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short for **penny** or **pence**

pa *noun* **pas** [informal]
father

pace *noun* **paces**

- 1 one step in walking, marching, or running
- 2 speed
He set a fast pace.

pace *verb* **paces, pacing, paced**

to **pace** is to walk up and down with slow or regular steps

to pace something out is to measure a distance in paces

pacemaker *noun* **pacemakers**

- 1 a person who sets the speed for someone else in a race
- 2 an electrical device put into a person by surgery, that keeps the heart beating regularly

pacifist (say **pas**-uh-fuhst) *noun* **pacifists**

someone who believes that war is always wrong

pacifism *noun*

pacify (say **pas**-uh-fuy) *verb* **pacifies, pacifying, pacified**

to **pacify** someone is to calm them down

pack *noun* **packs**

- 1 a bundle or collection of things wrapped or tied together
- 2 a set of playing cards
- 3 a strong bag carried on your back
- 4 a group of hounds, wolves, or other animals
- 5 a group of people

pack *verb* **packs, packing, packed**

- 1 to **pack** a suitcase, bag, or box is to put things in it so that you can store them or take them somewhere
- 2 to **pack** a room or building is to fill it
The hall was packed.

package *noun* **packages**

- 1 a parcel or packet
- 2 a number of things offered or accepted together

packet *noun* **packets**

a small parcel

pact *noun* **pacts**

an agreement

pad¹ *noun* **pads**

- 1 a number of sheets of blank or lined paper joined together along one edge
- 2 a piece of soft material used to protect or shape something
- 3 a piece of soft material that you wear to protect your leg in cricket and other games
- 4 a flat surface from which helicopters take off or rockets are launched

pad *verb* **pads, padding, padded**

to **pad** something is to put a piece of soft material on it or into it in order to protect or shape it

to pad something out is to make a book or story longer than it needs to be

pad² *verb* **pads, padding, padded**

to **pad** is to walk softly

padding *noun*

padding is soft material used to protect or shape things

paddle *verb* **paddles, paddling, paddled**

- 1 to **paddle** is to walk about with bare feet in shallow water
- 2 to **paddle** a boat is to move it along with a short oar

paddle *noun* **paddles**

- 1 a time spent paddling in water
- 2 a short oar with a broad blade

paddock *noun* **paddocks** (Australian)

a large piece of land, usually surrounded by a fence, mainly used for grazing animals or growing crops

The cattle were galloping up to the cleared paddocks at the top of the farm, but the wild animals had nowhere to go.

Wendy Orr, *Spook's Shack*

paddy *noun* **paddies**

a field where rice is grown

- a** **pademelon paddymelon** *noun* **pademelon or paddymelons**
- b** a small wallaby of eastern Australia
- c** **padlock** *noun* **padlocks**
- a lock with a metal loop that you can use to fasten a gate or lock a bicycle
- d** **paediatrics** (say pee-dee-**at**-riks) *plural noun*
- the branch of medicine dealing with children and their diseases
- e** **pagan** *noun* **pagans** (old use)
- a person who does not believe in any of the world's main religions
- f** **page** *noun* **pages**
- 1** a piece of paper that is part of a book or newspaper; one side of this piece of paper
- 2** a webpage
- i** **pageant** (say paj-uhnt) *noun* **pageants**
- 1** a play or entertainment about historical events and people
- 2** a procession of people in costume
- j** **pageantry** *noun*
- k** **pagoda** (say puh-goh-duh) *noun* **pagodas**
- a Buddhist tower or Hindu temple in India and East Asia
- l** **paid**
- past tense and past participle of **pay**
She paid for the magazine and left the shop.
Have you paid for those sweets yet?
- m** **pail** *noun* **pails**
- a bucket
- n** **pain** *noun* **pains**
- 1** pain or a pain is an unpleasant feeling caused by injury or disease
Are you in pain?
- 2** pain is also mental suffering
- o** **pain** *verb* **pains, paining, pained**
- to pain someone is to cause them pain, usually mental pain
- p** **painful** *adjective*
- causing you pain
My ankle is too painful to walk on.
- q** **painfully** *adverb*
- 1** in a way that causes you pain
He grasped my arm in a painfully tight grip.
- 2** to be (for example) painfully thin or painfully slow is to be extremely thin or extremely slow
- r** **painkiller** *noun* **painkillers**
- a drug that reduces pain
- s** **painless** *adjective*
- not causing any pain

- t** **painstaking** *adjective*
- making a careful effort
- u** **paint** *noun* **paints**
- a liquid substance put on something to colour or cover it
- v** **paint** *verb* **paints, painting, painted**
- 1** to paint something is to put paint on it
- 2** to paint a picture is to make it with paints
- 3** to paint someone or something is to make a picture of them using paint
- w** **paintbox** *noun* **paintboxes**
- a box of coloured paints used in art
- x** **paintbrush** *noun* **paintbrushes**
- a brush used in painting
- y** **painter** *noun* **painters**
- 1** an artist who paints pictures
- 2** a person whose job is painting walls and houses
- z** **painting** *noun* **paintings**
- 1** painting is using paints to make a picture
She likes painting.
- 2** a painting is a painted picture
- aa** **pair** *noun* **pairs**
- 1** two things or people that go together or are the same kind
I need a new pair of shoes.
- 2** something made of two parts joined together
Have you got a pair of scissors?
- ab** **pal** *noun* **pals** (informal)
- a friend
- ac** **palace** *noun* **palaces**
- a large and splendid house where a king or queen or other important person lives
- ad** **palatable** *noun*
- 1** pleasant to taste
- 2** acceptable or satisfactory
- ae** **palate** (say pal-uhnt) *noun* **palates**
- 1** the roof of your mouth
- 2** a person's sense of taste
We have food to suit every palate.
- af** **pale** *adjective* **paler, palest**
- 1** almost white
He had a pale face.
- 2** not bright in colour; faint
The sky was a pale blue.
- ag** **paleness** *noun*
- ah** **palette** (say pal-uhnt) *noun* **palettes**
- a board on which an artist mixes colours
- ai** **paling** *noun* **palings**
- the long narrow piece of timber used in building a fence