of producing something and adding to

it a profit or charge that has been agreed — **cost-plus** adj: *a cost-plus contract*

cost price noun [C/U] the price it costs to produce something, without making any profit

costume /'kɒst,ʊm/ noun ★

1 [C/U] clothes that performers wear in a play, movie, etc.: *The costumes, sets, and acting are all superb.* ♦ *a costume designer*

2 [C] clothes that you wear at a **COSTUME PARTY**, pretending to be a famous person, an animal, a character from a story, etc.

3 [C/U] clothes that are typical of a particular place or of a period in history: *dancers in traditional costumes* ♦ *They were all dressed in 18th-century costume.*

costume drama noun [C] a play or movie about a particular historical period in which the actors wear clothes typical of that period

costume jewelry noun [U] jewelry that is not valuable but looks expensive

costume party noun [C] *Am E* a party where people wear clothes that make them look like a famous person, an animal, a character from a story, etc.

cos-tum-i-er /kɒ'stʊm,jɪər/ or **cos-tum-er** /'kɒ,ʃtʊmər; kɒ'stʊmər/ noun [C] a person or company that provides **COSTUMES** for the theater or for people to wear to parties

co-sy /'kəʊzi/ the *Br E* spelling of **cozy**

cot /kɒt/ noun [C] **1** *Am E* a small narrow bed that can be folded up **2** *Br E* a **CRIB** for a baby to sleep in

co-tan-gent /,kəʊ'tændʒənt/ noun [C] in a **RIGHT TRIANGLE**, the measurement of an **ACUTE** angle that is equal to the length of the side between the angle and the right angle divided by the length of the side opposite the angle

cot death noun [C/U] *Br E* **SIDS**

co-ter-i-e /'kəʊtəri/ noun [C] *formal* a small group of people who do things together: *his small coterie of personal advisors*

co-til-lion /kə'tɪliən/ noun [C] an old word for a formal dance

cot-tage /'kɒtɪdʒ/ noun [C] a small house, usually in a village or the countryside

cottage cheese noun [U] a soft white cheese that does not contain much fat

cottage industry noun [C] a business that involves people producing things at home

cot-ton¹ /'kɒtn/ noun [U] ★★★

1 cloth made from the white fibers of a plant called a **cotton plant** **1a.** [only before noun] made from cotton cloth: *a flowered cotton dress*

2 a plant grown in warm regions that has white fibers used for making cotton cloth: *fields of cotton*

3 *Am E* soft balls of cotton used, for example, for cleaning a cut on your skin or removing **MAKEUP**. *Br E* **cotton wool**

4 *Br E* **THREAD**

cot-ton² /'kɒtn/ verb

cotton on phrasal vb [I] *informal* to begin to realize or understand something: *Suddenly I cottoned on that she'd been lying from the start.* ♦ **to** *It took him a while to cotton on to what I was proposing.*

cotton to phrasal vb [T] *Am E informal* [**cotton to sb/sth**] to begin to like someone or something: *I didn't cotton to him at first.*

cotton ball noun [C] a small ball of **COTTON**, used for removing **MAKEUP**, cleaning a cut on your skin, or cleaning a baby

Cotton Belt, the the main cotton-growing region of the U.S., in the southeast of the country

cotton bud noun [C] *Br E* a **COTTON SWAB**

cotton candy noun [U] *Am E* a sweet food that consists of many long thin strings of sugar

cot-ton-pick-ing /'kɒtn 'pɪkɪŋ/ adj [only before noun] *Am E old-fashioned* used for emphasizing what you are saying, especially when you are angry: *Get your cotton-picking hands off my girl!*

cotton reel noun [C] *Br E* a **SPOOL** for **THREAD**

cotton swab noun [C] *Am E* a small plastic stick with a small piece of cotton at each end used, for example, for cleaning your ears

cot-ton-tail /'kɒtn,tetl/ noun [C] a small American **RABBIT** with a white tail

cot-ton-wood /'kɒtn,wʊd/ noun [C/U] an American tree that has seeds covered with white hair that looks like cotton

cotton wool noun [U] *Br E* **COTTON** used for cleaning a cut on your skin or removing **make up**

wrap sb in cotton wool *Br E* to protect someone from all dangers or problems that could happen

cotton wool ball noun [C] *Br E* a **COTTON BALL**

couch¹ /kaʊtʃ/ noun [C] ★

1 a long low comfortable seat that two or three people can sit on: **SOFA**

2 a long piece of furniture like a bed that someone lies on while talking about their mental problems with a **PSYCHIATRIST**

couch² /kaʊtʃ/ verb [T usually passive] *formal* to express something in a particular way: **be couched in** *Couched in generalities, the report named no one responsible for the incident.*

couch po tato noun [C] *informal* someone who spends a lot of time sitting at home watching television. This word shows that you do not approve of people like this.

cou-gar /'kʊgər/ noun [C] a large wild cat that lives in mountain areas of North and South America: **MOUNTAIN LION**

cough¹ /kɒf/ verb ★

1 [I] to force air up through your throat with a sudden noise, especially when you have a cold or when you want to get someone's attention: *My chest felt painful, and I was coughing uncontrollably.* **1a.** **cough** or **cough up** [T] to force something such as blood out of your lungs by coughing

2 [I] to make a sound like a cough: *The engine coughed into life.*

cough up phrasal vb **1** [T] *same as cough¹* **1a:** *coughing up blood* **2** [I/T] *informal* to give money to pay for something, especially when you would prefer not to: *His ex-wife persuaded him to cough up the child support he owed.* ♦ **+** *for I had to cough up for the medical bills.* **3** [T] *Br E informal* to admit something or give information about something that you would prefer other people did not know

cough² /kɒf/ noun [C] ★

1 the action of coughing, or the sound you make when you cough: *He gave an embarrassed cough and looked at the floor.*

2 an illness in which you cough often and sometimes your throat and lungs hurt — **cough-ing** noun [U]: *a fit of coughing*

cough drop noun [C] a type of candy containing medicine that you suck when you have a cough or a sore throat

cough mixture noun [C] *Br E* **COUGH SYRUP**

cough syrup noun [U] *Am E* a liquid medicine that you take to help cure a cough

could /weək kəd; strɒŋ kʊd/ modal verb ★★★

Could is usually followed by an infinitive without "to": *I'm glad you could come.*

Sometimes it is used without a following infinitive: *I came as quickly as I could.*

Could does not change its form, so the third person singular form does not end in "-s": *She could play the violin when she was six.*

Questions and negatives are formed without "do": *Could he help you? ♦ I could not breathe.*

The negative form **could not** is often shortened in conversation or informal writing to **couldn't**: *I couldn't find her phone number.*

Could is often used in tag questions: *They couldn't see us, could they?*

Could has no tenses, no participles, and no infinitive form.

Could is used as the past tense of **can** when it means that someone had the ability to do something, or that something was possible: *The Roman army could march 30 miles in a day.*

Could have is used for referring to something in the past that was not real or something that may possibly have been real: *I could have been killed.* ♦ *What was that noise? Could it have been the wind?*

1 past tense of "can" **1a.** used as the past tense of "can": *Renee could already read when she was four.* ♦ *In the distance I could see a cloud of smoke.* ♦ *Some people complained that they could not understand the instructions.*

2 in requests **2a.** *spoken* used in polite requests, or when offering or suggesting something: *Could I have a glass of water?* ♦ *Could you mail this letter for me?* → **CAN¹**

3 saying what is possible **3a.** used for saying that something is possible or that it may happen: *We could still win – the game isn't over yet.* ♦ *In a situation like this, anything could happen.* ♦ **could easily** *You could easily get lost in the dark.* **3b.** *spoken* used for suggesting to someone a possible course of action, especially when they are in a difficult situation: *You could come and stay with us.* ♦ **could always** *You could always sell the cabin if you need some extra cash.*

4 expressing annoyance **4a.** *spoken* used for showing that you are annoyed at the way someone has behaved: *How could you be so cruel!* ♦ *They could at least have said they were sorry.*

5 for emphasis **5a.** *spoken* used for emphasizing how angry, happy, bored, etc. you are: *It's all Helen's fault. I could strangle her!* ♦ *When he told me the news, I was so happy I could have kissed him.*

could have (done sth) *spoken* **1** used for saying that something was possible in the past, even though it did not happen: *You could have been killed.* ♦ *I could have told you, but I didn't think you would listen.* ♦ *She could have married Gerald if she'd wanted to.* **2** used for saying that perhaps something was true, although you do not really know: *The explosion could have been caused by a gas leak.* ♦ *I didn't get a good look at the guy, but it could have been Dan.*

couldn't be better/worse/nicer etc. *mainly spoken* used for emphasizing that someone or something is extremely good/bad/nice etc.: *The two brothers couldn't be more different.* (=they are very different) ♦ *I was afraid she might disapprove of me, but she couldn't have been nicer.*

I couldn't mainly Br E *spoken* used for politely saying "no" when someone offers you something: *"Would you like some more ice cream?" "No, thank you. I couldn't."*

I couldn't ask/wish for... *spoken* used for saying that something is so good, you cannot imagine anything better: *I couldn't wish for a better husband.* ♦ *The support we got from the fans was wonderful, we couldn't have asked for more.*

could-n't /'kʊdnt/ short form ★★★ the usual way of saying or writing "could not." This is not often used in formal writing.

couldst /kʊdst/ verb an old word meaning "could"

cou-lis /'kʊli/ noun [C/U] a smooth sauce made from crushed fruit or vegetables: *raspberry/tomato/peach coulis*

coun-cil /'kaʊnsəl/ noun [C] ★★★

1 the elected politicians who govern a local area: *a member of the city council* ♦ *Their planning application was rejected by the council.* **1a.** an organization that provides local government in a city, **COUNTY**, etc.: *Mount Vernon City Council* ♦ *The council is responsible for the library service.* **1b.** [only before noun] belonging to or relating to a council: *a change in council policy*

2 an official group of people who are chosen to make decisions or provide advice: *the United Nations Security Council* ♦ *the European Union's Council of Ministers* **2a.** a meeting of a group like this, especially in the past: *The Pope summoned his bishops to a council in Normandy.*

council chamber noun [C] the room in which a council meets

council es tate noun [C] *Br E* an area of a city consisting of council houses

council house noun [C] *Br E* a house owned by the local government, for which you pay a low rent

coun-cil-lor /'kaʊnsələ/ the *Br E* spelling of **councilor**

coun-cil-man /'kaʊnslmən/ (plural **coun-cil-men** /'kaʊnslmən/) noun [C] *Am E* a man who is an elected member of the government of a city in the U.S.

council of war noun [singular] *Br E* a **WAR COUNCIL**

coun-cil-or /'kaʊnsələr/ noun [C] *Am E* a member of any council

coun-cil-wom-an /'kaʊnsl,wʊmən/ (plural **coun-cil-wom-en** /'kaʊnsl,wɪmɪn/) noun [C] *Am E* a woman who is an elected member of the government of a city in the U.S.

coun-sel¹ /'kaʊnsəl/ verb [T] ★★

1 to give someone advice and help with their problems, especially as your job: *She has spent about five years counseling rape victims.* ♦ *Macnade was being counseled for violent tendencies.*

2 formal to give someone advice about what to do in a particular situation: *She counseled patience.* ♦ **counsel sb to do sth** *Privately, the President was being counseled to end the war.*

coun-sel² /'kaʊnsəl/ noun 1 [C] a lawyer who gives someone legal advice and represents them in court: *a defense counsel* 2 [C/U] formal help and advice: *the divided counsels of the president's cabinet*

keep your own counsel to keep quiet about your plans and opinions

coun-sel-ing /'kaʊnsəlɪŋ/ noun [U] ★★ advice you give someone on their problems, especially as your job: *Services include counseling on drug and alcohol abuse and help with finding employment.*

coun-sel-ling /'kaʊnsəlɪŋ/ the Br E spelling of **counseling**

coun-sel-lor /'kaʊnsələr/ the Br E spelling of **counselor**

coun-sel-or /'kaʊnsələr/ noun [C] ★

1 someone whose job is to give help and advice to people with problems: *John is a counselor who works with students who have disabilities.* → GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

2 *Am E* someone who takes care of children at a SUMMER CAMP

count¹ /kaʊnt/ verb ★★★

1 say how many there are	4 be important
2 say numbers in order	5 treat/consider as sth
3 include in calculation	+ PHRASES

1 [I/T] to add up or say how many people or things are in a group: *All the votes have been counted.* ♦ *She put the money in her bag without counting it.* ♦ *At least 60 people were injured, but we're still counting.*

2 [I] to say numbers one after another in order: *The baby can't count yet.* ♦ **+(up) to I can count up to ten in German.**

3 [I/T] to include something or someone in a calculation, or to be included in a calculation: *Do you count your lunch hour when you add up your hours at work?* ♦ *Points scored after the bell do not count.* ♦ **+toward** *The test scores for project work count toward your final grade.* ♦ **+as** *Do public holidays count as part of vacation time?* ♦ **count sth as sth / be counted as sth** *For tax purposes, sick pay is counted as income.*

4 [I] to be important or have influence: *You're late but you're here and that's what counts.* ♦ *What really counts is whether you have good computing skills.* ♦ **count for something / anything / nothing** *They made me feel my views didn't count for anything.*

5 [I/T] to think of someone or something as a particular thing, or be thought of as a particular thing: **+as** *That counts as a lie in my book.* ♦ **count sth as sth / be counted as sth** *Is geography counted as a science subject?* ♦ **count sb as sth** *Beth had a good voice, but had never counted herself as a real musician.* ♦ **count sb among sth** *He counts John Lennon among his musical influences.* ♦ **count yourself lucky / fortunate** *We can count ourselves lucky that none of us got hurt.*

and counting *spoken* used for saying that a number is continuing to rise as time passes: *So far this year the hospital is approaching 60 births – and counting.*

count the cost *Br E* to realize what has been lost or damaged as a result of something

count the days/hours/minutes etc. to wait for something that you want very much to happen: *I'm counting the days until I see you again.*

make sth count to make something have as useful and positive an effect as possible: *The college only gives each candidate one interview, so you have to make it count.*

who's counting? *spoken* used for saying that it is not important how many things there are, how many times something happens, etc.: *I've had about ten pieces of chocolate already, but who's counting?*

you can count sth on (the fingers of) one hand *spoken* used for saying that there are very few things or people of a particular type

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'count a gainst phrasal vb [T] [**count against sb**] to be a disadvantage in a particular situation: *I'm qualified for the job but I think my age might count against me.*

count 'down phrasal vb [I/T] to wait for something to happen, usually noticing every day or moment that passes until it happens: *We are counting down the days until the end of the semester.*

count 'in phrasal vb [T] [**count sb in**] to include someone in something you are planning to do: *"There's a party on Saturday." "Count me in!"*

'count on phrasal vb [T] 1 [**count on sb**] to depend on someone to do what you want or expect them to do for you: *The whole team was counting on me, and I let them down.* ♦ **count on sb for sth** *You can always count on him for good advice.* ♦ **count on sb to do sth** *I knew I could count on you to be on time.* ♦ **count on sb doing sth** *I was counting on Jane driving me home.* 1a. used in a humorous way for saying that you know someone will behave in a particular way: *Ted could always be counted on to make a complete mess of the cooking.* 2 [**count on sb/sth**] to plan or expect that something will happen: **count on sb / sth doing sth** *We're counting on about 20 people coming to the party.* ♦ *She hadn't counted on it raining.*

count 'out phrasal vb [T] 1 [**count sb out**] to not include someone in a plan, activity, etc.: *If you're going to watch football, you can count me out.* 2 [**count sb out**] in BOXING, to count up to ten, and then say that someone has lost a fight 3 to count things one by one: *She counted out \$100 in \$5 bills.*

count 'up phrasal vb [T] to count all the things or people in a group

count upon phrasal vb [T] same as **count on**

count² /kaʊnt/ noun [C] ★★

1 counting process	4 amount of sth in sth
2 saying numbers in order	5 person of high status
3 each crime	+ PHRASES

1 the process of counting how many people or things there are in a group: *After the count, he had 25% of the votes.* ♦ **word / head / traffic etc. count** *Could you do a quick word count on this document for me.* ♦ **at (the) last count** *At the last count, 40% of adults said they were eating less meat.* 1a. the total number of people or things counted: *My count is 80 – what's yours?* → BODY COUNT, HEAD COUNT

2 the process of saying numbers in order, up to a particular number: *Hold your breath for a count of ten.*

3 legal each crime that someone is charged with: *Manning was jailed on three counts of corruption.*

4 the amount of a substance that is measured as being present in another substance, for example, in your blood or in the air: **pollen / sperm / cell etc. count** *My eyes start to water when the pollen count is high.*

5 **Count** a NOBLEMAN in some European countries, but not the U.K.: *the Count of Anjou*

have lost count of sth used for emphasizing that something has happened very many times: *Since then he's made numerous public appearances and lost count of the interviews he's given.*

keep count to remember or record a number as it changes over a period of time: **+of** *You should keep count of how many calories you eat over a 24-hour period.*

on both/all/several/many etc. counts in both/all/several/many etc. ways: *I thought he was a kind and honest man, I was wrong on both counts.*

out for the count unconscious or sleeping very deeply: *Steve was out for the count, so I answered the phone.*

count-a-ble /'kaʊntəbl/ adj linguistics a countable noun is a noun that has a plural and can be used after a word like "a" or "the" when it is singular

count-down /'kaʊntdaʊn/ noun [C] the counting of numbers backward, for example from ten to zero, before something important happens: *The countdown for the shuttle launch has already begun.*

coun-te-nance¹ /'kaʊntənəns/ noun [C] literary your face or the expression on your face

coun-te-nance² /'kaʊntənəns/ verb [T] usually in negatives] formal to approve of something or allow something to happen: *The chief executive's refusal to countenance this plan led directly to Keith's resignation.*

count-er¹ /'kaʊntər/ noun [C] ★★

1 long flat surface	4 way to oppose/stop sth
2 object for board game	5 argument against sth
3 equipment that counts	+ PHRASES

1 a long flat surface where customers are served, for example in a store or bank: *You buy your tickets at the counter.* ♦ *the shop's well-stocked cheese counter* 1a. a long flat surface in a kitchen where you prepare food. *Br E usually work surface* — picture → c2

2 a small round colored object that you use in a BOARD GAME — picture → C16

3 a machine or piece of equipment that counts something and shows the total: *the casino's high-speed coin counters* ♦ **a rev counter**

4 an action you take in order to oppose something or reduce its negative effect: *What measures are in place as a counter to this sort of aggression?*

5 something you say to reply to a criticism or argument: *a counter to unfair criticism*

over the counter drugs and medicines that are available over the counter can be bought without a doctor's PRESCRIPTION

under the counter bought or sold secretly and illegally

count-er² /'kaʊntər/ verb ★

1 [I/T] to reply to a criticism or statement that you disagree with: *"You say it's impossible," Leah countered, "but the truth is you just don't want to do it."* ♦ *How can we counter these rumors?* ♦ *The government countered with a flurry of briefings.*

2 [T] to take action in order to oppose something or reduce its negative effects: *Tests showed that caffeine countered the lack of alertness caused by colds.* ♦ *The movie's main characters counter the familiar racial stereotypes.*

count-er³ /'kaʊntər/ adj, adv opposite or with an opposite purpose: **run counter to sth** *The policy is divisive, and runs counter to common sense.*

counter- /'kaʊntər/ prefix opposing or done as a reaction to something else: used with some nouns, adjectives, and verbs: *a counter-proposal* ♦ *an effective way to counteract global warming* ♦ *Their efforts have all been counterproductive.*

count-er-act /'kaʊntərækt/ verb [T] to reduce the negative effect of something, by doing something that has an opposite effect: *Schools are taking action to counteract bullying.* ♦ *measures to counteract global warming*

count-er-at-tack¹ /'kaʊntərətæk/ noun [C] an attack against someone who has just attacked you in a war, game, or argument

count-er-at-tack² /'kaʊntərətæk/ verb [I] to attack someone who has just attacked you in a war, game, or argument

count-er-balance¹ /'kaʊntərbæləns/ verb [T] to have an effect that is equal and opposite to something else: *The short-term risk is counterbalanced by high rewards in the long term.*

count-er-balance² /'kaʊntərbæləns/ noun [C] something that has an effect that is equal and opposite to something else: **+to** *The prisoners' evidence is a useful counterbalance to more official sources.*

count-er-claim /'kaʊntərkleɪm/ noun [C] a statement you make against someone who has made a statement against you, especially in a legal case: *You may wish to dispute the claim and make a counterclaim against the plaintiff.* — **count-er-claim** verb [T]

count-er-clock-wise /'kaʊntər'klɒk,wəɪz/ adv *Am E* moving in the opposite direction to the way clock HANDS move. *Br E anticlockwise* — opposite CLOCKWISE

count-er-cul-ture /'kaʊntər'kʌltʃər/ noun [C] a way of life and set of attitudes that is deliberately different from the main culture in a society: *the hippie counterculture of the 1960s*

count-er-feit¹ /'kaʊntər'feit/ adj counterfeit money, products, tickets, etc. are illegal copies made in order to trick people: *counterfeit \$100 bills*

count-er-feit² /'kaʊntər'feit/ verb [T] to make an illegal copy of money, a product, etc.

count-er-foil /'kaʊntər'fɔɪl/ noun [C] the part of something such as a check that you keep as a record of a payment you have made

coun-ter-in-sur-gen-cy /'kaʊntərɪn'sɜːrdʒənsi/ noun [U] a military action against people who are fighting against the government of their own country

coun-ter-in-tel-li-gence /'kaʊntərɪn'telɪdʒəns/ noun [U] the activities and methods used by a country to keep other countries from discovering its secrets

count-er-in-tu-i-tive /'kaʊntərɪn'tuːtɪv/ adj opposite to what seems to be obvious or natural: *the strange, counterintuitive world of quantum physics*

coun-ter-mand /'kaʊntər'mænd/ verb [T] formal to tell someone to ignore a previous order, usually by giving them a different order

coun-ter-meas-ures /'kaʊntərmɛʒəz/ noun [plural] actions taken to stop something else from happening or having a negative effect: *taking countermeasures against biological warfare*

count-er-of-fen-sive /'kaʊntər ə'fensɪv/ noun [C] an attack against someone who has already attacked you, especially a military attack

coun-ter-pane /'kaʊntər'peɪn/ noun [C] *old-fashioned* a BEDSPREAD

coun-ter-part /'kaʊntər'pɑːt/ noun [C] ★★ someone or something that has the same job or purpose as another person or thing, but in a different country, time, situation, or organization: *The ambassador is meeting his German counterpart.* ♦ *The new computer is vastly superior to its 1997 counterpart.*

coun-ter-point¹ /'kaʊntər'pɔɪnt/ noun 1 [U] two or more tunes that are played together to sound like one tune 2 [C] something that produces a different effect from something else, especially in a pleasing or interesting way: **+to** *The black olives offer a salty counterpoint to the sweetness of the oranges.*

coun-ter-point² /'kaʊntər'pɔɪnt/ verb [T] to produce a different effect from something else: *Allen's latest exhibition counterpoints his earlier work.*

coun-ter-pro-duc-tive /'kaʊntərpɹə'dʌktɪv/ adj having a result that is the opposite of the one you intended: *Research shows that sending young offenders to prison can be counterproductive.*

coun-ter-rev-o-lu-tion /'kaʊntərəvə'lʊʃn/ noun [C/U] an attempt by political or military means to remove a government that took control by force in a REVOLUTION

coun-ter-rev-o-lu-tion-ary /'kaʊntərəvə'lʊʃnəri/ noun [C] someone who takes part in a counter-revolution — **count-er-rev-o-lu-tion-ary** adj: *counter-revolutionary activities*

coun-ter-sign /'kaʊntər'saɪn/ verb [T] to sign a document that someone else has already signed

coun-ter-ten-or /'kaʊntər'tenər/ noun [C] a man who sings in a very high voice

coun-ter-top /'kaʊntər'tɒp/ noun [C] *Am E* the surface of a COUNTER in a kitchen

coun-ter-va-il-ing /'kaʊntər'veɪlɪŋ/ adj *very formal* influencing something in an opposite but equally strong way: *countervailing evidence*

count-er-weight /'kaʊntər'weɪt/ noun [C] 1 a weight that is equal to and balances another weight 2 a COUNTERBALANCE

count-ess /'kaʊntəs/ noun [C] a woman who is either the wife of an EARL or COUNT, or has the same rank as an earl or count, in an ARISTOCRATIC system

count-ing house /'kaʊntɪŋ 'haʊs/ noun [C] a place where money and accounts were kept in the past

count-less /'kaʊntləs/ adj ★ very many, especially more than you think is reasonable: *his countless television appearances* ♦ *The occupying forces committed countless atrocities.*

'count noun noun [C] a COUNTABLE NOUN

coun-tri-fied /'kʌntri'faɪd/ adj typical of the countryside: *a city house with countrified furnishings*

count-ry /'kʌntri/ noun ★★

1 [C] an area of land that has its own government and recognized borders: *Ministers from four Arab countries met today in Cairo.* ♦ *We do not have capital punishment in this country.* ♦ *He felt he had betrayed his country.* 1a. the people who live in a country: *a crime that has shocked the whole country*