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hurt (*v*) ache, burn, pain, smart, sting

Does it hurt where you cut your finger?

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a

- abandon** (v) desert, forsake, leave
The sailors will abandon the sinking ship in a lifeboat.
- able** (adj) capable, competent, qualified, skilled
The pilot was able to land the plane safely.
- about** (adv) approximately, nearly, roughly
About 40,000 fans filled the football ground.
- absent** (adj) away, gone, missing, omitted
Many students were absent from school because they had the 'flu.
- absurd** (adj) crazy, foolish, ridiculous, silly, wacky
Whoever had the absurd idea to ride over Wallaman Falls in a barrel?
- accept** (v) admit, receive, welcome
Many restaurants accept credit cards to pay for meals.
- accomplishment** (n) achievement, attainment, effort, feat
Winning an Olympic gold medal is quite an accomplishment.
- account** (n) chronicle, narrative, report, story, tale
Grandpa's account of working in the circus was really funny.
- accurate** (adj) correct, exact, precise, right, true
Make sure your measurements are accurate before you cut the wood.
- ache** (v) hurt, suffer, throb
The secretary's fingers ache from typing all day.

- acknowledge** (v) admit, allow, concede, grant
I acknowledge that I make mistakes once in a while.
- acquire** (v) gain, get, obtain, win
The book collector will acquire enough rare books to fill three shelves.
- act** (v) do, perform, portray, represent
Will everyone in the class act in the school play?
- action** (n) accomplishment, act, deed, endeavour, feat
The firefighters' quick action put out the house fire.
- active** (adj) energetic, lively, spirited
Our puppy is active all day long.
- administration** (n) command, government, management, organisation
Many people are responsible for the administration of the federal government.
- admire** (v) esteem, honour, regard, respect, revere
I admire athletes who are really good at their sports.
- admit** (v) accept, receive, welcome
The usher will admit us to the theatre after we show her our tickets.
- adventure** (n) enterprise, exploit, feat, venture
Leichhardt had a great adventure exploring Australia in the early 1800s.
- advertise** (v) promote, publicise, push
The food company will advertise a new cereal on television and in magazines.
- advise** (v) counsel, recommend, suggest
Hotels advise their guests to lock valuable items in a safe.



important

- important** (adj) meaningful, momentous, significant, substantial
Learning how to read is an important skill.
- impossible** (adj) impractical, unthinkable, unworkable
Traveling faster than the speed of light is impossible.
- impress** (v) affect, impact, influence, move, sway
Did the speech impress you?
- improve** (v) amend, better, help, upgrade
With your help we can improve the situation.
- incident** (n) episode, event, happening, occasion, occurrence
The principal will investigate the incident in the playground.
- incorrect** (adj) false, inaccurate, mistaken, untrue, wrong
The student had several incorrect answers on the test.
- increase** (v) amplify, enlarge, expand, extend, magnify
Will your parents increase your allowance?
- indicate** (v) mark, show, specify
The form will indicate where to fill in your name.
- individual** (n) being, creature, human, mortal, person
Many of our laws protect the rights of the individual.
- industry** (n) business, commerce, trade
The Australian car industry gets a lot of competition from abroad.
- inform** (v) advise, educate, enlighten, notify, tell
Inform me when you're ready to leave.



interruption

- initial** (adj) earliest, first, original, primary
I was nervous on my initial plane flight, but now I'm used to flying.
- injure** (v) damage, harm, hurt, wound
How did the athlete injure her knee?
- innocent** (adj) blameless, faultless, guiltless
In a court of law, you are innocent until proven guilty.
- inquire** (v) ask, examine, interrogate, question, quiz
Let's inquire at the petrol station for directions.
- inspect** (v) check, examine, scrutinise, study, survey
Inspect the bananas for brown spots.
- instruct** (v) educate, teach, train, tutor
The teacher will instruct his students in maths.
- instrument** (n) implement, tool, utensil
A pencil is a kind of writing instrument.
- intelligent** (adj) alert, bright, brilliant, clever, smart
Are you intelligent enough to figure out the puzzle?
- intend** (v) aim, design, mean, plan, propose
What do you intend to do with the lottery winnings?
- interesting** (adj) amusing, entertaining, exciting, fascinating, stimulating
Find an interesting book to read.
- interfere** (v) interrupt, intrude, meddle
A storm can interfere with TV reception.
- interruption** (n) break, disruption, pause, suspension
The fire drill provided an interruption from classes.

portion (n) lot, part, ration, share
My portion of pizza is smaller than yours.

position (n) location, place, site, situation, spot
The ticket buyer changed her position in the line.

positive (adj) assured, certain, confident, sure
The coach was positive his team would win the championship.

possess (v) have, hold, own, retain
I possess a collection of cards.

post (n) appointment, position, situation, station
The new ambassador began her post in a foreign country.

pound (v) batter, beat, hammer, hit, pelt
Use a mallet to pound the stake into the ground.

power (n) authority, command, control, mastery, might
The Governor General has more power in government than any other person.

practical (adj) functional, handy, useful
Learning to sew is a practical skill.

practise (v) drill, exercise, rehearse
The football players practise their skills all afternoon.

praise (v) applaud, commend, compliment, hail
Teachers praise students who try their best.

preacher (n) clergyman, clergywoman, minister, parson, reverend
The preacher gave a sermon on Sunday.

precious (adj) costly, invaluable, priceless, valuable, worthy
Diamonds are a kind of precious stone.

prepare (v) fit, fix, make, ready
What will you prepare for dinner?

present (adj) contemporary, current, existing, immediate, latest
The lawn mower is not working in its present condition.

pressure (n) strain, stress, tension
The surgeon felt a lot of pressure in the operating room.

pretend (v) act, fake, feign, make believe
Some nights I pretend to be asleep when I'm not.

pretty (adj) attractive, beautiful, good-look
What pretty wild flowers are growing in the meadow!

prevail (v) best, conquer, master, overcome, triumph
We hope for good to prevail over evil.

prevent (v) block, hamper, hinder, obstruct, stop
We put up a tall fence to prevent our dog from getting out of the yard.

previous (adj) former, past, preceding, prior
Turn back to the previous page in your book.

price (n) charge, cost, expense
The price of the airline tickets went up today.

principal (adj) chief, key, main, major, primary
The Constitution contains the principal ideas behind Australia.

prison (n) brig, jail, lockup, penitentiary
The convicted criminals were sent to prison.

prize (n) award, premium, reward
The student won a prize for writing the best story.

V

valuable

valuable (v) costly, invaluable, precious, priceless, worthy

The safe was filled with valuable jewels.

vanish (v) clear, disappear, evaporate, fade

That stain will vanish after you wash the shirt.

vary (v) alter, change, convert, modify

Sometimes I like to vary my route home.

vast (adj) enormous, extensive, huge, immense, tremendous

Antarctica is covered by a vast sheet of ice.

venture (n) adventure, enterprise, exploit, feat

Exploring in the jungle can be a dangerous venture.

very (adv) exceptionally, extremely, greatly, highly, remarkably

The ocean is very deep.

vicinity (n) area, district, locality, neighbourhood

During the storm, lightning struck in our vicinity.

victory (n) conquest, triumph, win

The game ended in a victory for our team.

view (n) outlook, perspective, scene, sight, vista

Our view of Cataract Gorge was spectacular.

visible (adj) seeable, viewable, visual

The sun is barely visible behind the clouds.

vulgar (adj) coarse, crude, rough, rude, uncivilised

It is vulgar to spit in public.

watch

W

W

wait (v) linger, remain, stay, tarry

Wait for me to go with you.

wake (v) awake, awaken, rouse, stir

Set the alarm clock to wake me in the morning.

walk (v) amble, promenade, ramble, saunter, stroll

Hundreds of shoppers walk through the centre.

wander (v) drift, meander, ramble, roam, rove

The tourists wander through the streets of Paris.

want (v) crave, desire, need, require, wish

Do you want anything to eat?

war (n) conflict, fighting, strife, warfare

The war started with a fierce battle.

ward (v) avert, avoid, fend, prevent

Keeping clean can help ward off disease.

warm (adj) compassionate, kindhearted, responsive, sympathetic, tender

The doctor has a warm manner with her patients.

warn (v) alarm, alert, caution, forewarn

The alarm will warn us if burglars break in.

wash (v) clean, cleanse, launder

Wash your hands with soap and water.

waste (n) debris, garbage, refuse, rubbish, trash

All of the waste is overflowing the trash barrel.

watch (v) look, observe, regard, scrutinise, see

Watch that plane do skywriting.