**haemorrhage** UK , US **hemorrhage** /ˈhem. ə r.ɪdʒ/ /-ɚ-/ *noun* [ C ]

1. a large flow of blood from a damaged blood vessel (= tube carrying blood around the body)

*a brain haemorrhage*

2. a sudden or serious loss

*The higher salaries paid overseas have caused a haemorrhage of talent from this country.*

**haemorrhage** UK , US **hemorrhage** /ˈhem. ə r.ɪdʒ/ /-ɚ-/ *verb*

1. [ I ] to lose a large amount of blood in a short time

*She started haemorrhaging while giving birth to the baby.*

2. [ I or T ] to lose large amounts of something such as money over a period of time and be unable to stop this happening

*The business has been haemorrhaging* ***money*** *for several months.*

**ˈ fruit ˌ bat** *noun* [ C ] ( also **flying fox** )

a large flying mammal which eats fruit and lives in warm or hot countries

**primate** /ˈpraɪ.meɪt/ , /-mət/ *noun* [ C ] specialized **ANIMAL**

1. a member of the most developed and intelligent group of mammals, including humans, monkeys and apes

**rule *sth or sb* out** *phrasal verb* [ M ]

to decide or state that something is impossible or will not happen, or that something or someone is not suitable

*The police haven't yet ruled out murder.*

*I won't rule out a June election.*

*The police have not ruled him out* ***as*** *a suspect.*

**rule *sth* out** *phrasal verb* [ M ]

to prevent something from happening

*This recent wave of terrorism has ruled out any chance of peace talks.*

**debacle** /deɪˈbɑː.kl ̩/ *noun* [ C ]

a complete failure, especially because of bad planning and organization

*The collapse of the company was described as the greatest financial debacle in US history.*

**grope** /grəʊp/ /groʊp/ *verb*

1. [ I or T ] to feel with your hands, especially in order to find or move towards something when you cannot see easily

*She groped* ***for*** *her glasses on the bedside table.*

*I had to grope my* ***way*** *up the dark stairs.*

2. [ T ] informal to touch someone's body in order to get sexual pleasure, usually when the person does not want you to do this

*He groped me as I was going to the bar.*

**grope for *sth*** *phrasal verb*

to try to think of something, especially the right words, the correct answer, etc

*I'm groping for the right words here.*

**hiccup** , **hiccough** /ˈhɪk.ʌp/ *noun* **PROBLEM**

3. [ C ] a problem which delays or interrupts something for a while, but which does not usually cause serious difficulties

*We've had one or two* ***slight*** *hiccups, but progress has generally been quite steady.*

**yore** /jɔː r / /jɔːr/ *noun* literary

**of yore**

of a long time ago

*This was once a Roman road* ***in days*** *of yore.*

**contiguous** /kənˈtɪg.ju.əs/ *adjective* formal

next to or touching another, usually similar, thing

*The two states are contiguous* ***with/to*** *each other, but the laws are quite different.*

**emissary** /ˈem.ɪ.s ə r.i/ /-ser-/ *noun* [ C ] formal

a person sent by one government or political leader to another to take messages or to take part in discussions

*The Foreign Secretary has flown to China as the personal emissary of the Prime Minister.*

**fundamentalism** /ˌfʌn.dəˈmen.t ə l.ɪ.z ə m/ /-t ̬ ə l-/ *noun* [ U ]

the belief in old and traditional forms of religion, or the belief that what is written in a holy book, such as the Christian Bible, is completely true

*Recent years have witnessed a growth in religious fundamentalism.*

**scramble** /ˈskræm.bl ̩/ *verb* **MOVE QUICKLY**

1. [ I usually + adverb or preposition ] to move or climb quickly but with difficulty, often using your hands to help you

*She scrambled* ***up*** *the steep hillside and* ***over*** *the rocks.*

*He scrambled* ***into*** *his clothes (= put them on quickly) and raced to fetch a doctor.*

*As the burning plane landed, the terrified passengers scrambled* ***for*** *the door (= tried to reach the door quickly) .*

2. [ I ] to compete with other people for something there is very little of

[ + to infinitive ] *People are scrambling* ***to*** *buy property before prices rise even further.*

**meticulous** /məˈtɪk.jʊ.ləs/ *adjective* approving

very careful and with great attention to every detail

*Many hours of meticulous preparation have gone into writing the book.*

**polemic** /pəˈlem.ɪk/ *noun* [ C ] formal

a piece of writing or a speech in which a person strongly attacks or defends a particular opinion, person, idea or set of beliefs

*She has published a fierce anti-war polemic.*

**impregnable** /ɪmˈpreg.nə.bl ̩/ *adjective*

1. A building or other place that is impregnable is so strongly built and/or defended that it cannot be entered by force

*Despite burglar alarms and window locks, homes are never impregnable against determined thieves.*

2. mainly UK powerful and impossible to beat, especially in sport

*Surrey have been building up an impregnable* ***lead*** *in this season's County Championship.*

**expatriate** /ekˈspæt.ri.ət/ /-ˈspeɪ.tri-/ *noun* [ C ] ( informal **expat** )

someone who does not live in their own country

*A large* ***community of*** *expatriates has settled there.*

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**theology** /θiˈɒl.ə.dʒi/ /-ˈɑː.lə-/ *noun*

1. [ U ] the study of religion and religious belief

2. [ C or U ] a set of beliefs about a particular religion

**pastor** /ˈpɑː.stə r / /ˈpæs.tɚ/ *noun* [ C ]

a leader of a Christian group or church, especially one which is Protestant

**wage** /weɪdʒ/ *noun* [ S ] ( also **wages** [ plural ] )

a fixed amount of money that is paid, usually every week, to an employee, especially one who does work that needs physical skills or strength, rather than a job needing a college education

*a very low/high wage*

*an hourly/daily/weekly/annual wage*

*He gets/earns/is paid a good wage, because he works for a fair employer.*

*The smaller shops pay very low wages.*

Compare income ; salary

**wage** /weɪdʒ/ *verb* [ T ] slightly formal

to fight a war or organize a series of activities in order to achieve something

*Surely the President needs Congress' permission to wage war* ***on*** *another country?*

*They've been waging a long campaign to change the law.*

**covenant** /ˈkʌv. ə n. ə nt/ *noun* [ C ]

1. a formal agreement between two or more people; a promise

*The contract contained a* ***restrictive*** *covenant against building on the land.*

2. UK specialized a formal agreement to pay a fixed sum of money regularly, especially to a charity

**reciprocity** /ˌres.ɪˈprɒs.ɪ.ti/ /-ˈprɑː.sə.t ̬i/ *noun* [ U ] formal

behaviour in which two people or groups of people give each other help and advantages