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Preface

This dictionary provides a basic vocabulary of terms used in the information and records management industries. It is ideal for all students of librarianship, information science and related subjects, as well as those working for the first time in library, archiving, knowledge management, databasing and research jobs.

Each headword is explained in clear, straightforward English and quotations from specialist publications show how the words are used in context. There are also supplements including a list of major library classification systems, copyright and data protection law, details of book awards and prizes and a list of helpful resources on the Web.

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Pronunciation Guide

The following symbols have been used to show the pronunciation of the main words in the dictionary.

Stress is indicated by a main stress mark (') and a secondary stress mark (,). Note that these are only guides, as the stress of the word changes according to its position in the sentence.

Vowels

æ	back
ɑ:	harm
ɒ	stop
aɪ	type
aʊ	how
aɪə	hire
aʊə	hour
ɔ:	course
ɔɪ	annoy
e	head
eə	fair
eɪ	make
eʊ	go
ɜ:	word
i:	keep
i	happy
ə	about
ɪ	fit
ɪə	near
u	annual
u:	pool
ʊ	book
ʊə	tour
ʌ	shut

Consonants

b	buck
d	dead
ð	other
dʒ	jump
f	fare
g	gold
h	head
j	yellow
k	cab
l	leave
m	mix
n	nil
ŋ	sing
p	print
r	rest
s	save
ʃ	shop
t	take
tʃ	change
θ	theft
v	value
w	work
x	loch
ʒ	measure
z	zone

A

A3 *adjective* European standard size paper, twice the size of A4: 297 x 420mm

A4 *adjective* European standard size paper, 210 x 297mm

A5 *adjective* European standard size paper, half the size of A4: 148 x 210mm

AACR 2 Rev *noun* Anglo-American cataloguing rules, revised second version

A&I *abbreviation* abstracting and indexing

ABA *abbreviation* American Booksellers' Association

abbreviate /ə'brɪ:vɪət/ *verb* to make shorter by leaving out some letters or by using only the first few letters of each word

abbreviated entry /ə,brɪ:vɪətɪd 'entri/ *noun* a shortened form of a bibliographic entry usually giving author, title and date only

abbreviated text /ə,brɪ:vɪətɪd 'tekst/ *noun* text which is shorter than the original

abbreviation /ə,brɪ:'vi:ɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a short form of a word

ability /ə'bɪlɪti/ *noun* a quality or skill which makes it possible to do something

-ability /ə'bɪlɪti/ *suffix* added to adjectives ending in *-able* to form nouns referring to a quality or state, e.g. readability

able /'eɪb(ə)l/ *adjective* quick to learn in an educational environment

abridge /ə'brɪdʒ/ *verb* to make something shorter

abridged document /ə,brɪdʒd 'dɒkjʊ:mənt/ *noun* a written document

which has been made shorter while keeping the main points

abridged edition /ə'brɪdʒd ɪ ,dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a shortened text but keeping the main points or story

abridgement /ə'brɪdʒmənt/ *noun* a shortened version of a book

abstract *noun* /'æbstrækt/ a summary of the contents of a document
■ *verb* /æb'strækt/ to summarise the main points of a document

abstracting and indexing /,æbstræktɪŋ ənd 'ɪndeksɪŋ/ *noun* the making of summaries and indexes for articles and books. Abbr **A&I**

abstracting journal /əb'stræktɪŋ ,dʒɜ:nəl/ *noun* a journal containing summaries of documents or articles in a given field

ac *abbreviation* **1.** in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for academic organisations **2.** in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Ascension Island

academic /,ækə'demɪk/ *adjective* relating to studying ■ *noun* a person who teaches or does research usually in higher education

academic library /,ækədemɪk 'laɪbrəri/ *noun* a library which serves an academic community such as a university or college

academic session /,ækədemɪk 'seʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a school or university year, or one complete part of a year, e.g. a term or semester

academy /ə'kædəmi/ *noun* **1.** an educational institution devoted to a particular subject **2.** a secondary school which has been set up in cooperation

with private organisations such as businesses or voluntary groups

accent /'æksənt/ *noun* a mark put above or below a letter in writing or printing to show how it should be pronounced

access /'ækses/ *noun* the opportunity or right to use something ○ *They were given access to all relevant information.*
 ■ *verb* to obtain, examine or be able to reach something ○ *You can access this information in a library or on a computer.*

access code /'ækses kəʊd/ *noun* a code used for information retrieval to show where something can be found

access course /'ækses kɔ:s/ *noun* a course of study designed for people without formal educational qualifications, so that they can gain entry to higher education

accessibility /ək,sesɪ'bɪlɪti/ *noun* the quality of being able to be found and used

accessible /ək'sesɪb(ə)l/ *adjective* easy to find and use

accession /ək'seɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a new addition to a library or collection

accession list /ək'seɪʃ(ə)n lɪst/ *noun* a list of new purchases or additions to a library

accession number /ək'seɪʃ(ə)n ,nʌmbə/ *noun* a consecutive number used to identify new additions to a library or collection in an inventory system

accession register /ək'seɪʃ(ə)n ,redʒɪstə/ *noun* a physical record of new purchases or additions to a library or collection

access name /'ækses neɪm/ *noun* a unique name that identifies an object in a database

access number /'ækses ,nʌmbə/ *noun* the telephone number used to link to an Internet service provider or other network provider using a dial-up connection

access point /'ækses pɔɪnt/ *noun* a transceiver in a wireless local area network that connects a wired local area network to wireless devices or that connects wireless devices to each other

access time /'ækses taɪm/ *noun* the time taken to get into a computer program

accompany /ə'kʌmp(ə)ni/ *verb* to play a musical instrument to provide a second part for a piece of music

account /ə'kaʊnt/ *verb* □ **to take account of something, to take something into account** to consider something when you are thinking about a situation

accountant /ə'kaʊntənt/ *noun* a person whose job is to keep the financial accounts for a business

accounting /ə'kaʊntɪŋ/ *noun* the process of keeping financial records for a company or organisation

accounting period /ə'kaʊntɪŋ ,pɪəriəd/ *noun* a period of time at the end of which a company's accounts are closed for checking

accounting year /ə'kaʊntɪŋ ,jɪə/ *noun* any period of twelve months which an organisation uses to control its money ○ *Many universities have an accounting year from August to August.*

accounts /ə'kaʊnts/ *plural noun* detailed records of money received and spent by a business or person

accreditation /ə,kredɪ'teɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the granting of official approval to a person or organisation, or the condition of having received this approval

'...the exams, certificates and other pieces of paper that go with CILIP education and accreditation really benefit info pros; raising their profile, and that of the whole profession.'
 [Information World Review]

accumulate /ə'kju:mjuleɪt/ *verb* to collect things over a period of time ○ *We have accumulated a large collection of reference materials.*

accumulation /ə,kju:mju'leɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the act of collecting items gained over a period of time

accurate /'ækjʊrət/ *adjective* capable of providing information in accordance with an accepted standard

acetate /'æsiteɪt/ *noun* transparent plastic used for writing or drawing on, for use with an overhead projector

achievement /ə'tʃi:vmənt/ *noun* something which somebody has succeeded in doing, often after considerable effort

acid-free paper /,æsid fri: 'peɪpə/ *noun* paper which has had certain acid chemicals removed, so that it will not become yellow and brittle with age

acidic paper /ə,sɪdɪk 'peɪpə/ *noun* paper which is made from naturally acidic wood pulp or chemicals used in the manufacturing process, which deteriorates quickly

acid process /'æsid ,prəʊses/ *noun* the process of making chemical paper pulp using acid

acknowledge /ək'nɒlɪdʒ/ *verb* to inform the sender that a message or object has been received

acknowledgement /ək'nɒlɪdʒmənt/ *noun* a piece of text printed at the beginning of a written document thanking people who have helped in its production (NOTE: **Acknowledgement** is usually used in the plural.)

COMMENT: The acknowledgements may also include references to institutions which have given permission to quote copyright material or to use copyright photographs. The acknowledgements are usually placed after the verso of the title page and before the preface; if short, they can be listed at the end of the preface itself.

acoustic hood /ə,kʊ:stɪk 'hʊd/ *noun* a soundproof covering placed over such things as public telephones or computer printers, to cut out noise

acquiescence /,ækwi'es(ə)ns/ *noun* agreement with what somebody wants to do

acquire /ə'kwɪə/ *verb* **1.** to obtain or buy something ○ *to acquire the paperback rights to a new novel* **2.** to gain a skill

acquisition /,ækwi'zɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** an object or item which is obtained, purchased or received as a donation to a library **2.** learning or obtaining a skill ○ *The acquisition of a new language is a long process.*

acquisition policy /,ækwi'zɪʃ(ə)n ,pɒlɪsi/ *noun* a plan for what types of stock will be bought by a library

'The British Library is to stop collecting every book, magazine and journal printed in Britain because it has nowhere to store them... The government's decision to review the library's acquisition policy follows news that shelves at its new £450m St Pancras site will be full before the building opens.' [*Sunday Times*]

acquisition register /,ækwi'zɪʃ(ə)n ,redʒɪstə/ *noun* a list of all books and materials obtained by a library

Acrobat /'ækroʊbæt/ a trademark for a file format developed by Adobe Systems, which describes a graphics, text and indexing system that allows the same screen image or page layout file to be displayed on different hardware

acronym /'ækronɪm/ *noun* a word made from the initial letters of other words, e.g. DIANE Direct Information Access Network Europe

action shot /'ækʃən ʃɒt/ *noun* a still photograph showing an action taking place

activate /'æktɪveɪt/ *verb* to cause something to start working

active /'æktɪv/ *adjective* busy, being used, working

active database /,æktɪv 'deɪtəbeɪs/ *noun* a database file currently being accessed by a database management program

active vocabulary /,æktɪv vəʊ'kæbjʊləri/ *noun* the range of words that somebody normally uses in speech or writing, as opposed to words he or she understands when used by others

activity /æk'tɪvɪti/ *noun* a job or task you spend time doing

activity log /æk'tɪvɪti lɒɡ/ *noun* a written account of things that are done in a given period of time ○ *She kept an activity log of her daily tasks for one week.*

Act of Parliament /,ækt əv 'pɑ:ləmənt/ *noun* in the UK, a decision which has been approved by Parliament and so becomes law (NOTE: The US equivalent is **Act of Congress**.)

acute accent /ə,kju:t 'æksənt/ *noun* a mark usually over the letter e (é) to show how it should be pronounced

ad¹ /æd/ *noun* same as **advertisement**
ad² *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Andorra
adapt /ə'dæpt/ *verb* to change a person or thing in order to make it suitable for a specific purpose ○ *Has the play been adapted for the cinema?* ○ *She adapted the story for TV.*
adaptation /,ædæp'teɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a film or play based on a story or novel
adapter /ə'dæptə/ *noun* somebody who adapts a literary work to another format, e.g. a novel to a play
added entry /,ædɪd 'entri/ *noun* a secondary entry in an index or catalogue
addendum /ə'dendəm/ *noun* an additional section at the end of a document giving extra information (NOTE: The plural is **addenda**.)
addition /ə'dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* something extra to what is already there □ **in addition to something** added ○ *There is a lending charge in addition to the reservation fee.*
address /ə'dres/ *noun* **1.** details of where somebody lives or where their business premises are **2.** a label, number or name which locates where information is stored ■ *verb* to deal with something ○ *He addressed the problem.*
addressee /,ædre'si:/ *noun* the person to whom a letter, package or communication is addressed
address harvester /ə'dres ,hɑ:vɪstə/ *noun* a computer program that collects email addresses from the Internet
adequate /'ædɪkwət/ *adjective* large or good enough for the purpose
adherent /əd'hɪərənt/ *noun* somebody who holds a particular belief or view or supports a particular group
adhesive /əd'hi:sɪv/ *noun* a substance used to make things stick together
adhesive binding /əd,hi:sɪv 'baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* a type of binding where the folds of the signatures are trimmed, and not sewn, the cover being glued to the cut pages. Also called **perfect binding**
ad hoc /,æd 'hɒk/ *adjective* unplanned or only organised to meet a

particular short-term unexpected situation
adjacent /ə'dʒeɪs(ə)nt/ *adjective* next to or near to something
adjustable shelving /ə ,dʒʌstəb(ə)l 'ʃelvɪŋ/ *noun* library shelves which can be raised or lowered to meet the requirements of different-sized books
administer /əd'mɪnɪstə/ *verb* to be responsible for managing a company, institution or country
administration /əd,mɪnɪ 'streɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** a group of people who are responsible for the management of a company, institution or country **2.** the range of activities connected with management
Adobe /ə'dəʊbi/ a trade name for a leading producer of graphics and desktop publishing software
adopt /ə'dɒpt/ *verb* to accept ideas, plans or attitudes and be willing to carry them out
ADS *abbreviation* advertisement delivery system
adult education /,ædʌlt ,edʒu 'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* courses designed especially for adults outside the formal system of schooling
adult literacy /,ædʌlt 'lɪt(ə)rəsi/ *noun* the level of reading and writing ability in the adult population of a community
adult literacy programme /,ædʌlt 'lɪt(ə)rəsi ,prəʊgræm/ *noun* a programme to teach adults to read and write
advance /əd'vɑ:ns/ *adjective* happening or arriving before the expected time
advance copy /əd'vɑ:ns ,kɒpi/ *noun* a copy of a book sent to people such as reviewers and the author before the official publication date
advanced /əd'vɑ:nst/ *adjective* **1.** modern and developed from earlier versions **2.** at a high level of study or achievement ○ *courses for both beginners and advanced students*
advance information sheet /əd ,vɑ:ns ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,ʃi:t/ *noun* full form of **A1**

advance order /ədˈvɑːns 'ɔːdə/ *noun* an order for goods or services to be supplied at a later date

advertisement /ədˈvɜːtɪsmənt/ *noun* a notice which shows that something is for sale or that a service is offered or that someone wants something or that a job is vacant, etc. ○ *to put an advertisement in the paper* ○ *to answer an advertisement in the paper*

advertisement delivery system /ədˈvɜːtɪsmənt dɪˈlɪv(ə)rɪ ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a digital file format used in the transmission of mono and colour images. Abbr **ADS**

advertisement file /ədˈvɜːtɪsmənt faɪl/ *noun* a file of advertisements arranged by the name of the product or firm

advertisement page /ədˈvɜːtɪsmənt peɪdʒ/ *noun* a page facing the title page of a book, which may have a list of other works in the same series or by the same author

advertising /ˈædvətəɪzɪŋ/ *noun* the act of telling people about products or events in order to make them want to buy them or take part

advocacy /ˈædvəkəsi/ *noun* active verbal support for and promotion of a cause

aerial /ˈeəriəl/ *noun* a device which enables a radio or television to receive signals

aero in Internet addresses, the generic top-level domain for the aviation industry

af *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Afghanistan

affiliate /əˈfɪliət/ *verb* to form a close official link with an organisation

affirmative /əˈfɜːmətɪv/ *adjective* meaning 'yes' or agreement or approval

afford /əˈfɔːd/ *verb* **1.** to be able to allow something to happen ○ *We cannot afford another argument.* **2.** to have enough money to pay for something

AFNOR /ˈæfnɔː/ *abbreviation* Association Française de Normalisation

A format paperback /,eɪ ˈfɔːmət ˈpeɪpəbæk/ *noun* a paperback with the format 178 x 111mm

After Dark /,ɑːftə ˈdɑːk/ *noun* a non-prime time database service of BRS allowing access to the database at cheaper rates at night

afterword /ˈɑːftəwɜːd/ *noun* a short piece of text placed at the end of a book sometimes used for a note about the author, especially if the author has died since the first printing of the book

ag *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Antigua and Barbuda

agate line /ˈægət laɪn/ *noun* *US* a measure of page space, e.g. in classified advertising, one column wide and 1.8 mm deep

agenda /əˈdʒendə/ *noun* a list of items to be discussed at a meeting

agent /ˈeɪdʒənt/ *noun* somebody who arranges work or business for other people for a fee

age of information /,eɪdʒ əv ˌɪnfə ˈmeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a description of the period in history during the second half of the twentieth century when computers made information easily accessible to large numbers of people

aggregation services /,ægre ˈgeɪʃ(ə)n ,sɜːvɪsɪz/ *plural noun* services which allow information from different places (in digital form) to be available in one single place

'Google was today accused of stifling the media industry's profits by with its news aggregation service. A panel of media executives speaking at the Online Publishers Association conference said that the search engine was infringing on their audience and revenues by aggregating headlines and stories into its Google News service.' [*The Guardian*]

agreement /əˈɡriːmənt/ *noun* a formal document stating what two or more people have decided together

Agricultural System for Storing and Subsequently Selecting Information *noun* a software package of particular use to employees in agricultural information. Abbr **ASSASSIN**

ai *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Anguilla

AI¹ *noun* a document which is put together by a publishing company to provide marketing information about a book before publication. Full form **advance information sheet**

AI² *abbreviation* artificial intelligence

aim /eɪm/ *noun* what an action or plan is intended to achieve

aim for /'eɪm fɔː/ *verb* to plan or hope to achieve something

airmail /'eəmeɪl/ *noun* a system of transporting letters and packages by air

airmail envelope /'eəmeɪl ,envələʊp/ *noun* a lightweight envelope usually of blue paper with a red, white and blue striped edging, used for sending letters by air to foreign countries

airport fiction /'eəpɔːt ,fɪkʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a type of fiction which sells well at airports, generally because it is not serious and is therefore easy to read on a plane journey

al *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Albania

ALA *abbreviation* **1.** Associate of the Library Association **2.** American Library Association

album /'ælbəm/ *noun* a collection in book form of short literary or musical pieces or pictures

algorithm /'ælgərɪð(ə)m/ *noun* a logical sequence of steps for solving a problem, often written out as a flow chart, that can be translated into a computer program

alias /'eɪliəs/ *noun* **1.** a name used instead of a real name. ♠ **allonym**, **pseudonym** **2.** a copy of a computer application

align /ə'laɪn/ *verb* to place two objects side by side in a line

alignment /ə'laɪnmənt/ *noun* the ordering of lines of type relative to a margin or line

allocate /'æləkeɪt/ *verb* to give a particular amount of money, goods or tasks to somebody for a particular purpose

allocation /,ælə'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the specified amount of something allowed for a particular purpose ○ *All the staff*

had an allocation of time for extra study.

allocation of funds /,æləkeɪʃ(ə)n əv 'fʌndz/ *noun* how much money is given to each person or department for a specific purpose

allonym /'ælənɪm/ *noun* a false name often used by authors. ♠ **alias**, **pseudonym**

all over style /,ɔːl 'əʊvə ,stɑɪl/ *noun* a style of cover decoration which uses the whole cover instead of just the front

allow /ə'laʊ/ *verb* to give permission

allowance /ə'laʊəns/ *noun* the amount of something given for a specific purpose ○ *They were given an allowance of money to buy children's books.*

all published /,ɔːl 'pʌblɪʃt/ *noun* a catalogue entry to show that a series or periodical run has not been completed

all rights reserved /,ɔːl ,raɪts rɪ 'zɜːvd/ *phrase* printed on books and documents to show that they are subject to copyright

allusion book /ə'luːʒ(ə)n 'bʊk/ *noun* a collection of allusions or references to a writer from other works

almanac /'ɔːlmənæk/ *noun* a book of information, often in tables, about events on particular days of the year such as tides, new moons, times of sunset and festivals

alphabet /'ælfəbet/ *noun* a set of letters or symbols in a fixed order used for writing the words of a language

alphabetical /,ælfə'betɪk(ə)l/ *adjective* in the same order as the letters of the alphabet

alphabetical index /,ælfəbetɪk(ə)l 'ɪndeks/ *noun* an index where the items are listed in the order of the letters of the alphabet

alphabetically /,ælfə'betɪkli/ *adverb* in alphabetical order ○ *The files are arranged alphabetically under the customer's name.*

alphabetical order /,ælfəbetɪk(ə)l 'ɔːdə/ *noun* arrangement according to the usual order of letters in an alphabet ○ *The authors' names are given in alphabetical order.*

alphabetise /'ælfəbetarɪz/, **alphabetize** *verb* to sort into alphabetical order

alphanumeric /,ælfənjʊ'merɪk/, **alphanumeric** *adjective* using a combination of symbols made up of Roman letters and Arabic numerals including punctuation marks

alphanumeric **data** /,ælfənjʊmerɪk 'deɪtə/ *noun* data shown by the letters of the alphabet and the Arabic numerals

alphanumeric **indexing** /,ælfənjʊmerɪk 'ɪndeksɪŋ/ *noun* a system which uses both numbers and letters

alpha pulp /'ælfə ɔʌlp/ *noun* wood pulp with almost all the cellulose removed

alphasort /,ælfə'sɔ:t/ *verb* to sort data into alphabetical order

alt *noun* a type of newsgroup on the Internet that contains discussions about alternative subjects

alternate *adjective* /ɔ:l'tɜ:nət/ occurring regularly at one time and then missing a time but occurring again the next time ○ *The library van comes on alternate Tuesdays.* ■ *verb* /'ɔ:ltəneɪt/ to cause things to happen alternately

alternative /ɔ:l'tɜ:nətɪv/ *noun* something that you can do instead of another

alternative **curriculum** /ɔ:l'tɜ:nətɪv kə'rɪkjʊləm/ *noun* in England and Wales, any available course of study that is not included in the National Curriculum

alternative **title** /ɔ:l'tɜ:nətɪv 'taɪt(ə)l/ *noun* other title information, also used to describe a subtitle

alumni list /ə'ɪlʌmnaɪ lɪst/ *noun* a list of past members of an educational institution

always-on /,ɔ:lweɪz 'ɒn/ *adjective* relating to a home or business with several computers and mobile phones, in which Internet access is not restricted to specific times

am *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Armenia

ambient /'æmbiənt/ *adjective* normal background conditions ○ *ambient temperature*

ambiguity /,æmbrɪ'gju:ɪti/ *noun* confusion arising from double meanings to words or writing

ambiguous /æm'brɪgjuəs/ *adjective* having a double meaning, possible to interpret in more than one way

amend /ə'mend/ *verb* to change something written or said

amendment /ə'mendmənt/ *noun* something that is added to a written or verbal statement in order to change it

amendment record /ə,mendmənt 'rekɔ:d/ *noun* a record containing new information used to update a master record or file

amenities /ə'mi:nɪtɪz/ *plural noun* facilities provided for people's convenience or enjoyment

American Booksellers' Association /ə'merɪkən 'bʊkseləz ə

,səʊsɪeɪf(ə)n/ *noun* an organisation representing American booksellers, which sponsors an annual convention at which publishing companies have stands showing their new titles. Abbr **ABA** (NOTE: The bookfair sponsored by the ABA, and formerly also called 'the ABA' has changed its name to BookExpo America.)

American Library Association /ə'merɪkən 'laɪbrəri ə,səʊsɪeɪf(ə)n/ *noun* the oldest and largest library association in the world for the support of qualified librarians and information workers. Abbr **ALA**

American National Standards Institute /ə'merɪkən ,næf(ə)nəl 'stændədz ,ɪnstɪtju:t/ *noun* an organisation issuing guidelines for production and distribution of goods and services in the USA. Abbr **ANSI**

American Publishers Association /ə'merɪkən 'pʌblɪʃəz ə ,səʊsɪeɪf(ə)n/ *noun* an organisation which represents American publishers. Abbr **APA**

American Sign Language /ə'merɪkən 'sɑ:n ,læŋgwɪdʒ/ *noun* a system of communication used by people with impaired hearing that uses motions or gestures of the hands. Abbr **ASL**

American Society for Information Science /ə,merɪkən sə,saɪətɪ fər ˌɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,saɪəns/ *noun* a professional support group for information employees in the USA. Abbr **ASIS**

American Standard Code for Information Interchange /ə ,merɪkən ,stændəd kəʊd fər ˌɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˈɪntətʃeɪndʒ/ *noun* a computer code which represents alphanumeric characters as binary code. Abbr **ASCII**

ampersand /'æmpəsænd/ *noun* a symbol (&) meaning 'and'

amplifier /'æmplɪfaɪə/ *noun* an electronic device for making signals sound louder

an /ən, æn/ *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Netherlands Antilles

analects /'ænələkts/ *plural noun* a collection of miscellaneous writings

analogue /'ænələg/ *adjective* relating to data in physical rather than numerical form

analogy /ə'nælədʒi/ *noun* a way of describing similarities between two different things

analyse /'ænəlaɪz/ *verb* to examine a situation in detail in order to understand it better

analysis /ə'næləɪsɪs/ *noun* the process of examining something in detail

analyst /'ænəlɪst/ *noun* a person who analyses data

analytical entry /ænə,ɪtɪk(ə)l 'entri/ *noun* a catalogue entry for a part of a book or periodical which refers to the work containing it

ancestral file /æn,sestrəl 'faɪl/ *noun* a system of backing up computer files, from son to father to grandfather file, where the son is the current working file

anchor /'æŋkə/ *verb* to hold firmly to a solid base

ancillary /æn'sɪləri/ *adjective* supporting the main structure

ancillary worker /æn'sɪləri ,wɜ:kə/ *noun* a person in an organisation whose work supports the main aims of the organisation

anecdotal /,ænɪk'dəʊt(ə)l/ *adjective* consisting of or based on second-hand

accounts rather than first-hand knowledge or scientific investigation

animate /'ænɪmeɪt/ *verb* to draw pictures for films which make cartoon characters appear to move

animation /,æni'meɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the technique of drawing or photographing successive pictures to create the idea of movement

animator /'ænɪmeɪtə/ *noun* a person who draws or photographs the pictures that make up cartoons

ann. *abbreviation* annals

annal /'æn(ə)l/ *noun* a periodical that records events and reports in a field of research

annals /'æn(ə)lz/ *plural noun* history in general, as it is recorded in books and other documents

annexe *noun* /'æneks/ **1.** an appendix, epilogue or other additional material attached to a larger document **2.** *US* a supplement to a specialised book ■ *verb* /ə'neks/ to attach something such as a document

annotate /'ænəteɪt/ *verb* to add notes to something written in order to explain it more fully

annotated bibliography /,ænəteɪtɪd ,bɪbli'ɒgrəfi/ *noun* a bibliography with notes

annotated catalogue /,ænəteɪtɪd 'kætələg/ *noun* an alphabetical list of items with additional notes of explanation

annotated text /,ænəteɪtɪd 'tekst/ *noun* text with notes written by an editor

annotation /,ænə'teɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a note written to explain items in a text

annual /'ænjʊəl/ *adjective* **1.** happening once a year **2.** coming out once a year ■ *noun* a book that is published and updated once a year

annually /'ænjʊəli/ *adverb* each year
○ *Our prices are raised annually on March 1st.*

annual publication /,ænjʊəl ,pʌblɪ 'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a book, journal or document that is published once a year

annual review /,ænjʊəl rɪ'vju:/ *noun* an inspection that takes place once a year

anon /ə'nɒn/ *abbreviation* anonymous

anonym /'ænənɪm/ *noun* a publication whose author is unnamed or unknown

anonymiser /ə'nɒnɪmaɪzə/,
anonymizer *noun* a website through which a person browsing can visit the World Wide Web without leaving any trace of their identity

anonymous /ə'nɒnɪməs/ *adjective* of unknown name or authorship

anonymous FTP /ə'nɒnɪməs ef ti: 'pi:/ *noun* a type of Internet file transfer in which no password is needed, used by some organisations to make their file archives publicly accessible

ANSI /'ænsi/ *abbreviation* American National Standards Institute

answerphone /'ɑ:nsəfəʊn/, **answer machine** *noun* a cassette recorder attached to a telephone which relays a pre-recorded message to callers and records messages

anthologise /æn'θɒlədʒaɪz/,
anthologize *verb* **1.** to gather works from different writers, musicians or artists into a collection **2.** to compile or publish an anthology

anthology /æn'θɒlədʒi/ *noun* a book that consists of essays, stories or poems by different writers

anticipate /æn'tɪsɪpeɪt/ *verb* to realise in advance that something is going to happen and to prepare for it

Antiope /æn'taɪəpi/ *noun* a French videotext system also known as Teletel

antiquarian /,æntɪ'kwɛəriən/ *adjective* relating to or dealing with antiques or antiquities, especially rare and old books. Abbr **antiq.**

antiquary /æn'tɪkwəri/ *noun* a collector, scholar or seller of antiques or antiquities

anti-setoff paper /,ænti 'setɒf ,peɪpə/ *noun* thin transparent paper put between the pages of an expensive illustrated book

antonym /'æntənɪm/ *noun* a word which has the opposite meaning to another word

anycast /'enɪkɑ:st/ *noun* an act of sending data across a computer network from a single user to the nearest receiver

ao *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Angola

AP *abbreviation* PUBL Associated Press

a.p. *abbreviation* PUBL author's proof

APA *abbreviation* American Publishers Association

Apocrypha /ə'pɒkrɪfə/ *plural noun* books of the Bible that are included in the Vulgate and Septuagint versions of the Christian Bible, but not in the Protestant Bible or the Hebrew canon

apocryphal /ə'pɒkrəf(ə)l/ *adjective* of unknown authorship, possibly false or exaggerated

'The cardinal's main objection to the book is that it presents itself as a historical document. Acknowledging that the book is a brilliantly marketed page-turner, he accused Brown of relying on apocryphal texts that had been removed from the biblical canon because they were imaginative.' [*Irish Independent*]

apostil /ə'pɒstɪl/ *noun* a margin note or annotation

apostrophe /ə'pɒstrəfi/ *noun* a punctuation mark which indicates either contraction or possession

app. *abbreviation* PUBL appendix

appeal /ə'pi:l/ *noun* **1.** the attractiveness of something which makes it popular ○ *The illustrations have a lot to do with the book's continuing appeal.* **2.** a request for something to be reconsidered

append /ə'pend/ *verb* to add extra information to something, especially to a document

appendix /ə'pendɪks/ *noun* a section at the end of a document giving extra information (NOTE: The plural is **appendices** /ə'pendɪsɪz/.)

COMMENT: Appendices are always printed at the back of a book, always starting on a right-hand page. They must be laid out in a way which shows clearly that they are not part of the main text.

Apple Mac /'æp(ə)l mæk/, **Apple Macintosh computer** a trade name for a range of personal computers developed by Apple Inc. that has a graphical user interface and uses the 68000 family of processors.

applicant /'æplɪkənt/ *noun* a person who formally asks to be considered for a job

application /,æplɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** a written request for something ○ *job application* **2.** the use of a rule or piece of equipment in a particular situation ○ *Computer applications are electronic packages which allow particular tasks to be performed.*

application form /,æplɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n ,fɔ:m/ *noun* a standardised form to be filled in when applying for something

apply for /ə'plai 'fɔ:/ *verb* to make a formal, usually written, request for something

appoint /ə'pɔɪnt/ *verb* to choose somebody to do a job

appreciate /ə'pri:ʃieɪt/ *verb* **1.** to understand and know what a situation involves **2.** to like something because you recognise its good qualities **3.** to increase in value

appropriate /ə'prəʊpɪət/ *adjective* suitable or acceptable for a particular situation

approve /ə'pru:v/ *verb* to agree to ○ *to approve the terms of a contract* □ **to approve of** to think something is good ○ *They approved of the new signs for the library.*

approximate /ə'prɒksɪmət/ *adjective* not exact, almost correct

aq *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Antarctica

AR *abbreviation* aspect ratio

Arabic /'æərəbɪk/ *adjective* coming from Arabia or from the Arabs

Arabic numerals /,æərəbɪk 'nju:mərəl/, **Arabic numbers** /,æərəbɪk 'nʌmbəz/, **Arabic figures** /,æərəbɪk 'fɪgəz/ *plural noun* normal numbers (such as 1, 2, 3, etc.) as opposed to Roman numerals (I, II, III, IV, etc.) ○ *the page numbers are written in Arabic figures*

arcane /ɑ:'keɪn/ *adjective* requiring secret knowledge to be understood

archetype /'ɑ:kɪtaɪp/ *noun* a document or book that illustrates the styles of a particular time and subject

ARCHIE /'ɑ:tʃi/ *noun* retrieval software which gives access to Internet databases

architecture /'ɑ:kɪtektʃə/ *noun* the planning and design of buildings or systems

archival management /'ɑ:kɑ:vəl ,mæɪnɪdʒmənt/ *noun* control of archives

archive /'ɑ:kɑ:v/ *noun* **1.** a public record, document or photograph of historical interest kept in an official repository **2.** a collection of documents and records relating to the history of an organisation ■ *verb* to put data in storage

archive file /'ɑ:kɑ:v faɪl/ *noun* a file containing data which is out of date, but which is kept for future reference

archive library /'ɑ:kɑ:v ,laɪbrəri/ *noun* a library which stores and makes accessible historical materials

'The relevant portions of the digital content identified by the editor will be retrieved from the data archive library, automatically transcoded or reformatted as necessary and delivered directly into the nonlinear editing system. The labour efficiencies gained and vast creativity benefits of a digital archive management system are obvious.'
[Broadcast Engineering]

archivist /'ɑ:kɪvɪst/ *noun* a person who organises archives

area /'eəriə/ *noun* a space in a building such as a library, designated for a particular purpose, e.g. reference area

argument /'ɑ:gjʊmənt/ *noun* **1.** a disagreement between two or more people **2.** a set of reasons used to try to convince people

arrange /ə'reɪndʒ/ *verb* to put things into a correct or desired order

arrangement /ə'reɪndʒmənt/ *noun* something that has been planned, agreed or put into order

array /ə'reɪ/ *noun* a set of numbers or symbols, e.g. experimental data, usually arranged in a specific order

art book /'ɑ:t bu:k/ *noun* a book with illustrations, dealing with a painter,

sculptor, style of design or other art topic

article /'ɑ:tɪk(ə)l/ *noun* **1.** a piece of writing in a newspaper or magazine **2.** a message sent to an electronic news-group

articulated indexing /ɑ: ,ɪkjuːlətɪd 'ɪndeksɪŋ/ *noun* a method of producing computer-generated subject indexes

articulation of information /ɑ: ,ɪkjuːlətɪf(ə)n əv ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the way in which information is presented so that the user can easily access and understand it

artificial indexing language /,ɑ:tɪfɪʃ(ə)l 'ɪndeksɪŋ ,læŋɡwɪdʒ/ *noun* signs and symbols used as a controlled language in inverted order for subject indexing

artificial intelligence /,ɑ:tɪfɪʃ(ə)l ɪn'telɪdʒəns/ *noun* the design and development of computers which attempt to imitate some human characteristics. Abbr **AI**

artificial language /,ɑ:tɪfɪʃ(ə)l 'læŋɡwɪdʒ/ *noun* a man-made language for use in communicating with computers

artistic map /ɑ: ,tɪstɪk 'mæp/ *noun* a map made by an artist rather than a map maker

artwork /'ɑ:tɜ:zɪk/ *noun* drawings, photographs and text prepared for inclusion in a book or advertisement. Abbr **a/w**

as *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for American Samoa

ascender /ə'sendə/ *noun* **1.** the part of a lower case letter such as h, d or b that projects above the body of the letter **2.** a lower case letter with an ascender

ascending order /ə'sendɪŋ 'ɔ:də/ *noun* a method of organising things so that each item is bigger than the one before it or comes later in the system ○ *The list was arranged in ascending order from A to Z.*

ASCII /'æski:/ *abbreviation* American Standard Code for Information Interchange

ASCII character /'æski ,kærɪktə/ *noun* a character which is in the ASCII list of codes

ASCII file /'æski faɪl/ *noun* a stored file containing only ASCII coded character data ○ *Make an ASCII file of the document for clients who use different word-processing software.*

ASI *abbreviation* Australian Society of Indexers

ASIS *abbreviation* American Society for Information Science

ASL *abbreviation* American Sign Language

ASLIB /'æzɪb/ *abbreviation* Association of Information Management

aspect ratio /'æspekt ,reɪʃiəʊ/ *noun* the ratio of the width to the height of an illustration, used especially in computer graphics. Abbr **AR**

ASSASSIN /ə'sæsɪn/ *abbreviation* Agricultural System for Storing and Subsequently Selecting Information

assemble /ə'semb(ə)l/ *verb* **1.** to bring the parts of a collection together **2.** to fit the parts of something together to make it whole

assembly language /ə'sembli ,læŋɡwɪdʒ/ *noun* a low-level computer programming language

assertion /ə'sɜ:ʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a firm statement of belief

assess /ə'ses/ *verb* to judge the importance or value of something

'Measurement is perhaps the least developed aspect of KM because of the inherent difficulty of measuring something that can not be seen or touched. However, if the discipline of KM is to survive and make a long-lasting contribution, it will need to achieve greater levels of standardization and better metrics to assess its effectiveness.' [*Journal of American Academy of Business*]

assessed work /ə'sest 'wɜ:zɪk/ *noun* assignments that have been judged as part of a course of training

assign /ə'saɪn/ *verb* to allocate a task to a person or send somebody to work in a particular place

assignment /ə'saɪnmənt/ *noun* a task often given as part of a programme of study

assimilate /ə'sɪmɪleɪt/ *verb* to learn and make use of something

assimilation /ə,sɪmɪ'leɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the absorption of ideas or people ○ *The assimilation of immigrants by the host culture is a long process.*

assist /ə'sɪst/ *verb* to help somebody, e.g. by giving them information

assistant /ə'sɪst(ə)nt/ *noun* somebody who is employed to help another in their work

assistant librarian /ə,sɪst(ə)nt laɪ 'brɛəriən/ *noun* somebody who is qualified as a librarian and usually works with a more senior person

associate *noun* /ə'səʊsiət/ somebody you work with ■ *verb* /ə'səʊsiət/ to connect something with another having a similar background

association /ə,səʊsi'eɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun*
1. a group of people or of companies with the same interest ○ *a book trade association* ○ *a printers' association* **2.** a relationship between two or more topics or concepts

association copy /ə,səʊsi'eɪʃ(ə)n ,kɒpi/ *noun* a copy of a book which has a connection with the author, e.g. a copy given by the author to a friend or the author's own copy with his or her notes in it

Association Française de Normalisation /æ,sɒsi'æʃiən frɑ̃ ,ses də ,nɔːmæli'zæʃiən/ *noun* a French official body responsible for issuing standards. Abbr **AFNOR**

Association of Information Management /ə,səʊsi'eɪʃ(ə)n əv ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,mæni'dʒmənt/ *noun* a body which gives advice and guidelines on the management of information within companies, and publishes ASLIB Information, ASLIB Proceedings and Journal of Documentation. Abbr **ASLIB**

assume /ə'sju:m/ *verb* to accept the truth of something or to take something on ○ *He assumed responsibility for the information service.*

asterisk /'æstərɪsk/ *noun* a symbol in the form of a star used to mark things to be noted: * ■ *verb* to mark something with an asterisk or a star-shaped symbol, especially to draw attention to it

asterism /'æstɜ:rɪz(ə)m/ *noun* a triangle formed of three asterisks which calls the reader's attention to a following passage

asymmetrical digital subscriber line /,æsimɪtrɪk(ə)l ,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l səb 'skrabə ,laɪn/ *noun* a high-speed telephone line that can transmit voice and video data over copper wires. Abbr **ADSL**

asynchronous transfer mode /eɪ ,sɪŋkrənəs 'trænsfɜː ,məʊd/ *noun* a method for transferring data very quickly using broadband. Abbr **ATM**

asyndetic /,æsin'detɪk/ *adjective* without cross-references

at *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Austria

athenaeum /,æθə'neɪəm/ *noun* an institution where reading materials are made available to the public, e.g. a library

atlas /'ætɫəs/ *noun* a book of maps

ATM *abbreviation* asynchronous transfer mode

attach /ə'tætʃ/ *verb* to fasten on ○ *She asked them to attach the documents for her information.* □ **to be attached to** to be working with a company or person for a short time

attachment /ə'tætʃmənt/ *noun* a computer file that is transferred together with an electronic mail message

attend /ə'tend/ *verb* to go to ○ *to attend a meeting* □ **to attend to** to deal with something

attendance /ə'tendəns/ *noun* the number of people at a meeting

attendant /ə'tendənt/ *noun* somebody employed to serve or help members of the public in a public institution or place

attention span /ə'tenʃən spæn/ *noun* the length of time that a person is able to give undivided attention to something

attribute /ə'trɪbjʊ:t/ *verb* to say that somebody did something ○ *to attribute a piece of writing to a particular person*

attributed author /ə'trɪbjʊ:tɪd 'ɔ:θə/ *noun* the name of a possible author when there is doubt about authenticity

au *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Australia

audience /'ɔ:diəns/ *noun* a group of people gathered together to watch or listen to something

audio /'ɔ:diəʊ/ *adjective* relating to material which can be heard

audio book /'ɔ:diəʊ bʊk/ *noun* a book in spoken form recorded on a cassette or CD

audio conference /'ɔ:diəʊ ,kɒnf(ə)rəns/ *noun* a meeting that is held with the use of several linked telephones to connect the people who want to talk together

audio media /'ɔ:diəʊ ,mi:diə/ *noun* communication tools which use sound only, such as radio

audio tape /'ɔ:diəʊ teɪp/ *noun* a tape which is used to record and play back sounds for listening to

audiovisual /,ɔ:diəʊ 'vɪʒuəl/ *adjective* **1.** relating to sound and vision, especially when combined, e.g. in a presentation using both film and sound recordings ○ *audiovisual media* **2.** relating to hearing and seeing ○ *an audiovisual experience* Abbr **AV**

audiovisual aid /,ɔ:diəʊvɪʒuəl 'eɪd/ *noun* a teaching or lecture aid that combines sound and vision, e.g. in the form of video equipment, software programs or slides accompanied by sound recordings

audiovisual materials /,ɔ:diəʊvɪʒuəl mə'tɪəriəlz/ *plural noun* materials that can be listened to and looked at, such as CDs or slides with recorded speech

audit /'ɔ:ɪt/ *verb* to examine something officially to make sure it is correct

Audit Commission /,ɔ:ɪt kə 'mɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a government body which ensures that financial affairs are conducted according to approved standards, and examines the accounts of

government departments and local government organisations

audit trail /'ɔ:ɪt treɪl/ *noun* **1.** a record of all interactions with a system, kept to assess the level of use **2.** a record showing what operations a computer or computer user has performed in a specific period of time

aural /'ɔ:rəl/ *adjective* relating to hearing

aural materials /,ɔ:rəl mə'tɪəriəlz/ *plural noun* materials that can be listened to, such as CDs

aural test /'ɔ:rəl test/ *noun* a test of an individual's ability to listen and understand

Australian Society of Indexers /ɒ'streɪliən sə'saɪətɪ əv 'ɪndeksəz/ *noun* a professional support group for professional indexers in Australasia.

Abbr **ASI**

authentic /ɔ:'θentɪk/ *adjective* known to be real and not a copy

authentication /ɔ:θentɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a security measure using data encryption that identifies the user and verifies that the message was not tampered with

authenticity /,ɔ:θen'tɪsɪti/ *noun* the quality of being authentic

author /'ɔ:θə/ *noun* somebody who writes books or articles ■ *verb* **1.** to be the author of something ○ *The book is authored by a college professor.* **2.** to create a multimedia presentation or application by combining text, video, sound and images using a programming language or special multimedia authoring system

author catalogue /'ɔ:θə ,kætələg/, **author index** /'ɔ:θə ,ɪndeks/ *noun* a catalogue which is organised according to an alphabetical list of writers' surnames

author entry /'ɔ:θə ,entri/ *noun* a catalogue entry under the name of the person or organisation responsible for writing or compiling a work

authoring /'ɔ:θəɪnɪŋ/ *noun* the act of creating a multimedia application by combining sound, video and images, usually using a script or authoring software

authoring software /ˌɔːθəɪŋ ˈsɒftweə/ *noun* software that allows users to add their own text and to link text, pictures and sound within a given framework

authorise /ˈɔːθəraɪz/, **authorize** *verb* to give official permission for something to be done

Authorised Version /ˈɔːθəraɪzd ˌvɜːʒ(ə)n/ *noun* an English translation of the Bible made in England in 1611 AD. Also called **King James Bible**

authoritative /ɔːˈθɒrɪtətɪv/ *adjective* reliable or official

authority /ɔːˈθɒrɪti/ *noun* an expert in the field

authority control /ɔːˈθɒrɪti kən ˌtrəʊl/ *noun* a list of headings used in a retrieval system

‘In addition, the ability to reassign records from one authority control heading to another [in the Open Q electronic library system] will aid in correcting the inconsistent author headings.’ [*Computers in Libraries*]

authority file /ɔːˈθɒrɪti faɪl/ *noun* a list of authoritative forms to be used in bibliographic records

author’s alterations /ˌɔːθəz ˌɔːltə ˈreɪf(ə)nz/ *plural noun* same as **author’s corrections**. Abbr **AA**

author’s corrections *plural noun* a change to proofs which is made by an author, and which is charged to the author if too many are made. Also called **author’s alterations**. Abbr **AC**

autobiography /ˌɔːtəʊbaɪˈɒɡrəfi/ *noun* an account of a person’s life written by that person

auto-encode /ˈɔːtəʊ ɪŋkəʊd/ *verb* to select keywords automatically by computer

autograph /ˈɔːtəɡrɑːf/ *noun* the signature of somebody famous ■ *verb* to sign a copy of the book ○ *He gave an autographed copy of his novel to the library.*

auto-indexing /ˈɔːtəʊ ˌɪndeksɪŋ/ *noun* the process of automatic indexing using a computer program

automate /ˈɔːtəmeɪt/ *verb* to use machines to do work previously done by people

automatic /ˌɔːtəˈmætɪk/ *adjective* able to operate by itself without constant user input

automatic data processing /ˌɔːtəˈmætɪk ˈdeɪtə ˌprəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* data processing done by a computer

automatic indexing /ˌɔːtəˈmætɪk ˈɪndeksɪŋ/ *noun* using a computer to compile an index to a document by selecting specific words or items in the text

automation /ˌɔːtəˈmeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the use of machines to do work with very little supervision

autonomy /ɔːˈtɒnəmi/ *noun* the opportunity to make one’s own decisions without being told what to do by somebody else

auxiliary /ɔːɡˈzɪliəri/ *adjective* used to describe a person or a machine which helps a more important worker

auxiliary language /ɔːɡˈzɪliəri ˈlæŋɡwɪʒ/ *noun* a language that is used by speakers of other languages in order to communicate

auxiliary number /ɔːɡˈzɪliəri ˈnʌmbə/ *noun* an additional number placed after the class number to allow materials to be further grouped into subgroups

AV *abbreviation* MEDIA audiovisual

availability /əˈveɪləˈbɪlɪti/ *noun* being able to be obtained, used or seen ○ *The new books were given limited availability of one week per person, so that more people could read them.*

available /əˈveɪləb(ə)l/ *adjective* ready to be used ○ *available time or information*

a/w *abbreviation* artwork

award /əˈwɔːd/ *noun* **1.** a prize given for doing something well **2.** a sum of money given for a specific purpose ○ *an award to help you to study* ■ *verb* to give a prize or financial grant

awarding body /əˈwɔːdɪŋ ˈbɒdi/ *noun* an organisation which gives a prize or scholarship

awareness /əˈweənəs/ *noun* knowing about things

axis /ˈæksɪs/ *noun* a fixed line against which other positions can be measured,

e.g. the vertical and horizontal axes on a graph (NOTE: The plural is **axes**.)

az *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Azerbaijan

B

bachelor's degree /'bætʃələz dɪ ,grɪ:/ *noun* a degree awarded on the successful completion of an undergraduate course at a college or university and, at some universities, on completion of a usually short postgraduate course

back /bæk/ *noun* the part of a book where the pages are glued or stitched to the binding ■ *adjective* published or issued at an earlier date

back board /'bæk bɔ:d/ *noun* the board which forms the back of a book

backbone /'bækbəʊn/ *noun* US the spine of a book

back catalogue /,bæk 'kæt(ə)lɒɡ/ *noun* the complete collection of recordings, films or books made by an artist or a company to date

back copy /'bæk ,kɒpi/ *noun* a copy of an old issue of a newspaper or magazine

back cover /,bæk 'kʌvə/ *noun* the cover at the back of a book or magazine, which can have publicity matter or details of the author

backdate /bæk'deɪt/ *verb* to make effective from an earlier date than the current one

backdated /bæk'deɪtɪd/ *adjective* with the date written earlier than the current day's date

back flap /,bæk 'flæp/, **back jacket flap** /,bæk 'dʒækɪt ,flæp/ *noun* a flap on a book jacket which is folded inside the back cover

background /'bækgraʊnd/ *noun* 1. the context of a situation, which helps to explain it 2. scenery behind the main people and objects in a picture or photograph

background colour /,bækgraʊnd 'kʌlə/ *noun* the colour of a computer screen display, with characters and graphics displayed in a different foreground colour

background printing /,bækgraʊnd 'prɪntɪŋ/ *noun* printing from a computer while it is processing another task

background processing /,bækgraʊnd 'prəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* execution of computer tasks that continues while the user is working with another application. Once started, background tasks such as printing or copying data take place without user input.

backing /'bækiŋ/ *noun* money or support given to a person or an organisation for a particular project

back issue /'bæk ,ɪʃu:/ *noun* US same as **back number**

back lining /,bæk 'laɪnɪŋ/ *noun* a piece of thin cloth or paper glued to the sewn spine of a book before the cover is attached

backlist /'bæklɪst/ *noun* the range of books already published by a publisher that are still in print

backlog /'bæklɒɡ/ *noun* work waiting to be done and causing delays

back matter /'bæk ,mætə/ *noun* the parts of a book that appear after the main text, e.g. the index or an appendix

back number /'bæk ,nʌmbə/ *noun* an edition of a magazine, newspaper or other document which is not the most recent edition

back order /'bæk ,ɔ:də/ *noun* an uncompleted order which is held back

for delivery when stock becomes available

backslash /'bækslæʃ/ *noun* a punctuation mark ◦ \These words are between backslashes.\

back title /'bæk ˌtaɪt(ə)/ *noun* the title on the spine or back of a book

back up /ˌbæk ˈʌp/ *verb* to make a copy of computer data to keep in case anything goes wrong with the original

backup /'bækʌp/ *adjective* assistance
◦ We offer an after sales backup service.
■ *noun* a duplicate copy of a file on a computer

backup procedure /'bækʌp prə ˌsi:dʒəl/ *noun* a method of making backup copies of files

backwards compatible /ˌbækwədʒ kəm'pætəb(ə)l/ *adjective* relating to a computer hardware or software product that is compatible with its predecessors to the extent that it can use interfaces and data from earlier versions

bail /beɪl/ *noun* a hinged bar on a typewriter or printer that holds the paper steady

.BAK, .bak *suffix* an extension to a filename, indicating a backup version of a file

balance /'bæləns/ *verb* a financial term meaning to keep expenditure equal to income ■ *noun* **1.** the positioning of text and graphics on a page in an attractive way **2.** ◻ **in the balance** not yet decided ◻ **on balance** phrase used to show that you are giving a considered opinion

bandwidth /'bændwɪdθ/ *noun* the capacity, often measured in bits per second, of a communication channel, e.g. a connection to the Internet

bang /bæŋ/ *noun* US in typesetting, the character !

bank /bæŋk/ *noun* somewhere to store things ready for use ■ *verb* ◻ **to bank on** to rely on something happening

bankrupt /'bæŋkrʌpt/ *adjective* not having enough money to pay one's debts

bank sort code /ˌbæŋk ˈsɔ:t ˌkəʊd/ *noun* a set of numbers printed on cheques which identifies a particular bank

banned /bænd/ *adjective* prohibited from use by authorities

banner /'bænə/ *noun* a heading or title across the width of a page

banner headline /ˌbænə ˈhedlaɪn/ *noun* an extra large newspaper headline

BAPLA /'bæplə/ *abbreviation* British Association of Picture Libraries and Agencies

bar /bɑː/ *noun* a thick band of colour ■ *verb* to prevent somebody from doing something or going somewhere

bar chart /'bɑː tʃɑ:t/ *noun* a graph in which the data is represented by horizontal or vertical bars

barcode /'bɑːkəʊd/ *noun* a line of printed stripes of different thickness representing a numeric code which can be read electronically

COMMENT: Barcodes are found on most goods and their packages. The width and position of the stripes is sensed by a light pen or optical wand and provides information about the goods, such as price, stock quantity, etc. The main type of bar code used in Europe is the European Article Number (EAN) or the Universal Product Code (UPC). Barcodes are used on the backs of books, giving their ISBN number, and so helping the computerised stock control in bookshops.

barcode reader /'bɑːkəʊd ˌriːdə/, **barcode scanner** /'bɑːkəʊd ˌskænə/ *noun* an electronic device used to read barcodes

base /beɪs/ *verb* ◻ **to base on** to develop an idea from the foundations of a previous idea

baseline /'beɪslaɪn/ *noun* the data used as a reference with which to compare future observations or results

BASIC /'beɪsɪk/ *noun* a computer programming language. Full form **Beginner's All-Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code**

Basic Curriculum /ˌbeɪsɪk kə ˈrɪkjələm/ *noun* in schools in England and Wales, the National Curriculum plus religious education

basic stock /ˌbeɪsɪk ˈstɒk/ *noun* standard titles which are considered necessary to form the core of an authoritative book stock. Also called **core stock**

basis /'beɪsɪs/ *noun* the foundation or reason for something

bastard size /'bɑːstəd saɪz/ *noun* an odd non-standard size of paper

.BAT, .bat *suffix* an extension to a filename, showing that the file is a batch file

batch /bætʃ/ *noun* a group of things which are made or dealt with all at one time

batch control /'bætʃ kənˌtrəʊl/ *noun* a system for organising groups of products

batch file /'bætʃ faɪl/ *noun* a combination of computer files which are treated as one unit

batch number /'bætʃ ˌnʌmbə/ *noun* a number used to identify a particular group

batch processing /'bætʃ ˌprəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* a mode of computer operation in which programs are executed without the user being able to influence processing while it is in progress

'First things first, however. Repcol needs to upgrade its in-house collections system, and build a live link between collections and financials. Repcol runs the collections system on an Informix database, but uses a separate Oracle financials system running on Linux, batch processing transactions.' [*The Australian*]

batch system /'bætʃ ˌsɪstəm/ *noun* a way of dealing with tasks in groups

batter /'bætə/ *noun* a defective impression produced by a faulty printing plate

battery /'bæt(ə)rɪ/ *noun* a large number of things or people

bay /beɪ/ *noun* a space or area used for a particular purpose ○ *a book bay in a library*

bb *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Barbados

BBC *abbreviation* British Broadcasting Corporation

BBIP *abbreviation* British Books in Print

bcc *abbreviation* blind carbon copy

.bck *suffix* an extension to a filename, showing that the file is a backup file

bd *abbreviation* **1.** in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Bangladesh **2.** PUBL bound

bds *abbreviation* PUBL bound in boards

be *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Belgium

Beginner's All-Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code *noun* full form of **BASIC**

BEI *abbreviation* British Education Index

benchmark /'bentʃmɑːk/ *noun* something of accepted quality which is used to provide a standard for comparison

beneficial /ˌbenɪ'fɪʃ(ə)l/ *adjective* providing advantage or benefit

Berne Convention /'bɜːn kən ˌvenʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the international agreement on copyright, signed in Berne in 1886. ○ **convention**

COMMENT: Under the Berne Convention, any book which is copyrighted in a country which has signed the convention is automatically copyrighted in the other countries. Some countries (notably the USA) did not sign the Convention, and the UCC (Universal Copyright Convention) was signed in Geneva in 1952, under the auspices of the United Nations, to try to bring together all countries under a uniform copyright agreement.

bestseller /best'selə/ *noun* **1.** a popular book of which a very large number of copies are sold **2.** an author who writes bestsellers

bestselling /best'selɪŋ/ *adjective* **1.** far more popular and successful than other products on sale at the same time **2.** making products that are commercially very successful ○ *a bestselling author*

bf *abbreviation* PRINTING boldface

B format paperback /ˌbiː ˌfɔːmət ˌpeɪpəbæk/ *noun* a paperback with the format 198 x 129mm

bg *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Bulgaria

bh *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Bahrain

BHI *abbreviation* British Humanities Index

bi *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Burundi

biannually /baɪˈænjʊəli/ *adverb* issued every two years

bias /ˈbaɪəs/ *noun* an unfair judgement influenced by opinions rather than facts

biased /ˈbaɪəst/ *adjective* holding views based on opinions rather than facts

bias phrase /ˈbaɪəs freɪz/ *noun* in classification, the name of a specific group for whom a work is intended

biblio /ˈbɪbliəʊ/ *noun* bibliographic details printed on the back of the title page

bibliographic /ˌbɪbliəˈgræfɪk/ *adjective* relating to bibliographies

bibliographical information /ˌbɪbliəgræfɪk(ə)l ˌɪnfəˈmeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* information about a book such as the name of the author, number of pages and ISBN, which is used for library cataloguing

bibliographic control /ˌbɪbliəgræfɪk kənˈtrəʊl/ *noun* the creation and management of bibliographic records and the system which enables users to access them

‘This practical volume addresses the ways a library can manage electronic collections. The goal is to provide an overview of management concerns and issues regarding bibliographic control in an online environment and to suggest tools that are available.’
[*Booklist*]

bibliographic database /ˌbɪbliəgræfɪk ˈdeɪtəbeɪs/ *noun* a database containing bibliographic information, designed to locate specific items

bibliographic details /ˌbɪbliəgræfɪk ˈdiːteɪlz/ *plural noun* information about a publication, often printed on the back of the title page, which enables it to be identified, e.g. date of publication and ISBN

bibliographic entry /ˌbɪbliəgræfɪk ˈentri/ *noun* details of written material, set out in a list for reference

bibliography /ˌbɪbliˈɒgrəfi/ *noun* **1.** a list of books and other written materials on one particular subject **2.** a list of

books or articles referred to in another book or article

bibliomania /ˌbɪbliəʊˈmɛniə/ *noun* an obsession with collecting books

bibliophile /ˌbɪbliəˈfaɪl/ *noun* a person who loves books, especially somebody who collects old, rare or beautiful books ○ *The book has been published as a limited edition for bibliophiles.*

bifurcate classification /baɪ ˌfɜːkeɪt ˌklæsɪfɪˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a system of classification based on branching positive and negative pairs

bilingual /baɪˈlɪŋɡwəl/ *adjective* in two languages ○ *a bilingual dictionary* ○ **monolingual, multilingual**

bilingual text /baɪˌlɪŋɡwəl ˈtekst/ *noun* text which is given in two languages, usually with the texts on facing pages

billion /ˈbɪljən/ *noun* **1.** in the UK, a million million **2.** in the US, a thousand million

bimonthly /baɪˈmʌnθli/ *adjective* issued or published every two months

binary /ˈbaɪnəri/ *adjective* relating to a numerical system using only the digits 0 and 1, used especially in computing

binary file /ˈbaɪnəri faɪl/ *noun* a computer file that contains data in a raw or nontext state made up of characters that only a computer can read. Executable programs are stored and transmitted in binary files, as are most numerical data files.

binary search /ˈbaɪnəri sɜːtʃ/ *noun* a system of searching by repeatedly rejecting one of a pair until the required item is found

binary system /ˈbaɪnəri ˌsɪstəm/ *noun* a number system based on two digits only, usually 1 and 0

bind /baɪnd/ *verb* to join the pages of a book together and enclose them in a cover (NOTE: **binding – bound**)

binder /ˈbaɪndə/ *noun* a person or company that specialises in binding books

bindery /ˈbaɪndəri/ *noun* a factory where books are bound

binding /ˈbaɪndɪŋ/ *noun* **1.** the cover of a book **2.** the act of putting a cover on

a book ■ *adjective* demanding an obligation ○ *The contract was binding in law.*

binding record /'baɪndɪŋ ,rekɔ:d/ *noun* a record of all books sent to the binder

bio /'baɪəʊ/ *noun* a biographical work

biodata /'baɪəʊdeɪtə/ *noun* information relating to a particular person and his or her financial, professional or educational history, stored in a database and used, e.g. in banking, job recruiting and marketing

biographee /,baɪəʊgrə'fi:/ *noun* somebody whose life is described in a biography

biographical details /,baɪəʊgrə'fɪk(ə)l 'di:teɪlz/ *plural noun* information about the main events in somebody's life

biography /baɪ'ɒgrə'fi/ *noun* an account of somebody's life and work written by another person

bioinformatics /,baɪəʊ,ɪnfə'mæ'tɪks/ *noun* the use of computers to extract and analyse biological data, especially in studying DNA

BIS *abbreviation* Business Information Service

bit /bɪt/ *noun* a binary digit, 0 or 1

bit map /'bɪtmæp/, **bitmp** *noun* a file format for storing images in which data in the file represents the value of each pixel

bitmapped font /,bɪtmæpt 'fɒnt/ *noun* a screen or printer font with characters formed as a pattern of pixels or dots

bitmapped graphics /,bɪtmæpt 'græfɪks/ *plural noun* images whose individual pixels can be controlled by changing the value of the stored bits

BITNET /'bɪtnet/ *noun* a network used to connect mostly academic sites and computers and allows transfer of electronic mail and listserv application

biweekly /baɪ'wi:kli/ *noun* a publication that appears every two weeks

biz *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the generic top-level domain for businesses

BL *abbreviation* British Library

black box /,blæk 'bɒks/ *noun* a device used for converting protocols from one computer system to another, such as for converting data from a micro to a phototypesetter

black list /'blæk lɪst/ *noun* a list of companies, countries or people who are banned from trading or using goods or services ■ *verb* to make a list of untrustworthy people or organisations

black market /,blæk 'mɑ:kɪt/ *noun* illegal trading

blackout /'blækaut/ *noun* the withholding of news or information about a subject, especially by official sources

BLAISE /bleɪz/ *abbreviation* British Library Automated Information Service

BLAISE Records /'bleɪz ,rekɔ:dz/ *plural noun* online machine-readable records from the MARC database for use on automated catalogues

blank /blæŋk/ *noun* an empty space in a form ■ *adjective* empty or with nothing on it ○ *a blank tape* ○ *a blank piece of paper*

blank cheque /,blæŋk 'tʃek/ *noun* **1.** a bank cheque with the amount of money to be filled in by the recipient **2.** the authority to do whatever you consider to be right

blanket agreement /,blæŋkɪt ə 'grɪ:mənt/ *noun* agreement which covers many items

blanket order /'blæŋkɪt ,ɔ:də/ *noun* an order with several different items

blast freeze /'blɑ:st fri:z/ *verb* to reduce the temperature to below freezing using very cold air, sometimes used as a method for conserving wet paper

BLDSC *abbreviation* British Library Document Supply Centre

bleed /bli:d/ *noun* **1.** page design where the illustrations run off the edge of the trimmed page ○ *The double-page spreads are all bleeds.* **2.** overtrimmed margins when binding, cutting off the edge of the type ■ *verb* to print something, or be printed, so that part of it is cut off by the edge of the page

blind /blaɪnd/ *adjective* done without preparation or the relevant information

blind carbon copy /,blaɪnd ˌkɑːbən 'kɒpi/ *noun* a feature of many electronic mail programs that allows a user to send one message to several users at a time (a carbon copy) but does not display this list to the recipients. Abbr **bcc**

blind reference /,blaɪnd 'ref(ə)rəns/ *noun* a reference in a catalogue or index to a heading which has no entry

block capital /,blɒk 'kæprɪ(ə)/ *noun* an upper case letter, e.g. A, B, C, as opposed to lower case a, b, c

block letter /,blɒk 'letə/ *noun* a compressed sans serif typeface or individual letter

block letter style /,blɒk 'letə ,stɑɪl/ *noun* a style of writing using only capital letters

block markers /'blɒk ˌmɑːkəz/ *plural noun* two markers inserted at the start and finish of a section of data to indicate a special block which can then be moved or deleted or copied as a single unit

blog /blɒg/ *noun* ONLINE same as **weblog** ■ *verb* to create or run a weblog

Employees are no different to customers. They are besieged by information from an increasing number of sources. It places a greater imperative on management to engage with staff first. In a world of blogs and RSS feeds, communications heads increasingly need to make instant decisions based on the speed at which news travels.' [PR Week]

blogger /'blɒgə/ *noun* a person who creates or runs a weblog

blogosphere /'blɒgə,sfɪə/ *noun* the World Wide Web environment in which bloggers communicate with each other

blogware /'blɒgweə/ *noun* computer software tools for creating a weblog

blow up /,bləʊ 'ʌp/ *verb* to enlarge a photograph

blowup /'bləʊ,ʌp/ *noun* a photograph or illustration greatly enlarged for exhibition purposes

BLR&DD *abbreviation* British Library Research & Development Department

blue-pencil /,bluː 'pensɪl/ *verb* to edit a piece of writing by marking it, in order to shorten, censor or delete it

blueprint /'bluːprɪnt/ *noun* **1.** a photographic copy of construction plans usually printed in white on blue paper **2.** a detailed plan of something

blurb /blɜːb/ *noun* a short piece of writing that praises and promotes something, especially a paragraph on the cover of a book

blurred /blɜːd/ *adjective* unclear because there is no distinct outline

BMJ *abbreviation* British Medical Journal

.bmp *suffix* a file extension for a bit map file

bn *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Brunei

BNB *abbreviation* British National Bibliography

bo *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Bolivia

board /bɔːd/ *noun* **1.** thick sturdy material used to form the foundation of book covers, made from pressed fibres and usually covered with cloth or other material **2.** one piece of this material, cut to size **3.** the controlling group of people in a company or organisation also known as the board of directors □ **across the board** decision or action which affects everyone in a particular group

board meeting /'bɔːd miːtɪŋ/ *noun* a meeting of the directors to discuss company business

board room /'bɔːd ru:m/ *noun* a room where board meetings are held

Bodleian /'bɒdliən/ *noun* the main library of Oxford University, one of England's copyright deposit libraries

body /'bɒdi/ *noun* **1.** an official group of people **2.** the main part of the text in a document

boil down /,bɔɪl 'daʊn/ *verb* to condense or summarise something such as information or text

boilerplate /'bɔɪləpleɪt/ *noun* US fixed or formulaic language such as that used in legal forms and documents, e.g. powers of attorney and authors' contracts

bold /bəʊld/ *adjective* having darker, thicker lines than standard type, fonts or lettering ■ *noun* type, fonts or lettering with darker, thicker lines than is standard, used for emphasis ■ *verb* to set, print, or display text in bold type

boldface /'bəʊldfeɪs/ *adjective, noun, verb* PRINTING same as **bold**. Abbr **bf**

bold type /'bəʊld taɪp/, **bold face** /'bəʊld feɪs/ *noun* same as **bold**

book /bʊk/ *noun* a collection of pages containing text and sometimes pictures, bound together inside a cover

Book Aid International /,bʊk eɪd ,ɪntə'næʃ(ə)nəl/ *noun* a service which collects unwanted books from individuals and institutions and sends them abroad to help fight illiteracy, and also encourages local publishing

book bay /'bʊk beɪ/ *noun* an area in a library surrounded by bookshelves

bookbinder /'bʊk,bɑɪndə/ *noun* somebody who binds books, especially as a profession

bookbinding /'bʊk,bɑɪndɪŋ/ *noun* the art of binding books

book bus /'bʊk bʌs/ *noun* a bus converted to act as a mobile library usually in residential areas

bookcase /'bʊkkeɪs/ *noun* a piece of furniture with shelves for books

book cloth /'bʊk klɒθ/ *noun* a covering material for cased books, especially library editions

book club /'bʊk klʌb/ *noun* a system of buying and selling books by post, usually on specialist subjects

book club edition /'bʊk klʌb ɪ ,dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an edition of a book specially printed and bound for a book club for sale to its members

book cover /'bʊk ,kʌvə/ *noun* a paper cover which is put on a book to protect it or to make it attractive. Also called **book jacket**, **book wrapper**

book design /'bʊk dɪ,zain/ *noun* the design of a book, both the typography and the page layout

book designer /'bʊk dɪ,zainə/ *noun* a person who designs books

book distribution /'bʊk ,dɪstrɪbjʊ:ʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a system of

delivering books to institutions or people

book donation /'bʊk dəʊ,neɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a book given to an organisation as a gift

bookend /'bʊkɛnd/ *noun* one of a pair of supports used to keep a row of books upright

BookExpo America /,bʊkekspəʊ ə 'merɪkə/ *noun* a book fair held in Chicago in May/June, formerly called the 'ABA'

book export /'bʊk ,eksɔ:t/ *noun* a book produced in one country and sold in another

book fair /'bʊk feə/ *noun* a trade exhibition with the object of publicising, selling and exchanging books

COMMENT: The major international fairs are held all year round. The most important are the London Book Fair (April); the Bologna Book Fair (April/May); the Paris Salon du Livre (May); the BookExpo America (May/June); the Moscow Book Fair (September); the Frankfurt Book Fair (October). There are many other book fairs in various countries; and many specialised fairs as well. Book fairs have existed as meetings for trade since books were invented: the Frankfurt Book Fair existed even in the later Middle Ages. Originally they were places where merchants could buy and sell manuscripts; they have always had an international element, and even the earliest book fairs were patronised by dealers from various countries in Europe. Book fairs can now be divided into two main categories: (a) rights fairs (like the Frankfurt Book Fair, or the London Book Fair), where publishers sell rights in books to publishers from other countries, and also meet agents and representatives; and (b) selling fairs (such as the Geneva Book Fair) where books can be sold to the visitors from the stands

booking /'bʊkɪŋ/ *noun* an arrangement to reserve something ○ *The bookings were low for the theatre performance.*

book jacket /'bʊk ,dʒækɪt/ *noun* same as **book cover**

bookkeeping /'bʊkki:pɪŋ/ *noun* the activity of keeping records of the income and expenditure of an organisation or company

book learning /'bʊk ˌɪzːnɪŋ/ *noun* knowledge obtained from books instead of from experience

booklet /'bʊklət/ *noun* a small book with a paper cover, often used for information

book list /'bʊk lɪst/ *noun* a list of books on a specific subject or by a particular author

booklore /'bʊklɔː/ *noun* information about books, especially their authors and the circumstances of their publication

booklouse /'bʊklaʊs/ *noun* a small wingless insect that destroys books by feeding on the paste used in the binding (NOTE: The plural is **booklice**.)

bookmaker /'bʊkmeɪkə/ *noun* a book designer, printer or binder

bookmark /'bʊkmɑːk/ *noun* **1.** a narrow strip of material or paper used to mark the place in a book where the reader has stopped reading temporarily **2.** a code used by a multimedia title or web browser that allows the user to go back to the same point again in the future

book market /'bʊk ˌmɑːkɪt/ *noun* the number of potential buyers for books

bookmobile /'bʊkməʊbiːl/ *noun* *US* a large motor vehicle equipped as a small lending library, used for taking books to people, especially in rural areas

book paper /'bʊk ˌpeɪpə/ *noun* special paper used for printing books

book plate /'bʊk plət/ *noun* a decorated piece of paper stuck in the front of the book with the name of the owner written or printed on it

book review /'bʊk rɪˌvjuː/ *noun* critical comments on a book, especially when it is first published

bookseller /'bʊksɛlə/ *noun* a person or company that sells books

bookshelf /'bʊkʃɛlf/ *noun* a horizontal piece of wood or metal used to store books (NOTE: The plural is **bookshelves**.)

bookshop /'bʊkʃɒp/ *noun* a shop which specialises in selling books

Books in Print /ˌbʊkz ɪn ˈprɪnt/ *noun* **British Books in Print**

bookstall /'bʊkstɔːl/, **bookstand** /'bʊkstænd/ *noun* a table in a market or fair where books are sold

bookstore /'bʊkstɔː/ *noun* **1.** a space in a library devoted to storage of books and documents not frequently used **2.** *US* same as **bookshop**

book token /'bʊk ˌtəʊkən/ *noun* a card bought to give as a gift which can only be used to buy books

book trade /'bʊk treɪd/ *noun* the business of buying and selling books

Book Trust /'bʊk trʌst/ *noun* an independent body, formerly known as the National Book League, which promotes books and reading and also offers an information service

bookwork /'bʊkwɜːk/ *noun* the keeping of financial records

bookworm /'bʊkwɜːm/ *noun* a person who is very fond of reading

'Cardiff is a city of bookworms, compared to its European counterparts. Each resident takes out an average of seven books a year [from the library] – above the European average – but not a patch on Ljubljana in Slovenia, where the figure is 21 books a year.' [*South Wales Echo*]

book wrapper /'bʊk ˌræpə/ *noun* same as **book cover**

Boolean /'buːliən/ *adjective* using a system of symbolic logic that uses combinations of logical operators such as 'AND', 'OR' and 'NOT' to determine relationships between entities. Boolean operations are extensively used in writing computer programs and in computer searches using keywords.

Boolean logic /ˌbuːliən ˈlɒdʒɪk/ *noun* rules set down to simplify logical functions in searching

Boolean operator /ˌbuːliən ˈɒpəreɪtə/ *noun* a connecting word or symbol that allows a computer user to include or exclude items in a text search, e.g. 'and', 'or' and 'not'

boost /buːst/ *verb* to increase something ○ to boost the market for books

bootleg /'bu:tleg/ *adjective* something which is imported or sold illegally

boot up /,bu:t 'ʌp/ *verb* to load the operating system or programs automatically into a computer

border /'bɔ:də/ *noun* a strip, line or band around the edge of something

borderline /'bɔ:dələɪn/ *adjective* only just acceptable ○ *He was a borderline case in the examination, but they allowed him to pass.*

borrow /'bɒrəʊ/ *verb* to take away temporarily with the intention of returning it

borrower card /'bɒrəʊə kɑ:d/,

borrower ticket /'bɒrəʊə ,tɪkɪt/ *noun* a card issued to a member of a library so that items borrowed can be recorded in his or her name

borrowings /'bɒrəʊɪŋz/ *plural noun* books borrowed from a library

borrowing system /'bɒrəʊɪŋ ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a system for organising items which are taken away temporarily and need to be returned

bot /bɒt/ *noun* a computer program performing routine or time-consuming tasks such as searching websites automatically or semi-independently

bottom line /,bɒtəm 'laɪn/ *noun* the most important consideration in a discussion

bottom price /'bɒtəm praɪs/ *noun* the lowest possible price

bounce /baʊns/ *noun* electronic mail that is returned to the sender because the address is incorrect or the user is not known at the mail server ■ *verb* (of an e-mail message) to fail to be delivered ○ *If you send e-mail to an incorrect address it bounces back to your mailbox.*

bound /baʊnd/ *adjective* used to describe a book or other written document that has a permanent, usually hard, cover

bound journal /,baʊnd 'dʒɜ:nəl/ *noun* a set of regular journal issues collected in date order and put inside a stiff cover

bounds /baʊndz/ *plural noun* the limits of what can be done

bowdlerise /'bɔ:dləraɪz/,

bowdlerize *verb* to change a text by omitting anything which may be thought to be offensive, so called after Thomas Bowdler who in 1818 'cleaned up' an edition of Shakespeare's plays

box /bɒks/ *verb* to pack into boxes for transport or sale

box number /'bɒks ,nʌmbə/ *noun* a number used as an address, often in reply to an advertisement in a newspaper or magazine

BPM *abbreviation* business process management

br *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Brazil

brace /breɪs/ *noun* either of a pair of symbols, { }, used singly in printing or writing to group items together in a table or list or as a pair in mathematical formulae. Also called **curly bracket**

bracket /'brækɪt/ *noun* **1.** a punctuation mark put on either side of a word or phrase to show that it contains additional information ○ (*These words are inside brackets.*) **2.** a piece of metal or wood fastened to a wall to support something

bracket together /,brækɪt tə'geðə/ *verb* **1.** to put two or more things together because they are thought to be similar **2.** to print brackets round several items to show that they are treated in the same way and separated from the rest of the text

Braille /breɪl/ *noun* a system of printing that enables blind people to read by feeling with their fingers letters which are printed as groups of raised dots

Braille /'breɪlə/ *noun* a machine similar to a typewriter that prints Braille

brainstorm /'breɪnstɔ:m/ *verb* to gather together the random thoughts on a given subject of all the people at a meeting or seminar

branch /brɑ:ntʃ/ *noun* a local subsection of a business or organisation

branching classification /'brɑ:ntʃɪŋ ,klæsɪfɪkeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a system of classification with two or more main divisions which can be further subdivided as often as necessary

branch library /'brɑ:ntʃ ˌlaɪbrəri/
noun a library which serves a specific area and is accountable to a main library

branch manager /ˌbrɑ:ntʃ 'mænɪdʒə/
noun a person who runs a local branch

brand name /'brænd neɪm/
noun a version of a product recognised by a name or design

breach /brɪ:tʃ/
verb to break an agreement or contract

breach of contract /ˌbrɪ:tʃ əv 'kɒntrækt/
noun failure to carry out the terms of an agreement

break down /ˌbreɪk 'daʊn/
verb to separate something into smaller parts so that it is easier to deal with

breakdown /'breɪkdaʊn/
noun a summary, explanation or analysis of data items collected

break even /ˌbreɪk 'i:v(ə)n/
verb to make enough money to cover one's expenses but making neither a profit nor a loss

break into /ˌbreɪk 'ɪntu/
verb to use a computer system without permission

bridge /brɪdʒ/
verb to overcome differences between people □ **to bridge an information gap** to provide relevant information

brief /brɪ:f/
noun a set of instructions needed to perform a task, often used for legal instructions

briefing /'brɪ:fɪŋ/
noun a meeting at which people are given instructions and information

British Association of Picture Libraries and Agencies *noun* a support group providing information guidelines and standards for special picture libraries. Abbr **BAPLA**

British Books in Print /ˌbrɪtɪʃ buks ɪn 'prɪnt/
noun a publication containing bibliographical details of all published books in the UK. Abbr **BBIP**

British Broadcasting Corporation /ˌbrɪtɪʃ ˌbrɔ:dkɑ:stɪŋ ˌkɔ:pəreɪʃ(ə)n/
noun the controlling body for most radio and some television in Britain. Abbr **BBC**

British Council /ˌbrɪtɪʃ 'kaʊns(ə)/
noun a government-funded body to promote the United Kingdom abroad by

means of information offices, cultural relations, educational aid schemes and agencies for low-priced book schemes

British Education Index /ˌbrɪtɪʃ ˌedʒuːkeɪʃ(ə)n ˌɪndeks/
noun an index to articles about education from over 250 periodicals with online access through DIALOG. Abbr **BEI**

British Humanities Index /ˌbrɪtɪʃ hjuː'mænɪtɪz ˌɪndeks/
noun a quarterly index to articles in periodicals about the humanities published by the Library Association. Abbr **BHI**

British Library /ˌbrɪtɪʃ ˌlaɪbrəri/
noun the national library of the UK which contains a copy of every publication in Britain through the copyright deposit system. Abbr **BL**

British Library Automated Information Service /ˌbrɪtɪʃ ˌlaɪbrəri ˌɔ:təmeɪtɪd ˌɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n sɜ:vɪs/
noun an online information retrieval system provided by the British Library, now divided into BLAISE-LINE standard bibliographic database and BLAISE-LINK online database host. Abbr **BLAISE**

British Library Document Supply Centre /ˌbrɪtɪʃ ˌlaɪbrəri ˌdɒkjʊmənt sə'plai ˌsentə/
noun a closed collection kept for use by inter-library loan. Abbr **BLDSC**

British Library Research & Development Department /ˌbrɪtɪʃ ˌlaɪbrəri rɪˌsɜ:tɪʃ ən dɪ 'veləpmənt dɪˌpɑ:tmənt/
noun part of the British Library devoted to research into all aspects of library and information work. Abbr **BLR&DD**

British National Bibliography /ˌbrɪtɪʃ ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl ˌbrɪbli'ɒgrəfi/
noun an organisation which issues a weekly list in printed form and on CD-ROM of all the books published in Great Britain and produces monthly and annual cumulative indexes. Abbr **BNB**

British Society of Indexers /ˌbrɪtɪʃ səˌsaɪəti əv ˌɪndeksəz/
noun a support association for professional indexers. Abbr **BSI**

British Standards Institution /ˌbrɪtɪʃ 'stændədz ˌɪnstɪtju:ʃ(ə)n/
noun the approved British body for the preparation and publication of national

standards for the production of goods and services. Abbr **BSI**

British Talking Book Service for the Blind *noun* an organisation which arranges for written materials to be recorded on to audio tape so that blind people can listen to them

broad /brɔ:d/ *adjective* comprehensive in content, knowledge, experience, ability or application

broadband /'brɔ:dbænd/ *noun* a connection to the Internet that allows it to remain connected while still using phone and fax facilities on the same line, since many signals can be transmitted simultaneously ■ *adjective* able to transfer large amounts of data at high speed

broadcast /'brɔ:dkɑ:st/ *noun* a programme made for transmission on radio or television ■ *verb* **1.** to send out words, music or signals by radio waves **2.** to make widely known

broadsheet /'brɔ:dʃi:t/ *noun* anything printed on large sheets of paper, but especially one of the more serious newspapers

broad term /'brɔ:d tɜ:m/ *noun* an indexing term heading a string of narrower terms

brochure /'brɔʃə/ *noun* a magazine or booklet with pictures giving information about a product or service

broken order /,brəʊkən 'ɔ:də/ *noun* a system which is not in the expected or normal order, used deliberately in unusual circumstances to facilitate use

broker /'brɔ:kə/ *noun* a person who does the business of buying and selling for somebody else

brokerage /'brɔ:kərɪdʒ/ *noun* the business of buying and selling goods and services for other people

Brown issuing system /'braʊn ,ɪʃuɪŋ ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a system of recording loans from a library which uses individual book cards, which are kept in members' small cardboard tickets until the book is returned

browse /braʊz/ *verb* **1.** to look through a book, magazine, database or shop in a casual way without definite

intentions **2.** to view data in a database or online system

browser /'braʊzə/ *noun* a software program that is used to navigate through WWW pages stored on the Internet. ◊ **web browser**

browsing /'braʊzɪŋ/ *noun* the act of a user moving through text or a multimedia application in no particular order

BRS *noun* an online database host

brush up /,brʌʃ 'ʌp/ *verb* to refresh or renew knowledge of or skill in something

bs *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Bahamas

BSI *abbreviation* **1.** British Society of Indexers **2.** British Standards Institution

bt *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Bhutan

BTEC /'bi:tek/ *noun* a work-related technical qualification, usually at school-leaving level

BUBL /'bʌb(ə)l/ *noun* an electronic discussion list subscribed to by librarians worldwide. Full form **Bulletin Boards for Libraries**

'BUBL is an excellent resource in that it combines classification of resources in a familiar way with hyperlink availability...In our search example, Scientology information is found under "Other Religions" and we have a good online reference to likely impartial information.' [Law Now]

Buchmesse /'bʊxməsə/ *noun* a German book fair, such as the Frankfurt Book Fair

buckram /'bʌkrəm/ *noun* a coarse cotton or linen fabric that has been stiffened with starch, gum or latex, used in bookbinding

budget /'bʌdʒɪt/ *noun* a financial plan showing how much money is available and how it is proposed to spend it ■ *verb* to allow pre-determined amounts of money for specific purposes

buffer /'bʌfə/ *noun* a temporary storage area for data being transmitted between two devices that function at different speeds. A buffer enables a faster device such as a computer to complete sending the data and begin

another task without waiting for a slower device such as a printer.

bug /bʌg/ *noun* **1.** a problem or mistake in a computer program **2.** a tracking or surveillance device

built-in /ˌbɪlt ˈɪn/ *adjective* included as part of the original structure or plan

built-in obsolescence /ˈbɪlt ɪn ɒbsəˌles(ə)ns/ *noun* deliberate features of the design which will cause a piece of equipment to become out of date and need to be replaced

bulk /bʌlk/ *noun* a large quantity □ **the bulk of something** most of it □ **to buy in bulk** to buy large quantities

bulk purchase /ˌbʌlk ˈpɜːtʃɪs/ *noun* the act of buying a large quantity of something to obtain a cheaper price

bulk storage /ˌbʌlk ˈstɔːrɪdʒ/ *noun* the act of storing large amounts of information on a database

bullet /ˈbʊlɪt/ *noun* a large printed dot used to highlight items in a printed list

bulletin /ˈbʊlɪtɪn/ *noun* a short report on the latest situation

bulletin board /ˈbʊlɪtɪn bɔːd/ *noun* an electronic discussion network and information database

bullet point /ˈbʊlɪt pɔɪnt/ *noun* PRINTING same as **bullet**

bumf /bʌmf/ *noun* unwanted or uninteresting printed material, especially official forms and documents

bundled service /ˌbʌnd(ə)ld ˈsɜːvɪs/ *noun* a collection of several different services sold as a package

bureau /ˈbjʊərəʊ/ *noun* an office organisation or government department that collects and distributes information

burn /bɜːn/ *verb* to copy data on to a CD-ROM or DVD-ROM. It can then be used to transport the content or to create multiple copies.

burnishing /ˈbɜːnɪʃɪŋ/ *noun* the process of polishing the gold or silver leaf on edges of books to give it a brighter appearance

burst /bɜːst/ *noun* an amount of data sent or received in one operation

bus /bʌs/ *noun* **1.** a communication link consisting of a set of leads or wires which connects different parts of a computer hardware system, and over

which data is transmitted and received by various circuits in the system **2.** a central source of information which supplies several devices

business /ˈbɪznɪs/ *noun* an organisation that produces and sells goods or provides a service

business card /ˈbɪznɪs kɑːd/ *noun* a small card giving the name and business details of a person

business computer /ˈbɪznɪs kəmˌpjʊ:tə/ *noun* a powerful small computer which is programmed for special business uses

Business Information Service /ˌbɪznɪs ˌɪnfəˈmeɪʃ(ə)n sɜːvɪs/ *noun* a service to promote awareness of the British Libraries' holdings on business information, based at the Science Reference and Information Service. Abbr **BIS**

business letter /ˈbɪznɪs ˌletə/ *noun* a letter which is sent from one company to another about business matters

businesslike /ˈbɪznɪslɪk/ *adjective* working in an efficient and timesaving way

business plan /ˈbɪznɪs plæn/ *noun* a proposal for a new business, presented to a bank or other institution when asking for a loan

business process management /ˈbɪznɪs ˌprəʊses ˌmænɪdʒmənt/ *noun* the theory of how to best organise processes in business for maximum efficiency. Abbr **BPM**

business relationship /ˈbɪznɪs rɪˌleɪʃ(ə)nʃɪp/ *noun* the way people in business work together

business school /ˈbɪznɪs sku:l/ *noun* a college where people are taught how to manage a business or other organisation

business system /ˈbɪznɪs ˌsɪstəm/ *noun* a way of organising business following a fixed set of rules

BUSLIB /ˈbɪzɪlɪb/ *noun* an electronic bulletin board for business libraries

button /ˈbʌt(ə)n/ *noun* a picture on a computer screen which can be used with a mouse to perform specific functions

buy into /ˌbaɪ ˈɪntʊ/ *verb* to buy part of a business or organisation in order to gain some control

buy out /,ɪbaɪ 'aʊt/ *verb* to buy somebody's share of a business that you previously owned together

buzzer /'bʌzə/ *noun* an electronic device making a loud hum, often used as an alarm

by *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Belarus

byline /'baɪlaɪn/ *noun* a line giving the name of the author of a newspaper or magazine article

by-product /'baɪ ,prɒdʌkt/ *noun* **1.** something that is an unexpected or unplanned outcome of a situation **2.** something that is produced during the manufacture of something else

byte /baɪt/ *noun* a measurement used to express data or memory capacity of a computer

bz *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Belize

C

© *symbol* a symbol denoting copyright, placed by law before the name of the owner of the copyright and the year of the first publication

COMMENT: The symbol adopted by the Universal Copyright Convention in Geneva in 1952. Publications bearing the symbol are automatically covered by the convention. The copyright line in a book should give the © followed by the name of the copyright holder and the date.

c *abbreviation* 1. PUBL chapter 2. HIST circa

ca *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Canada

ca. *abbreviation* circa

cabinet /'kæbɪnət/ *noun* a piece of furniture with doors and drawers used for storing things. ◊ **filing cabinet**

cable /'keɪb(ə)/ *noun* a flexible wire link for electrical equipment

cable television /,keɪb(ə)l ˌtelɪ 'vɪʒ(ə)n/, **cable TV** /,keɪb(ə)l ˌti:'vi:z/ *noun* a system whereby signals are relayed to viewers' homes by fibre optic cables often underground

cache /kæʃ/ *noun* an area of high-speed computer memory used for temporary storage of frequently used data ■ *verb* to store data in a cache

cache memory /'kæʃ ˌmem(ə)ri/ *noun* a section of high-speed memory which stores data that the computer can access quickly

CAD /kæd/ *abbreviation* computer-aided design

CAL *abbreviation* computer-aided learning

calculated /'kælkjuleɪtɪd/ *adjective* planned to have a particular effect

calculator /'kælkjuleɪtə/ *noun* an electronic device for working out the answers to numerical problems

calendar /'kælɪndə/ *noun* a printed table or chart which shows the days, weeks and months of the year

calendar month /'kælɪndə mʌnθ/ *noun* a period of time, usually 30 or 31 days, measured according to an established western calendar rather than natural changes of the moon

calendar year /,kælɪndə 'jɪə/ *noun* a period of time, usually 12 months, measured according to an established western calendar rather than natural changes of the moon

calfskin /'kɑ:fskɪn/, **calf** /kɑ:f/ *noun* a soft type of leather used in book-binding

calligraphy /kə'ɪlɪgrəfi/ *noun* the artistic use of handwriting

call mark /'kɔl mɑ:k/ *noun* LIBRARIES same as **shelf mark**

call number /'kɔ:l ˌnʌmbə/ *noun* a number used to identify and locate a book. ◊ **spine number**

call slip /'kɔl slɪp/ *noun* a form for requesting a library book that is not kept on the shelves used by the public

call up /,kɔ:l ˈʌp/ *verb* to instruct a computer to find and display a particular piece of information

camcorder /'kæmkɔ:də/ *noun* a small video recorder which can be held in the hand

camera-ready /'kæm(ə)rə ˌredi/ *adjective* relating to material in its final publishable format, ready to be photographed or electronically scanned for the purpose of preparing printing plates

camera-ready copy /,kæm(ə)rə ,redi 'kɒpi/, **camera-ready paste-up** /,kæm(ə)rə ,redi 'peɪst ʌp/ *noun* a typescript which is ready to be photographed as part of book production. Abbr **CRC**, **CRPU**

campus /'kæmpəs/ *noun* an area of land containing the main buildings of a college or university

cancel /'kæns(ə)/ *verb* to cause something such as a cheque or reservation to be no longer valid

cancelbot /'kæns(ə)lɒt/ *noun* a computer program that cancels unwanted articles sent to an Internet newsgroup by a particular user

cancellation /,kænsə'leɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an instruction to say that something is no longer needed

cancel out /,kæns(ə)l 'aʊt/ *verb* to combine two things having opposite effects so as to produce no effect

candidate /'kændɪdeɪt/ *noun* **1.** a person who is being considered for a job, or who is standing for election **2.** someone who is taking an examination **3.** a person or company that is considered suitable for a particular purpose ○ *Small libraries are likely candidates for closure.*

capability /,keɪpə'bɪlɪti/ *noun* ability to do something ○ *the capability to understand computers*

capable /'keɪpəb(ə)/ *adjective* able to do things well

capacity /kə'pæsɪti/ *noun* **1.** the amount that something can hold **2.** (*in industry*) the amount that can be produced or work that can be done

capacity planning /kə'pæsɪti ,plænɪŋ/ *noun* planning work so that the best use is made of the abilities and equipment available

capital /'kæpɪt(ə)/ *noun* money that is used to set up a business or invested to make more money

capital expenditure /,kæpɪt(ə)l ɪk 'spendɪtʃə/ *noun* money spent on equipment or buildings

capital letter /,kæpɪt(ə)l 'letə/ *noun* the upper case form of a letter used at the beginning of sentences and names,

e.g. A, B, C as opposed to a, b, c. Abbr **cap**

caption /'kæpʃən/ *noun* a note or heading to a picture or illustration

capture /'kæptʃə/ *verb* to obtain control over something ○ *to capture the market*

carbon copy /,kɑ:bən 'kɒpi/ *noun* full form of **cc**

card /kɑ:d/ *noun* a piece of thick, stiff paper

card catalogue /'kɑ:d ,kætəlɒg/ *noun* a list of contents written on index cards and arranged according to a system which aids retrieval

card file /'kɑ:d faɪl/ *noun* COMM, LIBRARIES same as **card index**

card index /'kɑ:d ,ɪndeks/ *noun* a series of cards, usually standard size 12.5 x 7.5 cm, used to record holdings and kept in specially designed drawers or boxes

card-index /'kɑ:d ,ɪndeks/ *verb* to put information onto a card index

card-index file /'kɑ:d ,ɪndeks faɪl/ *noun* information kept on filing cards

career ladder /kə'riə ,lædə/ *noun* the steps by which a person gains promotion in their chosen career

'The need for role models is paramount in a male-dominated industry and, with so few women on the upper rungs of the IT career ladder, a significant change is needed in the way companies recruit and promote their senior IT staff to make a real difference.' [*Evening Standard*]

career stage /kə'riə steɪdʒ/ *noun* the level of progress made in promotion

caret mark /'kærət mɑ:k/, **caret sign** /'kærət saɪn/ *noun* a proofreading symbol to indicate that something should be inserted into the text

Carnegie library /kɑ:,nɪ:gi 'laɪbrəri/ *noun* a public library system that was developed nationally from money donated by Andrew Carnegie (1835–1919), a Scottish-born American who gave money to public education and libraries

carrel /'kærel/, **carrell** *noun* an enclosed area for private study within a larger space like a classroom or a library

carriage return/line feed /,kæri:dʒ ri,tʃ:n 'laɪn ,fi:d/ *noun* a key that moves the cursor or print head to the beginning of the next line and moves the paper or text up by one line. Abbr **CR/LF**

carry /'kæri/ *verb* **1.** to transport something from one place to another **2.** to contain or broadcast ○ *The newspaper carried a full report on the event.*

carry on /,kæri 'ɒn/ *verb* to continue to do something

carry out /,kæri 'aʊt/ *verb* to perform a task

carry over /,kæri 'əʊvə/ *verb* (in accounts) to take a total from the bottom of one page to the top of the next

carry through /,kæri 'θru:/ *verb* to continue an action until it is finished

cartel /kɑ:'tel/ *noun* a group of similar companies which agree to control prices to prevent competition

cartographer /kɑ:'tɒgrəfə/ *noun* a person who draws maps

cartographic /,kɑ:'tɒgrəfɪk/ *adjective* relating to maps ○ *The library had a large cartographic collection.*

cartography /kɑ:'tɒgrəfi/ *noun* the art of drawing maps

cartoon /kɑ:'tu:n/ *noun* **1.** the first draft of a drawing done on paper which can be transferred to larger paintings **2.** a comic or satirical drawing **3.** an animated film made by photographing a series of drawings

cartridge /'kɑ:trɪdʒ/ *noun* a removable device made of a closed box containing a disk, tape, program or data

cartridge paper /'kɑ:trɪdʒ ,peɪpə/ *noun* strong, thick, usually white paper used for drawing

COMMENT: Cartridge paper is so called because it was originally used for making cartridges for bullets. It is made from chemical pulp, sized, and is very white.

case /keɪs/ *noun* a stiff cardboard cover glued onto a book formed of two pieces of cardboard and the spine ○ *The library edition has a case and jacket.* ■ *verb* to bind a book in a stiff cardboard cover

case binding /'keɪs ,baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* **1.** a stiff cardboard cover ○ *The trade*

edition has a case binding. **2.** the action of binding a book in a hard cardboard cover

casebound /'keɪsbəʊnd/, **cased** /keɪst/ *adjective* enclosed in a hard cover ○ *The book was available in both casebound and paperback versions.*

cased book /,keɪst 'bʊk/ *noun* a book which is bound in a hard cover

casein glue /'keɪsi:n glu:/ *noun* a glue used in bookbinding and in making coated papers, which is almost acid-free

cash book /'kæʃ bʊk/ *noun* a book in which a record is kept of income and expenditure

cash flow /'kæʃ fləʊ/ *noun* movement of money in and out of a business

cash in /,kæʃ 'ɪn/ *verb* to exchange something for what it is worth in cash

cash in on /,kæʃ 'ɪn ,ɒn/ *verb* to use a situation to gain advantage for oneself

cash on delivery /,kæʃ ɒn dɪ 'lɪv(ə)ri/ *noun* a phrase meaning that goods must be paid for as soon as they are received. Abbr **C.O.D.**

cash register /'kæʃ ,redʒɪstə/ *noun* a machine which is used to record sales and to add up the amount of money to be paid

cash value /'kæʃ ,vælju:/ *noun* the amount of money which anyone will pay for something

cassette /kə'set/ *noun* a small rectangular plastic container for magnetic tape which can be used for recording and playing back speech or music

casual work /'kæʒuəl wɜ:k/ *noun* jobs done by people employed for a short time

catalogue /'kæt(ə)lɒg/ *noun* **1.** a list of priced and illustrated items for sale, presented in book form or in other formats including CD-ROM or video **2.** a list of the holdings in a library, usually arranged according to subject, title or author ■ *verb* **1.** to classify and list items to form a catalogue **2.** to enter something in a catalogue

catalogue card /'kætəlɒg kɑ:d/ *noun* a small card used for writing catalogue entries and stored in boxes or drawers in a manual catalogue

cataloguer /'kætələʒə/ *noun* a person who catalogues books in a library

Cataloguing in Publication /,kætə'lnɪŋ ɪn ɪ'pʌblɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a system whereby new books are catalogued before publication by the British Library or by the Library of Congress based on details about each book supplied by the publisher. Abbr **CIP**

catch letter /'kætʃ ˌletə/ *noun* a group of letters, usually three, which appears at the top of the page in reference books such as dictionaries or directories, to indicate the first or last word on that page or column

catchword /'kætʃwɜːd/ *noun* **1.** a word printed at the top of a page in a dictionary or other reference book, usually the first or last entry for that page **2.** the first word of a page of printed text repeated at the bottom right-hand corner of the previous page, originally placed there to draw the binder's attention to it

catchword index /'kætʃwɜːd ˌɪndeks/ *noun* a system which uses a keyword from a title or text to index an item

categorise /'kætɪgəraɪz/, **categorize** *verb* to put into a category

category /'kætɪg(ə)rɪ/ *noun* a division or class in a system used to group items according to their type

cat for /'kæftə fɔː/ *verb* to provide what people need

cathode ray tube /,kæθəʊd ˈreɪ ˌtjuːb/ *noun* an output device used in a VDU or phototypesetter for displaying text or figures or graphics. Abbr **CRT**

COMMENT: A CRT consists of a vacuum tube, one end of which is flat and coated with phosphor; the other end contains an electron beam source. Characters becomes visible when the electron beam makes the phosphor coating glow.

CBT *abbreviation* **1.** computer-based training **2.** computer-based tutorial

cc¹ *noun* **1.** used at the ends of letters, memos and reports to indicate that an identical copy has been sent to the named people **2.** a feature of electronic mail software that allows you to send a copy of a message to another user. ◊

blind carbon copy ▶ full form **carbon copy**

cc² /,siː 'siː/ *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Cocos Islands

CCTV *abbreviation* closed circuit television

cd *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Democratic Republic of the Congo

CD *abbreviation* compact disc

CD burner /,siː 'diː ˌbɜːnə/ *noun* COMPUT same as **CD writer**

CD-I /,siː 'diː aɪ/ *noun* a compact disc with electronic information that can be changed by the user. Full form **compact disc interactive**

CD-ROM /,siː diː 'rɒm/ *noun* an electronic method of storing large quantities of information which can be read by laser. Full form **compact disc – read only memory**

CD-ROM drive /,siː diː ˈrɒm ˌdraɪv/ *noun* a disk drive that allows a computer to read data stored on a CD-ROM, in which the player spins the disc and uses a laser beam to read etched patterns on the surface of the CD-ROM that represent data bits

CD-ROM player /,siː diː ˈrɒm ˌpleɪə/ *noun* a disc drive that allows a computer to read data stored on a CD-ROM

CD-RW /,siː diː ɑː 'dʌb(ə)ljʊː/ *noun* a compact disc that can have its contents erased and something else recorded onto it many times. Full form **compact disc rewritable**

CD-WO /,siː ˌdʌb(ə)l juː 'əʊ/ *noun* CD-ROM disc and drive technology that allows a user to write data to the disc once only and is useful for storing archived documents or for testing a CD-ROM before it is duplicated. Full form **compact disc write once**

CD writer /,siː 'diː ˌraɪtə/ *noun* a piece of equipment used to record data permanently onto a compact disc

cease /siːs/ *verb* to finish or stop doing something

ceased publication /,siːst ɪ'pʌblɪ 'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *adjective* no longer published, often used to describe serials

cedilla /sə'dɪlə/ *noun* a small mark (,) used in some languages under a letter to change its pronunciation, e.g. under the letter c in French to soften it

CEEFAX /'si:fæks/ *noun* a videotext system used by the BBC for broadcasting textual information

cell /sel/ *noun* a space for information in a table such as a computer spreadsheet, formed where a row and a column intersect

censor /'sensə/ *noun* a person who decides what may be published, shown or distributed to the general public ■ *verb* to edit published material or films with regard to what is considered decent for selling, showing or distributing to the general public

censorship /'sensəʃɪp/ *noun* prohibition of the production, distribution or sale of items considered to be objectionable on political, religious or moral grounds

census /'sensəs/ *noun* an official survey to count and analyse the population of a country

centimetre /'sentɪmɪ:tə/ *noun* one hundredth part of a metre. Abbr **cm** (NOTE: The US spelling is **centimeter**.)

centralised /'sentrəlaɪzd/, **centralized** *adjective* placed in the middle, often as the most important or controlling feature

centralised copying /,sentrəlaɪzd 'kɒpiŋ/ *noun* a service for all users located in a central position

centralised purchasing /,sentrəlaɪzd 'pɜ:tʃaɪzɪŋ/ *noun* the method of buying everything needed for an organisation through a central purchasing office

centralised records storage /,sentrəlaɪzd 'rekɔ:dz ,stɔ:ri:dʒ/ *noun* a system used by organisations by which records are stored in a central unit but can be accessed by all members of the organisation

central processing unit /,sentrəl 'prəʊsesɪŋ ,ju:nɪt/ *noun* the circuits which form the main part of a computer. Abbr **CPU**

Central Statistical Office /,sentrəl stə'tɪstɪk(ə)l ,ɒfɪs/ *noun* a government

department which produces national statistical publications in the UK. Abbr **CSO**

ceremony /'serɪməni/ *noun* the established order of formal ritual used to mark special occasions

certificate /sə'tɪfɪkeɪt/ *noun* an official document given to confirm facts ○ *birth certificate* ○ *health certificate* ○ *degree certificate*

cf *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Central African Republic

C format paperback /,si: fɔ:mæt 'peɪrəbæk/ *noun* a paperback with the format 234 x 156mm

cg *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Congo

CGI *abbreviation* COMPUT common gateway interface

ch *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Switzerland

chained library /'tʃeɪnd ,laɪbrəri/ *noun* in former times, a library in which books were chained to desks or shelves to prevent them being stolen (NOTE:.)

chain indexing /'tʃeɪn ,ɪndeksɪŋ/ *noun* an alphabetical system of indexing using subject headings and hierarchical sub-headings

chain list /'tʃeɪn lɪst/ *noun* a list of data with each piece of information providing an address for the next consecutive item in the list

change agent /'tʃeɪndʒ ,eɪdʒənt/ *noun* a catalyst which causes something to change

channel /'tʃæn(ə)/ *noun* **1.** the spoken, written or electronic means by which something is passed on **2.** a major interest area on the Internet that is easily accessible. ○ **information channel** **3.** (*in graphics*) one layer of an image that can be worked on separately or which can be used to create special effects

chanop /'tʃænɒp/ *noun* a channel operator, the person who controls the messages within a channel on the Internet

chapbook /'tʃæpbʊk/ *noun* a small booklet of poems, ballads or stories, originally sold by travelling pedlars

chapel /'tʃæp(ə)/ *noun* **1.** a branch of a trade union in printing and journalism **2.** a meeting of a printers' or journalists' chapel

chapter /'tʃæptə/ *noun* one of the divisions of a book or document

character /'kærɪktə/ *noun* a single letter, number or symbol that can be displayed on a computer screen or printer and represents one byte of data

character byte /'kærɪktə baɪt/ *noun* a byte of data containing the character code and any error check bits

characteristic /,kærɪktə'rɪstɪk/ *noun* a typical feature of a person, place or thing

charge /tʃɑ:dʒ/ *verb* to ask people to pay for goods or services ◦ *He charges £10 an hour.*

charge out /,tʃɑ:dʒ 'aʊt/ *verb* to make a record of a loan

charging system /'tʃɑ:dʒɪŋ ,sɪstəm/ *noun* any method of recording loans from a library

chart /tʃɑ:t/ *noun* a visual representation of information

charter /'tʃɑ:tə/ *noun* an official document giving rights to a person, organisation or community

Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals *noun* the leading professional body for librarians and information managers in the UK. Abbr **CILIP**

chartered librarian /,tʃɑ:təd laɪ 'breəriən/ *noun* a librarian who has successfully undertaken training and completed specific tasks, including a professional development report, according to the criteria set by the Library Association

CHC *abbreviation* cyclohexylamine carbonate

CHC paper /,si: ertʃ 'si: ,peɪpə/ *noun* paper impregnated with CHC, used to de-acidify the pages of old books

check /tʃek/ *noun* an inspection of something to make sure it is correct ■ *verb* to look at something closely to make sure there are no mistakes

check digit /'tʃek ,dɪdʒɪt/ *noun* a number added to a numeric code to

enable a computer program to detect any errors in the code

check in /,tʃek 'ɪn/ *verb* to record the receipt of something

check into /,tʃek 'ɪntʊ/ *verb* to investigate something in order to get more information about it or to establish its truth or accuracy

checklist /'tʃeklɪst/ *noun* **1.** a list which acts as a reminder of things to be done or accounted for **2.** a list used to identify items from a minimum amount of information

check out /,tʃek 'aʊt/ *verb* to record the loan of something

chemically pure paper /,kemɪkli ,pɪʃə 'peɪpə/ *noun* paper which is acid-free, used to repair or protect old books or maps

cheque /tʃek/ *noun* a method of paying money from a bank account, by filling in a standard form and without using coins or notes (NOTE: The US spelling is **check**.)

chief /tʃi:f/ *adjective* denoting the most important person or part of something ◦ *chief librarian*

chief information officer /,tʃi:f ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,ɒfɪsə/ *noun* somebody who has responsibility for the organisation and control of information flow in a company or organisation. Abbr **CIO**

chief knowledge officer /,tʃi:f 'nɒlɪdʒ ,ɒfɪsə/ *noun* a senior official whose job it is to maximise a company's efficiency by providing appropriate information about things such as processes, customer relations and the marketplace. Abbr **CKO**

children's annual /'tʃɪldrənz ,æŋjuəl/ *noun* a book published each year usually at Christmas, with stories, games and articles, intended for children and often based on a popular TV series or cartoon character

children's book group /,tʃɪldrənz 'bʊk ,gru:p/ *noun* an unofficial group of people whose aim is to encourage the promotion of books to children

children's librarian /'tʃɪldrənz laɪ ,breəriən/ *noun* a librarian who specialises in the provision of library services to children

children's library /'tʃɪldrənz ˌlaɪbrəri/ *noun* a library which specialises in providing books usually written specially for children

chip /tʃɪp/ *noun* a small piece of plastic containing a set of electronic instructions to work computers and other machines

Christmas gift book /ˌkrɪsməs ˈɡɪft ˌbʊk/ *noun* a special book which is given as a present at Christmas

chronological order /ˌkrɒnələdʒɪk(ə)l ˈɔːdə/ *noun* the arrangement of things such as records, files or invoices in order of their dates

‘...during a state audit his company’s seven party planners spent days combing through customer records when they could have been out selling. One suggestion: Make extra copies of invoices and file them in chronological order. ‘The lesson is to be so anally prepared you can say immediately, “I’ve got it”,’ Mr. Kelly says.’ [*Crain’s Chicago Business*]

chronological sequence /ˌkrɒnələdʒɪk(ə)l ˈsiːkwəns/ *noun* arrangement by the order of the time at which events happened

ci *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Côte d’Ivoire

CILIP /ˈsɪlɪp/ *abbreviation* Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals

CIO *abbreviation* chief information officer

CIP *abbreviation* Cataloguing in Publication

cipher /ˈsaɪfəl/ *noun* a system of writing secrets in code

cir. *abbreviation* PUBL circulation

circa /ˈsɜːkə/ *preposition* about or approximately, used to show uncertainty especially about numbers or dates
○ *The book was written circa 1760.*
Abbr **ca.**

circular /ˈsɜːkjʊlə/ *noun* a letter or advertisement sent to a large number of people at the same time

circular letter /ˌsɜːkjʊlə ˈletə/ *noun* a letter sent to a large number of people conveying the same information

circulate /ˈsɜːkjʊleɪt/ *verb* to send information to a group of people
○ *They circulated a new list of prices to all their customers.*

circulating library /ˈsɜːkjʊleɪtɪŋ ˌlaɪbrəri/ *noun* a library run on a commercial basis, where the members pay to borrow books

circulation /ˌsɜːkjʊˈleɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine sold each time it is produced
2. distribution of written materials such as journals or books to people who may be interested in them
□ **out of circulation** not available for an issue or reference

circulation desk /ˌsɜːkjʊˈleɪʃ(ə)n desk/ *noun* the area of a library where the staff record the loans and returns of books

circumflex accent /ˈsɜːkəmˌfleks ˌæksənt/ *noun* a mark (^) used over a vowel in some languages to show pronunciation

citation /saɪˈteɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a formal word for quotation or reference

citation index /saɪˈteɪʃ(ə)n ˌɪndeks/ *noun* a list of articles which quote a specific article

citation order /saɪˈteɪʃ(ə)n ˈɔːdə/ *noun* an order of component parts when constructing a classification string

citation search /saɪˈteɪʃ(ə)n sɜːtʃ/ *noun* a search on a database of books that looks for specified words in the author or title fields

cite /saɪt/ *verb* to quote or mention something especially as proof of a point

ck *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Cook Islands

CKO *abbreviation* chief knowledge officer

cl *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Chile

claim /kleɪm/ *noun* **1.** a demand for something to which you think you have a right
2. a statement which may be untrue but cannot be proved to be so

class /klaːs/ *noun* a division of a classification scheme

class entry /ˈklaːs ˌentri/ *noun* an entry in a catalogue under the class rather than the specific subject

classic /'klæstɪk/ *noun* a famous work of literature ○ *'The Lord of the Flies' has become a modern classic.* ○ *They have published a series of nineteenth-century classics.*

classical /'klæsɪk(ə)l/ *adjective* consisting of or involving the study of the ancient Greek and Latin languages and literature

classicism /'klæsɪsɪz(ə)m/ *noun* the study or knowledge of ancient Greece and Rome

classicist /'klæsɪsɪst/ *noun* a scholar of ancient Greek and Latin

classics /'klæsɪks/ *noun* the academic study of the languages, literature and history of ancient Greece and Rome

classification /,klæsɪfɪ'keɪf(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** a division or category within a system according to their degrees of similarity **2.** the process of putting things into groups according to similarities or relationships

classification number /,klæsɪfɪ'keɪf(ə)n ˌnʌmbə/, **classification mark** /,klæsɪfɪ'keɪf(ə)n mɑ:k/ *noun* a number given to a classification heading in an information retrieval system

classification schedule /,klæsɪfɪ'keɪf(ə)n ˌʃedju:l/ *noun* the complete plan and content of a library's cataloguing system

classification string /,klæsɪfɪ'keɪf(ə)n striŋ/ *noun* a sequence working from broad to narrow terms

classification system /,klæsɪfɪ'keɪf(ə)n ˌsɪstəm/, **classification scheme** /,klæsɪfɪ'keɪf(ə)n ski:m/ *noun* a system of organising things by dividing them into groups based on their similarities ○ *In libraries books are often arranged according to the Dewey decimal classification system.*

classified /'klæsɪfaɪd/ *adjective* **1.** listed in a catalogue and given an identification **2.** having access restricted to named individuals or groups ○ *The document was classified so only members of the government could read it.*

classified catalogue /,klæsɪfaɪd 'kæt(ə)lɒg/ *noun* a list of contents

arranged according to the classification system used to control them

classified index /'klæsɪfaɪd ˌɪndeks/ *noun* a list of holdings organised under general headings rather than in one alphabetical sequence ○ *In a classified index, publishers would appear under the general heading 'Publishers' and not in the usual alphabetical order of their names.*

classify /'klæsɪfaɪ/ *verb* **1.** to place into a sequence according to a classification scheme **2.** to restrict the distribution of a document for reasons of security

class list /'klɑ:s lɪst/ *noun* a list of the items in a particular class, especially used in archival management

class number /'klɑ:s ˌnʌmbə/, **class mark** *noun* a series of letters and/or numbers on a book or other publication in a library identifying it, the category of its subject matter and usually its shelf location

clear /kɪə/ *verb* to delete data from a computer display or storage device

clearing house /'kɪəɪŋ haʊs/ *noun* **1.** an agency or central office where information from various sources is pooled **2.** a central office where orders from many sources are consolidated

clerical error /,klerɪk(ə)l 'erə/ *noun* a mistake made by an office worker

click /kɪk/ *verb* to do the action needed to activate a computer mouse ○ *Click three times to highlight the text.*

client /'kɪləɪnt/ *noun* **1.** a person using the services of a professional organisation **2.** a computer that is connected to a network or the Internet, or that is using the resources of another computer. ◊ **gopher**

clip art /'klɪp ɑ:t/ *noun* pre-packaged artwork, available on software for use in documents produced on a computer

clipboard /'klɪpbo:d/ *noun* a small board with a clip at the top to hold paper, so that it can be carried around and written on

closed access /,kləʊzd 'ækses/ *noun* a system of organising a collection so that items must be fetched for users by the staff

closed circuit television /ˌkləʊzd ˌsɜːkɪt ˈtɛlɪvɪz(ə)n/ *noun* an internal video system often used for security purposes or for relaying conferences. Abbr **CCTV**

closed question /ˌkləʊzd ˈkwɛstʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a question which can be answered by yes or no

closing time /ˈkləʊzɪŋ taɪm/ *noun* the time that an establishment such as a shop, library or bar closes and people have to leave

closure /ˈkləʊzə/ *noun* the act of closing something down ○ *They are fighting against library closures.*

cloth /klɒθ/ *noun* material used to cover a hardbound book

clothbound /ˈklɒθbaʊnd/ *adjective* used to describe books which are covered in a specific type of material made originally from natural fibres, now often synthetic

cloze test /ˈkləʊz test/ *noun* a test of comprehension and grammar in which a language student supplies appropriate missing words omitted from a text

cluster /ˈklʌstə/ *noun* a small group of similar things

cluster sample /ˈklʌstə ˌsɑːmp(ə)l/ *noun* a method of sampling in statistical analysis, which compares small groups

cm *abbreviation* **1.** in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Cameroon **2.** centimetre

CM *abbreviation* corporate memory

CMC *abbreviation* computer-mediated communication

cn *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for China

co *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Colombia

coauthor /kəʊˈɔːθə/ *noun* an author who writes something jointly with one or more other authors

cobweb site /ˈkɒbweb saɪt/ *noun* a website that has not been updated for a long time

C.O.D. *abbreviation* cash on delivery

coda /ˈkəʊdə/ *noun* an additional section at the end of a text such as a literary work or speech that is not neces-

sary to its structure but gives additional information

code /kəʊd/ *noun* a group of numbers or letters used to identify something. ○ **barcode**

codebook /ˈkəʊdbʊk/ *noun* a book containing a key to a code or codes

code index /ˈkəʊd ˌɪndeks/ *noun* a system which directs the user to information by use of a code number

coden /ˈkəʊdɪn/ *noun* a system of classification which combines numbers and letters

code of practice /ˌkəʊd əv ˈpræktɪs/ *noun* a set of written rules describing how people in a particular job or profession are expected to behave

codex /ˈkəʊdeks/ *noun* a handwritten unbound manuscript, especially of an ancient classic

codicil /ˈkəʊdɪsɪl/ *noun* an appendix or supplement to a text

coedition /ˈkəʊɪ,dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the publication of a book by two publishing companies in different countries, where the first company has originated the work and then sells sheets to the second publisher (or licenses the second publisher to reprint the book locally) ○ *We have sold coeditions of our book on garden flowers to publishers in France and Greece.*

coffee table book /ˈkɒfi ˌteɪb(ə)l bʊk/ *noun* a glossy book with many colour illustrations, designed to be browsed through rather than read in full

cognitive processing /ˌkɒɡnɪtv ˈprəʊsɪŋ/ *noun* the way in which a person changes external information into patterns of thought and how these are used to form judgments or choices

cognitive science /ˌkɒɡnɪtv ˌsaɪəns/ *noun* the scientific study of knowledge and how it is acquired, combining aspects of philosophy, psychology, linguistics, anthropology and artificial intelligence

cognizance /ˈkɒɡnɪz(ə)ns/ *noun* knowledge or awareness of something

cognizant /ˈkɒɡnɪz(ə)nt/ *adjective* having knowledge of something

coherent /kəʊˈhɪərənt/ *adjective* clear and easy to understand

cohesion /kəʊ'hi:ʒ(ə)n/ *noun* the state of all parts of an organisation working together to form a united whole

coin /kɔɪn/ *noun* a small, flat piece of metal made and stamped by a government to be used as money ■ *verb* **1.** to make coins from metal **2.** to invent words or phrases

collaborative learning /kə ,ləb(ə)rətɪv 'lɜ:nɪŋ/ *noun* a way of teaching by sharing responsibility for organising learning with the students

collaborator /kə'læbərəɪtə/ *noun* a person who works with another to produce a literary or artistic work

collate /kə'leɪt/ *verb* **1.** to gather pieces of information together **2.** to organise materials into a specific order and check that they are complete

collation /kə'leɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** a detailed comparison between different items or forms of information **2.** the assembling of pieces of paper in the right order, particularly the sections of a book prior to binding **3.** the act of compiling a technical description of a book, including its bibliographical details and information about its physical construction

collected works /kə'letɪd 'wɜ:ks/ *plural noun* all the writings of one author collected and published in one volume

collection /kə'lekʃən/ *noun* a group of similar or related things such as the stock of a special library

collection development /kə 'lekʃən dɪ,vələpmənt/ *noun* the act of expanding a collection, e.g. by providing electronic access to other collections

'A primary source [on deaf issues] for collection development librarians will be Gallaudet University Press, which offers titles on sign language, deaf special education, and deaf history.'
[*Library Journal*]

collective /kə'lektɪv/ *noun* a group such as an audience, class or library

collective cataloguing /kə ,lektɪv 'kætəlɒŋɪŋ/ *noun* a system used to collect small items together and catalogue them under a heading or collec-

tive title which is given a class number for retrieval

college /'kɒlɪdʒ/ *noun* **1.** an educational institution for higher education, especially one offering courses in specialised or practical subjects **2.** the building or buildings of a college

colon /'kəʊlən/ *noun* a punctuation mark (:) used chiefly to introduce lists ○ *The titles were: Rumpelstiltskin, Cinderella and Little Red Riding Hood.*

colon classification /'kəʊlən ,klæsɪfɪkeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a system of classifying pieces of stored information by their main field of knowledge and then by a number of other attributes (facets) which describe it

colophon /'kɒləfən/ *noun* **1.** the symbol or emblem that is printed on a book and represents a publisher or publisher's imprint **2.** the details of the title, printer, publisher and publication date given at the end of a book. Colophons are commonly found in early printed books and in modern private press editions.

COMMENT: Usually the publisher's colophon will appear on the title page and spine of a book, and on all publicity matter; a printer's colophon is likely to appear on private press books and other art books, and is often printed on the last page of the book.

colour coding /'kʌlə ,kəʊdɪŋ/ *noun* a system of organising items by labelling similar contents with the same colour

colour copying /'kʌlə ,kɒpɪŋ/ *noun* the production of coloured copies of documents

colour supplement /'kʌlə ,sʌplɪmənt/ *noun* **1.** a colour magazine that comes with a weekend newspaper **2.** a section of coloured illustrations in the centre of a book or magazine, often removable

column /'kɒləm/ *noun* **1.** a vertical section of writing in a book, newspaper or magazine **2.** a regular section or article in a newspaper or magazine by the same writer or on the same subject

columnar working /kə ,lʌmnə 'wɜ:kiŋ/ *noun* a method of data presentation in which information is shown in columns

columnist /'kɒləmnɪst/ *noun* a journalist who writes a regular column for a newspaper or magazine

com *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for commercial organisations

combination lock /,kɒmbɪ'neɪf(ə)n lɒk/ *noun* a lock which can be opened using a pre-set order of numbers

combination ordering /,kɒmbɪ'neɪf(ə)n ɔ:dəɪɪŋ/ *noun* a system whereby several departments join together to order items

combination storage /,kɒmbɪ'neɪf(ə)n ˌstɔ:ɪdʒ/ *noun* a system whereby several departments use communal storage facilities

come into force /,kʌm ˌɪntʊ 'fɔ:s/ *verb* (of a law) to become active or valid

comic /'kɒmɪks/ *noun* **1.** a magazine for children, telling stories written with captions on strips of pictures **2.** a person who makes others laugh ■ *adjective* causing laughter

comma /'kɒmə/ *noun* a punctuation mark (,) used to show the natural breaks in written sentences

command paper /kə'mɑ:nd ˌpeɪpə/ *noun* a government publication containing the proceedings and proposals of government committees

comment /'kɒment/ *noun* a statement which expresses an opinion

commercial /kə'mɜ:ʃ(ə)l/ *adjective* relating to buying and selling things ○ *Sample only – of no commercial value.*

commercial gateway package /kə'mɜ:ʃ(ə)l 'geɪtweɪ ˌpækɪdʒ/ *noun* an electronic code which can be bought for a subscription and which allows access to online databases

commercial information supplier /kə'mɜ:ʃ(ə)l ˌɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n səˌplaɪə/ *noun* a business which buys and sells information

commercial records centre /kə'mɜ:ʃ(ə)l 'rekɔ:dz ˌsentə/ *noun* an organisation which keeps records of a business's financial dealings

commitment /kə'mɪtmənt/ *noun* a task which you undertake to do

common query language /,kɒmən 'kwɪəri ˌlæŋɡwɪdʒ/ *noun* a

formal language used to interrogate a database. Abbr **CQL**

commons /'kɒmənz/ *plural noun* data stored in the memory of one computer that is available to all computers linked to it by a network

communicable /kə'mju:nɪkəb(ə)l/ *adjective* easily communicated

communicate /kə'mju:nɪkeɪt/ *verb* to give information

communication /kə,mju:nɪ'keɪf(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** the exchange of information between people, e.g. by means of speaking, writing or using a common system of signs or behaviour **2.** a spoken or written message **3.** the act of giving information

communication channel /kə,mju:nɪ'keɪf(ə)n ˌtʃæn(ə)l/ *noun* a method used to communicate with other people, e.g. writing or speech

communications /kə,mju:nɪ'keɪf(ə)nz/ *plural noun* the systems by which information is transmitted

communications audit /kə,mju:nɪ'keɪf(ə)nz ˌɔ:dɪt/ *noun* a survey of the methods used to send information around an organisation

communication skills /kə,mju:nɪ'keɪf(ə)n skɪl/ *plural noun* the ability to give information clearly and appropriately to other people

'We take for granted that there are basic literacy and numeracy skills. What we want in addition to that is the ability to get on with people, work as part of the team, problem solve and so on. Communication skills... those are the things that are important to us.' [The Times]

communication theory /kə,mju:nɪ'keɪf(ə)n θɪəri/ *noun* the study of all forms of human communication, including branches of linguistics such as semantics as well as telecommunications and other nonlinguistic forms

communicative /kə'mju:nɪkətɪv/ *adjective* **1.** relating to communication or to systems for communication **2.** (in foreign language teaching) stressing the importance of language as a tool for communicating information and ideas

communiqué /kə'mju:nikeɪ/ *noun*
an official announcement, especially to the press or public

community /kə'mju:nɪti/ *noun*
a group of people who live in a particular area

community analysis /kə,mju:nɪti ə'nælsɪs/ *noun*
a survey of the different types of people who live in a community

community college /kə'mju:nɪti ,kɒlɪdʒ/ *noun* (*in the UK*)
an educational centre with recreational facilities available to the whole community

community information /kə ,mju:nɪti ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun*
local information relating to a small geographical area

community profiling /kə,mju:nɪti 'prəʊfaɪlɪŋ/ *noun*
a method of local planning in which the needs and resources of a particular community are assessed

compact disc /,kɒmpækt 'dɪsk/ *noun*
a coated plastic disc that can record large amounts of data which can be read by laser. Abbr **CD**

compact disc interactive /,kɒmpækt dɪsk ,ɪntər'æktɪv/ *noun*
full form of **CD-I**

compact disc player /,kɒmpækt 'dɪsk ,pleɪə/ *noun*
an electronic device which uses lasers to read signals on a disc to produce very high quality reproduction

compact disc – read only memory /,kɒmpækt ,dɪsk ,ri:d ,əʊnli 'mem(ə)rɪ/ *noun*
full form of **CD-ROM**

compact disc write once /,kɒmpækt dɪsk ,raɪt 'wʌns/ *noun*
full form of **CD-WO**

compact video disc /,kɒmpækt 'vɪdɪəʊ ,dɪsk/ *noun*
a compact disc that plays both sound and pictures

companion /kəm'pænjən/ *noun*
a guide or handbook on a particular subject

company /'kʌmp(ə)ni/ *noun*
a business which makes money by making or buying and selling goods, or by providing a service

company file /'kʌmp(ə)ni faɪl/ *noun*
a file containing and collating information specific to a company

compatible /kəm'pætɪb(ə)l/ *adjective*
working well together

compendious /kəm'pendiəs/ *adjective*
containing a wide range of information in a concise form

compendium /kəm'pendiəm/ *noun*
a book in which two or more previously published books are brought together

competence /'kɒmpɪt(ə)ns/ *noun*
knowledge of a language that enables somebody to speak and understand it

competition /,kɒmpə'tɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun*
1. a situation where two or more companies with similar products try to persuade people to buy theirs **2.** an informal test of skill or ability ○ *The children's library ran a competition to see who read the most books during the school holiday.*

competitor /kəm'petɪtə/ *noun*
1. a person who takes part in competitions **2.** a person or company that sells similar types of goods or services which can reduce the market for others

compilation /,kɒmpɪ'leɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun*
a work produced by combining material from other books or documents

compile /kəm'paɪl/ *verb*
to put together different pieces of information in order to make them into one document

compiler /kəm'paɪlə/ *noun*
a person who collects and edits material taken from various sources for publication as a new work

compleat /kəm'pli:t/ *adjective*
having or exhibiting full knowledge of a particular field or skill

complementary /,kɒmplɪ'ment(ə)rɪ/ *adjective*
fitting well together to make a harmonious whole

completion date /kəm'pli:ʃ(ə)n deɪt/ *noun*
the date by which something must be finished

compliance certificate /kəm'praɪəns sə'tɪfɪkət/ *noun*
an official statement that something has passed all the necessary tests for the regulations

compliance test /kəm'plaiəns test/ *noun* a test to ensure that something conforms to the regulations

complimentary copy /,kɒmplɪməntəri 'kɒpi/ *noun* a copy of a book given free as a favour, reward or mark of respect

component /kəm'pəʊnənt/ *noun* a part of something, used together with other parts to create a whole

compose /kəm'pəʊz/ *verb* to create a musical or literary work

composer /kəm'pəʊzə/ *noun* a person who composes, especially one who writes music

composer entry /kəm'pəʊzər ,entri/ *noun* an entry usually for a musical composition in a catalogue under the name of the composer

composite subject /,kɒmpəzɪt 'sʌbdʒəkt/ *noun* a classification subject which consists of more than one element

composition /,kɒmpə'zɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the way that the parts of something are put together

compound /'kɒmpaʊnd/ *adjective* made up of a mixture of several components

compound interest /,kɒmpaʊnd 'ɪntrəst/ *noun* money which is paid as interest both on the original capital and also on the interest earned

compound name /'kɒmpaʊnd neɪm/ *noun* a name which has two or more parts joined by a hyphen, e.g. 'Mrs. Brownley-Smith'.

compound subject heading /,kɒmpaʊnd 'sʌbdʒekt ,hedɪŋ/ *noun* a heading which consists of words that are always associated together, e.g. 'Treaty of Rome'

compound term /'kɒmpaʊnd tɜ:m/ *noun* a name that consists of two words, as in 'primary schools', and could be indexed with a 'see also' reference, e.g. 'schools, see also primary schools'

comprehensive /,kɒmpri'hensɪv/ *adjective* covering all the possible aspects of a subject

compression ratio /kəm'preʃ(ə)n ,reɪʃɪəʊ/ *noun* the ratio of the size of an original, uncompressed file to the final,

compressed file that has been more efficiently encoded

comprise /kəm'praɪz/ *verb* to be made up of different parts ○ *Overseas students comprise 10% of the college population.*

Compuserve /'kɒmpjʊsɜ:v/ a trade name for a very large commercial online information service

computer /kəm'pjʊ:tə/ *noun* an electronic machine that processes data very quickly using a stored program

computer-aided design /kəm ,pjʊ:tər ,eɪdɪd dɪ'zain/ *noun* the use of a computer and graphics terminal to help a designer in his or her work. Abbr **CAD**

computer-aided learning /kəm ,pjʊ:tər ,eɪdɪd 'lɜ:nɪŋ/ *noun* a form of self-study which can be done with the aid of specially written computer programs. Abbr **CAL**

computer-assisted composition /kəm ,pjʊ:tər ə,sɪstɪd ,kɒmpə 'zɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* composition using digitally recorded text, which generates characters and automatically inserts spaces, as well as hyphenating, justifying and paginating

computer-assisted retrieval system /kəm ,pjʊ:tər ə,sɪstɪd rɪ 'tri:v(ə)l ,sɪstəm/ *noun* an automated method of finding information

computer-based thesaurus /kəm ,pjʊ:tə beɪst θɪ'sɔ:ɪs/ *noun* a dictionary installed as a word processing facility which checks the spelling in written text and suggests alternatives for misspelt words

computer-based training /kəm ,pjʊ:tə beɪst 'treɪnɪŋ/ *noun* a method of teaching which uses computers as the main teaching tool. Abbr **CBT**

computer-based tutorial /kəm ,pjʊ:tə beɪst tju'tɔ:riəl/ *noun* a software package which teaches the user how to use a program. Abbr **CBT**

computer bureau /kəm'pjʊ:tə ,bjʊərəʊ/ *noun* an office which offers to do work on its computers for companies that do not own their own computers

computer conferencing /kəmˌpju:təˈkɒnf(ə)rənsɪŋ/ *noun* the use of a number of computers or terminals connected together to allow a group of users to communicate

computer crime /kəmˌpju:təkraɪm/ *noun* illegal activities carried out on or by means of a computer. Computer crime includes criminal trespass into another computer system, theft of computerised data and the use of an online system to commit or aid in the commission of fraud.

computer error /kəmˌpju:təˈerə/ *noun* a mistake made by a computer

computer-generated /kəmˌpju:təˈdʒenəreɪtɪd/ *adjective* produced using a computer ○ *The book is illustrated with computer-generated graphics.*

computer graphics /kəmˌpju:təˈgræfɪks/ *plural noun* a visual display of information on a computer screen or printout, e.g. graphs and charts

computer hardware /kəmˌpju:təˈhɑ:dweə/ *noun* machines used in data processing, including the computers, keyboards, monitors and printers, but not the programs

computer-human interaction /kəmˌpju:təˈhju:mənˌɪntərˈækʃ(ə)n/ *noun* same as **human-computer interaction**

computer illiteracy /kəmˌpju:təˈɪlɪt(ə)rəsi/ *noun* lack of knowledge about how to use a computer

computer indexing /kəmˌpju:təˈɪndeksɪŋ/ *noun* automated methods of producing indexes

computerised /kəmˌpju:təraɪzɪd/, **computerized** *adjective* changed from a manual system to an automated system ○ *a computerised invoicing system* ○ *The book was set using computerised typesetting.*

computer laboratory /kəmˌpju:təˈlæbɒrət(ə)rɪ/ *noun* a room equipped with several computers, sometimes networked together, which can be used for working in or teaching

computer language /kəmˌpju:təˈlæŋɡwɪdʒ/ *noun* a language made up of numbers and characters used to give instructions to a computer

COMMENT: There are three types of computer languages: machine code, assembler and high-level language. The higher the level the language is, the easier it is to program and understand, but the slower it is to execute. Common high-level languages are BASIC, C, COBOL, FORTRAN, PASCAL, PROLOG.

computer listing /kəmˌpju:təˈlɪstɪŋ/ *noun* a printout of a list of items taken from data stored in a computer

computer-literate /kəmˌpju:təˈlɪt(ə)rət/ *adjective* having a good understanding and experience of working with computers

computer-mediated communication /kəmˌpju:təˈmɪdiətɪd kəˌmju:nɪˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* communication networks that are accessed through a computer, e.g. forums, e-mail and intranets

computer network /kəmˌpju:təˈnetwɜ:k/ *noun* shared use of a series of interconnected computers, peripherals and terminals

computer printout /kəmˌpju:təˈprɪntaʊt/ *noun* a printed copy of information from a computer

computer program /kəmˌpju:təˈprəʊgræm/ *noun* instructions to a computer, telling it to do a particular piece of work

computer programmer /kəmˌpju:təˈprəʊgræmə/ *noun* a person who writes computer programs

computer programming /kəmˌpju:təˈprəʊgræmɪŋ/ *noun* the job of writing programs for computers

computer-readable /kəmˌpju:təˈrɪdəb(ə)l/ *adjective* relating to data in a form which can be read by a computer

computer services /kəmˌpju:təˈsɜ:vɪsɪz/ *plural noun* 1. support services for computer users 2. work done on a computer for clients by experts

computer system /kəmˌpju:təˈsɪstəm/ *noun* a set of programs and commands which run a computer

computer-telephone integration /kəmˌpju:təˈtelɪfəʊnˌɪntɪˈɡreɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a system that allows normal audio telephone conversations to be transmitted over a computer data network and controlled by a computer. Abbr **CTI**

computer terminal /kəm'pjʊ:tə ,tɜ:mɪn(ə)/ *noun* a keyboard and screen by which information can be put into a computer or called up from a database
 ○ *a computer system consisting of a microprocessor and six terminals*

computing /kəm'pjʊ:tɪŋ/ *noun* the activity of using computers or computer software

computing facilities /kəm'pjʊ:tɪŋ fə,sɪlɪtɪz/ *plural noun* computers and the services which help the staff of an organisation to use them

concatenate /kən'kætəneɪt/ *verb* to link two or more information units, e.g. character strings or computer files, so that they form a single unit

concentrate /'kɒnsəntreɪt/ *verb* □ **to concentrate on something** to give something all one's attention

concept /'kɒnsept/ *noun* an idea or principle

concept map /'kɒnsept məp/ *noun* a way of representing knowledge in the form of a diagram, with links indicating the relationships between concepts

conceptual model /kən,septʃuəl 'mɒd(ə)/ *noun* a description of a database in terms of the data it contains and its relationships

concise /kən'saɪs/ *adjective* using as few words as possible to give the necessary information

concordance /kən'kɔ:d(ə)ns/ *noun* an alphabetical index of all the words in a document
 ○ *a concordance to the Bible* ○ *a Shakespeare concordance*

'Logos Bible Software, for example, licenses 50 Bible translations and 5,000 reference works, such as commentaries and concordances, that the company bundles into quickly searchable electronic libraries.' [*The Boston Globe*]

concurrent /kən'kʌrənt/ *adjective* happening at the same time

condition /kən'dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* something that must happen before something else is possible

conference /'kɒnf(ə)rəns/ *noun* a meeting often lasting several days

where people discuss a common subject or shared interest

conferencing /'kɒnf(ə)rənsɪŋ/ *noun* the holding of a conference, meeting or discussion in which the participants are linked by telephone, by telephone and video equipment or by computer

confidential /,kɒnfɪ'denʃəl/ *adjective* intended to be kept secret
 ○ *As this information is confidential you must not give it to anyone else.*

configure /kən'fɪgə/ *verb* to plan computer hardware and software so that they will work together

confirm /kən'fɜ:m/ *verb* to state that something is definite or true □ **to confirm in writing** to write a letter to say that an agreement is definite

confiscate /'kɒnfɪskeɪt/ *verb* to remove private property as a punishment
 ○ *The police are allowed to confiscate pornographic material.*

conform /kən'fɔ:m/ *verb* **1.** to behave according to accepted standards **2.** to be in accordance with laws or regulations

congestion /kən'dʒestʃən/ *noun* a state where there is too much data for the capacity of a system

conjecture /kən'dʒektʃəl/ *noun* a conclusion, judgment or statement based on incomplete or inconclusive information

connect /kə'nekt/ *verb* to join two things together

connectivity /,kɒnek'tɪvɪti/ *noun* the ability to communicate with another system or piece of hardware or software, or with an Internet site

connect time /kə'nekt taɪm/ *noun* the period of time a user is logged on to a remote computer, e.g. when browsing the Internet

consecutive /kən'sekjʊtɪv/ *adjective* happening one after the other without interruption

consequence /'kɒnsɪkwəns/ *noun* the result or effect of something happening

conservation /,kɒnsə'veɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the process of ensuring the survival of materials, e.g. library books, through repair and controlled storage conditions

conservation unit /,kɒnsə'veɪf(ə)n ˌjuːnɪt/, **conservation department** /,kɒnsə'veɪf(ə)n dɪˌpɑːtmənt/ *noun* a group of people who take responsibility for the conservation of library stock

conservator /kən'sɜːvətər/ *noun* a person who works to conserve things
consignment /kən'saɪnmənt/ *noun* the delivery of goods

consist of /kən'sɪst ɒv/ *verb* to be made up of ◦ *The committee consists of librarians and information scientists.*

consonant /'kɒnsənənt/ *noun* all the letters of the Roman alphabet except the five vowels

consortium /kən'sɔːtɪəm/ *noun* a group of companies or organisations working together for a common purpose

construct *noun* /'kɒnstrʌkt/ a complex idea, built up from various elements ■ *verb* /kən'strʌkt/ to build or create something

consultant /kən'sʌltənt/ *noun* an expert who gives advice in a professional field

consultation /,kɒnsəl'teɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a meeting where expert advice is sought and given

consultation document /,kɒnsəl'teɪf(ə)n ˌdɒkjʊmənt/ *noun* a document with proposals on which people's opinion is requested

consultative leadership style /kən'sʌltətɪv ˌliːdʒɪp ˌstɑɪl/ *noun* a way of leading a group by asking them for their opinions

consumables /kən'sjuːməb(ə)lz/ *plural noun* items necessary for work which get used up and need to be replaced, e.g. stationery

consumer /kən'sjuːmə/ *noun* a person who buys goods or uses services

consumer characteristics /kən'sjuːmə ˌkærɪktə'rɪstɪks/ *plural noun* specific features which distinguish one consumer group from another

consumer demands /kən'sjuːmə dɪ'mɑːndz/ *plural noun* what the consumer is asking for

consumer group /kən'sjuːmə gruːp/ *noun* people in given age, income or geographic groups who

would have a particular interest in specific goods or services

consumer needs /kən'sjuːmə 'niːdz/ *plural noun* services that consumers think are essential

consumer targeting /kən'sjuːmə 'tɑːɡɪtɪŋ/ *noun* the act of aiming the advertising of goods or services at specific groups of consumers

consumption /kən'sʌmpʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the act of buying and using up goods such as food

cont. *abbreviation* PUBL contents

contact name /'kɒntækt neɪm/ *noun* the name of the person within a particular department or service who may be contacted for information

contemporary /kən'temp(ə)rəri/ *adjective* happening or existing at the same time as something else

content /'kɒntent/ *noun* information made available by an electronic medium or product

content management /'kɒntent ˌmænɪdʒmənt/ *noun* the act of using a database system which allows large amounts of content to be entered, accessed, edited and stored

'While organisations are building more elaborate content management systems, they are failing to address the need to harness and share knowledge in meaningful ways. The information [in these] is just the thin end of a large and largely unmanageable wedge. The rest of the wedge comprises human interaction like face-to-face conversations, online discussion groups, weblogs, telephone calls, instant messages, emails and so on.'
[*Information World Review*]

content provider /'kɒntent prəˌvaɪdər/ *noun* a website containing mainly news or information rather than commercial facilities such as shopping or banking, or a business supplying the information for such a website

content-rich /,kɒntent 'rɪtʃ/ *adjective* containing a lot of useful information

contents /'kɒntents/ *plural noun* 1. the subject matter of a document or publication 2. a list at the front of a publication that gives the title and

number of the first page of each new chapter or part

contents page /'kɒntents peɪdʒ/ *noun* a page at the beginning of a document listing the things in it

content syndication /'kɒntent ,sɪndɪkeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the act of making content available to be accessed and reproduced by subscribers

context /'kɒntekst/ *noun* a background situation to an event which helps it to be understood □ **out of context** seen as an individual item not related to its background

contingency fund /kən'tɪndʒənsɪ fʌnd/ *noun* a sum of money put aside in case it is needed for an unexpected event

contingency plan /kən'tɪndʒənsɪ plæn/ *noun* a decision about what to do in case of a problem with the original plan ○ *There was a contingency plan to move the book store to the first floor in case of flood danger.*

continuation list /kən,tɪnjʊ 'eɪʃ(ə)n ,lɪst/ *noun* a method of recording books and documents which are issued in parts and for which there are standing orders

continuous assessment /kən ,tɪnjʊəs ə'sesmənt/ *noun* a system of assessing the progress of a student by coursework rather than by an examination at the end

contract /kən'trækt/ *noun* a written legal agreement ○ *The contract is binding on both parties.*

contrast /'kɒntrɑːst/ *noun* a big difference between two things which is clear when they are compared

contribute /kən'trɪbjʊːt/ *verb* to provide part of a whole ○ *to contribute an article to a magazine* ○ *to contribute money to help pay for something*

contribution /,kɒntrɪ'bjuːʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a piece of material that forms part of a publication or broadcast

control /kən'trəʊl/ *noun* the power or authority to make decisions about how something is managed ■ *verb* to organise something so that it works the way you want it to

control key /kən'trəʊl kiː/ *noun* a key on a computer which works part of a program

controlled language /kən,trəʊld 'læŋɡwɪdʒ/ *noun* a limited number of words used for compiling indexes or writing instructions or information

controlled term list /kən,trəʊld 'tɜːm ,lɪst/ *noun* a list of terms with fixed meanings to be used in cataloguing. Also called **controlled vocabulary 2**

controlled vocabulary /kən,trəʊld vəʊ'kæbjʊləri/ *noun* **1.** a limited number of words used to make understanding easier for non-native speakers of a language **2.** same as **controlled term list**

controversial /,kɒntrə'vɜːʃ(ə)l/ *adjective* causing argument and disagreement

convenient /kən'viːniənt/ *adjective* easy to use and saving time or effort

convention /kən'venʃən/ *noun* **1.** a large meeting of an organisation or political group **2.** an international agreement. ◊ **Berne Convention, Universal Copyright Convention**

COMMENT: Both the Berne Convention and the UCC were drawn up to try to protect copyright from pirates; under the Berne convention, published material remains in copyright until 50 years after the death of the author and for 25 years after publication under the UCC. In both cases, a work which is copyrighted in one country is automatically covered by the copyright legislation of all countries signing the convention.

conventional /kən'venʃ(ə)n(ə)l/ *adjective* conforming to what most people consider to be normal

conversion /kən'vɜːʃ(ə)n/ *noun* changing from one computer system to another

convey /kən'veɪ/ *verb* to make information or ideas known and understood

convince /kən'vɪns/ *verb* to persuade other people to do or believe in something

cookery book /'kʊk(ə)ri bʊk/, **cookbook** /'kʊkbʊk/ *noun* a book which gives recipes for preparing food (NOTE: **Cookbook** is always used in the

US, and the term is becoming much more common in GB English.)

cookie /'kʊki/ *noun* a computer file containing information about a user that is sent to the central computer with each request. The server uses this information to customise data sent back to the user and to log the user's requests.

coop *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the generic top-level domain for non-profit-making cooperatives

coordinate *noun* /kəʊ'ɔ:diːnət/ /kəʊ'ɔ:diːneɪt/ a value from an axis on a graph, used to locate a specific point ■ *verb* /kəʊ'ɔ:diːneɪt/ to combine different items so that they work well together ○ *She is trying to co-ordinate the typesetting, printing and binding in various locations.*

coordinator /kəʊ'ɔ:diːneɪtə/ *noun* a person who ensures that people and activities work well together

copier /'kɒpiə/ *noun* same as **photocopier**

coping pattern /'kɒpɪŋ ,pæt(ə)n/, **coping strategy** *noun* a method of managing to deal with problems successfully

copy /'kɒpi/ *noun* **1.** something that is made to look exactly the same as the original **2.** the text of a manuscript or advertising material ■ *verb* to make something look exactly the same as the original

copy editor /'kɒpi ,editə/ *noun* a person whose job is to check material ready for printing for accuracy and consistency of typeface, punctuation and layout

copy in /,kɒpi 'ɪn/ *verb* to send a copy to somebody, especially a copy of a letter or other document

copy protection /'kɒpi prə'tekʃən/ *noun* a means of preventing unauthorised duplication of computer software

copyright /'kɒpraɪt/ *noun* the legal right, which the creator of an original work has, to only allow copying of the work with permission and sometimes on payment of royalties or a copyright fee

COMMENT: Copyright lasts for 50 years after the author's death according to the Berne Convention, and for 25 years

according to the Universal Copyright Convention. In the USA, copyright is for 50 years after the death of an author for books published after January 1st, 1978. For books published before that date, the original copyright was for 28 years after the death of the author, and this can be extended for a further 28 year period up to a maximum of 75 years. In 1995, the European Union adopted a copyright term of 70 years after the death of the author. The copyright holder has the right to refuse or to grant permission to copy copyright material, though under the Paris agreement of 1971, the original publishers (representing the author or copyright holder) must, under certain circumstances, grant licences to reprint copyright material. The copyright notice has to include the symbol ©, the name of the copyright holder and the date of the copyright (which is usually the date of first publication). The notice must be printed in the book and usually appears on the reverse of the title page. A copyright notice is also printed on other forms of printed material such as posters. The change of the term of copyright in the European Union has created problems for publishers and copyright holders, in cases where the author died more than fifty years but less than seventy years ago. In effect, such authors have returned to copyright, and royalties, etc., are due to their estates until the seventy year term expires. This applies to well-known authors such as Beatrix Potter and James Joyce, as well as to composers, such as Elgar.

copyright deposit /,kɒpraɪt dɪ'pɒzɪt/ *noun* the deposit of a copy of a published work in a copyright library, usually the main national library, which is part of the formal copyrighting of published material

copyright deposit library /,kɒpraɪt dɪ'pɒzɪt ,laɪbrəri/ *noun* a library that receives a free copy of every book published in the British Isles, belonging to a group of six in England, Scotland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland

copyright fee /'kɒpraɪt fi:/ *noun* money paid to the holder of a copyright for permission to use their work

copyright infringement /'kɒpraɪt ɪn'frɪndʒmənt/ *noun* the act of illegally copying or using a work that is covered by copyright law. Also called **infringement of copyright**

copyright law /'kɒpɪraɪt lɔː/ *noun* a law which protects the rights to copy-right

copyright licence /'kɒpɪraɪt ,laɪs(ə)ns/ *noun* official permission to produce, copy and sell works that are protected by copyright law

copyright notice /'kɒpɪraɪt ,nəʊtɪs/ *noun* a note in a book showing who owns the copyright and the date of ownership, printed on the verso of the title page

copy typist /'kɒpi ,taɪpɪst/ *noun* a person who types from handwritten copy, not from dictation

core competency /,kɔː 'kɒmpɪtənsi/ *noun* the basic body of knowledge of a particular area or skill

core curriculum /,kɔː kə'ɪrɪkjələm/ *noun* courses in a school or college which are compulsory for all students

core stock /,kɔː 'stɒk/ *noun* same as **basic stock**

corner /'kɔːnə/ *verb* to gain control of a particular market

corporate /'kɔːp(ə)rət/ *adjective* **1.** owned by one or more large businesses **2.** shared by all the members of an organisation

corporate author /,kɔːp(ə)rət 'ɔːθə/ *noun* a society, institution or government body which publishes documents, and whose name is used as the catalogue heading

corporate database /,kɔːp(ə)rət 'deɪtəbeɪs/ *noun* a source of electronic information shared by all members of an organisation

corporate headquarters /,kɔːp(ə)rət 'hedkwɔːtəz/ *noun* the head office of a corporation or large business

corporate memory /,kɔːp(ə)rət 'mem(ə)rɪ/ *noun* the basic body of knowledge and information needed for an organisation to work effectively. Abbr **CM**

corporate name /,kɔːp(ə)rət 'neɪm/ *noun* the name of a large corporation

corporation /,kɔːpə'reɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a large company or business

corpus of knowledge /,kɔːpəs əv 'nɒlɪdʒ/ *noun* a large collection of the major works about a specific field of knowledge

correct /kə'rekt/ *adjective* accurate and without mistakes ■ *verb* to mark mistakes so that they can be put right

correlation /,kɒrə'leɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* close connections which influence each other

correspondence /,kɒrɪ'spɒndəns/ *noun* letters sent and received

correspondent /,kɒrɪ'spɒndənt/ *noun* **1.** somebody who writes letters **2.** a television or newspaper reporter on a specialist subject or in a particular area

corrigenda slip /,kɒrɪ'gɛndə ,slɪp/ *noun* a list of corrections of errors in a printed book, printed on a separate slip of paper and inserted in the bound book

corrupt /kə'ɾʌpt/ *adjective* **1.** acting dishonestly or illegally **2.** containing errors ○ *corrupt computer data*

cost /kɒst/ *noun* the amount of money needed to buy, do or make something

cost-benefit analysis /,kɒst 'benɪfɪt ə,næləsɪs/ *noun* an investigation of the level of benefit gained from something to decide whether it is worth the expenditure

cost-effective /,kɒstɪ 'fektɪv/ *adjective* saving money in comparison with the amount of time or money spent

costly /'kɒstli/ *adjective* very expensive in time, effort or money

co.uk *abbreviation* UK commercial organization

counter /'kaʊntə/ same as **circulation desk**

country code /'kʌntri kəʊd/ *noun* the last part of an e-mail address which indicates the country of origin

course /kɔːs/ *noun* **1.** a programme of study or training, especially one that leads to a qualification from an educational institution **2.** one of several distinct units that together form a programme of study leading to a qualification such as a degree

course book /'kɔːs bʊk/ *noun* a book that is used by students and teachers as the basis of a course of study

coursework /'kɔ:swɜ:k/ *noun* assignments that are done as part of a course

cover /'kʌvə/ *noun* the outside of a book, usually made of thicker paper or card

coverage /'kʌv(ə)ʃɪdʒ/ *noun* the time or space given to a topic by the media

cover date /'kʌvə deɪt/ *noun* the date which appears on the cover of a publication

cover design /'kʌvə dɪ,zəɪn/ *noun* a special design for a book or magazine cover

cover designer /'kʌvə dɪ,zəɪnə/ *noun* a person who designs the cover of a book or magazine

covering material /'kʌvəʃɪŋ mə ,tɪəriəl/ *noun* material used to make the cover for a book

cover price /'kʌvə praɪs/ *noun* the retail price of a book

CPU *abbreviation* central processing unit

CQL *abbreviation* common query language

cr *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Costa Rica

craft book /'kra:ft bʊk/ *noun* a book dealing with work done by hand such as knitting, sewing or making models

crash /kra:ʃ/ *verb* **1.** to come to a sudden stop as a result of an accident **2.** (of computer systems) to stop working
■ noun the sudden failure of a computer system

crawler /'kro:lə/ *noun* a computer program that collects online documents and reference links

CRC *abbreviation* camera-ready copy

credit /'kredit/ *noun* **1.** a system of paying for goods some time after you have bought them **□ in credit** having money in the bank **□ on credit** to buy goods and pay for them later **2.** acknowledgement of something positive **○** *She gave them credit for their good work.* **■ verb** to acknowledge something positive

credit card /'kredit kɑ:d/ *noun* a plastic card issued by banks to their customers which allows them to buy goods on credit or to borrow money

credit limit /'kredit ,lɪmɪt/ *noun* the amount of money which is the maximum you can borrow at one time

credit line /'kredit laɪn/ *noun* a printed acknowledgement of the author or source of material that was included in a publication

credit note /'kredit nəʊt/ *noun* a note issued by a company stating faulty goods may be replaced with goods to the same value

credits /'kredits/ *plural noun* notes to acknowledge the contributors to a work, e.g. the owner of a copyright or the designer of a book

creditworthy /'kreditwɜ:ði/ *adjective* relating to a person or organisation that has a good record of paying their bills

crime fiction /'kraɪm ,fɪkʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a style of fiction about imaginary crimes and detectives

crime list /'kraɪm lɪst/ *noun* a series of books on crime or crime fiction

Crime Writers Association /'kraɪm ,raɪtəz ə,səʊsɪetʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an organisation in the UK which is responsible for the administration of several annual awards for crime writing

critic /'krɪtɪk/ *noun* a person who writes reviews or gives opinions about books, films, music and art

critical /'krɪtɪk(ə)l/ *adjective* **1.** expressing severe opinions about someone or something **2.** very serious or dangerous

critical factor /,krɪtɪk(ə)l 'fæktə/ *noun* a factor in a situation which must be considered very carefully because it can have serious effects

criticism /'krɪtɪsɪz(ə)m/ *noun* serious judgement or an expression of disapproval of something

CR/LF *abbreviation* carriage return/line feed

CRLIS *abbreviation* Current Research in Library and Information Science

crosscheck /'krɒstʃek/ *verb* to evaluate the results of an investigation by checking it by an alternative method **○** *The sub-editor should crosscheck the page references against the index.*

'Duplicate versions get into [the] system... Tracking all invoices, performing cross-checks, and singling out those most likely to represent double payments requires constant human surveillance.' [*Information Week*]

cross-index /'krɒs ɪndeks/ *verb* **1.** to give a particular item one or more additional entries in an index, under different headings, as cross-references to it **2.** to supply cross-references in something ○ 'Hyde' is cross-indexed to 'Jekyll and Hyde'.

cross-refer /,krɒs rɪ'fɜː/ *verb* to give a note that tells a reader of a book, index or library catalogue to look in another specified part or on another page of the same work

cross-reference /,krɒs 'ref(ə)rəns/ *noun* a footnote in a document which tells you that there is other relevant information in another part of the document ■ *verb* to make a reference to another part of the book ○ *The various paper sizes are cross-referenced to the appendix.*

cross-searching /'krɒs ɜːtʃɪŋ/ *noun* searching more than one database at the same time using a single search engine or query

cross-section /'krɒs ɪ'sekʃən/ *noun* a representative sample of a group of people or things

crossstalk /'krɒstɔːk/ *noun* unwanted sounds or other signals picked up by one channel of an electronic communications system from another channel, e.g. between telephones or loudspeakers

crown /kraʊn/ *noun* a size of book based on an old paper size of 15 x 20 inches or 380 x 508mm, so called because the old paper was originally identified by a watermark of a crown

crown octavo /,kraʊn ɒk'tɔːvəʊ/ *noun* a size of book, formerly 7 1/2 x 5 inches, now 186 x 123mm

crown quarto /,kraʊn 'kwɔːtəʊ/ *noun* a size of book, formerly 10 x 7 1/2 inches, now 246 x 186mm

CRPU *abbreviation* camera-ready paste-up

CRT *abbreviation* cathode ray tube

crucial /'kruːʃ(ə)l/ *adjective* extremely important or essential

cryptanalysis /,kriptə'næləsɪs/ *noun* the process or science of deciphering coded texts or messages

cryptography /,kript'ɒgrəfi/ *noun* **1.** the study or analysis of codes and coding methods **2.** coded or secret writing

CSO *abbreviation* Central Statistical Office

CTI *abbreviation* computer-telephone integration

cu *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Cuba

cultural heritage /,kʌltʃə(ə)l 'herɪtɪdʒ/ *noun* the historical artefacts, e.g. art, architecture, texts and other intangibles such as language and folklore, that belong to a culture

'The Community Heritage Grants (CHG) Program aims to preserve and provide access to locally held nationally significant cultural heritage collections... community organisations such as historical societies, museums, public libraries, archives, Indigenous and migrant community groups are eligible to apply.' [*Ayr Advocate*]

culture /'kʌltʃə/ *noun* the ideas, customs and artistic productions of any society

cumulative index /,kjuːmjʊlətɪv 'ɪndeks/ *noun* an index that is built up by additions to all the previously published entries at specified times

curator /kjuːreɪtə/ *noun* a person responsible for managing a museum or art gallery

curiosa /,kjuəri'əʊsə/ *plural noun* books or other texts dealing with unusual topics, especially erotica

curly bracket /,kɜːli 'brækɪt/ *noun* same as **brace**

current /'kʌrənt/ *adjective* happening at the present time

current awareness /,kʌrənt ə 'weənəs/ *noun* the level to which somebody knows what is the most up-to-date information on specific subjects

current awareness service /,kʌrənt ə 'weənəs ɜːvɪs/ *noun* an

organisation or individual who notifies customers of the most up-to-date information in their field

current journal /,kʌrənt 'dʒɜːnəl/,

current serial /,kʌrənt 'sɪəriəl/ *noun* the latest edition of a regular publication

Current Research in Library and Information Science /,kʌrənt rɪ

,sɜːtʃ ɪn ,laɪbrəri ənd ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,saɪəns/ *noun* a quarterly journal with abstracts of current research. Abbr **CR LIS**

curriculum /kə'rɪkjʊləm/ *noun* all the courses that are taught in a school or college

curriculum vitae /kə,rɪkjʊləm 'vi:tai/ *noun* a brief summary of somebody's personal details, education and career. Abbr **CV**

cursor /'kɜːsə/ *noun* a mark on a computer screen which can be moved around and which indicates where anything that is input will appear

COMMENT: Cursors can take several forms, such as a square of bright light, a bright underline or a flashing light.

custodian /kʌ'stəʊdiən/ *noun* an overseer of the contents of a museum, library or other public institution

customer /'kʌstəmə/ *noun* a person who buys a product or uses a service

customer account /'kʌstəmər ə ,kaʊnt/ *noun* a system whereby a customer can buy things and pay for them at set times, e.g. a bill for online searches which is paid monthly

customer details /,kʌstəmə 'di:teɪl/ *plural noun* a record of the transactions with any one particular customer

customer file /'kʌstəmə faɪl/ *noun* details of a customer kept as a record by a company

customise /'kʌstəmaɪz/, **customize** *verb* to adapt something to a particular person's requirements

customised interface /,kʌstəmaɪzd 'ɪntəfeɪs/ *noun* a computer system that has been adapted to a particular user's needs

cut /kʌt/ *verb* to delete data on a computer, often in order to insert it somewhere else

cut-and-paste /,kʌt ən 'peɪst/ *noun* a facility of computers allowing data to be deleted in one place and inserted in another

cut flush /,kʌt 'flʌʃ/ *adjective* used to describe a book which has been trimmed so that the cover does not stick out further than the pages

cutout book /'kʌtaʊt bʊk/ *noun* a children's book where the illustrations can be cut out to make models or figures

cutting /'kʌtɪŋ/ *noun* an item cut from a newspaper or periodical (NOTE: The US equivalent is **clipping**.)

CV *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Cape Verde

CV *abbreviation* curriculum vitae

CX *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Christmas Island

CY *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Cyprus

cybercrime /'saɪbəkraɪm/ *noun* crime carried out on the Internet, e.g. hacking into protected information

cyberlaw /'saɪbəlɔː/ *noun* the body of laws relating to computers, information systems and networks

cybernetics /,saɪbə'netɪks/ *noun* the study of how machines can be made to imitate human actions

cyberphobia /,saɪbə'fəʊbiə/ *noun* a pathological fear of computers and information technology

cyberspace /'saɪbəspeɪs/ *noun* the notional environment in which electronic information exists or is exchanged ○ *We met by writing to each other on the world wide web in cyberspace.*

cybrary /'saɪbrəri/ *noun* **1.** a guide to the information available on the World Wide Web on a particular topic **2.** an information-gathering service using the Internet

cyclopedia /,saɪklə'pi:diə/ *noun* PUBL same as **encyclopedia**

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dagger /'dægə/ *noun* **1.** a second reference mark for footnotes **2.** a mark signifying 'dead' when placed before an English name ► symbol †

daily /'deɪli/ *adjective* happening every day ■ *noun* a newspaper published every weekday

daisy wheel printer /'deɪzi wi:l ˌprɪntə/ *noun* a device for printing work from a computer, which uses a wheel-shaped printing head with the characters at the ends of spokes

damages /'dæmɪdʒɪz/ *plural noun* money that is paid by court order to somebody to compensate for harm done to them or to their reputation

darkroom /'dɑ:kru:m/ *noun* a room protected from daylight and using infrared light only, where films can be developed and printed

dash /dæʃ/ *noun* a punctuation mark (-) that is a short horizontal line used to mark off a section of a sentence

data /'deɪtə bæŋk/ *noun* information usually in the form of facts or statistics which can be analysed ○ *The data is easily available.* (NOTE: **Data** is historically a plural noun but is now usually treated as a singular.)

data acquisition /'deɪtə ˌækwɪzɪʃ(ə)n/, **data collection** /'deɪtə kəˌleɪʃən/ *noun* the gathering of data about a particular subject

data administration /'deɪtə əd ˌmɪnɪstreɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* same as **data management**

data administrator /'deɪtə əd ˌmɪnɪstreɪtə/ *noun* a control section of a database management system

data analysis /'deɪtə əˌnæləsɪs/ *noun* the act of drawing conclusions from data

data bank /'deɪtə bæŋk/ *noun* a large store of information, especially kept in or available to a computer, sometimes consisting of several databases

database /'deɪtəbeɪs/ *noun* **1.** software which enables the user to organise data for easy retrieval **2.** a collection of data stored in a computer which can be easily and quickly retrieved

database administrator /ˌdeɪtəbeɪs ədˈmɪnɪstreɪtə/ *noun* a person who undertakes responsibility for the control of a database

database language /'deɪtəbeɪs ˌlæŋɡwɪdʒ/ *noun* any one of a series of languages, e.g. data description language, that makes up a database management system

database management system /ˌdeɪtəbeɪs ˈmænɪdʒmənt ˌsɪstəm/ *noun* a series of computer programs which allows the user to create and maintain databases. Abbr **DBMS**

database mapping /'deɪtəbeɪs ˌmæpɪŋ/ *noun* a description of the way in which the records and fields in a database are related

database publishing /'deɪtəbeɪs ˌpʌblɪʃɪŋ/ *noun* publishing information selected from a database, either online where the user pays for it on a per-page inspection basis, or as a CD-ROM

database schema /'deɪtəbeɪs ˌski:mə/ *noun* a way in which a database is organised and structured

database server ɿ(ˌ...ˌ) *noun* a piece of database management software

that runs on a server computer on a network and is used in a client-server system

data capture /'deɪtə ,kæptʃə/ *noun* the act of collecting data and converting it into a form compatible with computers

data compression /'deɪtə kəm ,preʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a means of reducing the size of blocks of data by removing spaces, empty sections and unused material

data entry /,deɪtə 'entri/ *noun* a method of putting data into a computer

data file /'deɪtə faɪl/ *noun* a computer file storing data rather than program instructions

data handling /'deɪtə ,hændlɪŋ/ *noun* same as **data preparation**

data management /'deɪtə ,mænjɪdʒmənt/ *noun* the maintenance and updating of a database. Also called **data administration**

data mining /'deɪtə ,maɪnɪŋ/ *noun* the process of locating previously unknown patterns and relationships within data using a database application, e.g. finding customers with common interests in a retail establishment's database

data modelling /'deɪtə ,mɒd(ə)lɪŋ/ *noun* the act of making a graphic representation of interlinked data, so that an efficient database for it can be designed

data network /'deɪtə ,netwɜ:k/ *noun* a system which allows transmission of data to a number of linked computers

data preparation /'deɪtə ,prepəreɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the conversion of data into a machine-readable format. Also called **data handling**

data processing /'deɪtə ,prəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* the process of selecting and examining data in a computer to produce information in a special form. Abbr **DP**

data protection /'deɪtə prə ,tekʃən/ *noun* the procedure of making sure that data is not copied by an unauthorised user

Data Protection Act /,deɪtə prə 'tekʃən ,ækt/ *noun* a piece of legisla-

tion passed in 1984 in the UK that requires any owner of a database that contains personal details to register

data retrieval /,deɪtə rɪ'tri:v(ə)/ *noun* the process of searching, selecting and reading data from a stored file

data security /'deɪtə sɪ,kjʊəriti/ *noun* the protection of electronic data so that it cannot be accessed by unauthorised people

'Chubb offers first-party coverage for internal losses caused by a data security breach. For example, if a retailer suffered a breach of its customers' credit card information, Chubb's policy would cover the costs of notifying customers, regaining stolen credit card information and upgrading its system.' [*Business Insurance*]

data services /'deɪtə ,sɜ:vɪsɪz/ *plural noun* public services such as telephones, which allow data to be transmitted

datasheet /'deɪtəʃi:t/ *noun* a document accessible on the Internet that gives a detailed description of something, especially a product

DATASTAR /'deɪtəstɑ:/ *noun* a Swiss-based online database host

data storage /'deɪtə ,stɔ:ɹɪdʒ/ *noun* the ability to store data in the memory of a computer

data warehouse /'deɪtə ,weəhɑ:ʊs/ *noun* a database used for analysing overall business strategy rather than routine operations

date /deɪt/ *verb* to record on a document the date when it is written or received

date label /'deɪt ,leɪb(ə)/ *noun* a label pasted in a library book so that the date for return can be stamped on it

date of publication /,deɪt əv ,pʌblɪ 'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* same as **publication date**

datum /'deɪtəm/ *noun* a piece of information (NOTE: **Datum** is the singular of **data**.)

day release /,deɪ rɪ'li:s/ *noun* a system of training by which employees are allowed a regular day each week to attend college

DBMS *abbreviation* database management system

DCMI *abbreviation* Dublin Core Metadata Initiative

DD *abbreviation* double density

DDC *abbreviation* Dewey decimal classification

DDS *abbreviation* Dewey decimal system

de *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Germany

deaccession /,di:ək'seɪʃ(ə)n/ *verb* to remove a book or work of art from the collection of a library or museum and sell it

deacidify /,di:ə'si:diɪfai/ *verb* to remove the acid from paper. ♦ **CHC paper**

deadline /'dedlaɪn/ *noun* the stated time or date by which work must be finished

Dead White European Male /,ded waɪt ˌju:əreɪ:ən 'meɪl/ *noun* a conventionally important historical figure, especially one of the writers and thinkers whose works have traditionally formed the basis of academic study in Europe and North America. Abbr **DWEM**

debate /dɪ'beɪt/ *noun* a meeting about a question in which at least two opinions are expressed ■ *verb* to discuss something, considering arguments for and against it

Debrett /də'bret/ *noun* a publication that lists members of the British aristocracy

decade /'dekeɪd/ *noun* a period of ten years, especially one that begins with a year ending in 0

decay /dɪ'keɪ/ *verb* to become old, rotten, weak or corrupt

decentralise /di:'sentʀəlaɪz/, **decentralize** *verb* to move departments away from the main administrative area and give more power to local branches

decimal /'desɪm(ə)l/ *adjective* counting in base ten

decimal classification system /,desɪm(ə)l ,klæsɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a system of organising items using a numerical order in base ten

decimal point /,desɪm(ə)l 'pɔɪnt/ *noun* a dot or comma which separates whole numbers from decimal fractions, e.g. in 2.75

COMMENT: The dot should be raised above the line, though it is never printed in this way by computer printers. Note that the decimal point is used in English-speaking countries, and that in most other countries the decimal is indicated by a comma.

decipher /dɪ'saɪfə/ *verb* to work out what something means, even if it is difficult to read or understand

decision support system /dɪ'sɪʒ(ə)n sə,pɔɪt ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a suite of programs that helps a manager reach decisions using previous decisions, information, and other databases

declarative knowledge /dɪ ,klærətɪv 'nɒlɪdʒ/ *noun* same as **propositional knowledge**

declarative memory /dɪ ,klærətɪv 'mem(ə)ri/ *noun* human memory of learned facts and events. Compare **procedural memory**

declassify /di:'klæsɪfaɪ/ *verb* to state that information or documents no longer have security classification and are not secret

decode /di:'kəʊd/ *verb* to change information which has been written in code into ordinary language

decrease *noun* /'di:kri:s/ a reduction in the size or quantity of something ■ *verb* /dɪ'kri:s/ to make something smaller

dedicate /'dedɪkeɪt/ *verb* to print a special note in a book offering it to somebody, usually a relative or friend, as a token of affection ○ *He dedicated the book of poetry to his wife and daughters.*

dedicated /'dedɪkeɪtɪd/ *adjective* reserved for a particular use

dedicated channel /,dedɪkeɪtɪd 'tʃæn(ə)l/ *noun* a communications channel reserved for a particular use or user

dedicated line /,dedɪkeɪtɪd 'laɪn/ *noun* a telephone line assigned to a designated user, usually to provide a permanent connection to the Internet

dedicated word processor

/,dedi'keɪtɪd 'wɜːd ,prəʊsesə/ noun a small computer which has been configured to do only word processing

dedication */,dedi'keɪʃ(ə)n/ noun* words used to offer a book, work or performance to honour somebody

deduct */dɪ'dʌkt/ verb* to remove something from a total

deduction */dɪ'dʌkʃən/ noun* an amount removed from a total sum

deep Web */,di:p 'web/ noun* searchable databases accessible through the Internet, which must be searched using CQL queries and not with an ordinary Web search engine. Also called **hidden Web**, **invisible Web**. Compare **surface Web**

de facto */,dei 'fæktəʊ/ adjective* accepted as fact by reason of usage ○ *He was the de facto ruler although he had no legal right to the position.*

default */dɪ'fɔːlt/ noun* failure to carry out a contract ■ *verb* to fail to carry out the terms of a contract, especially to fail to pay back a debt ○ *The company is in default on their repayments.*

default setting */dɪ'fɔːlt ,setɪŋ/ noun* the setting that a computer or printer will use if no other instructions are given

defect *'diːfekt/ noun* a fault in a machine

defective */dɪ'fektɪv/ adjective* not working properly

define */dɪ'faɪn/ verb* to explain the meaning of something

definition */,defɪ'nɪʃ(ə)n/ noun* a statement of meaning, especially in a dictionary

degree */dɪ'ɡriː/ noun* a qualification awarded by a university or college following successful completion of a course of study or period of research, or a similar qualification granted as an honour

degree of automation */dɪ,ɡriː əv ,ɔːtə'meɪʃ(ə)n/ noun* the level of use of electronic machines

'In order to optimise our business and improve our bottom line, we need to automate the flows of information as much as possible. Data integration

processes are key to this high degree of automation, the combined increases in availability and quality of data they provide translate into an immediate increase in operational efficiency.' [*M2 Presswire*]

de jure */,dei 'dʒʊəri/ adjective* by legal right, though not necessarily in fact

delay */dɪ'leɪ/ noun* a cause of something happening later than planned ■ *verb* to cause something to happen later than planned

delegate *noun* *'delɪɡət/* a person elected to speak for or represent others ■ *verb* *'deləʒət/* to give some of one's responsibility to others for a period of time

delegation */,delɪ'ɡeɪʃ(ə)n/ noun* the act of delegating

delete */dɪ'li:t/ verb* to remove information that has been written down or stored in a computer ■ *noun* an instruction given to a computer to remove a section of text

delete character */dɪ,li:t 'kærɪktə/ noun* a special code used to indicate data or text to be removed

delete key */dɪ'li:t kiː/ noun* a computer key that moves the cursor to erase characters, or removes highlighted text

Delphes */delf/ noun* a French network of economic and business information produced by the French Chambers of Commerce

DELPHI *'delfi/ noun* a commercial online information service

de luxe edition */,di 'lʌks ɪ,dɪʃ(ə)n/ noun* a special edition of a book, printed on very good quality paper and with an expensive binding, selling for a higher price than a standard edition

demand */dɪ'mɑːnd/ noun* the number of people wanting to buy something ○ *There is not much demand for this item.* ■ *verb* to ask for something in a forceful way

demand forecasting */dɪ'mɑːnd ,fɔːkɑːstɪŋ/ noun* a prediction of the number of items which will be sold or used

demarcation /,di:mɑ:'keɪf(ə)n/
noun a boundary or limit separating ideas or groups

demography /dɪ'mɒɡrəfi/ *noun* the study of changes in population

Demon Internet Systems
/,di:mən 'ɪntənət ,sɪstəmz/ *noun* a UK provider of gateways to the Internet

demonstrate /'demənstreɪt/ *verb* **1.** to show people how to do something **2.** to make an idea clear to people **3.** to show that you have a skill or quality

demy octavo /,demi ɒk'tɑ:vəʊ/
noun a book format, formerly 8 3/4 x 5 inches, now 216 x 138mm

demy quarto /,demi 'kwɔ:təʊ/ *noun* a book format, formerly 11 1/4 x 8 3/4 inches, now 279 x 219mm

density /'densɪti/ *noun* the level of darkness of an image

COMMENT: Scanner software produces various shades of grey by using different densities or arrangements of black and white dots and/or different sized dots.

deny access /dɪ,nai 'ækses/ *verb* **1.** to refuse permission to enter **2.** to refuse permission to use an information system

departmental information system
/,dɪpɑ:tment(ə)l ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a system of organising information specific to one department

dependency level /dɪ'pendənsɪ ,lev(ə)l/ *noun* a degree to which somebody is dependent on another person or a system

dependent on /dɪ'pendənt ɒn/ *adjective* needing something in order to survive or function

deploy /dɪ'plɔɪ/ *verb* to place people or resources where they will be most useful

deposit /dɪ'pɒzɪt/ *noun* **1.** an amount of money paid in part payment **2.** an amount of money that a person gives when they borrow something and which is returned to them when the item is returned undamaged **3.** documents placed in a record office for safe keeping **4.** a legal requirement for one copy of any published book to be sent to a national deposit library ■ *verb* to give a copy of a book to a deposit library as

part of the process of publishing the book

deposit library /dɪ'pɒzɪt ,laɪbrəri/
noun a national library to which a publisher has by law to give a copy of each book published

COMMENT: In the British Isles, the deposit libraries are the British Library, the Bodleian Library at Oxford, Cambridge University Library, the National Library of Scotland and the Library of Trinity College Dublin; the Welsh National Library may also receive copies.

depth indexing /'depθ ,ɪndeksɪŋ/
noun the indexing of different subjects within the body of a document

deputation /,depju'teɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a group of people who act as representatives of a larger group

descending order /dɪ'sendɪŋ 'ɔ:də/ *noun* a method of organising things so that each item is smaller than the one before it or comes before it in an established order ○ *They were arranged in descending order from Z to A.*

descriptive list /dɪ'skrɪptɪv lɪst/
noun a list of holdings with a brief description of their contents to enable users to decide which they want

descriptor /dɪ'skrɪptə/ *noun* a code or symbol given to a document to identify it for the purposes of retrieval

desiderata /dɪ,zɪdə'rɑ:tə/ *plural noun* a list of books and documents required

design /dɪ'zɑɪn/ *verb* to plan what something new will be like

desk /desk/ *noun* a writing table in an office or study

desk accessory /'desk ək'sesəri/
noun a device for use on a desk, e.g. a light or a desktop computer

desk diary /'desk ,daɪəri/ *noun* a book with blank pages organised by dates, which can be kept on a desk, to record appointments and commitments

desktop /'desktp/ *noun* a display on a computer screen comprising background and icons representing equipment, programs and files

desktop computer /,desktp kəm'pjʊ:tə/ *noun* a computer, usually with a keyboard and monitor, which is small enough to be used on a desk

desktop PC /,deskɒp pi: 'si:/ *noun*
an IBM-compatible computer which can be placed on a user's desk, comprising a system unit with main electronics, disk drive and controllers, and a separate monitor and keyboard

desktop publishing /,deskɒp 'pʌblɪʃɪŋ/ *noun* the design and layout of text and graphics using a small computer with a specific software application package and a printer. Abbr **DTP**

desktop unit /,deskɒp 'ju:nɪt/ *noun* a computer or machine that will fit onto a desk

destination /,destɪ'neɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun*
1. the place where something is sent **2.** the location where data is sent on a network

detail /'di:teɪl/ *noun* a small condition or fact ■ *verb* to list or give full information about things

detailed enquiry /,di:teɪld ɪn 'kwaɪrɪ/ *noun* an investigation which lists all the small features of an event or situation

developed country /dɪ,veləpt 'kʌntri/ *noun* a rich industrialised country

developing country /dɪ,veləpɪŋ 'kʌntri/ *noun* a country where industry is not yet well developed but which is moving towards it

developing market /dɪ,veləpɪŋ 'mɑ:kɪt/ *noun* an area where the sale of goods or services is increasing

development strategy /dɪ 'veləpmənt ,strætədʒi/ *noun* policies and methods for future development

devise /dɪ'vaɪz/ *verb* to design or work out a plan or system

Dewey decimal classification /,dju:ɪ: 'desɪm(ə)l ,sɪstəm/, **Dewey decimal system** *noun* a system of classifying library books that divides them into ten main classes, divided in turn into categories with three-digit numbers and subcategories with numbers after a decimal point. Abbr **DDC**, **DDS**

DfES *abbreviation* Department for Education and Skills

diacritical marks, diacritics, diacriticals *plural noun* marks made

above normal letters to show a change of pronunciation or stress

COMMENT: The commonest diacritics are the accents in European languages and the dots indicating vowels in Arabic.

diaeresis, dieresis *noun* a printed sign, formed of two dots printed above a vowel (ë)

COMMENT: In English the diaeresis is now uncommon, but was used in words such as 'naïve' and 'coördinate' to show that the two vowels were pronounced separately and not as a diphthong; it is still used in many European languages and indicates a change in pronunciation of a vowel. In German it is called the *umlaut*.

diagnose /'daɪəgnəʊz/ *verb* to identify what is wrong

diagnosis /,daɪəg'nəʊsɪs/ *noun* the act of identifying the reason for a fault or problem

diagonal /daɪ'æɡən(ə)/ *noun* a slanting line from a top corner to the opposite bottom corner

diagram /'daɪəgræm/ *noun* a chart or graph that illustrates something such as a statistical trend ■ *verb* to make a diagram that represents or illustrates something

dial /'daɪəl/ *verb* to use a series of numbers to make a telephone connection

dialling code /'daɪəlɪŋ kəʊd/ *noun* numbers used in the telephone system to identify towns, countries or individual phone lines and so enable connection by phone or fax

dialling tone /'daɪəlɪŋ təʊn/ *noun* a sound made by a telephone line when it is available for use

DIALOG /'daɪələʊg/ *noun* an online database host

dialogue /'daɪələʊg/ *noun* **1.** a written conversation in a book or play **2.** the exchange of ideas or opinions, especially between those with different viewpoints

dialogue box /'daɪələʊg bɒks/ *noun* a small rectangular window displayed on a computer screen that conveys information to, or requires a response from, the user

dial-up /'daɪəl ʌp/ *adjective* requiring a computer modem and telephone line

to establish communication with another computer or a network

DIANE /daɪ'æn/ , **Euronet/Diane**

diary /'daɪəri/ *noun* **1.** a detailed daily record of the events in a person's life written in a book **2.** a small book with dates and blank spaces used to record appointments

dictate /dɪk'teɪt/ *verb* to speak words for somebody to write down or for a machine to record

dictating machine /dɪk'teɪtɪŋ mə'ʃi:n/ *noun* a recording machine which records what someone says so that it can be typed later

dictionary /'dɪkʃən(ə)ri/ *noun* a book or compact disc containing the words of a language arranged alphabetically with their meanings

COMMENT: The term 'dictionary' really applies to a book where the words are defined, but not necessarily explained; an 'encyclopaedia' is a book where the words are explained, but not always defined. A 'Dictionary of Gardening' is probably in fact an encyclopaedia, since it may give details of how to grow plants, rather than defining what each plant or process is. This present dictionary has many encyclopaedic sections, such as this one.

dictionary catalogue /'dɪkʃən(ə)ri'kætəlɒŋ/ *noun* a catalogue in which all the entries such as author, title and subject are placed in one alphabetical sequence

Dictionary of National Biography /,dɪkʃən(ə)ri əv'neɪʃ(ə)nəl baɪ'ɒgrəfi/ *noun* an alphabetical listing of famous people within a country, with brief biographical details. Abbr **DNB**

didactic /daɪ'dæktɪk/ *adjective* relating to speech or writing that is intended to teach, especially on moral issues

didactics /daɪ'dæktɪks/ *noun* the science or profession of teaching

differ /'dɪfə/ *verb* to be unlike something else in some way

differential /,dɪfə'renʃəl/ *noun* the difference between two values in a scale

digest /'daɪdʒest/ *noun* a book which summarises a series of reports, especially one that collects summaries of

court decisions and is used as a reference tool by lawyers

digipad /'dɪdʒɪpæd/ *noun* same as **digitising pad**

digit /'dɪdʒɪt/ *noun* any of the numbers from 0 to 9

digital /'dɪdʒɪt(ə)/ *adjective* representing physical quantities in numerical form

digital computer /,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l kəm'pjʊ:tə/ *noun* a computer that calculates on the basis of binary numbers

digital data network /,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l 'deɪtə'netwɜ:k/ *noun* a network designed specifically for the transmission of digital data as distinct from networks such as the telephone system which are analogue

digital divide /,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l dr'vaɪd/ *noun* the difference in opportunities available to people who have access to modern information technology and those who do not

digital font /,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l 'fɒnt/ *noun* a font that has been digitised so that it can be stored in a computer

digital image processing /,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l 'ɪmɪdʒ'prəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* a wide range of techniques used to generate, process and reproduce images by digital computers

digital learning /,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l 'lɜ:nɪŋ/ *noun* education using electronic tools, e.g. interactive software

digital library /,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l 'laɪbrəri/ *noun* a store of digital reference materials, e.g. electronic journals and database information

'Researchers can perform their research without regard to physical location, interacting with colleagues, accessing instrumentation, sharing data and computational resources, and accessing information and data in digital libraries and repositories.'
[*States News Service*]

digital nervous system /,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l 'nɜ:vəs'sɪstəm/ *noun* a digital information system that gathers, manages and distributes knowledge in a way that allows an organisation to respond quickly and effectively to events in the outside world

digital object identifier /,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l ˌɒbjekt aɪˈdentɪfaɪə/ *noun* an identifying symbol for a web file that redirects users to any new Internet location for that file. Abbr **DOI**

digital preservation /,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l ˌprezə'veɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the act of preserving data by putting it into electronic form, which can be copied, stored and distributed easily and without loss of quality

digital proofs /,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l 'pru:fs/ *plural noun* proofs taken from digital files prior to film output at high or low resolution

digital reference services /,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l 'ref(ə)rəns ˌsɜ:vɪsɪz/ *plural noun* searchable information in electronic form, provided by a library or other service

digital scanning /,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l 'skæniŋ/ *noun* the reading of an image such as a printed character by a computer, done by building it up as a series of dots in the computer memory

digital video disc /,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l 'vɪdiəʊ ˌdɪsk/ *noun* full form of **DVD**

digitisable /'dɪdʒɪtaɪzəb(ə)l/ *adjective* able to be converted into digital form for distribution via the Internet or other networks

digitise /'dɪdʒɪtaɪz/, **digitize** *verb* to change analogue signals such as pictures or sound into numerical data which can be processed by a computer

digitised letterforms /,dɪdʒɪtaɪzɪd 'letəfɔ:mz/ *plural noun* the shapes of characters which have been scanned and then stored as a series of dots in the computer memory

digitised photograph /,dɪdʒɪtaɪzɪd 'fəʊtəgrɑ:f/ *noun* an image or photograph that has been scanned to produce an analogue signal which is then converted to digital form and stored in a computer or displayed on a screen

digitising pad /'dɪdʒɪtaɪzɪŋ pæd/ *noun* a sensitive surface that translates the position of a pen into numerical form, so that drawings can be entered into a computer. Also called **digitpad**

digizine /'dɪdʒi:n/ *noun* a magazine that is delivered in digital form either on the Internet or on a CD-ROM

dime novel /'daɪm ˌnɒv(ə)l/ *noun* a cheap paperback novel

diploma /dɪ'pləʊmə/ *noun* an official statement that somebody has successfully completed a course or passed an examination

diplomacy /dɪ'pləʊməsi/ *noun* 1. management of relations between countries 2. tact in dealings with people ◦ *Librarians sometimes need to use diplomacy when dealing with library users.*

direct access /daɪˌrekt 'ækses/ *noun* the ability to use information without the need for an intermediary person

direct connection /daɪˌrekt kə 'nekʃən/ *noun* a fast permanent connection linking a computer or system to a network such as the Internet. It can be used at any time and is much faster than a dial-up connection.

direct entry /daɪˌrekt 'entri/ *noun* an index entry in which a multi-word subject uses the usual word order instead of an inverted word sequence

direct mail /daɪˌrekt 'meɪl/ *noun* a system of selling goods by sending publicity material about them through the post

director /daɪˌrektə/ *noun* 1. the top person in the management of a group, company or organisation 2. a person who directs a play or film

directorate /daɪˌrekt(ə)rət/ *noun* the board of directors of a company

directory /daɪˌrekt(ə)rɪ/ *noun* a book or database which lists the names and details of people or companies in a specific geographical or subject area

disadvantage /,dɪsəd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ/ *noun* a factor in a situation which causes problems

disapplication /,dɪsæplɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a special exemption from the National Curriculum given to a school

disaster plan /dɪ'zɑ:stə plæn/ *noun* a plan for what to do if a disaster occurs

discharge /dɪs'tʃɑ:dʒ/ *verb* to cancel the record of a loan from a library when the book or other item is returned

discipline /'dɪsɪplɪn/ *noun* a field of academic study

discount /'dɪskaʊnt/ *noun* a reduction in the price of something

discovery /dɪ'skʌv(ə)rɪ/ *noun* the act of finding out something that nobody knew about previously

discretion /dɪ'skreʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the ability to deal with confidential situations or information without causing embarrassment ○ *I leave the matter to your discretion.* □ **at someone's discretion** when something is done because of somebody's decision and not according to a fixed rule

discretionary income /dɪ'skreʃ(ə)n(ə)rɪ 'ɪnkʌm/ *noun* money which is allocated to a person or a department according to the decisions of people in authority and not according to fixed rules

disinformation /,dɪsɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* false or deliberately misleading information, often put out as propaganda

disingenuous /,dɪsɪn'dʒenjuəs/ *adjective* withholding or not taking account of known information

disk /dɪsk/ *noun* a flat, round plastic device coated with magnetised material which can be used to store information readable by a computer. Also called **disc**

disk drive /'dɪsk draɪv/ *noun* a slot in which to place a floppy disk so that a computer can read the data on it

diskette /dɪ'sket/ *noun* a small portable lightweight disk which can be used in personal computers

Disk Operating System /,dɪsk 'ɒpəreɪtɪŋ ,sɪstəm/ *noun* the section of the operating system in a computer that controls the disk and file management. Abbr **DOS**

disk reader /'dɪsk ,rɪ:də/ *noun* a device which will read the contents of a disk into a main computer system

display /dɪ'spleɪ/ *noun* an exhibition for public viewing ■ *verb* to set up or arrange to be viewed

display case /dɪ'spleɪ keɪs/ *noun* a glass box which protects items but allows them to be seen

displayed text /dɪ'spleɪd 'tekst/ *noun* text that is laid out by indenting or being placed in a box, so as to make it different from the rest of the text

display material /dɪ'spleɪ mə ,tɹɪəriəl/ *noun* items that can be used for an exhibition

display space /dɪ'spleɪ speɪs/ *noun* the available memory or amount of screen for showing graphics or text

display stand /dɪ'spleɪ stænd/ *noun* a portable board which can be set on legs and used to display information

display unit /dɪ'spleɪ ,ju:nɪt/ *noun* a computer terminal or piece of equipment that is capable of showing data or information, usually by means of a CRT

disposal list /dɪs'pəʊzəl lɪst/ *noun* instructions for the disposal of documents by destruction or temporary or permanent preservation

dispose of /dɪs'pəʊz ɒv/ *verb* to throw away or destroy

disseminate /dɪ'semɪneɪt/ *verb* to spread news and information widely

dissemination /dɪ'semɪ'neɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the act of distributing something such as information throughout an area

dissertation /,dɪsə'teɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a written account of research

distance learning /'dɪstəns ,lɜ:nɪŋ/ *noun* courses which can be studied at home and sent to a tutor by mail or e-mail

distort /dɪ'stɔ:t/ *verb* to give a false or dishonest account of something

distributed library /dɪ'strɪbjʊtɪd 'laɪbrəri/ *noun* **1.** a collection of resources that come from different places but can be accessed from a single point, e.g. in electronic form **2.** resources which are the private collections of people working in a particular field, and which can be shared with others, e.g. by post

'The patent defines a comprehensive software application that provides a secure, high performance distributed library for cataloguing, distributing, tracking, reporting and managing intellectual property.' [*BusinessWire*]

distribution /,dɪstrɪ'bju:ʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the delivery of goods or information to people or organisations

distribution channel /,dɪstrɪ'bju:ʃ(ə)n ,tʃænz(ə)/ *noun* the method by which things are sent to other people, e.g. e-mail, post or retail shops

distribution list /,dɪstrɪ'bju:ʃ(ə)n lɪst/ *noun* a list of people to whom copies of a document should be sent

diversity /daɪ'vɜ:zɪti/ *noun* the range of variation within a group of people or situations

divinity calf /dɪ'vɪnɪti kɑ:f/ *noun* a type of binding used for religious books, made of dark brown calf leather

division /dɪ'vɪz(ə)n/ *noun* a department in a large organisation

dj *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Djibouti

dk *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Denmark

dm *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Dominica

DNB *abbreviation* Dictionary of National Biography

DNS *abbreviation* COMPUT domain name service

do *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Dominican Republic

Doctor of Philosophy /,dɒktə əv frɪ'ləsəfi/ *noun* the highest level of university degree, awarded to somebody who has successfully completed a lengthy piece of original research. Abbr PhD

document /'dɒkjʊmənt/ *noun* any form of information in printed or electronic form, e.g. maps, manuscripts or computer software

document address class /,dɒkjʊmənt ə'dres ,klɑ:s/ *noun* a number or symbol indicating the location of a document in store

documentalist /,dɒkjʊ'mentəlɪst/ *noun* a specialist in documentation

documentary /,dɒkjʊ'ment(ə)ri/ *noun* a film relating true facts rather than telling a story ■ *adjective* based on written evidence in documents

documentation /,dɒkjʊməntə'teɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* documents provided or

collected together as evidence or as reference material

documentation centre /,dɒkjʊməntə'teɪʃ(ə)n ,sentə/ *noun* an information source such as a website which pulls together documents and official publications into a central database which can then be accessed by the public

document control /'dɒkjʊmənt kən'trəʊl/ *noun* the way in which documents are organised to provide easy retrieval

document delivery /'dɒkjʊmənt dɪ,lɪv(ə)ri/ *noun* a service that provides specialised archived documents in electronic form to customers for a fee

document management /'dɒkjʊmənt ,mænɪdʒmənt/ *noun* the storage and retrieval of documents in paper or electronic format

'We have also invested heavily in educating African companies about the benefits of document management systems, and how traditional paper-based processes for dealing with incoming and outgoing business documents no longer make good business sense.' [M2 Presswire]

document paper /'dɒkjʊmənt ,peɪpə/ *noun* special-sized paper used for legal and other documents, which is suitable for writing on

document reader /'dɒkjʊmənt ,rɪdə/ *noun* a mechanism for reading text into a computer

document retrieval system /,dɒkjʊmənt rɪ'tri:v(ə)l ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a system which produces a complete copy of a document rather than a citation or reference

document supply centre /,dɒkjʊmənt sə'plɑɪ ,sentə/ *noun* a division of a lending library, which supplies copies of documents often through an inter-library loan system

dog-eared /'dɒg ɪəd/ *adjective* used to describe a book whose corners are bent and worn

DOI *abbreviation* digital object identifier

do-it-yourself handbook /,du: ɪt jə'self ,hændbʊk/, **do-it-yourself manual** /,du: ɪt jə'self ,mænjuəl/

noun a handbook showing how to do repairs or construction work around the house (NOTE: US English is **how-to book**.)

dollar sign /'dɒlə saɪn/ *noun* a printed or written character (\$) used in some computer languages to identify a variable as a string type

domain /dəʊ'meɪn/ *noun* the part of an e-mail address after the @ sign

domain name /dəʊ'meɪn neɪm/ *noun* the sequence of words, phrases, abbreviations or characters that serves as the Internet address of a computer or network

domain name service /dəʊ'meɪn neɪm/ *noun* an Internet service which translates domain names into IP addresses. Abbr **DNS**

donation /dəʊ'neɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a gift of something, especially for a good cause

DOS /dɒs/ *abbreviation* Disk Operating System

dossier /'dɒsiɪə/ *noun* a collection of documents relating to a person or topic

dot /dɒt/ *noun* a punctuation mark (.) used to separate the various components of an Internet address

dot address /'dɒt ə,dres/ *noun* the common notation for Internet addresses in the form A.B.C.D., each letter representing, in decimal notation, one byte of a four-byte address. Also called **dotted quad**, **dotted decimal notation**, **dotted quad address**

dot matrix printer /,dɒt 'meɪtrɪks ,prɪntə/ *noun* a printer which uses a series of closely spaced dots and prints out line by line

double-check /,dʌb(ə)l 'tʃek/ *verb* to check something a second time to be sure of its accuracy

double dagger /,dʌb(ə)l 'dægəl/ *noun* a third reference mark for footnotes

double density /,dʌb(ə)l 'densəti/ *noun* a system to double the storage capacity of a disk drive by doubling the number of bits which can be put on the disk surface. Abbr **DD**

double density disk /,dʌb(ə)l ,densɪti 'dɪsk/ *noun* a disk that can

store two bits of data per unit area compared to a standard disk

double elephant /,dʌb(ə)l 'elɪfənt/ *noun* **1.** a large size of drawing paper (40 x 27 inches) **2.** US a book size up to 50 inches high

double-page spread /,dʌb(ə)l peɪdʒ 'spred/ *noun* a feature or article that fills two facing pages of a newspaper or magazine

double-sided /,dʌb(ə)l 'saɪdɪd/ *adjective* can be used on both sides

double-sided disk /,dʌb(ə)l ,saɪdɪd 'dɪsk/ *noun* a computer disk which has been sensitised on both sides, and can store twice the amount of data of an ordinary disk

double spread /,dʌb(ə)l 'spred/ *noun* PUBL same as **double-page spread**

doublure /dʌb'ljuə/ *noun* a lining, especially one made of leather or highly decorated, inside the cover of a book

down /daʊn/ *adjective* used to indicate that a computer is out of action

down cursor key /'daʊn ,kɜːsə ,kiː/ *noun* one of the four direction keys on a computer keyboard

download /,daʊn'ləʊd/ *verb* to move information from one electronic source to another storage device ○ *He downloaded the records from the main database to his own personal database.*

downloadable fonts /,daʊnləʊdəb(ə)l 'fɒnts/ *plural noun* fonts or typefaces stored on a disk, which can be downloaded or sent to a printer and stored in temporary memory or RAM

downtime /'daʊntaɪm/ *noun* the time during which a computer is unusable

DP *abbreviation* data processing

draft /drɑːft/ *noun* **1.** a rough form of something written, drawn or planned ○ *The editor has seen the first draft of her new novel.* **2.** a written order for money to be transferred from one bank to another

draft copy /'drɑːft ,kɒpi/ *noun* the first copy of a book or document which will be changed before it becomes the final version

drawback /'drɔ:bæk/ *noun* an aspect of something which is a problem and makes it less acceptable

drawing pin /'drɔ:ɪŋ pɪn/ *noun* a pin with a flat head used for attaching notices to a board

draw up /,drɔ: 'ʌp/ *verb* to prepare and write out a document

dredge up /,dredʒ 'ʌp/ *verb* to bring something to light from an obscure source, e.g. to recall something bad that happened long ago or unearth some scandalous information

drill down /,drɪl 'daʊn/ *verb* to access data or information organised in hierarchical form by starting from general information and moving through increasingly detailed data

drilldown /'drɪldaʊn/ *noun* an act of accessing data or information organised in hierarchical form

drilled and strung /,drɪld ən 'strʌŋ/ *adjective* bound by making holes through each leaf or signature, and then attaching them together with a thread

drop-down menu /,drɒp daʊn 'menju:/ *noun* a vertical list of options that appears on clicking on an item on a computer screen. It remains visible until one of the options has been selected by clicking on it.

DTP *abbreviation* desktop publishing

Dublin Core Metadata Initiative /,dʌblɪn kɔ: 'metədɜ:tə ɪ,nɪʃətɪv/ *noun* an organisation which promotes the standardisation of metadata used in information retrieval. Abbr **DCMI**

due /dju:/ *adjective* **1.** expected to arrive or happen at a particular time □ **due to** because of **2.** referring to the date when books are expected to be returned to a library

due date /'dju: deɪt/ *noun* the date by which something on loan should be returned

dues /dju:z/ *plural noun* **1.** money that is paid regularly to an organisation to which you belong **2.** books for which

orders have been taken, but which cannot be supplied until fresh stock arrives. This is because they are either subscription orders recorded for a new title or orders for a backlist title which is being reprinted.

dummy run /'dʌmi rʌn/ *noun* a trial or test procedure to see if something works properly

duodecimo /,dju:əʊ'dekɪməʊ/ *noun* PRINTING same as **twelvemo**

duplexing /'dju:pleksɪŋ/ *noun* sending information in two directions simultaneously

duplicate *noun* /'dju:plɪkət/ an extra copy of a book or document already in stock ■ *verb* /'dju:plɪkeɪt/ to make an exact copy of something

duplicate entry /,dju:plɪkət 'entri/ *noun* an index entry of the same subject matter under two headings

duplicate title /,dju:plɪkət 'taɪt(ə)/ *noun* a reprint which contains a copy of the original title page as well as its own

duplicating paper /'dju:plɪkeɪtɪŋ ,peɪpə/ *noun* special quality paper used for photocopying

dust jacket /'dʌst ,dʒækɪt/, **dust cover** /'dʌst ,kʌvə/ *noun* a paper book cover, often illustrated, which protects the hard binding of the book and can be removed

DVD /,di: vi: 'di:/ *noun* an optical compact disc that can store a large quantity of video, audio or other information. Full form **digital video disc**

DVD-ROM /,di: vi: 'di: ,rɒm/ *noun* a high-capacity optical disc on which data can be stored but not altered. Full form **digital video disc read only memory**

Dvorak keyboard /'dvɔ:ræk ,ki:bɔ:d/ *noun* a keyboard with frequently used keys placed near the centre for quicker typing

DWEM *abbreviation* Dead White European Male

dz *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Algeria

E

earmark /'i:əmɑ:k/ *verb* to put on one side for a particular purpose

e-book /'i: bʊk/ *noun* a battery-powered portable reading device displaying text on a high-resolution screen. Also called **electronic book**

'Almost every IT expert in the world is agreed that the book faces a revolutionary challenge from e-books and e-paper. Carr says: "In the next five to 10 years, maybe much sooner, we'll see a decent, ultra-lightweight, portable e-paper device that allows book lovers to download titles straight from the internet".' [The Observer]

ecclesiastical library /ɪ,kli:zɪ 'æstɪk(ə)l ,laɪbrəri/ *noun* a library made up predominantly of religious writings, especially used as research centre for the study of theology

ECDL *abbreviation* European Computer Driving Licence

ECM *abbreviation* enterprise content management

e-collaboration /'i: kə ,ləbərəɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* collaboration among people or organisations made possible by means of electronic technologies such as the Internet, video conferencing and wireless devices

economic plan /,i:kənəmɪk 'plæn/ *noun* a policy for economic development in a country

economies of scale /ɪ,kənəmɪz əv 'skeɪl/ *noun* achieving savings by producing very large quantities

e-copy /'i: ,kɒpi/ *noun* an electronic copy of a document, especially an e-mail text that has a primary destination

as an electronic message and a secondary destination as a printed copy
ed. *abbreviation* PUBL edition

EDI *abbreviation* electronic data interchange

edifying /'edɪfaɪŋ/ *adjective* providing morally useful knowledge or information

edit /'edɪt/ *verb* **1.** to change, correct or modify text or films **2.** to prepare a document for publication

edit. *abbreviation* PUBL edition

edited /'edɪtɪd/ *adjective* relating to work consisting of one or several separate items prepared for publication by somebody other than the author

editing run /'edɪtɪŋ rʌn/ *noun* processing carried out to check that new data meets certain requirements before actually analysing the data and its information content

editing terminal /'edɪtɪŋ ,tɜ:mɪn(ə)l/ *noun* a computer terminal on which text is shown which can be edited

edition /ɪ'dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a particular version of a book, magazine, newspaper or TV or radio programme which is printed or broadcast at one time

editio princeps /ɪ,dɪtɪəʊ 'prɪnsɛps/ *noun* the first printed edition of a piece of writing

editor /'edɪtə/ *noun* **1.** a person who changes or corrects text or films **2.** a person in charge of publishing a newspaper or magazine who makes the final decisions about the contents and format

editorial /,edɪ'tɔ:riəl/ *noun* the main article in a newspaper, written by the editor

editorial board /edɪ,tɔ:riəl 'bɔ:d/
noun a group of people with the power to make decisions about the contents of documents

EDP *abbreviation* electronic data processing

edu *abbreviation* US educational organization

educate /'edʒukeɪt/ *verb* to give knowledge to or develop the abilities of somebody by teaching

educated /'edʒukeɪtɪd/ *adjective* having the benefit of experience or knowledge

education /,edʒu'keɪf(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** the imparting and acquiring of knowledge through teaching and learning, especially at a school or similar institution **2.** the knowledge or abilities gained through being educated **3.** training and instruction in a particular subject, e.g. health matters **4.** the study of the theories and practices of teaching **5.** the system of educating people in a community or society

educational /,edʒu'keɪf(ə)nəl/
adjective **1.** giving knowledge, instruction or information **2.** relating to or concerned with education

educational animation
/,edʒukeɪf(ə)nəl ,æni'meɪf(ə)n/ *noun* animation that is specifically designed to aid learning

educational discount /,edʒu:'keɪf(ə)nəl ,dɪskaʊnt/ *noun* the amount of money taken off the price of goods when they are bought for teaching purposes

educational list /,edʒu'keɪf(ə)nəl lɪst/ *noun* a group of books published by one publisher for the educational market

Educational Resources Information Centre /,edʒukeɪf(ə)nəl rɪ ,zɔ:sɪz ,ɪnfə'meɪf(ə)n ,sentə/ *noun* a US research centre which catalogues, abstracts and indexes educational research documents. Abbr **ERIC**

educational software % /,edʒu:'keɪf(ə)nəl ,sɒftweə/ *noun* a set of computer programs designed to meet educational needs

edutainment /,edʒu'teɪnmənt/ *noun* television programmes, computer software or other media content intended both to entertain and educate users

ee *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Estonia

effective /ɪ'fektɪv/ *adjective* producing the desired results

efficient /ɪ'fɪʃ(ə)nt/ *adjective* using the minimum expenditure of effort and money

EFL *abbreviation* EDUC English as a Foreign Language

EFT *abbreviation* electronic file transfer

eg *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Egypt

e-GIF /'i: ,gɪf/ *noun* a framework for the technical standards that apply to the exchange of information between the government and companies, or the government and individuals. Full form **Electronic Government Interoperability Framework**

e-government /'i: ,gʌv(ə)nəmənt/
noun increased efficiency in communication between government and communities, using electronic delivery of information

eh *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Western Sahara

EIC *abbreviation* European Information Centres

eighteenmo /,eɪtɪ:n'məʊ/ *noun* same as **octodecimo**

18mo *abbreviation* eighteenmo

eightvo /'eɪtvəʊ/ *noun* same as **octavo**

8vo *abbreviation* octavo

EIS *noun* easy-to-use software providing information to a manager or executive about his or her company. Full form **executive information system**

e-learning /'i: ,lɜ:nɪŋ/ *noun* the acquisition of knowledge and skill using electronic technologies such as computer- and Internet-based courseware and local and wide area networks

electoral register /ɪ,lɛkt(ə)rəl 'redʒɪstə/ *noun* a list of names of people who are eligible to vote in an election

electrical /ɪˈlektɹɪk(ə)/ *adjective* relating to anything which works by electricity

electrician /ɪˌlekˈtɹɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a person who installs and repairs electrical equipment

electronic book /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈbʊk/ *noun* same as **e-book**

electronic conference /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈkɒnf(ə)rəns/ *noun* a way of discussing a topic with several people simultaneously by using a computer network

electronic data interchange /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈdeɪtə ˌɪntətʃeɪndʒ/ *noun* a system of sending commercial data over a network or telephone line using an electronic mail system. Abbr **EDI**

electronic data processing /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈdeɪtə ˌprəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* computer-based tasks involving the input and manipulation of data, usually using database programs. Abbr **EDP**

electronic funds transfer /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈfʌndz ˌtrænsfɜː/ *noun* the use of computers to transfer money to and from banks. Abbr **EFT**

Electronic Government Interoperability Framework *noun* full form of **e-GIF**

electronic journal /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈdʒɜːn(ə)/ *noun* a journal that is transmitted via a computer network

‘Unlike print journals, which libraries own and can keep forever, electronic journals are provided to libraries under a kind of lease. Libraries pay for the privilege of having access to the journals online. But many libraries fear they won’t be able to retrieve back issues should this access abruptly end.’

[*The Chronicle of Higher Education*]

electronic journalism /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈdʒɜːn(ə)lɪz(ə)m/ *noun* news coverage that is transmitted electronically, e.g. by television or over the Internet

electronic library /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈlaɪbrəri/ *noun* texts and documents that are available through a computer network

electronic magazine /,elektɹɒnɪk ˌmæɡəˈziːn/ *noun* a magazine that is distributed online over a computer network rather than being printed on paper

electronic mail /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈmeɪl/ *noun* same as **e-mail**

electronic mailbox /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈmeɪlbɒks/ *noun* a system for holding messages until the receiver is ready to use the computer to access them

electronic point of sale /,elektɹɒnɪk ˌpɔɪnt əv ˈseɪl/ *noun* full form of **EPOS**

electronic publishing /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈpʌblɪʃɪŋ/ *noun* the process and business of producing books or journals in electronic form, e.g. as e-books or for online access

electronic record /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈrekɔːd/ *noun* details of an item stored in a computer

electronic records management /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈrekɔːdz ˌmænɪdʒmənt/ *noun* the process of ensuring that information held in electronic form, such as documents or data, is stored in such a way that it can easily be accessed and cannot accidentally be destroyed. Abbr **ERM**

electronic rights /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈraɪts/ *plural noun* the right to publish and sell copyright material using electronic devices such as CD-ROM or the Internet

electronic surveillance /,elektɹɒnɪk səˈveɪləns/ *noun* the gathering of information using electronic devices such as video cameras, especially in crime detection and prevention or in espionage

electronic typewriter /,elektɹɒnɪk ˈtaɪpraɪtə/ *noun* a typewriter using an electronic keyboard linked, via a buffer, to an electrically driven printing mechanism, also with the facility to send or receive character data from a computer

element /ˈelɪmənt/ *noun* **1.** one of the single parts that make up a whole **2.** the basic and most important part of a subject

elephant /'ɛlɪfənt/ *noun* a former book size, 23 x 14 inches. ◊ **double elephant**

elephant folio /'ɛlɪfənt ˌfəʊliəʊ/ *noun* a book size from 61 to 63.5 cm/24 to 25 inches in height

élite /eɪ'li:t/ *noun* a group of the most powerful, rich or talented people in a society

élitism /ɪ'li:tɪz(ə)m/ *noun* the belief that a society should be ruled by a group who are considered to be superior to others

ELT *noun* the teaching of English to non-native speakers of English. Full form **English Language Teaching**

e-mail /'i: meɪl/ *noun* messages sent on a computer using a modem and telephone lines to other users of a network or bulletin board. Also called **electronic mail**

e-mail address /'i: meɪl əˈdres/ *noun* details of how somebody can be contacted through an electronic mailing system

e-mail shorthand /'i: meɪl ˌʃɔ:θænd/ *noun* the set of acronyms and abbreviations for common phrases originally used in e-mail and subsequently in chat rooms, instant messaging and newsgroup postings

embedded command /ɪmˌbedɪd kəˈmɑ:nd/ *noun* a printing command which is keyboarded into text, and which appears on the screen but does not appear in the final printed document

e-media /'i: mi:diə/ *noun* computers, computer networking and multimedia, forming an integrated system. Also called **new media**

emphasis /'emfəsɪs/ *noun* extra force given to a word or activity in order to make it seem important

emphasise /'emfəsəɪz/, **emphasize** *verb* to show that something is particularly important

empirical research /emˌpɪrɪk(ə)l rɪ'sɜ:tʃ/ *noun* research based on experiments

employee /ɪm'plɔɪi:/ *noun* somebody who is paid by another person for the work they do

employer /ɪm'plɔɪə/ *noun* somebody who provides work for other people and pays them to do it

employment agency /ɪm'plɔɪmənt ˌeɪdʒənsi/ *noun* an organisation that earns money by helping other people to find work

employment statistics /ɪm'plɔɪmənt stəˌtɪstɪks/ *plural noun* facts and figures about the number of people in and out of work in a society, often published as a government document

enable /ɪn'eɪb(ə)l/ *verb* to make it possible for something to happen

encapsulate /ɪnˈkæpsjuleɪt/ *verb* to capture the main points of something in a very small space or within a single object or event

encapsulated PostScript /ɪnˌkæpsjuleɪtɪd ˈpəʊstskrɪpt/ *noun* PostScript commands that describe an image or page contained within a file that can be placed within a graphics or DTP program. Abbr **EPS**

encapsulated PostScript file /ɪnˌkæpsjuleɪtɪd ˈpəʊstskrɪpt ˌfaɪl/ *noun* a file that contains encapsulated PostScript instructions together with a preview bitmap image. Abbr **EPSF**

enclose /ɪnˈkləʊz/ *verb* to send something in the same envelope

encode /ɪnˈkəʊd/ *verb* to translate plain text into a code (NOTE: The US equivalent is **encrypt**.)

encourage /ɪnˈkʌrɪdʒ/ *verb* to support somebody or something actively

encrypt /ɪnˈkrɪpt/ *verb* to convert plaintext to a secure coded form, using a cipher system ◊ *the encrypted text can be sent along ordinary telephone lines*

encryption /ɪnˈkrɪptʃən/ *noun* the conversion of plaintext to a secure coded form by means of a cipher system

'The VPN solution will provide user confidentiality and authenticity through data encryption which allows only authorised users to access corporate networks.' [DMEurope]

encyclopedia /ɪnˌsaɪkləˈpi:diə/, **encyclopaedia** *noun* a book or set of books offering comprehensive informa-

tion on all or specialised areas of knowledge. Also called **cyclopeda**

encyclopedic /ɪn,sɑɪklə'pi:dɪk/ *adjective* covering or including a broad range of detailed knowledge such as is found in an encyclopedia

encyclopedism /ɪn,sɑɪklə'pi:dɪz(ə)m/ *noun* comprehensive learning or knowledge

encyclopedist /ɪn,sɑɪklə'pi:dɪst/ *noun* a compiler of or contributor to an encyclopedia

ending /'endɪŋ/ *noun* the final part of a document

end matter /'end ,mætə/ *noun* PUBL same as **back matter**

endnote /'endnəʊt/ *noun* a note of comment or reference placed at the end of a chapter, book or essay

endorse /ɪn'dɔ:s/ *verb* **1.** to sign something on the back **2.** to show approval or support of people or events

endpaper /'endpeɪpə/ *noun* a blank piece of thicker paper inserted as part of the binding of a book, one half pasted to the cover and the other half partly pasted to the first or last page

end user /,end 'ju:zə/ *noun* a user of a computer program or any electronic system

energy-saving device /,enədʒɪ ,seɪvɪŋ dɪ'vaɪs/ *noun* a machine that uses a minimum of power

engaged tone /ɪn'geɪdʒd təʊn/ *noun* a sound made by a telephone when the line is in use

English /'ɪŋɡlɪʃ/ *noun* the English language, together with literature written in it, as a subject of study

engrave /ɪn'ɡreɪv/ *verb* to cut a design on metal, wood or glass

enhance /ɪn'hɑ:ns/ *verb* to make something clearer ◦ *to enhance a photograph*

enhancement /ɪn'hɑ:nsmənt/ *noun* an add-on device which improves the performance of a computer and so adds value

enlarge /ɪn'lɑ:dʒ/ *verb* to make something bigger

enlargement /ɪn'lɑ:dʒmənt/ *noun* the process or result of making something bigger

enlighten /ɪn'lɑɪt(ə)n/ *verb* to give clarifying information to somebody

enquiry /ɪn'kwairi/ *noun* a request for information

enquiry desk /ɪn'kwairi desk/ *noun* a desk in a library or information centre where people can ask for information

enquiry service /ɪn'kwairi ,sɜ:vɪs/ *noun* a system for providing answers to enquiries

enquiry work /ɪn'kwairi wɜ:k/ *noun* the work of a reference librarian in finding answers to questions

enrich /ɪn'rɪtʃ/ *verb* to improve by adding something

enrol /ɪn'rəʊl/ *verb* to sign up to join a group or start a course (NOTE: The US spelling is **enroll**.)

ensure /ɪn'ʃʊə/ *verb* to make certain that something happens

enter /'entə/ *verb* **1.** to go into a room or building **2.** to write information in a book or computer **3.** to cause a computer to activate instructions

enterprise content management /,entəpraɪz 'kɒntent ,mæniɔ:dʒmənt/ *noun* the technologies used to manage, store and deliver content and documents related to organisational processes. Abbr **ECM**

entitle /ɪn'taɪt(ə)l/ *verb* to give a title to something such as a book ◦ *He is the author of a book entitled 'Decline and Fall'*.

entity /'entɪti/ *noun* something which exists in its own right separate from other things

entry /'entri/ *noun* a single record in a database, dictionary or catalogue

entry word /'entri wɜ:d/ *noun* the first word of an entry in a catalogue except the articles 'the', 'a', 'an'

envelope /'envələʊp/ *noun* a paper cover which can be sealed and used to send a letter through the post

envelope window /'envələʊp ,wɪndəʊ/ *noun* a see-through panel in an envelope which allows the address on the letter to be seen

environmental planning /ɪn ,vaɪəmənt(ə)l 'plæniŋ/ *noun* the process of making decisions about the use of the environment to cause the least

damage to human and natural inhabitants

ephemera /ɪ'femərə/ *plural noun* items relating to a specific event or topic which are designed to last for a very short time, e.g. theatre programmes, pamphlets or newspaper cuttings

'Libraries have to make room for new books by discarding outdated ephemera, but dumping all older books is a disgrace and a disservice to users. The problem is that deciding what to keep takes more knowledge than many library managers have, so they adopt the motto "when in doubt, chuck it out".' [Bristol Evening Post]

epic /'epɪk/ *noun* **1.** a long poem telling stories of brave actions of historic heroes or gods, or the early history of a nation **2.** a long book or film telling an epic type of story

epigraph /'epɪgræf/ *noun* a quotation used at the beginning of a book, as part of the prelims

epithet /'epɪθet/ *noun* a descriptive additional name used to describe particular attributes of a person

epitome /ɪ'pɪtəmi/ *noun* the essential matter of a work contained in an abridged version of a work

EPOS /'i:pɒs/ *noun* a system where sales are charged automatically to a customer's credit card and stock is controlled by the shop's computer. Full form **electronic point of sale**

EPS *abbreviation* encapsulated PostScript

EPSF *abbreviation* encapsulated PostScript file

equal /'i:kwəl/ *adjective* same in size, amount or degree

equalise /'i:kwəlaɪz/, **equalize** *verb* to make things equal

equate /ɪ'kweɪt/ *verb* to say that one thing is the same as another

equipment /ɪ'kwɪpmənt/ *noun* machinery and furniture needed to make an office or factory work

equitable /'ekwɪtəb(ə)l/ *adjective* indicating that everyone and everything is treated equally

equivalent /ɪ'kwɪvələnt/ *adjective* having the same value

er *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Eritrea

era /'ɪərə/ *noun* a period of time seen as a single unit because it has a common feature ◦ *the era of apartheid in South Africa*

erase /ɪ'reɪz/ *verb* **1.** to remove marks from paper **2.** to delete something from a computer

eraser /ɪ'reɪzə/ *noun* a piece of rubber used to remove pencil marks from paper

ergonomics /,ɜ:gə'nɒmɪks/ *noun* the study of people at work with the aim of improving safety and making machines and equipment easier to use

ergonomist /ɜ:'gɒnəmɪst/ *noun* a scientist who studies people at work and tries to improve their working conditions

ERIC /'erɪk/ *abbreviation* Educational Resources Information Centre

ERM *abbreviation* electronic records management

erratum slip /e'ra:təm slɪp/, **errata slip** /e'ra:tə slɪp/ *noun* a small piece of paper inserted into a book with corrections to important mistakes which have been noticed since the book was printed (NOTE: The plural of **erratum** is **errata**.)

error detection /'erə dɪ,tɛkʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the use of special software such as a spellchecker to find mistakes in a document

error rate /'erə reɪt/ *noun* the number of mistakes per page or per thousand entries

erudite /'erudaɪt/ *adjective* having or showing great knowledge gained from study and reading

erudition /,ɪrʊ'dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* knowledge acquired through study and reading

es *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Spain

ESA/IRS *abbreviation* European Space Agency Information Relay Service

e-service delivery /'i: ,sɜ:vɪs dɪ ,lɪv(ə)rɪ/ *noun* providing services over the Internet, e.g. information delivery, stock check and reservations for a library

'The 'Top of the Web' survey will provide instantaneous feedback to webmasters about the quality of their e-service... At the same time, the questionnaire results will point to those aspects of e-service delivery which can be considered 'best practice', within such areas as filing an on-line tax return, registering a change of address or applying for a copy of one's birth certificate.'
[EUROPEMEDIA]

ESL *abbreviation* EDUC English as a Second Language

ESOL /'i:sɒl/ *abbreviation* EDUC English for Speakers of Other Languages

ESP *abbreviation* EDUC English for Special Purposes

esparto /ɪs'pɑ:təʊ/ *noun* a type of thick smooth paper made from a South American grass, which is very good for writing or printing, or as the body in coated papers, but is liable to tear and is now not often used

essential /ɪ'senʃəl/ *adjective* absolutely necessary to a person, situation or activity

establish /ɪ'stæblɪʃ/ *verb* 1. to create something in a permanent way 2. to prove that something is definitely true

estimate /'estɪmeɪt/ *verb* to calculate an amount or quantity approximately

e-system /'i: sɪstəm/ *noun* an electronic communications or information system

et *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Ethiopia

et al. *abbreviation* used to mean 'and the others' (NOTE: From the Latin phrase 'et alia'.)

etc. /ɪ'tɜ:ə/ *abbreviation* used to mean 'and the rest' (NOTE: From the Latin phrase 'et cetera'.)

Ethernet /'i:θənet/ *noun* a standard defining the protocol and signalling method of a local area network

ethnic number /'eθnɪk ˌnʌmbə/ *noun* a number added to a classification symbol to arrange books by language or race

EU *abbreviation* European Union

Euro /'jʊərəʊ/ *noun* the official currency of 12 countries in the European Union

Eurolog /'jʊərəʊlɒg/ *abbreviation* European Online User Group

Euronet/Diane /,jʊərəʊnet daɪ'æn/ *noun* telephone networks accessible by a modem and computer covering the countries of the European Union for the transmission of information

European Computer Driving Licence /,jʊərəpi:ən kəm'pjʊ:tə 'draɪvɪŋ ˌlaɪs(ə)ns/ *noun* a standard European qualification in basic computing skills. Abbr **ECDL**

European Information Centres /,jʊərəpi:ən ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌsentəz/ *plural noun* business information centres in all European Union countries sponsored by the EU. Abbr **EIC**

European Institute for Information Management /,jʊərəpi:ən ɪn'stɪtju:t fər ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌmæɪnɪdʒmənt/ *noun* a public establishment under the Luxembourg National Ministry of Education which provides postgraduate training for specialists in information management

European Online User Group /,jʊərəpi:ən ˌɒnlɑ:n 'ju:zə ˌgru:p/ *noun* an association of European libraries and database users formed to encourage coordination in responses to developments in manufacturing. Abbr **Eurolog**

European Space Agency Information Relay Service *noun* an online database host. Abbr **ESA/IRS**

European Union /,jʊərəpi:ən 'ju:niən/ *noun* the political and economic community of European countries. Abbr **EU**

Eurostat /'jʊərəʊstæt/ *noun* the statistical office of the European Union

evaluate /ɪ'vælju:et/ *verb* to assess how good something is by looking at the way it works

even number /,i:v(ə)n ˌnʌmbə/ *noun* a number which can be divided by two to give a whole number

evidence /'evɪd(ə)ns/ *noun* things that you have seen or experienced which make you believe that something is true

evidence gathering /'evid(ə)ns ,gæð(ə)rɪŋ/ *noun* software that can gather information about the state of a computer system which has crashed or suffered some incident

evolution /,i:və'lʊ:ʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the process of gradual change and development

examination /ɪg,zæmɪ'neɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a written or spoken test of ability or knowledge

example /ɪg'zɑ:mpəl/ *noun* something that represents or is typical of a particular group

exceed /ɪk'si:d/ *verb* to be greater than a limit ○ *He exceeded the speed limit.*

exception /ɪk'sepʃən/ *noun* things which are different and not included

exception listing /ɪk'sepʃən ,lɪstɪŋ/ *noun* the listing of items which are not included in a computer program

exception report /ɪk'sepʃən rɪ ,pɔ:t/ *noun* a report which only gives items which do not fit in the general rule or pattern

exception reporting /ɪk'sepʃən rɪ ,pɔ:tɪŋ/ *noun* a system of information distribution that passes on only information that is new and out of the ordinary, in order to avoid overloading recipients with information that is out of date or has already been transmitted to them

excerpt /'eksɜ:pt/ *noun* a section or passage taken from a longer work such as a book, film, musical composition or document

excess /'ekses/ *adjective* more than is necessary or normal

exclamation mark /,eksklə 'meɪʃ(ə)n mɑ:k/ *noun* a punctuation mark (!) used to express surprise

exclude /ɪk'sklu:d/ *verb* to leave something or somebody out deliberately

.exe /'eksi/ *suffix* a file extension for a program file. Full form **executable**

execute /'eksɪkjʊ:t/ *verb* to carry out a plan or process

executive /ɪg'zekjʊtɪv/ *noun* somebody who is employed by a company or organisation at a senior level

exemplar /ɪg'zemplɑ:/ *noun* a copy of a book or text, especially one from which further copies have originated

exempt /ɪg'zempt/ *adjective* to be allowed not to have to perform a duty, service or payment

exercise /'eksəsaɪz/ *noun* a short piece of work designed to help you learn something

exhaustive search /ɪg,zɔ:stɪv 'sɜ:tʃ/ *noun* a search through a database or library which covers all known records

exhibit /ɪg'zɪbɪt/ *noun* an item displayed in a museum, art gallery or court of law ■ *verb* to put something in a public place for people to look at

exhibition /,ɪk'sɪ'bɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a collection of objects displayed in a public place

exhibitor /ɪg'zɪbɪtə/ *noun* a person whose work is being displayed

ex libris /,eks 'lɪbrɪ:s/ *phrase* used on book plates followed by a name to show who the owner is (NOTE: From a Latin phrase meaning 'from the books of'.)

expenditure /ɪk'spendɪtʃə/ *noun* the total amount of money spent on something

expense /ɪk'spens/ *noun* money spent while doing something connected with one's work

expense account /ɪk'spens ə ,kaʊnt/ *noun* an arrangement with a company by which they pay for necessary work expenses

experiment /ɪk'sperɪmənt/ *noun* a scientific test done to prove or discover something

experimental strategy /,ɪkspɪrɪ 'ment(ə)l ,strætədʒi/ *noun* a policy of trying out new ideas and methods to see how they work

expert /'ekspɜ:t/ *noun* somebody with a great deal of knowledge, or skill or experience in a particular subject or activity ■ *adjective* having a great deal of knowledge, skill or experience in a particular subject or activity

expertise /,ɪkspə'ti:z/ *noun* special skills or knowledge in a particular field

expert system /'ekspɜ:t ,sɪstəm/ *noun* 1. software which applies the

knowledge of experts in a field to solve problems and partly replicates human decision making **2.** a type of computer program that can analyse a set of problems and recommend a course of action for the user

expert user /,ekspɜ:t 'ju:zə/ *noun* somebody who uses a service very efficiently because they have experience

expire /ɪk'spaɪə/ *verb* to reach the end of the period of time for which something is valid

expiry date /ɪk'spaɪəri deɪt/ *noun* the date on which something such as a document, membership or piece of software ceases to be valid

explicit knowledge /ɪk,splɪsɪt 'nɒlɪdʒ/ *noun* human knowledge that takes the form of learned facts and which can be documented. Compare **tacit knowledge**

exponent /ɪk'spəʊnənt/ *noun* somebody who argues in support of an idea

export /ɪk'spɔ:t/ *verb* to convert data from a computer program into a form suitable for a different program or environment

export edition /'ekspɔ:t ɪ,dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a special edition printed for the export market

exporter /ɪk'spɔ:tə/ *noun* a person or company that sells goods and sends them to foreign countries

exposé /ɪk'spəʊzeɪ/ *noun* a piece of writing that reveals the truth about a situation, often involving something shocking

express /ɪk'spres/ *verb* to state what you think or feel

expression /ɪk'spreʃ(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** a word or phrase **2.** a mathematical formula

expurgated edition /'ekspɜ:gətɪd ɪ ,dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an edition of a book that has had parts removed which are judged to be offensive

extend /ɪk'stend/ *verb* to make something longer

Extensible Markup Language /ɪk ,stensɪb(ə)l 'mɑ:kɫp ,læŋgwɪdʒ/ *noun* COMPUT full form of **XML**

extension card /ɪk'stenʃən kɑ:d/ *noun* a second or subsequent card used in a manual catalogue when the information is too long for one card

extent /ɪk'stent/ *noun* the number of pages in a book ○ *You need to put the extent and trimmed page size into the catalogue.* ○ *If you don't know the extent of the book yet, how can you order the paper for it?*

external /ɪk'stɜ:n(ə)l/ *adjective* coming from outside

external auditor /ɪk,sɜ:n(ə)l 'ɔ:ɪtə/ *noun* a person from outside an organisation who checks its accounts

external consultant /ɪk,sɜ:n(ə)l kən'sʌltənt/ *noun* an expert in a field who comes in from outside an organisation to give advice

external reader /ɪk,sɜ:n(ə)l 'ri:də/ *noun* a person who is allowed to use a library which is otherwise limited to specific groups of members

extra- /ekstrə/ *prefix* indicating that something is from outside ○ *extra-mural studies*

extra bound book /,ekstrə baʊnd 'bʊk/ *noun* a book that is specially bound and finished by hand

extract /'ekstrækt/ *noun* a small part of a piece of writing or music which is printed or played separately

COMMENT: Long extracts quoted in a text are often set indented, and in a smaller size than the text matter.

extranet /'ekstrənet/ *noun* an extension of the intranet of a company or organisation, giving authorised outsiders controlled access to the intranet

extrapolate /ɪk'stræpəleɪt/ *verb* to use logic applied to known facts to calculate what is likely to happen in the future

eye strain /'aɪstreɪn/ *noun* a pain in the eyes caused by looking at something such as small print or a computer screen for too long

'Computer-related injuries have become one of the banes of modern life, according to a recent ICM survey. Problems include repetitive strain injury (RSI), eye strain, and head, back and neck aches... we should all

take a short exercise break every hour to reduce muscle tension caused by a rigid posture.' [*The Mail on Sunday*]

e-zine /'i: zi:n/ *noun* a website with contents and layout modelled on a print magazine

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fable /'feɪb(ə)/ *noun* a short story which aims to teach a moral lesson

face /feɪs/ *noun* the front cover of a book

facet /'fæsɪt/ *noun* (in classification) the whole group of divisions when a subject is subdivided

COMMENT: There are five kinds of facet in a class: personality, matter, energy, space and time.

facilitate /fə'sɪlɪteɪt/ *verb* to make something possible or easier to do, e.g. by providing information

facilitator /fə'sɪlɪteɪtə/ *noun* somebody who makes it possible for other people to do things

facility /fə'sɪlɪti/ *noun* a piece of equipment that makes it easy to do something

facing /'feɪsɪŋ/ *adjective* opposite ○ *The picture was on the facing page.*

facing pages /,feɪsɪŋ 'peɪdʒɪz/ *plural noun* the two pages that are visible when a book is open

facsimile /'fæksɪ'mɪli/ *noun* an exact copy of an original

facsimile edition /'fæksɪ'mɪli ɪ ,dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a book or print that is reprinted in exactly the same style as an earlier edition, often being a photographic reproduction of the original

fact /fækt/ *noun* something that is known or accepted to be true

fact-finding /'fækt ,fɑ:ndɪŋ/ *adjective* intended to find out information about something ■ *noun* activity that is intended to find out information about something

factor /'fæktə/ *noun* one aspect which affects an event, situation or decision

factual /'fæktʃuəl/ *adjective* based on fact

faculty /'fæk(ə)lti/ *noun* a group of departments in a university or college within the same academic area ○ *The library school is within the faculty of humanities and education studies.*

fail /feɪl/ *verb* to be unsuccessful or not work properly

fail-safe /'feɪl seɪf/ *adjective* designed in such a way that nothing dangerous can happen if any part goes wrong

fair copy /,feə 'kɒpi/ *noun* the final version of work which has no mistakes

fake /feɪk/ *noun* 1. something or somebody who is not what they pretend to be 2. a false, and usually worthless, copy

fallback system /'fɔ:lbæk ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a system that can be used if the one in use fails

false /fɔ:ls/ *adjective* not correct or based on wrong information

false alarm /,fɔ:ls ə'lɑ:m/ *noun* a warning of something bad that does not actually happen

false drop /,fɔ:ls 'drɒp/ *noun* 1. a citation that does not relate to the subject being searched 2. an irrelevant reference in indexing

false friend /,fɔ:ls 'frend/ *noun* a word which appears to be similar in meaning to a word in a different language, but actually is not

false positive /,fɔ:ls 'pɒzɪtɪv/ *noun* an instance of a search program or database mistakenly returning something that is unrelated to the search term

'Echoing remarks he made last year, the geneticist said the criminal DNA database was not sophisticated enough

to prevent false positives. “The chances of two unrelated people matching is 1 in 10 trillion – that is not good enough”.’ [*The Guardian*]

falsify /'fɔ:lsɪfaɪ/ *verb* to change information so that it is no longer true or accurate

family /'fæm(ə)li/ *noun* **1.** a group of all the characters belonging to the same typeface, including all the different fonts **2.** a group of related things such as plants, animals or languages, used as the basis of classification

family name /'fæm(ə)li neɪm/ *noun* a surname

fan /fæn/ *noun* a cooling device often built into electric machines so that they do not overheat

fan-fold /'fæn fəʊld/ *adjective* referring to a way of folding paper so that information can be printed on different parts of it as in a pamphlet

FAQ /fæk, ,ef eɪ 'kju:z/ *abbreviation* frequently asked questions

far-sighted /,fɑ: 'saɪtɪd/ *adjective* good at guessing what will happen in the future

fascicle /'fæskɪk(ə)l/ *noun* a section of a book published in instalments as a volume or pamphlet

fast /fɑ:st/ *adverb* fixed or held very firmly

fatal error /,feɪt(ə)l 'erə/ *noun* a mistake that causes a computer program to crash

fault /fɔ:lt/ *noun* a weakness or imperfection in something

fault tolerance /'fɔ:lt ,tɒlərəns/ *noun* the ability of a computer or network to preserve the integrity of data during a malfunction

faulty /'fɔ:ltɪ/ *adjective* not working properly

fax /fæks/ *noun* an exact copy of a document sent electronically to a distant receiver using the telephone network ■ *verb* to send an exact copy of a document using the telephone network

fax gateway /'fæks ,geɪtweɪ/ *noun* a computer or piece of software that allows users to send e-mail or other information as a fax transmission to a remote fax machine

feasibility study /,fi:zə'bɪlɪti ,stʌdi/ *noun* a survey and report about the usefulness and potential of a plan or policy to see if it will work

feasible /'fi:zɪb(ə)l/ *adjective* possible to make or achieve

featherweight antique paper /,fedəweɪt æn'tɪ:k ,peɪpəl/ *noun* light, very thick paper, formerly used for children's books (NOTE: The US English is **high-bulk antique**.)

feature /'fi:tʃəl/ *noun* **1.** a special characteristic of something **2.** a special article in a newspaper, magazine or broadcast programme

fee /fi:/ *noun* money paid for a service

feed /fi:d/ *verb* to put information into a computer

feedback /'fi:dbæk/ *noun* comments from users or customers about what has been proposed or done

feint /feɪnt/ *noun* very light lines on writing paper

Fellow of the Library Association /,feləʊ əv ðə 'laɪbrəri ə ,səʊsiəɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the highest qualification awarded by the Library Association. Abbr **FLA**

festschrift /'festʃrɪft/ *noun* a volume of writings by various people collected in honour of somebody such as a writer or scholar

fiche /fi:ʃ/ ♦ **microfiche**

fiction /'fɪkʃən/ *noun* stories about imaginary people and events

field /fi:ld/ *noun* a section containing individual data in a record, e.g. a person's name or address

field engineer /'fi:ld ,endʒɪnɪə/ *noun* a maintenance worker who travels to companies or individual customers to service their machines

field of study /,fi:ld əv 'stʌdi/ *noun* an academic area of knowledge being studied in depth

field separator /'fi:ld ,sepəreɪtə/ *noun* a code showing the end of one field and the start of the next

field tested /'fi:ld ,testɪd/ *adjective* relating to a product or plan that has been tested in a real situation

fieldwork /'fi:ldwɜ:k/ *noun* the gathering of information about a subject by

carrying out a direct investigation rather than reading or talking about it

figure /'fɪgə/ *noun* a printed and numbered line illustration, map or chart in a document

file /faɪl/ *noun* **1.** a cardboard holder for papers which can fit in the drawer of a filing cabinet **2.** a collection of information about a particular person or thing **3.** (*in computing*) a set of stored, related data with its own name □ **on file** kept in a list for reference

file cards /'faɪl kɑ:dz/ *plural noun* cards with information written on them which can be stored in a given order to aid retrieval of the information

file copy /'faɪl ,kɒpi/ *noun* a copy of a document which is kept for reference in an office, or a copy of a published book kept in the library of the publisher

file extension /'faɪl ɪk,stenʃən/ *noun* a set of characters following the dot after the name of a DOS file, identifying the file type

file header /'faɪl ,hedə/ *noun* information about a file stored at the beginning of the file

file length /'faɪl leŋθ/ *noun* the number of characters or bytes in a stored file

file maintenance /'faɪl ,meɪntənəns/ *noun* the practice of keeping files up to date by changing, adding or deleting entries

'One of the most important CD-Roms to have in such an emergency is Norton SystemWorks 2003. It is a suite of programs that could help revive the computer and even salvage lost or corrupted files. SystemWorks can clean up the machine and make file maintenance a breeze with a simple mouse click.' [*The Daily Telegraph*]

file management /'faɪl ,mæɪnɪdʒmənt/ *noun* a set of instructions used to create and maintain a file

file manager /'faɪl ,mæɪnɪdʒə/ *noun* a computer program that arranges and manipulates files and directories

filename /'faɪlneɪm/ *noun* a set of characters, sometimes restricted in number, serving as an identifying title

for a computer file and often including a file extension

file protection /'faɪl prə,tektʃən/ *noun* software or another device used to prevent any accidental deletion or overwriting of a computer file

file recovery /'faɪl rɪ,kʌvəri/ *noun* software that allows a computer file that has been accidentally deleted or damaged to be recovered

file server /'faɪl ,sɜ:və/ *noun* **1.** software used to manage and store users' files in a network **2.** the number of independent systems sharing a resource or providing a particular service within a network

file storage /'faɪl ,stɔ:rɪdʒ/ *noun* methods of storing files on a disc or tape

file transfer /'faɪl ,trænsfɜ:z/ *noun* moving a file from one area of computer memory to another

file transfer protocol /'faɪl ,trænsfɜ: ,prəʊtəkɒl/ *noun* a TCP/IP standard for transferring files between computers. Abbr **FTP**

filing /'faɪlɪŋ/ *noun* the process of putting things in order according to a set system

filing basket /'faɪlɪŋ ,bɑ:skɪt/, **filing tray** /'faɪlɪŋ treɪ/ *noun* a container kept on a desk for documents which have to be filed

filing cabinet /'faɪlɪŋ ,kæbɪnət/ *noun* a metal box with several drawers used for storing files

filing clerk /'faɪlɪŋ klɜ:k/ *noun* a clerk who files documents

filing code /'faɪlɪŋ kəʊd/, **filing rule** /'faɪlɪŋ ru:l/ *noun* an explicit direction based on a recognised code for filing entries in a catalogue

filing system /'faɪlɪŋ ,sɪstəm/ *noun* any method of organising documents so that they can be retrieved easily

filing tray /'faɪlɪŋ treɪ/ *noun* a container often kept on a desk for storing documents prior to filing

fillet /'fɪlɪt/ *noun* a thin decorative line impressed onto the cover of a book, or the tool used to make it

fill in /fɪl 'ɪn/ *verb* to write in the information required ○ *to fill in a form*

fill out /fɪl 'aʊt/ *verb* to write the required information in the blank spaces on a form ○ *To get customs clearance you must fill out three forms.*

film /fɪlm/ *noun* **1.** a strip of light-sensitive material used in a camera to take photographs **2.** a story or event recorded on film to be shown in the cinema or on television **3.** a very thin layer of powder or grease

film laminate /'fɪlm ˌlæmɪnət/ *noun* very thin plastic film attached to the cover or jacket of a book for protection

film library /'fɪlm ˌlaɪbrəri/ *noun* a collection of films and video recordings, classified for easy retrieval

film strip /'fɪlm stri:p/ *noun* a strip of 16mm or 35mm film bearing up to fifty frames of still photographs with pictures and captions, sometimes with sound track attached

filter /'fɪltə/ *verb* **1.** to select information which is to be passed on **2.** to allow information to come out very gradually

finals /'faɪn(ə)lz/ *plural noun* the last examinations in a university or college course

finance /'faɪnæns/ *noun* money needed to pay for a project ■ *verb* to provide the money for a project

finance department /'faɪnæns dɪ ˌpɑ:tmənt/ *noun* the people in an organisation who manage the accounts

financial /'faɪ'nænfəl/ *adjective* relating to or involving money

financial implications /'faɪ'nænfəl ˌɪmplɪ'keɪf(ə)nz/ *plural noun* the consequences of a decision in terms of how much it will cost

financial planning /'faɪ'nænfəl 'plænɪŋ/ *noun* the process of working out the most efficient way to use what money is available

financial sector /'faɪ'nænf(ə)l 'sektə/ *noun* the part of the economy that is involved with money transactions

financial year /'faɪ'nænfəl 'jɪə/ *noun* a period of twelve months which can start at any point within the calendar year, used for managing the budgets of an organisation and assessing profit and loss ○ *The university's financial year*

runs from 31st July to 1st August in the next year.

finding aid /'faɪndɪŋ eɪd/ *noun* a system to aid retrieval such as a classification scheme, catalogue or index

finding list catalogue /,faɪndɪŋ lɪst 'kætələg/ *noun* a catalogue with only brief author entries

findings /'faɪndɪŋz/ *plural noun* information obtained as a result of investigation or research

fine /faɪn/ *noun* an amount of money that has to be paid as a penalty ■ *verb* to make somebody pay money as a punishment ○ *She was fined because the library books were overdue.* ■ *adjective* very thin, soft or small

fine print /'faɪn prɪnt/ *noun* the small print in a contract or agreement, which may refer to unfavourable terms and could be overlooked when signing the contract

fine-tune /,faɪn 'tju:ɪn/ *verb* to adjust something by very small amounts

finger /'fɪŋgə/ *noun* a software program that will retrieve information about a user based on their e-mail address ■ *verb* to use a finger program to obtain information about somebody

firewall /'faɪəwɔ:l/ *noun* a piece of computer software intended to prevent unauthorised access to system software or data

first-class /,fɜ:st 'klɑ:s/ *adjective* **1.** of the highest or best quality **2.** of the best level of service, e.g. in mail or travel

first edition /,fɜ:st 'ɪdɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* one of the first number of copies printed from the same type at the same time

first impression /,fɜ:st ɪm 'preʃ(ə)n/, **first printing** /,fɜ:st 'prɪntɪŋ/ *noun* the first printing of a book

first word entry /,fɜ:st 'wɜ:d ˌentri/ *noun* an entry under the first word of the title excluding 'the', 'a', 'an'

fit /fɪt/ *verb* to be the right size or shape ■ *adjective* to be physically capable of doing something

five laws of library science /,faɪv lɔ:z əv 'laɪbrəri ˌsaɪəns/ *plural noun*

library laws established by S. R. Ranganathan.

COMMENT: The laws are: 1. Books are for use. 2. Every reader his book. 3. Every book its reader. 4. Save the time of the reader. 5. A library is a growing organism.

fixed back /'fɪkst bæk/ *noun* a cover that is glued to the back of the pages of a book

fixed length record /,fɪkst lɛŋθ 'rɛkɔ:d/ *noun* a computer record which will only accept information in a pre-set number of characters

fj *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Fiji

FLA *abbreviation* Fellow of the Library Association

flag /flæg/ *verb* to use a computer code to mark a record as part of a subset ■ *noun* a mark which is attached to information in a computer so that the information can be found easily

flap /flæp/ *noun* either of the two parts of a dust jacket that fold inside a book's cover and are usually printed with information about the book or author

flash drive /'flæʃ draɪv/ *noun* a small plastic device functioning as a disk drive, containing memory chips that retain their contents without electrical power and that have a capacity of between 16 megabytes and 2 gigabytes of data

flat back /'flæt bæk/ *noun* the spine of a book which is flat and not curved or 'rounded'

flexibility /,fleksɪ'bɪlɪti/ *noun* ability to adapt to various situations or conditions

flexible /'fleksɪb(ə)/ *adjective* able to be altered or changed

flexible learning /,fleksɪb(ə)l 'lɜ:nɪŋ/ *noun* a system of teaching which provides for people of all ages and educational backgrounds

flexible working hours /,fleksɪb(ə)l 'wɜ:kɪŋ ˌaʊəz/ *noun* a system whereby employees can start or stop work at hours to suit themselves as long as they work a certain number of hours in a week

flier /'flaɪə/ *noun* a small advertising leaflet designed to encourage customers to ask for more information

flood /flʌd/ *noun* a large number of things or a large amount of information ■ *verb* □ **to flood the market** to make a very large number of a particular item available for sale at one time, usually forcing the price down

floor plan /'flɔ:p læn/ *noun* a diagram showing the layout of a building

floppy /'flɒpi 'dɪsk/, **floppy disk** /,flɒpi 'dɪsk/ *noun* a small disk for storing computer information ○ *The data is on 3 1/2 inch floppies.*

Florence Agreement /'flɒrəns ə ˌɡri:mənt/ *noun* a UNESCO agreement adopted in 1952 which reduces tariffs and trade obstacles to the international export and import of books, documents and other educational scientific and cultural material

floriation /,flɒri'eɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* tooled decoration on leather binding, in the form of little flowers

flowchart /'fləʊʃɑ:t/, **flow diagram** /'fləʊ ˌdaɪəgrəm/ *noun* a diagram showing the sequence of steps in a process

flush with /'flʌʃ wɪθ/ *adjective* level with ○ *The pages were trimmed flush with the covers.*

flyleaf /'flaɪli:f/ *noun* an endpaper in a book

flysheet /'flaɪʃi:t/ *noun* a two- or four-page tract or circular

fm *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Micronesia

FM *abbreviation* frequency modulation

fo *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Faroe Islands

focus /'fəʊkəs/ *verb* to concentrate one's attention on something

focus group /'fəʊkəs ɡru:p/ *noun* a small group of representative people who are questioned about their opinions as part of political or market research

fold /fəʊld/ *verb* to bend something, e.g. a piece of paper, so that one part covers another

-fold /fəʊld/ *suffix* **1.** combining with numbers to indicate that something has that number of parts ○ *The problem was three-fold.* **2.** indicating that something has been multiplied by that number ○

The number of library users rose ten-fold after the advertising campaign.

fold-out /'fəʊld aʊt/ *noun* a sheet that is put folded into a magazine or book and can be unfolded to give a much wider page, used especially for plans and maps

foliation /,fəʊli'eɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the numbering of consecutive pages in a book or manuscript

folio /'fəʊliəʊ/ *noun* **1.** a book made with paper of a large size **2.** a large sheet of paper folded twice across the middle to make four pages of a book **3.** a page number

follow-up /'fɒləʊ ʌp/ *noun* a book, film, article or report that continues a story or provides further information

font /fɒnt/ *noun* a set of characters in a typeface of all the same style, i.e. the same size, weight and orientation

COMMENT: Each typeface will be available in many different fonts (Univers, for example, was designed in 21 different fonts) and these will include the different point sizes and weights, such as bold and italic. In metal setting, the font would contain different quantities of each character, according to the frequency of use of the characters. English fonts will contain capitals, small capitals, lower case, punctuation marks, numerals, ligatures and common symbols, making about 150 sorts in all. English fonts contain some accents and special characters, but many accents which are standard in, say German or Spanish fonts, are not included in English. British fonts contain the pound and the dollar signs, but American fonts are likely not to have the pound sign.

font size /'fɒnt saɪz/ *noun* the size of the characters in a text

font type /'fɒnt taɪp/ *noun* the style of the characters used in printing

foolscap /'fu:lskæp/ *noun* a large non-metric size of paper longer than A4, about 34cm x 43cm

COMMENT: Foolscap takes its name from a watermark of a clown's hat used in early papers; foolscap folio is 13 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches; foolscap quarto is 8 1/2 x 6 3/4 inches and foolscap octavo is 6 3/4 x 4 1/4 inches.

foot /fʊt/ *noun* the bottom part of a page ○ *He signed it at the foot of the page.*

footer /'fʊtə/ *noun* a repeated message at the bottom of every page in a document

footnote /'fʊtnəʊt/ *noun* a note, usually in a smaller type size, at the bottom of a page, which refers to the text above and is for reference only

COMMENT: Footnotes are best printed at the bottom of a page, as the name suggests, if they are essential to the understanding of the text. They can also be printed at the end of a chapter or at the end of a book, especially if they are simply further references or supply bibliographic details. In learned journals it is common for them to be printed at the end of the chapter, which makes the typesetting of the main text much simpler. Reference numbers to footnotes are printed in small superscript numbers after the relevant word in the text, and in books the numbers usually run from the beginning of the text to the end of the book, consecutively. In journals formed of several different articles, each article has its own footnote numbering series.

footprint /'fʊtprɪnt/ *noun* **1.** the area covered by a transmitting device such as a satellite or antenna **2.** the area that a computer takes up on a desk

forbid /fə'brɪd/ *verb* to give instructions that something must not be done

forbidden book /fə'brɪdən 'bʊk/ *noun* a book that has been forbidden by a censor

forecast /'fɔ:kɑ:st/ *noun* a prediction or estimate of what is likely to happen in the future

foredge /'fɔ:redʒ/, **fore-edge** /'fɔ:r edʒ/ *noun* the front edge of trimmed pages in a bound book, i.e. the opposite edge to the spine

COMMENT: Early bound books were displayed with this edge facing out on the shelf, hence the name; the title was written or printed on this edge of the pages.

foredge margin /'fɔ:redʒ ,mɑ:dʒɪn/ *noun* the margin along the foreedge of a book. Compare **gutter**

foreground /'fɔ:graʊnd/ *noun* the front part of an illustration which seems nearest to the viewer

foreign /'fɔrɪn/ *adjective* belonging to or originating from a different country

foreign-language edition /,fɔrɪn 'læŋgwɪdʒ ɪ,dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an edition

of an English-language text in translation

foreign market /ˌfɔːrɪn 'mɑːkɪt/ *noun* other countries where exports are sold

'...we discovered that the German market has different brochure sizes and types to the UK. This caused such consternation when the German site administrators uploaded their own brochures that we had to modify the content management system... Companies like WebtraffIQ, fhios and Bunnyfoot Universality provide products and services that can help design professionals get to grips with foreign markets.' [Revolution]

forename /'fɔːneɪm/ *noun* a person's first or given name

forename entry /'fɔːneɪm ˌentri/ *noun* an entry in a catalogue under the author's first name instead of the surname

foreseeable future /fɔː'siːəbl 'fjuːtʃə/ *noun* the near future which can be reasonably predicted

foreword /'fɔːwɜːd/ *noun* a piece of text at the beginning of a book as an introduction, often written by a person other than the author

forgery /'fɔːdʒəri/ *noun* **1.** a false copy made with the intention to deceive **2.** the act of making things intended to deceive

form /fɔːm/ *noun* a pre-printed document with spaces where information can be entered

formality /fɔː'mælɪti/ *noun* something which must be done but which will not change the situation ○ *The decision is just a formality which is not expected to affect the market.*

format /'fɔːmæt/ *noun* the size, shape and arrangement of a document ■ *verb* to arrange text on screen as it will appear in printed form on paper

formatted /'fɔːmæɪtɪd/ *adjective* **1.** made ready for use by a computer **2.** arranged in a particular format

formatter /'fɔːmætə/ *noun* hardware or software that arranges text or data according to certain rules

formatting program /'fɔːmæɪtɪŋ ˌprəʊgræm/ *noun* a program for auto-

matically putting a computer text into a certain page format

form entry /'fɔːm ˌentri/ *noun* a catalogue entry under the form in which a book is written ○ *Form entries in the catalogue were poetry, drama, fiction, etc.*

form mode /'fɔːm məʊd/ *noun* a display method on a data entry terminal, in which the form is displayed on the screen and the operator enters relevant details

formula /'fɔːmjʊlə/ *noun* a set of numbers, letters or symbols which represents a mathematical or scientific rule (NOTE: The plural is **formulae**.)

fortnightly /'fɔːtnaɪtli/ *adjective* happening every two weeks

FORTRAN /'fɔːtræn/ *noun* a computer programming language for scientific matter. Full form **formula translator**. ♦ **assembly language**

48mo *abbreviation* forty-eightmo

forty-eightmo /ˌfɔːti'eɪtɪməʊ/ *noun* a book printed with 48 pages from a sheet. Abbr **48mo**

forum /'fɔːrəm/ *noun* **1.** a place or meeting at which matters can be discussed **2.** an Internet discussion group for people who share a special interest in something

forward /'fɔːwəd/ *adjective* at or moving towards the front of something or the future ■ *verb* to send on a letter which has arrived at an address from which the intended recipient has moved

forwarding address /'fɔːwədɪŋ ə ˌdres/ *noun* an address which you give to somebody when you move so that they can send your mail to you

foundation subject /faʊnˌdeɪf(ə)n ˌsʌbjekt/ *noun* any of ten subjects specified in the 1988 National Curriculum that must be studied in schools in England and Wales, three of which have priority as core subjects

4o *abbreviation* quarto

foxed /fɒkst/ *adjective* denoting books or paper stained with yellowish-brown spots from having been kept in damp conditions

foxing /'fɒksɪŋ/ *noun* brown spots or stains on paper caused by poor storage,

usually found on older documents or books

foxy /'fɒksi/ *adjective* PUBL same as **foxed**

foyer /'fɔɪə/ *noun* an area just inside the main entrance of a large building where people meet

fr *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for France

frame of reference /,frɛɪm əv 'ref(ə)rəns/ *noun* a particular set of ideas or beliefs on which to base one's judgement of other things

framework /'frɛɪmwɜ:k/ *noun* a set of rules or ideas that can be used to decide how to behave ○ *They were able to contain the changes within the framework of the old system.*

Frankfurt Book Fair /,fræŋkfɜ:t 'bʊk ,feə/ *noun* the most important of the international book fairs, held each year in October as a meeting place for book publishers, printers, literary agents and booksellers

franking machine /'fræŋkɪŋ mə ,ʃi:n/ *noun* a machine which prints a sign on letters to show that the postage has been paid

fraud /frɔ:d/ *noun* deception or trickery carried out to secure an unfair gain or advantage

free /fri:/ *adjective* **1.** available for use **2.** not needing to be paid for

-free /fri:/ *suffix* added to adjectives to show that they do not have the thing mentioned ○ *acid-free*

freedom /'fri:dəm/ *noun* the state of being free to say or do what you want without restriction

freedom of information /,fri:dəm əv ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the state of having free access to all published information in any format

Freedom of Information Act /,fri:dəm əv ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,ækt/ *noun* a law in the UK which deals with access to information held by public bodies

freedom of speech /,fri:dəm əv 'spɪtʃ/, **freedom of the press** /,fri:dəm əv ðə 'pres/ *noun* the state of being free to write, say or publish what

you want without fear of prosecution as long as you do not break the law

free enterprise /,fri: 'entəpraɪz/ *noun* an economic system where businesses compete for profit without much government control

freehand /'fri:hænd/ *adjective* done without the help of instruments

free indexing /'fri: ,ɪndeksɪŋ/ *noun* natural language indexing which has no vocabulary controls

freelance /'fri:lɑ:ns/ *adverb* working for anyone who will pay for your skills rather than employed by one company

free market /,fri: 'mɑ:kɪt/ *noun* an economic system in which the production and sale of goods is controlled by the buyers and sellers rather than the government

Freenet /'fri:net/ *noun* community-based access to the Internet, usually run by volunteers in the USA

free of charge /,fri: əv 'tʃɑ:dʒ/ *adjective* not needing to be paid for

free term list /'fri: tɜ:m ,lɪst/ *noun* a list of terms or indicators to which others can be freely added

free text searching /,fri: 'tekst ,sɜ:tʃɪŋ/ *noun* online searching using natural language rather than a controlled vocabulary and any aspect of the record as a search term

free translation /,fri: træns 'leɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a rough translation which gives the general meaning without translating the text word for word

freeze /fri:z/ *verb* **1.** to stop and display a single frame from a film, TV programme or video tape **2.** to stop funds or credits being paid

frequency /'fri:kwənsi/ *noun* **1.** the number of times that something happens in a given period of time **2.** a term used to describe the wavelength of broadcast transmissions

frequency modulation /'fri:kwənsi ,mɒdʒuleɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a radio broadcasting band which reduces interference. Abbr **FM**

frequently asked questions /,fri:kwənt(ə)li ɑ:skd 'kwɛstʃənz/

plural noun a list of the most common questions on a particular subject, with answers, provided on a website or leaflet. Abbr **FAQ**

frequent user /,fri:kwənt 'ju:zə/ *noun* somebody who makes use of a service very often

front cover /,frʌnt 'kʌvə/ *noun* the cover on the front of a book or magazine, with the title and usually an attractive, eye-catching design

front end /'frʌnt end/ *noun* the visible part of an application that is seen by a user and is used to view and work with information

front flap /,frʌnt 'flæp/, **front jacket flap** /,frʌnt 'dʒækɪt 'flæp/ *noun* a flap on a book jacket which is tucked into the front cover of a book, usually with a blurb on it

frontispiece /'frʌntɪspi:əs/ *noun* a picture at the beginning of a book opposite the title page

front matter /'frʌnt 'mætə/ *noun* same as **prelims**

front page /,frʌnt 'peɪdʒ/ *noun* the first page of a newspaper which contains the most important or interesting news

FTP *abbreviation* file transfer protocol

fugitive material /'fju:dʒətɪv mə 'tɪəriəl/ *noun* ephemera produced for short-term purposes and interest

full binding /'fʊl 'baɪndɪŋ/, **whole binding** /'həʊl 'baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* cased binding, where the case is completely covered with a piece of material such as cloth or leather, as opposed to half binding. Also called **whole binding**

full bound book /,fʊl baʊnd 'bʊk/ *noun* a book with a full binding

full catalogue entry /,fʊl 'kætəlɒg 'entri/ *noun* full details of a publication

full leather binding /,fʊl 'leðə 'baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* a binding on a hard-cover book where the whole book is covered with leather

full stop /,fʊl 'stɒp/ *noun* a punctuation mark (.) which indicates the end of a sentence

full text database /,fʊl tekst 'deɪtəbeɪs/ *noun* a database which allows full text retrieval

'The price [for the resource] ranges from \$300 (for the Index only to libraries serving a smaller number of users) to \$5000 (for the full-text database to schools, colleges, and public libraries serving a larger number of users).' [*Library Journal*]

full text retrieval /,fʊl tekst rɪ 'tri:v(ə)l/, **full text searching** /,fʊl tekst 'sɜ:tɪŋ/ *noun* online searching in which every word of the source document can be retrieved

full text search /,fʊl tekst 'sɜ:tɪʃ/ *noun* a search for something carried out through all the text in a file or database rather than limited to an area or block

function /'fʌŋkʃən/ *noun* the purpose or role of something

functional /'fʌŋkʃən(ə)l/ *adjective* useful or practical rather than attractive
functional illiterate /'fʌŋkʃ(ə)nəl ɪ ,lɪtərət/ *noun* somebody whose reading and writing abilities are inadequately developed to meet everyday needs

functional literacy /'fʌŋkʃ(ə)nəl ,lɪt(ə)rəsi/ *noun* the level of skill in reading and writing that a person needs to cope with everyday adult life

function code /'fʌŋkʃən kəʊd/, **function key** /'fʌŋkʃən ki:/ *noun* a code or key which makes a part of a computer program work

funding /'fʌndɪŋ/ *noun* money provided for a particular purpose

furnish /'fɜ:nɪʃ/ *verb* to provide or supply something

further education /,fɜ:ðə 'edʒʊ 'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a system of education for people over the official school leaving age

future policy /,fju:tʃə 'pɒləsi/ *noun* plans for the development of an organisation in the near future

fuzzy logic /,fʌzi 'lɒdʒɪk/ *noun* logic that allows for imprecise or ambiguous answers to questions, forming the basis of computer programming designed to mimic human intelligence

fuzzy search /'fʌzi sɜ:tʃ/ *noun* a computer search that returns not only

exact matches to the search request, but also close matches that include possibilities and allow for such things as spelling errors

fx *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for France, Metropolitan

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g *abbreviation* gram

ga *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Gabon

gain /geɪn/ *noun* an improvement or increase ■ *verb* □ **to gain access to** to get into something such as a record or file

gap /gæp/ *noun* a space between two things, ideas or periods of time

garbage /'gɑ:bɪdʒ/ *noun* data or information that is no longer required because it is out of date or incorrect

garbage in garbage out /,gɑ:bɪdʒ ɪn ,gɑ:bɪdʒ 'aʊt/ *phrase* an expression meaning that the accuracy and quality of information that is outputted depends on the quality of the input. Abbr **GIGO**

COMMENT: GIGO is sometimes taken to mean 'garbage in gospel out', meaning that whatever wrong information is put into a computer people will always believe the output is true.

garner /'gɑ:nə/ *verb* to collect or accumulate something such as information or facts

gatefold /'geɪtfəʊld/ *noun* a page in a publication that is larger than the other pages and is folded to fit

gatekeeper /'geɪt,ki:pə/ *noun* an online computer host which allows users to access a database

gateway /'geɪtweɪ/ *noun* a software translation device which allows users working in one network to access another

'In addition, the company is offering the IP Drum Mobile Skype Cables, which connect a Nokia or Sony Ericsson mobile phone to a computer, creating a gateway from Skype to the mobile network. Incoming Skype calls are then forwarded through the

mobile phone connected to the computer to the mobile phone the user is carrying.' [*Internet Business News*]

gateway page /'geɪtweɪ peɪdʒ/ *noun* the initial webpage that a visitor to a website sees and that contains key words and phrases that enable a search engine to find it

gather /'gæðə/ *verb* to compile something such as information or ideas from various sources

gazette /gə'zet/ *noun* a record of public events, journal or other official information document published periodically

gazetteer /,gæzə'tɪə/ *noun* an index of geographical place names

gd *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Grenada

ge *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Georgia

gender-free language /,dʒendəfri: 'læŋgwɪdʒ/ *noun* language that is deliberately used to avoid reference to either men or women, as when the leader of a committee is described as a chairperson instead of the chairman

genealogical tree /,dʒi:niələdʒɪk(ə)l 'tri:t/ *noun* a tree-structured diagram showing the relationships of the members of a family from the past to the present

genealogy /,dʒi:ni'ælədʒi/ *noun* the study of the history of the members of a family

general /'dʒen(ə)rəl/ *adjective* for all or most people, cases or things

general books /'dʒen(ə)rəl buks/ *plural noun* books which may interest the adult public, usually not including

children's books, fiction or specialised books

generalia class /,dʒenə'reɪliə ,klɑ:s/ *noun* a classification for books on a variety of subjects, e.g. encyclopedias

general index /'dʒen(ə)rəl ,ɪndeks/ *noun* an index which covers all items in a book

generalisation /,dʒen(ə)rəlaɪ 'zeɪf(ə)n/, **generalization** *noun* a statement that is mostly true but not based on specific facts

general knowledge /,dʒen(ə)rəl 'nɒlɪdʒ/ *noun* knowledge of a broad range of facts or subjects

general packet radio service /,dʒen(ə)rəl ,pækɪt 'reɪdiəʊ ,sɜ:vɪs/ *noun* full form of **GPRS**

general public /,dʒen(ə)rəl 'pʌblɪk/ *noun* ordinary people

general purpose /,dʒen(ə)rəl 'pɜ:pəs/ *adjective* something that can be used for a variety of uses

general reference /,dʒen(ə)rəl 'ref(ə)rəns/ *noun* a reference in a catalogue directing users to a number of more specific entries

generate /'dʒenəreɪt/ *verb* to cause something to start and develop

generation /,dʒenə'reɪf(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** a stage of development in the design and manufacture of machines ○ *fifth generation computers* **2.** the period of time in which people can grow up and have children, usually 25 to 30 years

generic relationship /dʒə,nerɪk rɪ 'leɪf(ə)nʃɪp/ *noun* a link in a classification scheme ○ *There is a generic relationship between the genus and species.*

generic searching /dʒə,nerɪk 'sɜ:tʃɪŋ/ *noun* a type of online searching using a memory to store broader and related headings to the subject being searched

generic top-level domain /dʒə ,nerɪk tɒp ,lev(ə)l də'meɪn/ *noun* full form of **gTLD**

Geneva Convention /dʒɪ,ni:və kən'venʃ(ə)n/ *noun* ♦ **Universal Copyright Convention**

genre /'ʒɒnrə/ *noun* a category or style of writing, art or music ○ *Science fiction is his favourite genre.*

genuine /'dʒenjuɪn/ *adjective* exactly what it is said to be

geographic filing /,dʒɪəgræfɪk 'faɪlɪŋ/ *noun* a system of filing items according to their place of origin

geographic location /,dʒɪəgræfɪk ləʊ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the place, building, unit or site where an item is stored

get back /,get 'bæk/ *verb* to have something returned to you

get down /,get 'daʊn/ *verb* **1.** to write down what somebody says **2.** to fetch something from a high place ○ *get down a book from a high shelf*

get into /,get 'ɪntuː/ *verb* to become involved with an activity

gf *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for French Guiana

gg *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Guernsey

gh *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Ghana

ghost /gəʊst/ *noun* LITERAT same as **ghostwriter** ■ *verb* to be the ghost-writer of a work

ghostwriter /'gəʊst,rɪtə/ *noun* somebody who writes something for or with somebody else, the other person receiving sole credit as the author

gi *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Gibraltar

GIF /gɪf/ a trade name for a graphics file format for a file containing a bitmapped image. Full form **Graphics Interchange Format**

.gif *suffix* a file extension for a GIF file. Full form **Graphics Interchange Format**

GIF file /,dʒɪ: aɪ 'ef faɪl/ *noun* a graphics file format for a file containing a bitmapped image

gift /gɪft/ *noun* something given as a present

gigabyte /'gɪgəbaɪt/ *noun* 1,000,000,000 bytes

GIGO /'gɪgəʊ/ *abbreviation* garbage in garbage out

gilt /gɪlt/ *noun* a shiny material, usually gold, used as a thin covering to other material

gilt edge /'gɪlt edʒ/ *noun* a gold edge to a page of a book, so that when the book is closed it looks like a gold block

gilt-edged /'gɪlt edʒd/ *adjective* denoting a book with a gilt edge to the pages

give /gɪv/ *verb* to impart or convey something such as information or advice to somebody

given name /'gɪv(ə)n neɪm/ *noun* a person's first name, used by their family and friends

glazed morocco /,glɛɪzd mə'rɒkəʊ/ *noun* polished goatskin leather, used as a binding material

global /'gləʊb(ə)l/ *adjective* covering everything

Global Books in Print /,gləʊb(ə)l buks ɪn 'prɪnt/ *noun* a worldwide listing on CD-ROM of all books in print

global replace /,gləʊb(ə)l rɪ'pleɪs/ *noun* a word-processing function meaning to replace a particular word, group of words, letter or symbol by a different word or words

global search /,gləʊb(ə)l 'sɜ:tʃ/ *noun* a computing function which looks through a whole document or database for a particular word or symbol

global search and replace /,gləʊb(ə)l 'sɜ:tʃ ən rɪ'pleɪs/ *noun* a search and replace function which is applied to a whole computer file

global village /,gləʊb(ə)l 'vɪlɪdʒ/ *noun* the whole world considered as a single community served by electronic media and information technology

'Given the open architecture of the world wide web, anyone operating a website has access to a worldwide audience – the internet has fuelled globalisation and the 'global village' has become reality.' [M2 *presswire*]

gloss /glɒs/ *noun* a short definition, explanation or translation of a word or phrase that may be unfamiliar to the reader, often located in a margin or collected in an appendix or glossary

glossary /'glɒsəri/ *noun* 1. an alphabetical list of the specialist words used

in a document, with definitions 2. a list of specialised terms with explanations or translations ○ *glossary of chess terms* ○ *an English-Chinese business glossary*

gloss over /,glɒs 'əʊvə/ *verb* to intentionally leave out negative information, or treat something superficially, in order to make it appear more attractive or acceptable

glossy /'glɒsi/ *adjective* smooth and shiny

gm *abbreviation* 1. in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Gambia 2. gram

gn *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Guinea

gnostic /'nɒstɪk/ *adjective* relating to knowledge, especially knowledge of spiritual truths

GNVQ /,dʒi: en vi: 'kju:z/ *noun* in the United Kingdom, a qualification designed to provide vocationally orientated skills and knowledge for progression from school to employment or university. Full form **General National Vocational Qualification**

goal /gəʊl/ *noun* 1. what somebody is trying to achieve 2. the final state reached when a task is finished

goal-setting /'gəʊl ,setɪŋ/ *noun* a policy discussion which agrees what a group, company or organisation hopes to achieve

goatskin /'gəʊtskɪn/ *noun* leather from the skin of a goat, called morocco when used for binding

go by /,gəʊ 'baɪ/ *verb* to treat advice or information as reliable or true

go list /'gəʊ lɪst/ *noun* a list of terms or characters to be included in a printout. Compare **stop list**

gone to press /,gɒn tə 'pres/ *adjective* used to indicate that text has gone for printing and it is too late to make corrections

Google /'gu:ɡ(ə)l/ a trade name for a popular search engine

go on /,gəʊ 'ɒn/ *verb* to use something as reliable information

gopher /'gəʊfə/ *noun* a servicing device within the Internet which allows access by allowing links between systems

gossip /'gɒsɪp/ *noun* a conversation or report about other people's behaviour, which is often exaggerated and not always completely true

gov *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the generic top-level domain for government organisation

government library /,gəvənmənt 'laɪbrərɪz/ *noun* a library that exists for each of the major departments of the government, e.g. Dept of Employment library

government publication /,gəvənmənt ,pʌblɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a publication with information which is written and published by government departments, often of a statistical nature

gp *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Guadeloupe

GPRS /,dʒi: pi: ɑ:r 'es/ *noun* a system that provides immediate and continuous access to the Internet from wireless devices such as mobile phones. Full form **general packet radio service**

gq *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Equatorial Guinea

gr *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Greece

grade /greɪd/ *noun* a mark given to a piece of coursework or an examination which indicates the level of success attained ■ *verb* to judge or measure the quality of something

graduate /'grædʒuət/ *noun* a person who has successfully completed a first degree course at a university

graduate trainee /,grædʒuət treɪ 'ni:/ *noun* a person who has graduated in one subject and is receiving further training in a specialist skill

gram /græm/ *noun* a measurement of weight which is used to indicate the quality of paper ○ *80g paper is standard copier quality.* Abbr **g**

grammar check /'græmə tʃek/ *noun* a software facility which enables the user to check the grammatical accuracy of work done on a word processor

grammatical error /grə,mætɪk(ə)l 'erə/ *noun* word usage which breaks the rules of a language

graph /grɑ:f/ *noun* a mathematical diagram which visually shows the relationship between two or more sets of variables

graphic /'græfɪk/ *adjective* concerned with drawing

graphic display /,græfɪk dɪs'pleɪ/ *noun* a computer screen that is able to present graphical information

graphic display resolution /'græfɪk dɪ,spleɪ ,rezəlu:ʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the number of pixels that a computer is able to display on the screen

graphic novel /,græfɪk 'nɒv(ə)l/ *noun* a fictional story for adults published in the form of a comic strip

graphics /'græfɪks/ *plural noun* pictures or lines drawn to represent information

graphics file /'græfɪks faɪl/ *noun* a binary file which contains data describing an image ○ *There are many standards for graphics files including TIFF, IMG and EPS.*

graphics file format /'græfɪks faɪl ,fɔ:mæt/ *noun* a method by which data describing an image is stored

Graphics Interchange Format /'græfɪks ,ɪntətʃeɪndʒ ,fɔ:mæt/ *noun* full form of **GIF**

graphics pad /'græfɪks pæd/

graphics tablet /'græfɪks ,tæblət/ *noun* a flat device that allows a user to input graphical information into a computer by drawing on its surface

graph paper /'grɑ:f ,peɪpə/ *noun* paper which is printed with measured squares so that it can be used for drawing graphs

grave accent /,grɑ:v 'æksənt/ *noun* a mark placed over a vowel (e.g. è) †to show how it should be pronounced

COMMENT: Grave accents are used in French (è, à, ù) to indicate a pronunciation change or a spelling change. They are used in other languages to show stress.

gremlin /'gremlɪn/ *noun* a tiny mischievous spirit said to be the cause of an unexplained problem or fault, especially in a machine or system

grey literature /'greɪ ,lɪt(ə)rətʃə/ *noun* 1. in-house publications, e.g. parish magazines or technical reports 2.

articles and information published, especially on the Internet, without a commercial purpose or the mediation of a commercial publisher

grey scale /'greɪ skeɪl/ *noun* shades which are produced from displaying what should be colour information on a monochrome monitor

grid /grɪd/ *noun* a system of numbered squares allowing points to be easily plotted or located

COMMENT: Grids are used by designers and pasteup artists for laying out magazines and books, where the page size, type area and general layout remain the same for each page. The designer will prepare a master grid, showing the basic proportions of the page, with its trim size, type area, headlines, folio positions, margins, etc., and this is used when pasting up each page.

grid reference /'grɪd ˌref(ə)rəns/ *noun* a set of numbers from the X and Y axes giving the location of a point on a map

gross /grəʊs/ *noun* the total amount before any deductions have been made

gross income /,grəʊs ˈɪnkʌm/ *noun* the total amount of money earned before any deductions e.g. for tax

gross weight /,grəʊs ˈweɪt/ *noun* the total weight of something including all packaging

ground rent /'graʊnd rent/ *noun* rent paid by a tenant of a building to the owner of the land on which it is built

grounds /'graʊndz/ *plural noun* a reason or justification for something

group /gru:p/ *noun* a collection of people or things that are in the same place at the same time or have something in common

group consensus /,gru:p kən ˈsɛnsəs/ *noun* the combined feelings of a group of people about a decision. Also called **groupthink**

group manager /,gru:p ˈmænɪdʒə/ *noun* a person who has responsibility for the organisation of a group of people

groupthink /'gru:pθɪŋk/ *noun* same as **group consensus**

groupware /'gru:pweə/ *noun* software designed to be shared collaboratively by a number of users on a computer network

growing demand /,grəʊɪŋ dɪ ˈmɑ:nd/ *noun* an increasing number of people who want to use a product or service

growth /grəʊθ/ *noun* an increase in the size, wealth or importance of something

Grub Street /'grʌb stri:t/ *noun* the name of a street in London which was inhabited mainly by writers, now the general name for low-paid journalism

gs *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for South Georgia

gsm, g/m² *noun* a way of showing the weight of paper used in printing. Full form **grams per square metre**

gt *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Guatemala

gTLD *noun* the portion of an Internet address that identifies it as belonging to a specific generic domain class, e.g. com, edu or gov. Full form **generic top-level domain**

gu *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Guam

guarantee /,gʌrən'ti:/ *noun* a written promise that any faults in a purchase which show within a given period of time will be repaired free of charge

guess /ges/ *noun* an attempt to answer a question when you do not have the information needed

guesstimate /'gestɪmət/ *noun* an approximate calculation based entirely on guesswork

guest book /'gest bʊk/ *noun* a book in which people write their names and addresses when they stay at a hotel or guest house

guide /gaɪd/ *noun* 1. a book of instructions 2. a person who shows people the way

guidebook /'gaɪdbʊk/ *noun* a book containing information for tourists about a country, place or institution

guide letters /'gaɪd ˌletəz/ *plural noun* large letter signs to indicate the location of items in a library

guidelines /'gaɪdlaɪnz/ *plural noun* a written code of practice about how to do things in a particular field of work

guides /gɑɪdz/ *noun* a system of signs to help people to find their way around a building

guiding /'gɑɪdɪŋ/ *noun* same as **guides**

guild /gɪld/ *noun* an association of people with similar interests or skills who join together to support each other

guillotine /'gɪləti:n/ *noun* a device used for cutting and trimming paper

Gutenberg Bible /'gʊtənbɜ:ɡ ,baɪb(ə)l/ *noun* the first large book to be

printed in Europe from movable type, in around 1455

gutter /'gʌtə/ *noun* the inside margin between two pages of type

gutter press /'gʌtə pres/ *noun* a name for the tabloid newspapers which print large amounts of gossip rather than factual news. ◊ **yellow press**

gw *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Guinea-Bissau

gy *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Guyana

H

hack /hæk/ *verb* to gain access illegally to a computer system or program

■ *noun* a writer who produces poor quality material only for money

hacker /'hækə/ *noun* somebody who gains access to other people's computer files without their permission

half binding /'hɑ:f ,baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* bookbinding in which the back and sometimes the corners of a book are bound in one material and the sides in another

half bound book /'hɑ:f baʊnd ,bʊk/ *noun* a book with a style of binding which was common from the beginning of the 19th century, where binding leathers or vellum were used on the spine and corners and the rest of the boards were covered with marbled paper or plain paper and cloth

half leather binding /,hɑ:f ,leðə 'baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* a binding on a hard-cover book, where the spine and corners are covered with leather and the rest is left in ordinary cloth or paper

half title /'hɑ:f ,taɪt(ə)l/ *noun* the first page of a book with only the title and not the details of the publisher or author

halftone /'hɑ:ftəʊn/, **half-tone** *noun*
1. continuous shading of a printed area
2. a shade of grey appearing to be half way between white and black
3. an illustration made using the halftone process
○ *a book with 25 halftone illustrations*
○ *The book is illustrated with twenty halftones.*
○ *We need a full page halftone facing the beginning of the chapter.*

COMMENT: Halftones are made by breaking up a continuous tone pattern into a series of dots of varying sizes.

When printed, the dots appear to merge into a continuous tone, though if you look at them closely the dots are visible. The dots are created by scanning or by photographing the original through a screen, which is a mesh of criss-cross lines or a series of dots.

halftone screen /'hɑ:ftəʊn skrɪ:n/ *noun* a screen with cross lines or a grid of dots used for preparing a halftone illustration

half-yearly /,hɑ:f 'jɪəli/ *adjective*
1. happening every six months
○ *a half-yearly magazine*
2. referring to a period of six months
○ *half-yearly royalty statement*
■ *adverb* every six months
○ *we pay some royalties half-yearly*

halt /hɔ:lt/ *verb* to stop completely, although usually temporarily

handbook /'hændbʊk/ *noun* a book of advice and instructions

hand-held /'hænd held/ *adjective* small and light enough to be used while held in the hand
○ *hand-held video camera*

handle /'hænd(ə)l/ *noun*
1. a computer user's nickname or screen name
2. (*in a graphics or DTP program*) a small square that is displayed on the edge of a frame, object or image
■ *verb* to deal with or accept responsibility for a situation or people

handout /'hændaʊt/ *noun* a printed paper which supports a talk or lecture with summaries or other information

handover period /'hændəʊə ,pɪəriəd/ *noun* a period of time when the outgoing holder of a job works with the new person to make sure they have all the necessary knowledge of the work

'Advocates of outsourcing argue that it allows companies to focus on their core business, improve employee services and cut costs. Initially, costs rose in the deal because the two were running parallel services during the handover period.' [*Financial Times*]

handshake /'hændʃeɪk/, **hand-shaking** /'hændʃeɪkɪŋ/ *noun* a term in computing which indicates that two machines are compatible and can transfer information to each other

hands-on experience /,hændz ɒn ɪk'spiəriəns/ *noun* the ability to actually use machines or equipment rather than just learning about them

hands-on training /,hændz ɒn 'treɪnɪŋ/ *noun* a method of teaching using practical experience rather than just theory

handwriting /'hændraɪtɪŋ/ *noun* a system of putting words on paper using a pen or pencil ◦ *Everyone has their own distinctive style of handwriting.*

handwritten /,hænd'ɹɪt(ə)n/ *adjective* written with a pen or pencil rather than printed by a machine

hang up /,hæŋ 'ʌp/ *verb* to end a phone call by putting the receiver down

Hansard /'hænsɑ:d/ *noun* a written account of the proceedings of the UK Parliament

hardback /'hɑ:dbæk/ *noun* a copy of a book with a board cover. Compare **paperback**

hardbound /'hɑ:dbaʊnd/ *adjective* bound as a book in a stiff cover

hard copy /,hɑ:d 'kɒpi/ *noun* a printed version of a document held on a computer

hardcover /'hɑ:dkʌvə/ *noun* PUBL same as **hardback**

hard disk /'hɑ:d dɪsk/ *noun* a rigid magnetic disk usually built into a computer, which can store much more data than a floppy disk

hardware /'hɑ:dweə/ *noun* the machinery of a computer, rather than the programs written for it

hardware costs /'hɑ:dweə kɒsts/ *plural noun* the capital costs of buying computer equipment and other machinery

hardware resources /'hɑ:dweə rɪ ,zɔ:sɪz/ *plural noun* the amount of computer equipment and machinery available for use

Harvard system /'hɑ:vəd ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a bibliographic reference system, used in academic publishing, in which the author and date are given in the text and the full reference is supplied in a general list of references

hash /hæʃ/, **hashmark** /'hæʃmɑ:k/ *noun* **1.** a symbol (#) used to indicate the word 'number' in addresses ◦ *RD#3 (Rural District Number 3)* **2.** a symbol used on telephones for a variety of functions

head /hed/ *noun* the top or most important part or person ◻ **per head** referring to the cost or amount for each person

head crash /'hed kræʃ/ *noun* failure in a disk drive, where the read/write head touches the surface of the disk, causing damage and data loss

headed stationery /,hedɪd 'steɪʃ(ə)n(ə)rɪ/ *noun* notepaper which has the name and address of the person or organisation it belongs to printed at the top of each sheet

header /'hedə/ *noun* **1.** (*in a document*) a piece of text that appears at the very top of each page, containing e.g. the chapter name and the page number. ◊ **footer** **2.** the beginning of an e-mail message with full information about the recipient's address, sender's name and address and any delivery options

header block /'hedə blɒk/ *noun* a block of data at the beginning of a file, which contains the file characteristics

heading /'hedɪŋ/ *noun* a word, phrase, title or name at the beginning of a page, section or catalogue entry

head librarian /,hed laɪ'breəriən/ *noun* a qualified librarian who is in charge of a library or district

headline /'hedlaɪn/ *noun* **1.** the title at the top of a page or article in a newspaper story **2.** a spoken list of items to be covered in a radio or TV news bulletin

head of department /,hed əv dɪ 'pɑ:tmənt/ *noun* a person who is

responsible for a group of people working in the same department

head office /ˈhed ˈɒfɪs/ *noun* the main office of a company or organisation which has branch offices in other places

headphones /ˈhedfəʊnz/ *plural noun* a pair of small speakers worn over the ears to listen to speech or music

headquarters /hedˈkwɔ:təz/ *plural noun* the main administrative office of an organisation

headword /ˈhedwɜ:d/ *noun* the main entry word in a dictionary

help line /ˈhelp laɪn/ *noun* a telephone number dedicated to a specific topic which people can ring for advice and help

help menu /ˈhelp ˌmenju:/ *noun* a list of options available which instruct people how to use a computer program

help screen /ˈhelp skri:n/ *noun* a screen containing writing which explains how to use a computer program

Heritage Lottery Fund /ˌherɪtɪdʒ ˈlɒtəri ˌfʌnd/ *noun* a public body which distributes money raised by the National Lottery in the UK to heritage organisations, including libraries and archiving services. Abbr **HLF**

Her Majesty's Inspectorate /ˌhɜ: ˌmædʒəsti:z ɪnˈspekt(ə)rət/, **Her Majesty's Inspector** *noun* a British government department or official responsible for inspecting teaching in schools. Abbr **HMI**

Her Majesty's Stationery Office /ˌhɜ: ˌmædʒəstɪz ˈsteɪʃ(ə)n(ə)rɪ ˌɒfɪs/ *noun* the publications office of the British government. Abbr **HMSO**

heuristic /hjuəˈrɪstɪk/ *adjective* solving problems by using reasoning and experience rather than standard formulae

heuristic searching /hjuəˈrɪstɪk ˌsɜ:tʃɪŋ/ *noun* a method of searching which modifies the search according to each piece of information as it is found

‘The GA is one of the emerging heuristic searching techniques that is suitable for solving complex combinatorial problems (Reeves,

1993). The GA was invented and developed to mimic some of the processes observed in natural selection, initially by Holland and his associates at the University of Michigan in the 1960s.’ [*Integrated Manufacturing Systems*]

hidden agenda /ˌhɪd(ə)n əˈdʒendə/ *noun* the unspoken intentions behind a decision or action

hidden Web /ˌhɪd(ə)n web/ *noun* same as **deep Web**

hide /haɪd/ *noun* leather made from the skin of animals older than a calf, used for binding large-format books

hierarchical /ˌhaɪəˈrɑ:kɪk(ə)l/ *adjective* relating to data arranged in a tree structure with defined layers

hierarchical classification /ˌhaɪəˈrɑ:kɪk(ə)l ˌklæsɪfɪˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a system of classifying items with the broadest terms at the top and working down to more specific narrow terms

hierarchical database /ˌhaɪəˈrɑ:kɪk(ə)l ˈdeɪtəbeɪs/ *noun* the organisation of information in a database so that records can be related to each other within a defined structure

hierarchical search /ˌhaɪəˈrɑ:kɪk(ə)l ˈsɜ:tʃ/ *noun* a search in a catalogue using an upwards chain of entries from most to least specific

hierarchy /ˌhaɪəˈrɑ:ki/ *noun* a system of ranking things or people according to their importance

hi fi /ˈhaɪ ˈfaɪ/ *abbreviation* high fidelity ■ *noun* a set of stereo equipment with speakers and amplifiers used for playing records, tapes and CDs

high density disk /ˌhaɪ ˌdensɪti ˈdɪsk/ *noun* a computer floppy disk capable of storing a quantity of data

higher education /ˌhaɪə ˌedʒu ˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* education that takes place at universities or colleges usually after the age of 18, leading towards an academic qualification

higher learning /ˌhaɪə ˈlɜ:ɪŋɪŋ/ *noun* education or study at university level

Higher National Certificate /ˌhaɪə ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl səˈtɪfɪkət/ *noun* awarded at

British colleges in technical subjects.
Abbr **HNC**

Higher National Diploma /,haɪə ,næf(ə)nəl dɪ'plɔʊmə/ *noun* an advanced qualification in technical subjects. Abbr **HND**

high flier /,haɪ 'flaɪə/ *noun* a person who is very capable, ambitious and likely to reach the top ranks of their career

high-level language /,haɪ ,lev(ə)l 'læŋgwɪdʒ/ *noun* a computer programming language that is easy to use and uses natural language

high-level talks /,haɪ ,lev(ə)l 'tɔ:ks/ *plural noun* discussions involving senior people in politics or business

highlight /'haɪlaɪt/ *verb* to colour or mark text on a document or computer screen to make it stand out from the rest

high-resolution /,haɪ ,rezə 'lu:f(ə)n/ *adjective* relating to the ability to display or detect a very large number of pixels per unit area. Abbr **hi-res**

COMMENT: Currently, high-resolution graphics displays can show images at a resolution of 1024x1024 pixels, high-resolution printers can print at 600 or 800 dots per inch and a high-resolution scanner can scan at a resolution of 800 or 1200 dots per inch.

high-specification /,haɪ ,spesɪfɪ 'keɪf(ə)n/ *adjective* having a high level of accuracy or quality

high-speed /'haɪ spi:d/ *adjective* operating at faster than usual speed

high-tech /,haɪ 'tek/ *adjective* using advanced technology

hi-res /,haɪ 'reiz/ *abbreviation* high-resolution

histogram /'hɪstəgræm/ *noun* a graph on which the data is represented by vertical or horizontal bars

historical background /hɪs ,tɔrɪk(ə)l 'bækgraʊnd/ *noun* the reasons why something has developed over a period of time to its present form

historical value /hɪs ,tɔrɪk(ə)l 'vælju:/ *noun* something that helps in the understanding of past events

hit /hɪt/ *noun* a successful match when searching a database

hit list /'hɪt lɪst/ *noun* a list of people or organisations that are most likely to do something or have something done to them ○ *The local council had hit lists of branch libraries which were either likely to support their projects or which they were going to close.*

hit rate /'hɪt reɪt/ *noun* the number of relevant titles found during a database search

hk *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Hong Kong

HLF *abbreviation* Heritage Lottery Fund

hm *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Heard and McDonald Islands

HMI *abbreviation* 1. human machine interface 2. Her Majesty's Inspectorate

HMSO *abbreviation* Her Majesty's Stationery Office

hn *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Honduras

HNC *abbreviation* Higher National Certificate

HND *abbreviation* Higher National Diploma

holding area /'həʊldɪŋ ,eəriə/ *noun* a space allocated to the temporary storage of semi-current materials

holding file /'həʊldɪŋ faɪl/ *noun* a computer file in which work waits until it can be processed

holdings /'həʊldɪŋz/ *plural noun* the stock of books and other items kept by a library

holiday period /'hɒlɪdeɪ ,prɪəriəd/ *noun* the time of year during which most people take their annual holidays

hologram /'hɒləgræm/ *noun* a three-dimensional photographic image created by laser beams

holograph /'hɒləgrɑ:f/ *noun* a book or document written in the author's own handwriting

home computer /,həʊm kəm 'pju:tə/ *noun* a stand-alone personal computer used at home

homepage /'həʊmpeɪdʒ/ *noun* 1. the opening page of an Internet website 2. somebody's personal website on the Internet, often containing personal data, photographs or contact information

homograph /'hɒməʊɡrɑ:f/ *noun* a word having the same spelling but different meaning from another, as with 'spell' meaning 'witchcraft' and 'spell' meaning 'to write words correctly'

COMMENT: Homographs are to be avoided where possible as headings when indexing.

homonym /'hɒməɪnɪm/ *noun* a word with the same sound and perhaps the same spelling another but with a different meaning, as with 'counter' meaning 'library issue desk' and 'counter' meaning 'machine for counting'

homophone /'hɒməfəʊn/ *noun* a word with the same sound but different spelling and meaning from another, such as 'threw' meaning 'past tense of throw' and 'through', which is a preposition

honorarium /,ɒnə'reəriəm/ *noun* a payment made for professional services which are usually provided without charge

honorary /'ɒnərəri/ *adjective* **1.** relating to a position or role that is held as an honour, without payment **2.** relating to a title or qualification that is given as a reward, not because it has been worked for in the usual way

horizontal format /,hɒrɪzənt(ə)l 'fɔ:mæt/ *noun* *US* a book format where the spine and fore-edge are shorter than the top and bottom edges (NOTE: The UK term is **landscape format**.)

hospital library /'hɒspɪtl 'laɪbrɪ/ **library**

host /həʊst/ *noun* the main computer in a system which allows access to online databases ■ *verb* to provide storage space on a server computer where a user can store files or data, often used to store the files required for a website

host computer /,həʊst kəm'pju:tə/ *noun* the controlling computer in a multi-user system

host service /'həʊst ,sɜ:vɪs/ *noun* a company that provides connections to the Internet and storage space on its computers which can store the files for a user's website

hotline /'hɒtləɪn/ *noun* a direct telephone line giving direct access, used e.g. for quick ordering, for complaints or between heads of governments

hot link /,hɒt 'lɪŋk/ *noun* a command within a hypertext program that links a hotspot or hotword on one page with a second destination page which is displayed if the user selects the hotspot

hotspot /'hɒtspɒt/ *noun* a special area on an image or display that does something when the cursor is moved on to it ○ *The image of the trumpet is a hotspot and will play a sound when you move the pointer over it.*

hotword /'hɒtwɜ:d/ *noun* a word within displayed text that does something when the cursor is moved on to it or it is selected

hourly /'aʊəli/ *adjective* happening every hour

house journal /'haʊs ,dʒɜ:n(ə)l/ *noun* an internal magazine giving information and news to the employees of a company or organisation. Also called **house magazine**

'...the new premises are said to be 'a sixth of the cost' and have better facilities for training and meetings... the organisation will offer a full package of membership benefits as before – including Aslib journals from Emerald, a range of training courses, and the monthly Managing Information house journal.' [Information World Review]

housekeeping /'haʊski:pɪŋ/ *noun* the work necessary to maintain any system of filing whether manual or computerised

house magazine /'haʊs mæɡə ,zi:n/ *noun* same as **house journal**

house organ /'haʊs ,ɔ:gən/ *noun* a magazine published by a business or other organisation for its employees or customers, containing information about the company, its products and its employees

house style /,haʊs 'staɪl/ *noun* a style of writing and presentation that is specific to a particular group, company or organisation

COMMENT: The aim of a house style is to give consistency to all the products of a

publishing house, thus making them more recognisable to the reading public. In the case of magazines, contributors will be sent a style sheet which shows how they should lay out their contributions. A house style will cover many aspects of layout, such as headlines, position of folios, typefaces and sizes; it will also cover details of spelling and punctuation: the form for writing dates (1st January 1999 or January 1st, 1999 or 1st Jan. 1999 or 01.01.99, etc.); the use of full stops after abbreviations (Mr or Mr., P.O.Box or PO Box, etc.). Most publishing companies have their own style sheets which are given to editors and form part of the training programme for new editorial and production staff. Many printers as well as publishers have their own house style and many follow the style of one of the University Presses (Oxford and Cambridge).

hr *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Croatia

ht *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Haiti

HTML /,eɪtʃ ti: em 'el/ *noun* a series of special codes which define the typeface and style that should be used when displaying the text and also allow hypertext links to other parts of the document or to other documents. Full form **HyperText Markup Language**. ◊ **Internet, SGML, XML**

.html *suffix* a file extension for an HTML file. Full form **HyperText Markup Language**

HTTP /,eɪtʃ ti: ti: 'pi:/ *noun* a series of commands used by a browser to ask an Internet web server for information about a webpage. Full form **hypertext transfer protocol**

hu *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Hungary

human /'hju:mən/ *adjective* concerning people rather than animals

human capital /,hju:mən 'kæpɪt(ə)/ *noun* the knowledge and skills that employees have, which are considered a resource of the company

human-computer interaction /,hju:mən kəm'pjʊ:tə ,ɪntər'æksjən/ *noun* the field of study relating to the interface between computers and users

human factors /,hju:mən 'fæktəz/ *plural noun* the needs of human beings

which must be considered when planning automation of an office

humanities /'hju:'mænitiz/ *plural noun* subjects of study concerned with human ideas and behaviour, e.g. literature and philosophy

Humanities Online Bulletin Board /'hju:'mænitiz ,ɒnlain 'bʊlətɪn ,bɔ:d/ *noun* an online current awareness service for the humanities. Abbr **HUMBUL**

human machine interface /,hju:mən mə'ʃi:n ,ɪntəfeɪs/ *noun* the way that a computer screen appears to the user. Abbr **HMI**

human resources /,hju:mən rɪ 'sɔ:ɪsɪz/ *plural noun* the staff of an organisation or company, which can provide skills to do specific jobs

HUMBUL /'hʌmbʌl/ *abbreviation* Humanities Online Bulletin Board

hybrid /'hæbrɪd/ *noun* a mixture of different things

hymn book /'hɪm bʊk/ *noun* a book containing the words, and sometimes the music, of church songs

hyperlink /'haɪpəlnɪk/ *noun* a word, symbol, image or other element in a hypertext document that links to another element in the same document or in another hypertext document

hypermedia /'haɪpəmi:diə/ *noun* a hypertext system that supports the linking of graphics, audio and video elements, and text

hypertext /'haɪpətɛkst/ *noun* 1. a multimedia system of organising information in which certain words in a document link to other documents and display the text when the word is selected 2. a way of linking one word or image on an Internet page to another page in which clicking on certain words or images moves the user directly to the relevant new page

HyperText Markup Language /'haɪpətɛkst ,mɑ:kʌp ,læŋgwɪdʒ/ *noun* full form of **HTML**

hypertext transfer protocol /,haɪpətɛkst 'trænsfɜ: ,prəʊtəkl/ *noun* full form of **HTTP**

hyphen /'haɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a punctuation mark (-) used to join two words together, as in 'two-sided'

hyphenated /'haɪfəneɪtɪd/ *adjective* formed of two words joined by a hyphen

hyphen stringing /'haɪfən ,strɪŋɪŋ/ *noun* the process of using hyphens to combine terms

hypothesis /haɪ'pɒθəʊsɪs/ *noun* a theory which has not yet been tested to prove its truth (NOTE: The plural is **hypotheses**.)

hypothetical /,haɪpə'tetɪk(ə)/ *adjective* based on suggestions rather than proved or tested

IA *abbreviation* information architecture

IAA *abbreviation* International Aerospace Abstracts

IAP *abbreviation* ONLINE Internet access provider

IBA *abbreviation* Independent Broadcasting Association

IBIS Information Services Ltd
/'aɪbɪs/ *noun* a company providing a subject-coded file of information about libraries and staff in academic libraries worldwide

IBM-compatible /,aɪ bi: em kəm 'pæɪtɪb(ə)l/ *adjective* referring to a computer which is able to run standard IBM software

ICIC *abbreviation* International Copyright Information Centre

icon /'aɪkɒn/ *noun* **1.** a picture or symbol that is universally recognised to be representative of something **2.** a graphic symbol used in computing to represent different functions of a program

iconography /,aɪkə'nɒgrəfi/ *noun* the set of symbols or images used in a particular field of activity such as music or cinema and recognised by people as having a particular meaning

-ics *suffix* forming nouns referring to a science, art or branch of knowledge

id *abbreviation* ONLINE in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Indonesia

ID /,aɪ 'di:/ *noun* proof of identity

IDD *abbreviation* international direct dialling

identical /aɪ'dentɪk(ə)l/ *adjective* exactly the same

identification /aɪ,dentɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* any means used to establish who somebody is, e.g. a document, mark, number or password

identifier /aɪ'dentɪfaɪə/ *noun* **1.** the grammatical term for the definite and indefinite articles in English **2.** any tag, flag or mark put on a computer file to differentiate it from others

identify /aɪ'dentɪfaɪ/ *verb* to recognise or indicate what something is

identity number /aɪ'dentɪti ,nʌmbə/ *noun* a unique number which can be used as a password for accessing a computer system

idiom /'ɪdɪəm/ *noun* an expression which has a different meaning from the separate meanings of the words and is peculiar to a language so that it cannot be literally translated

idle /'aɪd(ə)l/ *adjective* waiting to be used

ie *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Ireland

IEEE *abbreviation* Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

IFLA *abbreviation* International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

IG *abbreviation* information governance

ignorance /'ɪɡnərəns/ *noun* a lack of knowledge about something

ignorant /'ɪɡnərənt/ *adjective* **1.** lacking knowledge or education in general or in a specific subject **2.** caused by a lack of knowledge, understanding or experience

IIS *abbreviation* Institute of Information Scientists

IKBS *abbreviation* INFO SCI intelligent knowledge-based system

il *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Israel

ILL *abbreviation* inter-library loan

illegal /ɪ'li:g(ə)l/ *adjective* not allowed by law

illegible /ɪ'ledʒɪb(ə)l/ *adjective* so badly written that it cannot be read

illiteracy /ɪ'lit(ə)rəsi/ *noun* the inability to read or write

illiterate /ɪ'lit(ə)rət/ *adjective* unable to read or write

illuminate /ɪ'lu:mɪneɪt/ *verb* **1.** to illustrate a medieval manuscript **2.** to shine light on something **3.** to make things clear by explaining them

illuminated /ɪ'lu:mɪneɪtɪd/ *adjective* **1.** denoting a manuscript that is decorated with gold paint and colours **2.** filled with light

illumination /ɪ,lu:mɪ'neɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the painting of initial letters in manuscripts with gold, silver and colours

illustrate /ɪ'ləstreɪt/ *verb* **1.** to draw pictures or diagrams to put into written text **2.** to make a point clear by using examples or stories

illustrated /ɪ'ləstreɪtɪd/ *adjective* of a text, with pictures and diagrams included ○ *The book is illustrated with twenty-five full-colour plates.*

illustration /ɪ,lə'streɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a picture, chart or diagram which helps to explain the words of a book or talk

illustrator /ɪ'ləstreɪtə/ *noun* a person who does the drawings or pictures for a book

im *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Isle of Man

image /'ɪmɪdʒ/ *noun* **1.** a picture or reflection of somebody or something **2.** in computing, an exact replica of an area of memory

image enhancer /'ɪmɪdʒ en ,hɑ:nsə/ *noun* an electronic device that makes the picture clearer

image processing /'ɪmɪdʒ ,prəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* the analysis of information contained in an image, usually by electronic means or using a computer which provides the analysis or recognition of objects in the image

image processor /'ɪmɪdʒ ,prəʊsesə/ *noun* an electronic device that analyses the information in an image to enable recognition

image scanner /'ɪmɪdʒ ,skænə/ *noun* an electronic device that converts pictures or drawings into machine-readable form

imaging /'ɪmɪdʒɪŋ/ *noun* a technique for creating pictures on a computer screen

imp. *abbreviation* PUBL imprimatur

impact /'ɪmpækt/ *noun* a strong effect or influence on something

impart /ɪm'pɑ:t/ *verb* to communicate information or knowledge

implement /'ɪmplɪ,ment/ *verb* to put a plan into action

'The enterprise edition of the Blackboard Learning System seamlessly integrates with many other technology tools used by academic institutions... According to Barbara Newland, "Moving to the enterprise edition will enable the university to implement its e-learning strategy which aims to enhance the student experience".' [M2 Presswire]

implementation /,ɪmplɪ'mən 'teɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** the carrying out of plans or systems **2.** the latest version, particularly of software

implication /,ɪmplɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* something suggested by a situation, words or events

imply /ɪm'plai/ *verb* to suggest that something is true without actually saying so

import *noun* /'ɪmpɔ:t/ the importance of something because of the way it is likely to affect outcomes ○ *They discussed matters of great import.* ■ *verb* /ɪm'pɔ:t/ **1.** to buy goods or services in one country and bring them to one's own for sale ○ *We use paper imported from Scandinavia.* **2.** to bring something in from outside a system ○ *You can import images from the CAD package into the DTP program.* **3.** to convert a file stored in one format to the default format used by a program ○ *Select import if you want to open a TIFF graphics file.*

impression /ɪm'preʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the number of copies of a book or document printed on the same print run ○ *The book is in its third impression.*

imprimatur /,ɪmprɪ'meɪtə/ *noun* **1.** authority to do, say or print something **2.** an authorisation allowing a book or other work to be published, now usually confined to works sanctioned by the Roman Catholic Church

imprint /'ɪmprɪnt/ *noun* **1.** the publisher's or printer's name which appears on the title page of a book or document or in the bibliographical details **2.** a mark made by firmly pressing something onto a surface

COMMENT: Catalogues, advertisements and fliers do not need to have an imprint, but almost all other printed matter (books, newspapers, and even political leaflets) must carry two imprints: that of the publisher and of the printer. In a book, the imprints will normally appear on the reverse of the title page as part of the bibliographic information; in some countries it is usual to have the printer's imprint at the end of the book. In a magazine, imprints may be listed along with other details of the editors and other staff members.

improvise /'ɪmprəvaɪz/ *verb* **1.** to make something from whatever materials are available rather than using the proper ones **2.** to carry out an activity using one's initiative rather than planning it carefully in advance

impulse /'ɪmpʌls/ *noun* **1.** a short electrical signal **2.** a sudden desire to do something without thinking about it or planning it first

IMS *abbreviation* INFO SCI information management system

in /ɪn/ *preposition* used to introduce adjectival and adverbial phrases □ **in alphabetical order** organised according to the same order as the letters in the alphabet □ **in ascending order** organised with the smallest item first and working up to the biggest □ **in charge of** in control and able to make decisions □ **in descending order** organised so that the biggest item is first and working down to the smallest □ **in detail** paying attention to all the aspects of something however small ○ *to describe something in detail* □ **in fact** used to

emphasise the reality of a situation or to introduce more precise information ○ *In fact this is what really happened.* □ **in house** produced internally by a company or organisation and relating to internal matters ○ *an in-house magazine* □ **in order of importance** organised with the most important item first □ **in place** in the right position □ **in practice** what is done rather than what is talked about or theorised ○ *It was supposed to happen but in practice it had to be cancelled.* □ **in sequence** organised to occur one after another according to a pre-determined order □ **in stages** done in small parts ○ *She learned computing in stages.* □ **in stock** available for immediate purchase or loan □ **in subject order** arranged under headings which relate alphabetically to the subject of the document □ **in terms of** to talk about something specifying which particular aspects you are considering ○ *We discussed what was needed in terms of equipment.* □ **in the case of** in the particular situation under discussion ○ *Difficult decisions must be made in the case of closure of district libraries.* □ **in the long run** eventually ○ *In the long run automation of the library benefited everybody.* □ **in the long term** over a long period of time ○ *In the long term automation will be seen to be good for the library.* □ **in theory** what is supposed to happen but probably will not ○ *In theory the librarians will be given time off for study, but more likely they will not be able to go.* □ **in working order** functioning efficiently ○ *All the computers are in good working order now.* □ **in writing** written down, not spoken ○ *Make sure that you get the contract in writing.* ■ **adverb** done internally by a company ○ *The work is being done in-house.*

in- /ɪn/ *prefix* added to some words to create the opposite meaning, e.g. 'correct' – 'incorrect'

inaccessible /,ɪnək'sesɪb(ə)l/ *adjective* impossible or very difficult to reach

inaccurate /ɪn'ækjʊrət/ *adjective* not correct

inbuilt /'ɪnbɪlt/ *adjective* included as an integral part of a system

inbuilt facility /,ɪnbɪlt fə'sɪlɪti/ *noun* a feature that is included in the original design

incentive /ɪn'sentɪv/ *noun* anything which encourages extra effort

incentive payment /ɪn'sentɪv ,peɪmənt/ *noun* extra money that is paid to encourage somebody to work harder

incidental /,ɪnsɪ'dent(ə)/ *adjective* something happening or existing in connection with something else more important ○ *The librarians were allowed to claim for the incidental expenses when they went to the conference.*

incidental music /,ɪnsɪ'dent(ə)l ,mju:zɪk/ *noun* music written to provide the background to a play or film

include /ɪn'klu:d/ *verb* to make one thing part of another

inclusive /ɪn'klu:sv/ *adjective* counted in with other aspects ○ *Prices are inclusive of VAT.*

income-generating /'ɪŋkʌm ,dʒenəreɪtɪŋ/ *adjective* producing money from activities

incoming /'ɪnkʌmɪŋ/ *adjective* coming in from outside ○ *incoming messages on the computer*

incompatible /,ɪnkəm'pætɪb(ə)/ *adjective* unable to exist or be used together

incorporate /ɪn'kɔ:pəreɪt/ *verb* to include one thing as part of another

increase /ɪn'kri:s/ *verb* to make something larger in amount

incunable /ɪn'kju:nəb(ə)/ *noun* PRINTING same as **incunabulum**

incunabulum /,ɪnkju'nəbjʊləm/ *noun* a book printed from movable type before 1501 (NOTE: The plural is **incunabula**.)

incur /ɪn'kɜ:z/ *verb* to cause something to happen

indent /ɪn'dent/ *verb* to leave a space at the beginning of a passage of writing

indentation /,ɪnden'teɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a space of a set size left at the beginning of a line of text

independent /,ɪndɪ'pendənt/ *adjective* not connected to, influenced by or needing other people or machines to be able to exist or work

Independent Broadcasting Association /,ɪndɪpendənt 'brɔ:dkɑ:stɪŋ ə,səʊsɪeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an organisation which controls all broadcasting companies in the UK except the BBC. Abbr **IBA**

index /'ɪndeks/ *noun* **1.** an alphabetical list of items contained in a book, document or computer memory **2.** a system by which the changes in the value of something can be compared or measured ○ *International financial indexes compare the value of shares.* **3.** a finding guide to information on a specific topic ■ *verb* to compile an alphabetical list of contents

index card /'ɪndeks kɑ:d/ *noun* a small card containing information and usually arranged alphabetically in a card index box

index entry /'ɪndeks ,entri/ *noun* an item with bibliographic details written in an index or catalogue

indexer /'ɪndeksə/ *noun* a person who compiles indexes for books

indexing /'ɪndeksɪŋ/ *noun* the use of alphabetical methods to organise information

COMMENT: An index is usually set in smaller type than the text and in two or more columns to the page. Normally an index will begin on a right-hand page, and will be folioed consecutively from the text pages. Bold and italic can be used to highlight important or less important items in an index (as, for example, the page references to illustrations). It is always useful to have a note at the beginning of an index to explain how it has been compiled and the meaning of the various typefaces or symbols used. Indexing was formerly done manually, with the indexer going through the text and making filing cards for the items; there are now computer indexing programs, in which the words in the text are flagged and the computer then automatically lists them in alphabetical order, together with the numbers of the pages on which the words fall.

indexing at source /,ɪndeksɪŋ æt 'sɔ:s/ *noun* publication of index data at the same time as a periodical article

indexing chain /'ɪndeksɪŋ tʃeɪn/ *noun* a chain of classification numbers produced using hierarchical steps from a subject heading

indexing keyword /,ɪndeksɪŋ 'ki:wɔ:d/ *noun* a heading word used to indicate the contents of a document and used in online searching

indexing language /'ɪndeksɪŋ ,læŋgwɪdʒ/ *noun* language used in building library or book indexes

index language /'ɪndeks ,læŋgwɪdʒ/ *noun* controlled vocabulary used to compile a subject index

index-linked /,ɪndeks 'lɪŋkt/ *adjective* linked to inflation and so changing each time inflation or the cost of living rises or falls

Index Translationum /,ɪndeks træns,lʌ:tɪ'əʊnem/ *noun* a list of all translations published in the world, published each year by UNESCO

india paper /'ɪndiə ,peɪpə/ *noun* extremely thin good-quality opaque paper, about 30gsm, which is nevertheless quite strong, used for printing books with a large number of pages such as bibles which would be very thick if ordinary paper were used

indicate /'ɪndɪkeɪt/ *verb* to show something

indicator /'ɪndɪkeɪtə/ *noun* **1.** something that shows whether a thing exists **2.** the state of a process, as in closed access libraries showing the number of books 'in' and 'out'

indirect /,ɪndar'rekt/ *adjective* not done by the shortest or most obvious method

individual /,ɪndrɪ'vɪdʒuəl/ *adjective* relating to one single person or thing rather than to a group

individual password /,ɪndrɪvɪdʒuəl 'pɑ:swɜ:d/ *noun* a personal code allowing access to a computer system

induce /ɪn'dʒu:s/ *verb* to persuade, influence or cause a situation to happen

induction course /ɪn'dʌkʃən kɔ:s/ *noun* a course for new entrants to a company, organisation or institution which gives basic information to help them settle in

industrial archaeology /ɪn ,dʌstriəl ,ɑ:kɪ'nlədʒi/ *noun* the study of buildings related to the industrial revolutions in the developed world

inexpensive /,ɪnɪk'spensɪv/ *adjective* not costing much money

inexperienced /,ɪnɪk'spɪəriənst/ *adjective* having little or no experience in a particular activity

infect /ɪn'fekt/ *verb* to copy to a computer system a computer virus that is capable of damaging the system's programs or data

inference /'ɪnf(ə)rəns/ *noun* the act of deducing information from given data

inference control /'ɪnf(ə)rəns kən ,trəʊl/ *noun* a way of determining which information can be released on a computer without disclosing personal information about an individual

influence /'ɪnfluəns/ *noun* the power to affect people's actions ■ *verb* to cause something or somebody to change

info *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the generic top-level domain for general use

informatics /,ɪnfɔ:'mætɪks/ *noun* a collective term for the technologies concerned with the computerised collection, processing and transmission of information

information /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* knowledge given to somebody in a form they can understand

information accessibility /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n æk,sɛsə'bɪlɪti/ *noun* an indication of how easily information is available to users

information accuracy /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n 'ækjʊrəsi/ *noun* an indication of how correct a piece of information is

information age /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,eɪdʒ/ *noun* a period characterised by widespread electronic access to information through the use of computer technology

information analyst /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,ænəlɪst/ *noun* a person who studies information and draws conclusions

information appliance /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ə,plaɪəns/ *noun* a small portable digital information-processing machine compatible with an electronic network

information architecture /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,ɑ:kɪtektʃəl/ *noun* the design of something such as a website or database so that the information is presented in the most efficient and accessible manner. Abbr **IA**

information brokerage /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,brəʊkərɪdʒ/ *noun* the business of buying and selling information for other people

information bureau /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,bjʊərəʊ/ *noun* an office that gives information

information centre /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,sɛntə/ *noun* an office where people can make enquiries

information channel /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,tʃæn(ə)l/ *noun* the means by which information is distributed

information commons /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,kɒmənz/ *noun* a community in which information belonging to members is freely distributed among everybody

information completeness /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n kəm'plɪ:tɪnəs/ *noun* an indication of whether the information covers all the aspects required

information definition /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,defɪnɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a technique for deciding exactly what the enquirer needs to know

information design /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n dɪ,zəɪn/ *noun* the shaping and presentation of information in a way that best serves the needs of users

information desk /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n desk/ *noun* a place in a library or information centre where questions will be answered

information engineer /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,endʒɪnɪə/ *noun* a computer expert who works with information systems

information explosion /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n eks,pləʊʒ(ə)n/ *noun* a situation in which there is a lot of information available because of technology

information flow /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,fləʊ/ *noun* the distribution of information within an organisation

information governance /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,ɡʌvənəns/ *noun* the practice of making sure that personal information held by a company is stored, used and shared in a responsible manner. Abbr **IG**

information handling /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,hændlɪŋ/ *noun* same as **information management**

information literacy /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,lɪt(ə)rəsi/ *noun* the ability to find relevant information for a particular situation or problem, and to interpret that information effectively

information management /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,mænɪdʒmənt/ *noun* the storage, searching, retrieval and updating of information so that it is easily accessible. Also called **information handling**

information management system /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,mænɪdʒmənt ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a computer program that allows information to be easily stored, retrieved, searched and updated. Abbr **IMS**

information manager /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,mænɪdʒə/ *noun* a trained person who controls the processing and availability of information within a company or organisation

information needs /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,ni:dz/ *plural noun* the requirements of a user or group for information on specific subjects

information network /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,netwɜ:k/ *noun* a group of people or computers linked together so that information can be passed around

information policy /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,pɒlɪsi/ *noun* a statement of policy about the provision and accessibility of information within an organisation

information presentation /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,prezənteɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the format of information, e.g. written, spoken, or computer database form

information processing /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n 'prəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* the organisation, manipulation, analysis

and distribution of data, nowadays typically carried out by computers

information provider /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n prə'vaɪdə/ *noun* a company or user who provides an information source for use in a videotext system, e.g. a company providing weather information or stock market reports

information qualifications /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌkwɒlɪfɪkeɪʃ(ə)nz/ *plural noun* degrees or diplomas indicating a level of training in information management

information quality assessment /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌkwɒlɪti ə'sesmənt/ *noun* a technique for assessing the level of satisfaction among users with the information provided

information relevance /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n 'relɪvəns/ *noun* the value of the information to the enquirer

information retrieval /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n rɪ'tri:v(ə)l/ *noun* the process of locating quantities of data stored in a database and producing useful information from the data

information retrieval centre /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n rɪ'tri:v(ə)l ˌsentə/ *noun* a research system providing specific information from a database for a user

information science /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌsaɪəns/ *noun* the study of the processes involved in storing and retrieving information

information services /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌsɜ:vɪsɪz/ *plural noun* companies offering a service in the provision of information

information skills /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌskɪlz/ *plural noun* ability of users to access and retrieve the information they require

information source /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌsɔ:s/ *noun* any book, document, database or person which provides information

information specialist /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌspeʃ(ə)lɪst/ *noun* a trained employee in information management

information storage /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˈstɔ:ɪdʒ/ *noun* manual

or electronic methods of storing information

information strategy /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌstrætədʒi/ *noun* a policy of a company or organisation about its use of information

information superhighway /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌsu:pə'haɪweɪ/ *noun* the worldwide computer network that includes the Internet, private networks and proprietary online services. It permits the rapid sending of many different forms of data, including voice, video and text.

information supplier /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n sə'plɑɪə/ *noun* a person or company that provides information on a specific subject

information system /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌsɪstəm/ *noun* a computer system used for the provision of information and designed according to user needs

information technology /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n tek'nɒlədʒi/ *noun* the use of technologies from computing, electronics and telecommunications to process and distribute information in digital and other forms. Abbr **IT**

information term /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌtɜ:m/ *noun* a word used for the organisation of information

information theory /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌθɪəri/ *noun* the mathematical study of the transmission, reception, storage and retrieval of information based on the statistical analysis of communication between humans and machines

'Shannon is most famous for his enormous paper, A Mathematical Theory of Communication, published in 1948 when he was in his early thirties. This paper spells out, among many other things, the fundamental limits of how fast we can transmit information. In fact, the whole field of information theory stems from Shannon's work.' [VNU NET]

information timing /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌtaɪmɪŋ/ *noun* a measure of whether information is provided in time to be of use

information tracking /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,trækɪŋ/ *noun* the facility to find records of related information from over a period of time

information universe /,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,ju:niʊvɜ:s/ *noun* the idea of information being freely and equally available across the globe using new technology

information visualisation /,ɪnfəmeɪʃ(ə)n ,vɪʒʊəlaɪ'zeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the representation of data, e.g. in diagrammatic form, which helps users to understand and absorb it

infrared /,ɪnfɹə'red/ *noun* a form of invisible light, below the visible red level on the light scale. Abbr **IR**

infrastructure /'ɪnfɹə,stri:ktʃə/ *noun* basic structures which enable a country, society or organisation to function effectively

infringement of copyright /ɪn ,frɪndʒmənt əv 'kɔ:pɪraɪt/ *noun* same as **copyright infringement**

inhibit /ɪn'hɪbɪt/ *verb* to prevent or slow down a process

in-house /,ɪn 'haʊs/ *adjective* relating to staff who are employed to work directly for a company ◦ *the in-house staff* ■ *adverb* done internally by a company ◦ *We do all our data processing in-house.* ◦ *The colour artwork cannot be done in-house and has to be sent outside.*

initial /ɪ'nɪʃ(ə)l/ *adjective* happening at the start of a process ■ *verb* to sign something using only the first letters of one's names

initialise /ɪ'nɪʃəlaɪz/, **initialize** *verb* to prepare a system or disk for use

initials /ɪ'nɪʃ(ə)lz/ *plural noun* the first letters of a person's names

Initial Teaching Alphabet /ɪ ,nɪʃ(ə)l 'tɪ:tʃɪŋ ,ælfəbet/ *noun* an alphabet of 44 symbols, each representing a single sound in English, used to teach children to read

ink /ɪŋk/ *noun* a coloured liquid for writing or printing ■ *verb* to apply ink to

ink-jet printer /'ɪŋk dʒet ,prɪntə/ *noun* a non-impact machine for printing the output of a computer using a system of electrically charged ink drops

ink pad /'ɪŋk pæd/ *noun* a pad of material soaked in ink for use with official stamps

ink rub /'ɪŋk rʌb/ *noun* dirty marks on printed paper, caused when it rubs against the ink on other pages during binding

innovation /,ɪnə'veɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a new product or method of doing something

innumerate /ɪ'nju:məreɪt/ *adjective* lacking a basic knowledge of mathematics and unable to use numbers in calculation

in print /,ɪn 'prɪnt/ *adjective* 1. still being printed, still available in the bookshops or from the publisher ◦ *a list of current books in print* ◦ *The book was first published in 1902 and is still in print.* (NOTE: The opposite is **out of print** or **O/P**). 2. appearing in a book or journal

input /'ɪnpʊt/ *noun* information put into a computer memory ■ *verb* to enter data into a computer

input device /'ɪnpʊt dɪ,vaɪs/ *noun* a device such as a keyboard or barcode reader, which converts information into a form that a computer can understand and transfers the information to the processor. Compare **output device**

inscription /ɪn'skrɪpʃən/ *noun* words written on a monument, book or other object as a commemoration, dedication or greeting

insert /'ɪnsɜ:t/ *noun* additional information printed on a separate sheet of paper and put inside a magazine or document

insert mode /'ɪnsɜ:t məʊd/ *noun* an interactive computer mode used for editing and correcting documents

COMMENT: This is a standard feature on most word-processing packages where the cursor is placed at the required point in the document and any characters typed will be added, with the existing text moving on as necessary; when the insert mode is off, new text will erase the existing text.

in-service training /,ɪn ,sɜ:vɪs 'treɪnɪŋ/ *noun* professional development training provided by an organisation for its employees

insight /'ɪnsaɪt/ *noun* understanding of a complex situation

INSPEC /'ɪnspek/ *noun* an abstracting and indexing service for electrical engineers

inspection copy /ɪn'spekʃən, kɒpi/ *noun* a copy of a publication sent or given with time allowed for a decision to purchase or return it

install /ɪn'stɔ:l/ *verb* to set up equipment so that it is ready for use

installation costs /,ɪnstə'leɪʃ(ə)n, kɒsts/ *plural noun* money required to put in the equipment required

instalment /ɪn'stɔ:lmənt/ *noun* **1.** a small amount paid at regular intervals as part of a larger total ○ *They paid for the encyclopedia in six monthly instalments.* **2.** a part-section of a book or magazine published at regular intervals ○ *The novel has been serialised in ten instalments.*

instant replay /,ɪnstənt 'rɪ:pleɪ/ *noun* a feature of video recording systems which allows the viewer to see again the action that has just been recorded

institute /'ɪnstɪtju:t/ *noun* an organisation set up for a particular group of people with a shared interest ■ *verb* to set up or establish something such as a policy or programme ○ *They instituted an information service in the branch library.*

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers /,ɪnstɪtju:t əv ɪ ,lektʀɪk(ə)l ænd ,elek'trɒnɪks ,endʒɪnɪəz/ *noun* a professional membership body which promotes global technological advancement. Abbr IEEE

Institute of Information Scientists /,ɪnstɪtju:t əv ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,saɪəntɪsts/ *noun* an organisation for the mutual support of employees in the field of information science. Abbr IIS

institutional repository /,ɪnstɪtju:ʃ(ə)nəl rɪ'pɒzɪt(ə)rɪ/ *noun* a digital collection of all the information output by a single company or organisation, e.g. a hospital

instruct /ɪn'strʌkt/ *verb* to teach somebody how to do something

instruction /ɪn'strʌkʃən/ *noun* clear and detailed information about how to do something verbal, published in a manual or typed into a computer to cause the machine to work

instructional capital /ɪn ,strʌkʃ(ə)nəl 'kæpɪt(ə)/ *noun* human capital which is a result of training employees, therefore treating them as an 'investment'

instruction note /ɪn'strʌkʃ(ə)n nəʊt/ *noun* a note directing the user of a catalogue to take an unusual search step

instrumentation /,ɪnstʀʉmənt 'teɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* dials which display information to indicate how a machine is working

insufficient /,ɪnsə'fɪʃ(ə)nt/ *adjective* not enough

insulate /'ɪnsjʉleɪt/ *verb* to protect something from outside damage

insurance /ɪn'ʃʉərəns/ *noun* an agreement to pay a company fixed sums of money so that if damage or injury occurs, costs will be paid by the company

int *abbreviation* ONLINE international organisation

intake /'ɪnteɪk/ *noun* a quantity of people or things taken into something such as an organisation ○ *Their intake of new employees each year is increasing.*

integrated /'ɪntɪgreɪtɪd/ *adjective* combined or linked together

integrated book /'ɪntɪgreɪtɪd bʉk/ *noun* a book with text and illustrations on the same page

integrated database /,ɪntɪgreɪtɪd 'deɪtəbeɪs/ *noun* a combined database which excludes repetition or redundant terms

integrated digital network /,ɪntɪgreɪtɪd ,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l 'netwɜ:k/ *noun* a communications network that uses digital signals to transmit data

integrated library system /,ɪntɪgreɪtɪd 'laɪbrəri ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a library management system which deals with many library processes and works from a single bibliographic database

integrated package /,ɪntɪgreɪtɪd 'pækɪdʒ/ *noun* combined applications on different topics stored on a central

computer ○ *An integrated package can contain several programs including a database, spreadsheet, word processing and graphics.*

Integrated Services Digital Network

Network /,ɪntɪɡreɪtɪd ˌsɜːvɪsɪz ˌdɪdʒɪt(ə)l ˈnetwɜːk/ *noun* a service which provides high-quality telecommunications such as facsimile transmission and video conferencing. Abbr **ISDN**

integrity /ɪnˈteɡrɪti/ *noun* reliability or honesty

intellect /ˈɪntɪlekt/ *noun* a very intelligent and knowledgeable person

intellectual /,ɪntɪˈlektʃuəl/ *adjective* having a highly developed ability to think, reason and understand, especially in combination with wide knowledge

intellectual assets /,ɪntɪlektʃuəl ˈæsets/ *plural noun* the knowledge, experience, and skills possessed by its employees that an organisation can use for its own benefit

intellectual capital /,ɪntɪlektʃuəl ˈkæpɪt(ə)l/ *noun* the idea of employees' skills and knowledge being a resource of their company, which can be directly linked to company turnover

intellectual property /,ɪntɪlektʃuəl ˈprɒpəti/ *noun* original writing, ideas, inventions, works of art or music which are the property of the creator, and protected by copyright law

intelligent /ɪnˈtelɪdʒənt/ *adjective* **1.** having a built-in electronic processing and data storage ability **2.** programmed to be able to adjust to changes in the environment and make deductions from information being processed

intelligent terminal /ɪnˌtelɪdʒ(ə)nt ˈtɜːmɪn(ə)l/, **intelligent workstation** *noun* a computer terminal which can be programmed independently of the central processor and is capable of limited reasoning

intensity /ɪnˈtensɪti/ *noun* a measure of strength of something such as a signal

inter- /ɪntə/ *prefix* combining with adjectives and nouns to describe the way they relate to each other ○ *inter-racial* ○ *inter-city*

interact /,ɪntərˈækt/ *verb* to work with or relate to somebody or something

interactive /,ɪntərˈæktɪv/ *adjective* **1.** working together for the exchange of information **2.** relating to a computer program that responds to user activity, so that it can be changed while running ○ *The computer game was interactive, so the players could get answers to their questions.*

COMMENT: This system is often used in teaching to ask the student questions, which, if he answers correctly, will produce a sequence of film from the video disk.

interactive multimedia /,ɪntəræktɪv ˌmʌltiˈmiːdiə/ *plural noun* systems of communication that use a variety of methods and can be controlled by the user in order to obtain information

interactive processing /,ɪntəræktɪv ˈprəʊesɪŋ/ *noun* a computer mode that allows the user to enter commands, programs or data and receive immediate responses

interactive system /,ɪntəræktɪv ˈsɪstəm/ *noun* a computer system where the operator and the computer can communicate with each other

interactive video /,ɪntəræktɪv ˈvɪdɪəʊ/ *noun* a system using a computer linked to a video disk player which allows the user to answer questions in order to move on to the next picture

interactive videotext /,ɪntəræktɪv ˈvɪdɪəʊtektst/ *noun* a system which allows the user to select pages and display the information to gain information

interchange /,ɪntəˈtʃeɪndʒ/ *verb* to put data into a form that can be recognised by a differently-coded computer system

interchangeable /,ɪntəˈtʃeɪndʒəb(ə)l/ *adjective* able to be substituted for something else

intercom /ˈɪntəkɒm/ *noun* a device with a microphone and loudspeaker which can be used to speak to somebody in another room

interdependent /,ɪntədɪˈpendənt/ *adjective* dependent on each other

interdisciplinary studies

/,ɪntədɪsɪplɪnəri 'stʌdɪz/ plural noun
academic studies that cross the conventional subject boundaries ○ *History, geography, religious studies and languages are sometimes taught together as interdisciplinary studies and called the humanities.*

interface */'ɪntəfeɪs/ noun* **1.** the point at which two systems contact each other **2.** the point at which a system and a user make contact with each other

interference */,ɪntə'fɪərəns/ noun*
unwanted signals causing difficulty in reception on a computer or broadcasting system

interim */'ɪntərɪm/ noun* a short break in a process or series of events

interim report */,ɪntərɪm rɪ'pɔ:t/ noun*
a report written part-way through a process to show how much progress has been made

interleaf */'ɪntəli:f/ noun* an extra sheet or page, usually a blank one, inserted into a book

interleave */,ɪntə'li:v/ verb* to add extra sheets or pages, usually blank ones, between the pages of a book, e.g. to allow for notes or to protect illustrations

interleaved */,ɪntə'li:v/ adjective*
denoting a book that has thin sheets of blank paper inserted between the pages of text

inter-library loan */,ɪnə 'laɪbrəri ,ləʊn/ noun* **1.** a system of lending books and documents between libraries **2.** a book, photocopy or material lent between libraries for their users ▶ abbr **ILL**

interlock */,ɪntə'lək/ verb* to fit things together so that they join firmly ■ *noun*
a safety device that disables a process or piece of equipment if it might cause harm, e.g. a fusewire which prevents a circuit blowing

intermediary */,ɪntə'mi:diəri/ noun*
a person who helps people or groups to come to an agreement

intermediate */,ɪntə'mi:diət/ adjective*
halfway between two stages

intermediate storage
/,ɪntə'mi:diət 'stɔ:ɪdʒ/ noun a tempo-

rary place to store things until a more permanent place is found

intermittent */,ɪntə'mɪt(ə)nt/ adjective*
happening occasionally rather than continually

intermittent error */,ɪntə'mɪt(ə)nt 'erə/ noun*
a mistake which occurs randomly and is difficult to trace

internal */ɪn'tɜ:n(ə)l/ adjective*
happening inside a place, person or object

internal consumption */ɪn,tɜ:n(ə)l kən'sʌmpʃ(ə)n/ noun*
the use of materials or information within a company or organisation

internalisation */ɪn,tɜ:nəlaɪ 'zeɪʃ(ə)n/ noun*
a process by which individuals identify information which is relevant to them personally and so acquire values and norms which allow them to make decisions

internal phone */ɪn,tɜ:n(ə)l 'fəʊn/ noun*
a telephone on a network which enables communication with other offices within an organisation

internal politics */ɪn,tɜ:n(ə)l 'pɒlɪtɪks/ noun*
the relationships within an organisation which affect the way it works ○ *The internal politics of promotion within the library caused a lot of arguments.*

international */,ɪntə'næʃ(ə)nəl/ adjective*
relating to different countries

International Aerospace Abstracts */,ɪntənæʃ(ə)nəl 'eərəʊspeɪs ,æbstræktz/ plural noun*

summaries of research done in the field of space exploration. Abbr **IAA**

International Copyright Information Centre */,ɪntənæʃ(ə)nəl 'kɒpɪraɪt ,ɪnfəmeɪʃ(ə)n ,sentə/ noun*
an information service based at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. Abbr **ICIC**

international dialling code */,ɪntənæʃ(ə)nəl 'daɪəlɪŋ ,kəʊd/ noun*
a numerical code which allocates specific numbers to each country to make it possible to dial directly without using an operator

international direct dialling */,ɪntənæʃ(ə)nəl ,daɪrekt 'daɪəlɪŋ/ noun*
a system of telephone communi-

cation which does not need an operator.
Abbr **IDD**

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions *noun* a not-for-profit international organisation based in The Hague, which promotes high standards in library and information provision. Abbr **IFLA**

International Information Centre for Standards in Information and Documentation *noun* an organisation established by UNESCO and ISO to promote the application of standards in information work. Abbr **ISODOC**

International Packet Switching Service /,ɪntənæʃ(ə)nəl 'pækɪt ,swɪtʃɪŋ ,sɜ:vɪs/ *noun* an electronic link between terminals and computers in different countries. Abbr **IPSS**

International Serials Data System /,ɪntənæʃ(ə)nəl 'sɪəriəlz ,deɪtə ,sɪstəm/ *noun* an international network of serials libraries which promotes international standards of bibliographic description. Abbr **ISDS**

International Standard Bibliographic Description /,ɪntənæʃ(ə)nəl ,stændəd ,bɪbliəʊgræfɪk dɪ'skrɪps(ə)n/ *noun* a standardised way of formally describing catalogued pieces of information for later retrieval

International Standard Book Number /,ɪntənæʃ(ə)nəl ,stændəd 'bʊk ,nʌmbə/ *noun* a system of identifying publications by specific numbers relating to publishers and titles. Abbr **ISBN**

International Standard Music Number /,ɪntənæʃ(ə)nəl ,stændəd 'mju:zɪk ,nʌmbə/ *noun* a system for identifying editions of published music. Abbr **ISMN**

International Standard Serial Number /,ɪntənæʃ(ə)nəl ,stændəd 'sɪəriəl ,nʌmbə/ *noun* a system for identifying publications of journals and their publishers. Abbr **ISSN**

International Standards Organisation /,ɪntənæʃ(ə)nəl 'stændəd ,ɔ:gənaɪzeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an organisation that controls the standards of production

for goods and services worldwide. Abbr **ISO**

Internet /'ɪntənət/ *noun* a system of computer communication which allows international access to databases and electronic mail systems

Internet protocol /'ɪntənət ,prəʊtəkɒl/ *noun* a TCP/IP standard that defines how data is transferred across a network. Abbr **IP**

Internet protocol address /,ɪntənət ,prəʊtəkɒl ə'dres/ *noun* a unique, 32-bit number which identifies each computer connected to a TCP/IP network. Abbr **IP address**

Internet service provider /,ɪntənət 'sɜ:vɪs prə,vɑɪdə/ *noun* a business that provides access to the Internet, usually for a monthly fee. Some large providers offer users a wide range of news, information and entertainment services. Abbr **ISP**

interoperability /,ɪntərə,pərəə 'bɪlɪti/ *noun* the ability of the component parts of a system to operate successfully together

interpret /ɪn'tɜ:prɪt/ *verb* **1.** to change what is spoken in one language to another ◦ *My assistant speaks Italian, so he will interpret for us.* **2.** to decide on the meaning of a communication

interpretation /ɪn,tɜ:prɪ'teɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an explanation of the meaning of something

interpreter /ɪn'tɜ:prɪtə/ *noun* **1.** a person who is used to translate somebody's speech into another language **2.** software used to translate from one computer system to another

interrogate /ɪn'terəgeɪt/ *verb* **1.** to question somebody formally **2.** to work with an interactive computer program

'Until the early 1980s, when his [Ted Codd's] ideas were widely adopted, data was mostly stored in 'hierarchical' databases that were both inflexible and difficult to interrogate without a PhD in computer science.'
[*Financial Times*]

interrogation /ɪn,tərə'geɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the act of asking questions in order to obtain information

interrupt /,ɪntə'rʌpt/ *verb* to stop something happening temporarily

intervention /,ɪntə'veɪʃən/ *noun* an action causing a change

interword spacing /,ɪntəwɜ:d 'speɪsɪŋ/ *noun* variable spaces between words used to justify line endings

intranet /'ɪntrənət/ *noun* a private network of computers within a company which provide similar functions to the Internet

intrinsic /ɪn'trɪnsɪk/ *adjective* fundamental and important to a person or situation

introduction /,ɪntrə'dʌkʃ(ə)n/ *noun*
1. the first part of written text or spoken information which tells what the rest of the document or talk is about **2.** a book that provides elementary information on a specific subject ○ *'An Introduction to Library Management'*

intuition /,ɪntju'ɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a feeling about something for which there is no proof

invalid /ɪn'vælɪd/ *adjective* not legally acceptable

inventory /'ɪnvənt(ə)rɪ/ *noun* a written list of the assets owned by an organisation ○ *The manager asked for an inventory of the library holdings.*

inversion /ɪn'vɜ:ʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the act of changing something into its opposite

invert /ɪn'vɜ:t/ *verb* to turn something upside down

inverted commas /ɪn,vɜ:tɪd 'kɒməz/ *noun* punctuation marks (' ') indicating speech or quotations

invest /ɪn'vest/ *verb* to put money, time or energy into something or somebody in the hope that it will produce more money or better results

investigation /ɪn,vestɪ'geɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the process by which all the facts and aspects of a situation are examined

invisible Web /ɪn'vɪzɪb(ə)l wɛb/ *noun* same as **deep Web**

invitation to tender /,ɪnvɪteɪʃ(ə)n tə 'tendə/ *noun* a written or spoken request to a company or organisation to work out their charges for doing a job

invoice /'ɪnvɔɪs/ *noun* an official document listing the goods or services

supplied and stating the amount of money owed

io *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for British Indian Ocean Territory

IP *abbreviation* Internet protocol

IP address /,aɪ 'pi: ə,dres/ *abbreviation* Internet protocol address

IPSS *abbreviation* International Packet Switching Service

iq *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Iraq

IQ *noun* a measure of somebody's intelligence, obtained through a series of aptitude tests concentrating on different aspects of intellectual functioning. An IQ score of 100 represents 'average' intelligence. Full form **intelligence quotient**

ir *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Iran

IR *abbreviation* infrared

IRC /,aɪ ɑ: 'si:/ *noun* a system that allows many users to participate in a chat session in which each user can send messages and see the text of any other user. Full form **internet relay chat**

irrelevant /ɪ'reləvənt/ *adjective* not important because it is not connected with the topic

irretrievable /,ɪrɪ'tri:vəb(ə)l/ *adjective* unable to be found or obtained

is *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Iceland

ISBD *abbreviation* International Standard Bibliographic Description

ISBN *abbreviation* International Standard Book Number

COMMENT: An international system for books, in which each book is given its own particular number. Currently the ISBN is made up of ten digits; the first digit refers to the language (0 and 1 are the digits for English); the next group of digits (three, four or even six) refer to the publisher; the third group refer to the book; and the final digit is a check digit. From 2007, ISBNs will be made up of 13 digits, with the ISBN-10 number preceded by a 3-digit product code. ISBNs are used for cataloguing and ordering, and can be used for automatic stock movements if they are printed on the back of the book in the form of a barcode which can be read with a light pen.

ISBN-10 *noun* the original format for ISBNs, consisting of 10 numbers representing the group of origin, the publisher, the title and a final check digit

ISBN-13 *noun* the new format for ISBNs, adding a further 3 digits which represent the product code and allow a greater number of ISBNs to be generated in future

ISDN *abbreviation* Integrated Services Digital Network

ISDS *abbreviation* International Serials Data System

ISMN *abbreviation* International Standard Music Number

ISO *abbreviation* International Standards Organisation

ISODOC *abbreviation* International Information Centre for Standards in Information and Documentation

ISP *abbreviation* ONLINE Internet service provider

ISSN *abbreviation* International Standard Serial Number

COMMENT: An international system used on periodicals, magazines, learned journals, etc. The ISSN is formed of eight digits, which refer to the country in which the magazine is published and the title of the publication.

issue /'ɪʃuː/ *noun* a particular edition of a journal or magazine ■ *verb* to give

out or lend something ○ *The library books were issued to the students.*

issue card /'ɪʃuː kɑːd/ *noun* a small card used in a manual library system of loan records

issue desk /'ɪʃuː desk/ *noun* a counter in a library where items are recorded as on loan or returned

issue system /'ɪʃuː ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a system for controlling library loan records

it *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Italy

IT *abbreviation* COMPUT information technology

ITA *abbreviation* EDUC Initial Teaching Alphabet

ital. *abbreviation* PUBL 1. italic 2. italics

italic /ɪ'tælɪk/ *adjective* relating to a typeface in which the characters slope to the right

item /'aɪtəm/ *noun* one of a collection or list of objects

item number /'aɪtəm ,nʌmbə/ *noun* a specific number which identifies an item in a collection

iterative searching /,ɪtəreɪv 'sɜːtʃɪŋ/ *noun* the process of searching for information by repeatedly asking questions until the solution is found

J

jacket /'dʒækɪt/ *noun* a paper or plastic cover for a book ■ *verb* to put a jacket on a book

jacket design /'dʒækɪt dɪˌzɑɪn/ *noun* the design of a book jacket

jacket designer /'dʒækɪt dɪˌzɑɪnə/ *noun* a person who designs book jackets

jam /dʒæm/ *verb* **1.** to stop working because something is blocked or stuck ○ *The printer's jammed.* **2.** to interfere with a radio or electronic signal so that it cannot be received clearly

JANET /'dʒæni:t/ *abbreviation* Joint Academic NETWORK

jargon /'dʒɑːɡən/ *noun* a language that uses words and expressions in specific, often technical, ways that relate to a particular field of study

'According to a spokesperson for Barclays, the bank tested a much larger range of new words and phrases than the final set. 'The idea was to look at the language that banks use and eliminate the jargon that sometimes makes it difficult for customers to understand the bank and the bank to communicate with its customers', the spokesperson said.' [Bank Marketing International]

je *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Jersey

jiffy bag /'dʒɪfi bæɡ/ *noun* a padded envelope used to protect goods which are sent through the post

jigsaw puzzle library /'dʒɪɡzɔː ˌpʌz(ə)l ˌlaɪbrəri/ *noun* a UK library founded in 1933 and holding over 4000 wooden handcut jigsaws

JISC *abbreviation* Joint Information Systems Committee

jm *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Jamaica

jo *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Jordan

job /dʒɒb/ *noun* **1.** any task which needs to be done **2.** work that is done to earn money

job applicant /'dʒɒb ˌæplɪkənt/ *noun* somebody who applies to be considered for a job

jobbing printer /'dʒɒbɪŋ ˌprɪntə/ *noun* a person who undertakes small printing jobs

job description /'dʒɒb dɪˌskrɪpʃən/ *noun* an official statement of what a job involves

job scheduling /'dʒɒb ˌʃedʒuːlɪŋ/ *noun* the process of allocating specific tasks to people and times

job specification /'dʒɒb ˌspesɪfɪkeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* detailed objectives for a job

join /dʒɔɪn/ *verb* **1.** to fasten two or more things together **2.** to become a member of an organisation

joint /dʒɔɪnt/ *noun* either of the creases between the spine and the front and back covers of a book, especially a hardback

Joint Academic NETWORK /ˌdʒɔɪnt ˌækədemɪk ˈnetwɜːk/ *noun* a national communication system which uses electronic mail and other systems between universities. Abbr JANET

joint author /ˌdʒɔɪnt ˈɔːθə/ *noun* a person who writes a book in collaboration with others

joint authorship /ˌdʒɔɪnt ˈɔːθəʃɪp/ *noun* a situation in which several

authors have written a book together and share the rights in it

joint imprint /,dʒɔɪnt 'ɪmprɪnt/
noun the imprints of two publishers which appear on a book that has been published by the two companies jointly

Joint Information Systems Committee /,dʒɔɪnt ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,sɪstəmz kə'mɪti/ *noun* a professional body which works to promote the use of information systems to support education and administration needs. Abbr **JISC**

Joint Photographic Experts Group /,dʒɔɪnt fəʊtə'græfɪks 'ekspɜːts gru:p/ *noun* full form of **JPEG**

journal /'dʒɜːn(ə)/ *noun* a specialist magazine

journalise /,dʒɜːnə'liːz/ *noun* a style of writing with clichés and hackneyed phrases often used by journalists

journalist /'dʒɜːn(ə)lɪst/ *noun* a person who writes for a newspaper or magazine

joystick /'dʒɔɪstɪk/ *noun* a hand-held control lever attached to a computer which can be used to play computer games

jp *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Japan

JPEG /'dʒeɪpeɪ/ *noun* a data file for pictures and photographs on the

Internet. Full form **Joint Photographic Experts Group**

.jpeg /'dʒeɪpeɪ/, **.jpg** *suffix* a file extension for a JPEG file. Full form **Joint Photographic Experts Group**

jumpstation /'dʒʌmp,steɪʃ(ə)n/
noun a website whose primary function is to provide links to other websites, especially those relating to a particular subject

junior /'dʒuːniə/ *adjective* younger or lower in rank than another person

junk /dʒʌŋk/ *noun* information or hardware that is old and useless

junk mail /'dʒʌŋk meɪl/ *noun* unwanted publicity and advertisements sent through the post

justification /,dʒʌstɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/
noun the process of adjusting the spacing in printed text so that the text starts and ends exactly at the margins

justify /'dʒʌstɪfaɪ/ *verb* **1.** to change the spacing between words or characters so that each line of the text ends exactly at the right-hand margin **2.** to give a good reason for something ○ *Can you justify the expenditure on children's books?*

juvenile /'dʒuːvəniəl/ *noun* a young person

juxtapose /,dʒʌkstə'pəʊz/ *verb* to put two things next to each other in order to emphasise the difference between them

K

K *abbreviation* thousand □ **£1k** £1000

Kb, Kbit *abbreviation* kilobit

KB, Kbyte *abbreviation* kilobyte ○ *The new disk drive has a 100GB capacity.*

ke *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Kenya

Keesings Contemporary Archives /,ki:siŋz kən,tem(p)ə'rəri 'ɑ:kai:vz/ *plural noun* a monthly publication listing world events reported in the press

Kelly's Directories /'kelɪz daɪ ,rekt(ə)rɪz/ *plural noun* a series of business directories listing products and services and the street names in Britain

Kermit /'kɜ:mɪt/ *noun* a file transfer protocol which enables computer programs to be transferred from one system to another

key /ki:/ *noun* **1.** a button on a computer keyboard which is pressed to operate the machine **2.** something that is important ■ *verb* to type information using a computer or typesetting machine ○ *The entire text was keyed in Times italic.* ◊ **rekey**

keyboard /'ki:bɔ:d/ *noun* a set of keys arranged in order and used to enter information into a computer or typewriter

keyboarder /'ki:bɔ:də/ *noun* a person who types information into a computer

keyboarding /'ki:bɔ:dɪŋ/, **keying** /'ki:ɪŋ/ *noun* the act of entering data on a keyboard

keyboard operator /'ki:bɔ:d ,ɒpəreɪtə/ *noun* a person who works with a keyboard

key field /,ki: 'fi:ld/ *noun* a field which identifies important entries in a record, e.g. name and address

key function /'ki: ,fʌŋkʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a stored command given to a specific key on a computer

key in /,ki: 'ɪn/ *verb* to enter text or commands on a computer by means of a keyboard

keynote /'ki:nəʊt/ *noun* the part of a policy or speech which is emphasised and given the most importance

keynote speech /'ki:nəʊt ,spi:tʃ/ *noun* a speech at a conference which states the main topic for discussion

keypad /'ki:pæd/ *noun* **1.** a set of numerical keys often used for security devices to open doors by means of a known code **2.** numerical keys set separately on the right-hand side of a computer keyboard

keystroke /'ki:stɹəʊk/ *noun* an act of pressing a key on a keyboard

key system /,ki: 'sɪstəm/ *noun* a system which controls all other functions

keyword /'ki:wɜ:d/ *noun* the most important word in a title or sentence

keyword and context /,ki:wɜ:d ən 'kɒntekst/ *noun* full form of **KWAC**

keyword in context /,ki:wɜ:d ɪn 'kɒntekst/ *noun* full form of **KWIC**

keyword out of context /,ki:wɜ:d aʊt əv 'kɒntekst/ *noun* full form of **KWOC**

keyword out of title /,ki:wɜ:d aʊt əv 'taɪt(ə)/ *noun* full form of **KWOT**

keyword search /,ki:wɜ:d 'sɜ:tʃ/ *noun* a system of searching a database

by using combinations of special words connected with the subject of the search

kg *abbreviation* kilogram □ **1kg** 1000 grams

kh *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Cambodia

ki *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Kiribati

kill /kɪl/ *verb* to erase or stop a computer program

kilobit /'kɪləbɪt/ *noun* a measure of 1,024 bits of data. Abbr **Kb**, **Kbit**

kilobyte /'kɪləʊbaɪt/ *noun* a unit of measurement for high capacity storage devices meaning 1,024 bytes of data. Abbr **KB**, **Kbyte**

King James Bible /,kɪŋ dʒeɪmz 'baɪb(ə)/ *noun* same as **Authorised Version**

kiosk /'ki:nsk/ *noun* a small, often wooden building, used for selling things

km *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Comoros

KM *abbreviation* knowledge management

kn *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for St Kitts and Nevis

knockdown price /,nɒkdaʊn 'praɪs/ *noun* a price that is much lower than normal

know-how /'nəʊ haʊ/ *noun* knowledge about how to do specific tasks, especially technical or scientific ones

knowledge /'nɒlɪdʒ/ *noun* abstract information and understanding that somebody has about a subject

knowledgeable /'nɒlɪdʒəb(ə)/ *adjective* possessing or showing a great deal of knowledge, awareness or intelligence

knowledge base /'nɒlɪdʒ beɪs/ *noun* the computerised data in an expert system required for solving problems in a specific area

knowledge-based system /'nɒlɪdʒ beɪst ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a computer system that applies the stored reactions, instructions and knowledge of experts in a particular field to a problem

knowledge capital /'nɒlɪdʒ ,kæprɪt(ə)/ *noun* knowledge, especially specialist knowledge, that a company and its employees possess and that can be put to profitable use

knowledge harvesting /'nɒlɪdʒ ,hɑ:vəstɪŋ/ *noun* the activity of interviewing experts in a particular area and trying to capture their knowledge on the subject so it can be used by others

knowledge industry /'nɒlɪdʒ ,ɪndəstri/ *noun* businesses that specialise primarily in data processing or the development and use of information technology

knowledge management /'nɒlɪdʒ ,mænɪdʒmənt/ *noun* the task of coordinating the specialist knowledge possessed by employees so that it can be exploited to create benefits and competitive advantage for the organisation. Abbr **KM**

'Knowledge Management is important because many organisations are not truly 'hunting as a pack' and are thus not getting a decent return on their people's knowledge – or intellectual capital. Organisations that have grown by acquisition are in many cases nothing more than a federation of loosely coupled, and often antagonistic, units. Hence they are not punching their true weight.' [Financial Times]

knowledge mapping /'nɒlɪdʒ ,mæprɪŋ/ *noun* the process of effectively documenting and representing knowledge harvested from experts

knowledge representation /'nɒlɪdʒ ,reprɪzenteɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a way of writing down knowledge so that it can be understood by others, e.g. by putting it into diagram form

knowledge resources /'nɒlɪdʒ rɪ ,zɔ:sɪz/ *plural noun* documented knowledge on a subject such as effective management, which can be used to educate others

knowledge strategy /'nɒlɪdʒ ,strætədʒi/ *noun* a set of guidelines laying out the way that knowledge should be collated and shared within a company

knowledge transfer /'nɒlɪdʒ ,trænsfɜː/ *noun* the communication of specialised knowledge developed in part of an organisation to a wider group such as another part of the organisation or business customers

knowledge visualisation /'nɒlɪdʒ ,vɪʒuəlaɪzɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the process of mapping knowledge in the most effective way so that it can be shared with others

knowledge worker /'nɒlɪdʒ ,wɜːkə/ *noun* **1.** somebody working in an industry that produces information rather than goods, e.g. management consultancy or computer programming **2.** an employee whose value to an organisation lies in the information, ideas and expertise that they possess

Kompass Directories /'kɒmpəs daɪ,rekt(ə)rɪz/ *plural noun* listings for different countries of most registered companies, e.g. of industrial companies with more than 10 employees who trade nationally in the UK

kp *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for North Korea

kr *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for South Korea

Kurzweil /'kɜːtsveɪl/ a trademark for an OCR reader which can recognise typefaces and reads printed text into a computer, converting the printed signs to code

kw *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Kuwait

KWAC /kwæk/ *noun* a library indexing system using keywords from the title and text as the index entries. Full form **keyword and context**

KWIC /kwɪk/ *noun* a library indexing system which uses the title or text to illustrate the meaning of the index entry. Full form **keyword in context**

KWOC /kwɒk/ *noun* a library indexing system using any relevant keywords not necessarily used in the text. Full form **keyword out of context**

KWOT /kwɒt/ *noun* an indexing system using words not in the title. Full form **keyword out of title**

ky *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Cayman Islands

kz *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Kazakhstan

L

la *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Laos

LA *abbreviation* Library Association

label /'leɪb(ə)/ *noun* **1.** a piece of paper or card attached to something giving information about it such as its price or address **2.** a word or symbol used in computing to identify a piece of data ■ *verb* to attach a label to something with information on it such as its price or address

lag /læɡ/ *verb* **1.** to make slower progress than other people **2.** to slow down so that less is produced ○ *Production lagged and there had to be redundancies.*

laminated /'læmɪneɪt/ *verb* to cover a document with a thin film of glossy plastic for protection

lampoon /læm'pu:n/ *noun* a written satirical attack, often with a humorous approach

LAN /læn/ *abbreviation* Local Area Network

landscape format /'lænskəɪp ,fɔ:mæt/ *noun* A4-size paper used sideways so that the longest side is at the top

COMMENT: Landscape format is not a normal book format, in that a portrait format book is easier to hold in the hand. Landscape formats are used for art books where many illustrations may be horizontal. Landscape books, especially large art books, are heavy and tend to pull apart at the spine, thus distorting the pages. They also have the disadvantage of not being easy to put on bookshelves, and are especially awkward for bookshop shelves, where the need to show the spine and title makes the book stick out from the shelf much further than others.

land use map /'lænd ju:s ,mæp/ *noun* a map used by planners which shows the way land is used in any given district

language /'læŋɡwɪdʒ/ *noun* a system of sounds, signs or symbols used for communication

language dictionary /'læŋɡwɪdʒ ,dɪkʃ(ə)nəri/ *noun* a book that translates words from one language into another, as opposed to a monolingual dictionary which gives definitions within the same language

language laboratory /'læŋɡwɪdʒ lə,bɒrət(ə)ri/ *noun* a room equipped with tape recorders and computers which can be used for learning or teaching foreign languages

lapel microphone /lə'pel ,maɪkrəfəʊn/ *noun* a small microphone which can be pinned to clothing

lapsed /læpst/ *adjective* allowed to end or become invalid

lapsed user /,læpst 'ju:zə/ *noun* somebody who used to make use of a service but no longer does

laptop computer /,læptɒp kəm'pjʊ:tə/ *noun* a computer that is small enough to be held on one's lap but not small enough for a pocket, usually having a screen, keyboard and disk drive

large crown octavo /,lɑ:dʒ kraʊn ɒk'tɑ:vəʊ/ *noun* a book format (198 x 129mm). Abbr **8vo**

large crown quarto /,lɑ:dʒ kraʊn 'kwɔ:təʊ/ *noun* a book format (258 x 201mm). Abbr **4o**

large print book /,lɑ:dʒ prɪnt 'bʊk/, **large type book** /,lɑ:dʒ taɪp 'bʊk/

noun a book printed in a very large print size intended for people who have difficulty in seeing, usually found in public libraries and not available in bookshops

large print edition /ˌlɑːdʒ ˈprɪnt ɪ ˌdɪʃ(ə)n/ **noun** a book printed with a large typeface to help people with poor eyesight to be able to read it

large scale /ˌlɑːdʒ skeɪl/ **adjective** **1.** large in number, amount or size **2.** referring to a company, activity or object which is larger than the norm

laser beam recording /ˈleɪzə bi:m rɪˌkɔːdɪŋ/ **noun** the production of characters on a light-sensitive film by a laser beam controlled directly from a computer

laser disk /ˈleɪzə dɪsk/ **noun** a plastic disk containing information in the form of small etched dots that can be read by a laser, used to record images or sound in digital form

laser printer /ˈleɪzə ˌprɪntə/ **noun** a high quality computer printer

launch /lɔːntʃ/ **verb** to start a new activity or make a new product available to the public ■ **noun** the act of putting a new product on the market ○ *The launch of the new fiction series has been put back three months.* ○ *The company is geared up for the launch of the new series of school textbooks.* ○ *The management has decided on a September launch date.*

laureate /ˈlɔːriət/ ♦ **Poet Laureate**

law /lɔː/ **noun** a system of rules and regulations used by a government or society to control business agreements, social relationships and crime

law books /ˈlɔː bʊks/ **plural noun** books referring to the law, e.g. statutes, official publications and commentaries

law directory /ˈlɔː ˌdaɪrekt(ə)ri/ **noun** a book listing the registered law firms in a country

LAWLIB /ˈlɔːlɪb/ **noun** a subscription bulletin board on the Internet for the use of lawyers

law library /ˈlɔː ˌlaɪbrəri/ **noun** a library that specialises in the provision of books about the law, often to support university and college departments training lawyers

layout /ˈleɪaʊt/ **noun** the design of a page of printed matter including position on the page of illustrations, text and type sizes

lb /paʊndz/ **abbreviation** in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Lebanon

LBF **abbreviation** London Book Fair

lc **abbreviation** **1.** lowercase **2.** in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for St Lucia

LC **abbreviation** LIBRARIES Library of Congress

LEA **abbreviation** Local Education Authority

lead /liːd/ **verb** to be in charge of or guiding an organisation or group

leader /ˈliːdə/ **noun** **1.** a person who manages or directs others ○ *the leader of the print workers' union* ○ *the print workers' leader* ○ *she is the leader of the trade mission to Nigeria* **2.** the product which sells best **3.** in information retrieval, the data at the beginning of a machine-readable record identifying and locating the information content **4.** a piece of blank tape at the beginning of a reel, which is fed into a machine **5.** same as **leading article**

leadership /ˈliːdəʃɪp/ **noun** the state of being in control of a group or organisation

leadership style /ˈliːdəʃɪp staɪl/ **noun** a method used to lead a company or organisation

leading article /ˌliːdɪŋ ˈɑːtɪk(ə)/ **noun** the main article in a newspaper, written by the editor, expressing the newspaper's official point of view. Also called **leader**

lead-in page /ˈliːd ɪn ˌpeɪdʒ/ **noun** the first page in a videotext system which guides users to other pages

lead story /ˌliːd ˈstɔːri/ **noun** the main news item on television or in a newspaper

lead term /ˌliːd ˈtɜːm/ **noun** a term chosen by the indexer to head an entry

leaf /liːf/ **noun** a page of a book printed on both sides (NOTE: The plural is **leaves.**) ■ **verb** □ **to leaf through** to turn the pages of a document quickly without reading them carefully

leaflet /'li:flət/ *noun* a small folded piece of paper with printed information, often given away free as a form of advertising

leak /li:k/ *noun* a breach of security or loss of important information

leakage /'li:kɪdʒ/ *noun* the unofficial release of confidential information, usually to the media

leakproof /'li:kpru:f/ *adjective* not allowing breaches in secrecy or confidentiality

leaky /'li:ki/ *adjective* allowing breaches in secrecy or confidentiality

learn /lɜ:n/ *verb* to obtain knowledge or skill through study or training

learnirect /,lɜ:ndar'rekt/ a trade name for a service which runs flexible courses in a number of workplace-friendly skills, which can be taken either at a drop-in centre or online

learned journal /,lɜ:nɪd 'dʒɜ:n(ə)/ *noun* a specialised magazine on an academic subject

learning /'lɜ:nɪŋ/ *noun* knowledge that has been obtained through study

learning curve /'lɜ:nɪŋ kɜ:v/ *noun* a graphical description of the speed of learning ○ *There's a lot to take in so it's a steep learning curve.*

learning disability /'lɜ:nɪŋ dɪsə ,bɪlɪti/ *noun* a condition that either prevents or significantly hinders somebody from learning basic skills or information at the same rate as most people of the same age

learning-disabled /'lɜ:nɪŋ dɪ ,seɪb(ə)ld/ *adjective* prevented or hindered by a learning disability from learning basic skills or information at the same rate as most people of the same age

learning environment /'lɜ:nɪŋ ɪn ,vaɪrənmənt/ *noun* surroundings that are conducive to study and learning

learning management system /'lɜ:nɪŋ ,mænɪdʒmənt ,sɪstəm/ *abbreviation* an online system that allows teachers and students to follow a course of study remotely, e.g. by placing course materials online. Abbr **LMS**

learning organisation /'lɜ:nɪŋ ɔ:gənaɪ ,zeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an organisation

whose employees are willing and eager to share information with each other, to learn from each other, and to work as a team to achieve their goals

lease /li:s/ *noun* a written contract for letting or renting a piece of equipment for a period in return for payment of a fee ■ *verb* to let or rent equipment for a period

leather /'leðə/ *noun* material made from the skins of animals, used for binding expensive books

leather binding /'leðə ,bændɪŋ/ *noun* the cover of a book, made from animal skin

leatherbound book /'leðəbaʊnd ,bʊk/ *noun* a book that has been bound in leather

leave /li:v/ *noun* a period of time when somebody is absent from their job or study

lectern /'lektɜ:n/ *noun* a stand with a sloping top on which a book or notes can rest in front of a standing speaker

lecture /'lektʃəl/ *noun* a long talk on a specific subject given to a group of people, often used as a method of teaching in higher education

left-hand corner /,left hænd 'kɔ:nə/ *noun* the top or bottom corner at the left side of a page or envelope

left justification /,left ,dʒʌstɪfɪ 'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the process of aligning the left-hand margin on a piece of text so that the edge is even

left justify /,left 'dʒʌstɪfaɪ/ *verb* to use computer commands which ensure that the text on the left side of a document is straight

legal /'li:g(ə)l/ *adjective* **1.** relating to the law ○ *a legal discussion* **2.** according to the law ○ *The contract was legal and binding.*

legal aid /,li:g(ə)l 'eɪd/ *noun* financial assistance with legal fees from the government, available to those who cannot afford a lawyer

legal deposit /'li:g(ə)l dɪ ,pɒzɪt/ *noun* a system that entitles some libraries to receive by law one copy of every book or publication published in that country

legal tender /,li:g(ə)l 'tendə/ *noun* coins or notes that are officially part of a country's currency

legend /'ledʒənd/ *noun* **1.** a caption under a picture or diagram or on a coin or medal **2.** an explanation of the symbols on a map or diagram **3.** a story based on cultural traditions handed down

legible /'ledʒɪb(ə)l/ *adjective* clear enough to be read easily

COMMENT: Legibility is one of the requirements of text matter. Text is more easily read in roman serif typefaces than in italic or in sans faces, and should have line spacing of about 2pts between the lines (i.e. there should be more spacing between the lines than between words). Sans faces and italic are less legible, and closely spaced lines, or lines which are irregularly spaced, are more difficult to read than lines of closely spaced words with extra spacing between the lines.

legitimate /lɪ'dʒɪtɪmət/ *adjective* acceptable according to the law

lemma /'lemə/ *noun* a heading that indicates the topic of a work or passage (NOTE: The plural is *lemmata*.)

lending library /'lendiŋ ,laɪbrəri/ *noun* a library which allows users to borrow items as opposed to a purely reference library

lengthen /'leŋθən/ *verb* to make something longer

lengthy /'leŋθi/ *adjective* lasting for a long time, especially excessively long ○ *lengthy delays*

lesson /'les(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** a period of time used to teach something to an individual or a group **2.** a short extract from sacred writings, read aloud during a religious service

let /let/ *verb* **1.** to allow somebody to do something **2.** to allow somebody to use something one owns in return for regular payments of rent

Letraset /'letrəsət/ *a trade name* for a system of labelling or captioning documents and illustrations

letter /'letə/ *noun* **1.** a piece of writing sent from one person to another usually through the post **2.** a symbol used in writing which more or less represents one sound of a language

letterhead /'letəhed/ *noun* the name and address of a company or organisation printed at the top of their official notepaper

level /'lev(ə)l/ *noun* a point on a scale indicating amount, importance or difficulty ○ *sound level* ○ *level of inflation*

lexicographer /,leksɪ'kɒgrəfə/ *noun* a person who writes or edits dictionaries

lexicography /,leksɪ'kɒgrəfi/ *noun* the activity of writing and editing dictionaries

lexicon /'leksɪkɒn/ *noun* **1.** an alphabetical list of words specifically related to a language or a particular subject **2.** a dictionary, especially one of an ancient language such as Latin or Hebrew

liaise /li'eɪz/ *verb* to work together and keep each other informed

liaison /li'eɪz(ə)n/ *noun* co-operation and communication between different organisations or sections of an organisation

lib. *abbreviation* LIBRARIES **1.** librarian **2.** library

LIBNET /'lɪbnet/ *noun* the electronic mail service of the Australian Library and Information Association

librarian /laɪ'breəriən/ *noun* **1.** a person who is in charge of a library **2.** a person who has usually been trained in librarianship and who works in a library

librarianship /laɪ'breəriənʃɪp/ *noun* the study of organising and retrieving information so that it is accessible to other people

'Librarianship is a bipolar profession. On the one hand, librarians are custodians of treasure houses, whose responsibility for preserving collections of potentially rare, fragile and sometimes unique material can most easily be achieved by keeping people away from it. On the other hand, they are gatekeepers, charged with facilitating the most direct and fruitful access to the information and knowledge contained in their collections to all who may wish to use them.' [*The Times*]

library /'laɪbrəri/ *noun* a collection of books, documents, newspapers and

audiovisual materials kept and organised for people to read or borrow

library and information science /,laɪbrəri ənd ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ɪs'aɪəns/ *noun* a course of study that covers all aspects of information and library management, e.g. resources, user services, organisation, evaluation, systems used, policy and representation. Abbr **LIS**

Library and Information Science Abstracts /,laɪbrəri ənd ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ɪs'aɪəns æb'strækt/ *noun* an index of articles and current research in library science. Abbr **LISA**

library assistant /'laɪbrəri ə ɪsɪ'stənt/ *noun* a person who works in a library as a helper but is not qualified as a librarian

Library Association /'laɪbrəri ə ɪsəʊsɪeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a UK professional body working to support librarians and information workers. Abbr **LA**

library binding /'laɪbrəri baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* a strong, durable binding for books which will withstand heavy use

library card /'laɪbrəri kɑ:d/, **library ticket** /'laɪbrəri ˈtɪkɪt/ *noun* a ticket which allows the holder to borrow library books

library edition /'laɪbrəri ɪdɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a set of books, published in a series, either by a single author or on the same subject and with the same size and format

library equipment /'laɪbrəri ɪ ˈkɪpmənt/ *noun* furniture and machinery needed to run a library

Library Information Service /,laɪbrəri ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ɪs'ɜ:vɪs/ *noun* a service provided by a library to users to answer their questions on any subject. Abbr **LIS**

library instruction /'laɪbrəri ɪn'strʌkʃ(ə)n/ *noun* training in library management techniques

library licence /'laɪbrəri ˌlaɪs(ə)ns/ *noun* a licence granted to a bookshop or to a local authority, allowing books to be bought at a discount for public libraries

library management system /'laɪbrəri ˌmænɪdʒmənt ɪsɪ'stəm/

noun a computer system which deals with one or more library processes such as acquisitions, circulation and cataloguing

Library of Congress /,laɪbrəri əv 'kɒŋɡres/ *noun* the national library of the United States, located in Washington DC and founded by an Act of Congress in 1800. It contains more than 28 million books and pamphlets as well as presidential papers, music, photographs and recordings. Abbr **LR**

Library of Congress Catalog /,laɪbrəri əv 'kɒŋɡres ˌkætəlɒɡ/ *noun* a catalogue of the holdings of the Library of Congress in the USA, also available online. Abbr **LOCIS**

Library of Congress Catalog number /,laɪbrəri əv ˌkɒŋɡres ˌkætəlɒɡ ˌnʌmbə/ *noun* the number of the reference in the Library of Congress Catalog, printed inside a book published in the USA. Abbr **LOC**

Library of Congress Classification system /,laɪbrəri əv ˌkɒŋɡres ˌklæsɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n ɪsɪ'stəm/ *noun* an American system of organising documents for information retrieval. Abbr **LC**

library purchase /'laɪbrəri ˌpɜ:tʃɪs/ *noun* the purchase of books by a library from a library supplier

library school /'laɪbrəri sku:l/ *noun* a department or college which runs courses to train library and information workers

library science /'laɪbrəri ɪs'aɪəns/ *noun* the study of librarianship

library supplier /'laɪbrəri səˌplaɪə/ *noun* a company that supplies stationery, books, equipment and furniture needed for use in libraries

library supply /'laɪbrəri səˌplaɪə/ *noun* a supply of books to libraries at a discount

library user /'laɪbrəri ˌju:zə/ *noun* a person who uses a library

library user education /,laɪbrəri ˌju:zə ˌedʒʊ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* training courses which help library users to use the library more effectively

libretto /lɪ'brɛtəʊ/ *noun* the words of an opera or other vocal musical production

licence /'laɪs(ə)ns/ *noun* an official document giving permission to use or do something

license /'laɪs(ə)ns/ *verb* to give official permission for something to happen

life cycle of records /,laɪf ,saɪk(ə)l əv 'rekɔ:dz/ *noun* the creation, storage, retrieval for use, and disposal when no longer needed, of records

light-pen /'laɪtpen/ *noun* a stylus with a light sensor used to scan barcodes

light-sensitive paper /,laɪt ,sensɪtɪv 'peɪpə/ *noun* paper that is sensitive to light, usually used for photographs

lightweight /'laɪtwɛɪt/ *adjective* **1.** not heavy ○ *thin, lightweight paper* **2.** not thought to be of a high academic standard

Likert scale /'laɪkɜ:t skeɪl/ *noun* a system of measuring people's attitudes on a five-point scale, from positive to negative or vice versa

limit /'lɪmɪt/ *noun* a maximum pre-defined range used to restrict an action or thing ■ *verb* to prevent something from becoming bigger

limited /'lɪmɪtɪd/ *adjective* small in amount or degree

limited company /,lɪmɪtɪd 'kʌmp(ə)ni/ *noun* a company in which the shareholders are only legally responsible for debts to the amount of their shares if the company goes bankrupt

limited edition /,lɪmɪtɪd rɪ'dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a work of art such as a book or painting which is only produced in very small numbers

limp /lɪmp/ *adjective* relating to a book cover that is not stiffened by boards but is made of more durable material than a paperback

limp binding /'lɪmp ,baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* a binding style using flexible material usually cheaper than hard boards

limp-bound edition /'lɪmp baʊnd ɪ ,dɪʃ(ə)n/, **limp edition** /'lɪmp ɪ

,dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an edition of a book with a soft cover

Lindop Committee /'lɪndɒp kə ,mɪti/ *noun* a British government committee which investigated and made recommendations about the security of information on computers in 1978

line /laɪn/ *noun* **1.** a row of words or figures in a text **2.** a type of product that a company makes or sells **3.** a long piece of wire used to connect communications ○ *a telephone line*

linear /'lɪniəl/ *adjective* process in which things always happen one at a time following each other in a set order

line by line index /,laɪn baɪ 'laɪn ,ɪndeks/ *noun* an index with entries consisting of one line only

line drawings /'laɪn ,drɔ:ɪŋz/, **line illustrations** /'laɪn ɪlə,streɪʃ(ə)nz/ *plural noun* illustrations for a book which are drawn with a pen, or have tints, but which do not need to be reproduced as halftones

line editor /'laɪn ,edɪtə/ *noun* a piece of software that allows the operator to modify one line of text from a file at a time

line management /'laɪn ,mænɪdʒmənt/ *noun* a system of management using a hierarchical structure of jobs, so that everyone is responsible to the person immediately above them

line manager /'laɪn ,mænɪdʒə/ *noun* a person in a hierarchical structure of management who is responsible for the person or people immediately below

linguistics /lɪŋ'gwɪstɪks/ *noun* the study of language, its history, grammar, structure and use

link /lɪŋk/ *noun* **1.** a relationship between two or more things either by a physical connection or by a common idea which enables them to work together **2.** a hypertext connection which allows users to move to another related part of the Internet

link up /,lɪŋk 'ʌp/ *verb* to connect things to each other ○ *This computer can be linked up with others in the network.*

link word /'lɪŋk wɜ:d/ *noun* a word used in writing or speaking to join ideas or sentences together

Linson /'lɪns(ə)n/ a trademark for a strong binding paper which is patterned to resemble cloth

LINUX /'lɪnəks/ a trademark for a computer operating system that is a free implementation of the UNIX operating system

LIS *abbreviation* **1.** Library Information Service **2.** library and information science

LISA *abbreviation* Library and Information Science Abstracts

list /'meɪlɪŋ lɪst/ *noun* **1.** a series of items written down usually one under the other **2.** a catalogue ◦ *There is a price list for cars of different ages and models.* ■ *verb* to print or display certain items of information

list of abbreviations /,lɪst əv ə ,brɪ:vi'eɪʃ(ə)nz/ *noun* a note in a reference book which lists the abbreviations used and what they stand for, usually printed at the beginning of the text, after the prelims or, in some reference works such as dictionaries, on the endpapers

list owner /'lɪst ,əʊnə/ *noun* a person who controls an electronic mailing list

list price /'lɪst praɪs/ *noun* the price of a commodity according to a printed list

LISTSERV /'lɪstsɜ:v/ *noun* a very large electronic mailing list manager

literacy /'lɪt(ə)rəsi/ *noun* the ability to read and write

'In a withering dossier, chief inspector Graham Donaldson concluded pupils were being failed by poor teachers and weak leadership and that a fifth were leaving school without basic literacy and numeracy skills.' [*Sunday Express*]

literal /'lɪt(ə)rəl/ *adjective* following the exact meaning of a word or phrase, without any additional meanings ■ *noun* a mistake made when keyboarding so that characters are transposed

literary /'lɪt(ə)rəri/ *adjective* related to literature

literary agent /'lɪt(ə)rəri ,eɪdʒənt/ *noun* somebody whose job is to negotiate business contracts on behalf of an author

literary forensics /,lɪt(ə)rəri fə 'renzɪks/ *noun* the scientific examination of documents of disputed authenticity

Literary Marketplace /,lɪt(ə)rəri 'mɑ:kɪtpleɪs/ *noun* an American publication listing people such as publishers, agents and translators (NOTE: The British equivalent is the **Writers' and Artists' Yearbook**.)

literary prize /'lɪt(ə)rəri praɪz/ *noun* an award given for a piece of writing judged to have literary value

literate /'lɪt(ə)rət/ *adjective* able to read and write

literature /'lɪt(ə)rətʃə/ *noun* **1.** written works such as novels, plays and poetry, especially those considered to have artistic quality **2.** printed information on a specific subject

literature search /'lɪt(ə)rətʃə sɜ:tʃ/ *noun* a preliminary investigation when studying a subject to find all other related writing

literature survey /'lɪt(ə)rətʃə ,sɜ:veɪ/ *noun* a bibliography listing material on a given subject or sometimes in a given location

lithography /lɪ'thɒgrəfi/, **litho** *noun* a method of printing in which the ink sticks to greasy areas of treated metal, stone or film and is then transferred to paper

COMMENT: Lithography was invented in 1798, by a German artist, Alois Senefelder. It was originally the art of drawing a design on stone in greasy ink, then printing from it. The surface now used is a metal plate, but the principle is the same: this is that a greasy surface attracts ink, while a wet surface repels ink. The design is drawn on the surface with greasy ink, the surface is then rolled with a damp roller to wet it, and then the inking roller passes over it, leaving ink on the parts which are greasy and not leaving ink on those parts which are wet.

lk *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Sri Lanka

LMS *abbreviation* learning management system

load /ləʊd/ *verb* □ **to load a file** to call a computer file so that it can be seen on screen and worked with

load sharing /'ləʊd ʃeəriŋ/ *noun* the process of using more people to even out the workload

loan /ləʊn/ *noun* something that is lent and must be returned □ **on loan** being borrowed ○ *The book is on loan from the library.*

loan collection /'ləʊn kəˌleɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a collection of books and materials available for borrowing, as opposed to a reference collection which cannot be taken away from the library

loan fee /'ləʊn fiː/ *noun* a sum of money paid to borrow an item

loan period /'ləʊn pɪəriəd/ *noun* a period of time before an item that has been borrowed must be returned

LOC *abbreviation* Library of Congress Catalog number

local /'ləʊk(ə)l/ *adjective* belonging or relating to the specific area where you live or work

Local Area Network /,ləʊk(ə)l ˌeəriə 'netwɜ:k/ *noun* a system linking computers, terminals and printers, within a restricted geographical area, which share the same stored information in the network memory. Abbr **LAN**

local collection /'ləʊk(ə)l kəˌleɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* books and documents about a specific area close to where the collection is held

local directory /'ləʊk(ə)l ˌdaɪreɪk(ə)ri/ *noun* a collection of information about businesses and residents in a specified area arranged in alphabetical order of street names and also with classified trade entries

Local Education Authority /,ləʊk(ə)l ˌedʒu'keɪʃ(ə)n ɔːθɒrɪti/ *noun* an administrative body which controls the supply of education through schools and colleges in a local area of the UK. Abbr **LEA**

local history /,ləʊk(ə)l 'hɪst(ə)ri/ *noun* the history of a small area of a country

local interest title /,ləʊk(ə)l 'ɪnt(ə)rəst ˌtaɪt(ə)l/ *noun* a book

which is interesting to people living in a certain area, but less so to anyone else

local map /,ləʊk(ə)l 'mæp/ *noun* a map showing the area near to where you live or work

local newspaper /,ləʊk(ə)l 'njuːzpeɪpəl/ *noun* a newspaper that reports on local events and people

local press /,ləʊk(ə)l 'pres/ *noun* newspapers which cover news relevant to a local area and which are printed and sold in one small area of the country

local radio /,ləʊk(ə)l 'reɪdɪəʊ/, **local TV** /,ləʊk(ə)l tiː 'viː/ *noun* broadcasting stations which concentrate on the news and issues relevant to a small local area

local record office /,ləʊk(ə)l 'rekɔːd ˌɒfɪs/ *noun* an archive store that keeps information about the particular area in which it is situated

locate /ləʊ'keɪt/ *verb* **1.** to place or position something **2.** to find something

locator /ləʊ'keɪtə/ *noun* *US* a device that helps somebody locate something such as a table or index

LOCIS /'ləʊkɪs/ *abbreviation* Library of Congress Catalog

lock /lɒk/ *verb* to fasten something to prevent access □ **to lock a file** to prevent anyone from making changes to a computer file

lockdown /'lɒkdəʊn/ *noun* a procedure that prevents users of a computer network or intruders from the Internet from gaining access to files that are essential to the proper functioning of a computer system

log /lɒg/ *verb* to record something officially

log book /'lɒg bʊk/ *noun* **1.** a book in which entry and departure times to a particular place are recorded **2.** a book in which someone writes records of their activities especially related to travelling

logic /'lɒdʒɪk/ *noun* a way of thinking and reasoning which takes account of previous steps

log in /,lɒg 'ɪn/, **log on** /,lɒg 'ɒn/ *verb* to enter a password or code in order to gain entry to a computer system

logistics /lə'dʒɪstɪks/ *plural noun* the organisation of something very compli-

cated, especially of moving people and things from one place to another

logo /'ləʊɡəʊ/ *noun* a special design which identifies the products and publicity material of a company or organisation

log off /,lɒɡ 'ɒf/, **log out** /,lɒɡ 'aʊt/ *verb* to enter data in order to close down and leave a computer system

long-distance /,lɒŋ 'dɪstəns/ *adjective* relating to journeys, communications or places that are far apart

long loan /'lɒŋ ləʊn/ *noun* an extended period for borrowing library items

long-term /,lɒŋ 'tɜːm/ *adjective* concerning a long period of time ○ *long-term planning* ○ *The long-term plans include the development of a music library.*

look up /,lʊk 'ʌp/ *verb* to search for information, e.g. by consulting a reference book

look-up /'lʊk ʌp/ *noun* a computer procedure in which a term or value is matched against a table of stored information

look-up table /'lʊk ʌp ,teɪb(ə)/ *noun* a collection of stored results that can be accessed very rapidly by a program without the need to calculate each result whenever needed. Abbr **LUT**

COMMENT: For computer graphics a look-up table may be a table of pixel intensity or colour information which increases the range of values that can be displayed. Since the values are stored in a look-up table they do not have to be computed each time they are called up, and execution time is reduced.

loop /luːp/ *noun* a series of actions that are performed repeatedly until the procedure has been completed

loose-leaf /'luːs liːf/ *adjective* having pages which can be removed or replaced

lossless compression /,lɒsləs kəm'preʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an image compression technique that can reduce

the number of bits used for each pixel in an image without losing any information or sharpness

lossy compression /,lɒsi kəm'preʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an image compression technique that can reduce the number of bits used for each pixel in an image, but in doing so lose information

loudspeaker /,laʊd'spiːkə/ *noun* a device that turns electrical signals into recognisable sound

low acid /,ləʊ 'æsɪd/ *adjective* relating to paper that is mildly acidic in composition, but less prone to deterioration than standard acidic paper

lower case /,ləʊə 'keɪs/ *adjective* relating to small letters such as a, b, c, as opposed to upper case A, B, C

low level language /,ləʊ ,lev(ə)l 'læŋɡwɪdʒ/ *noun* a computer programming language that is similar to the machine language and difficult for non-expert users to understand

lr *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Liberia

LR *abbreviation* Library of Congress

ls *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Lesotho

lt *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Lithuania

lu *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Luxembourg

lunar month /,luːnə 'mʌnθ/ *noun* the period of time between one new moon and the next, usually about 28 days

LUT *abbreviation* look-up table

luxury edition /'lʌkʃəri ɪ,dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an edition printed on fine paper with a superior binding

lv *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Latvia

ly *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Libya

lyric /'lɪrɪk/ *noun* a short poem expressing strong feelings in a songlike form

M

machine code /mə'ʃi:n kəʊd/,
machine language /mə'ʃi:n
,læŋgwidʒ/ *noun* instructions and
information shown as a series of binary
figures which can be read by a computer

machine-readable /mə'ʃi:n
'ri:dəb(ə)l/ *adjective* stored on a disk or
tape in machine language, so that it can
be read directly by a computer

Machine Readable Catalogue
/mə'ʃi:n ,ri:dəb(ə)l 'kætəlɒg/ *noun* an
automated system of cataloguing books
and documents in a library. Abbr **MARC**

machine-readable code /mə'ʃi:n
'ri:dəb(ə)l 'kəʊd/ *noun* a set of signs or
letters which a computer can read

machine translation /mə'ʃi:n
træns'leɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* translation from
one language into another carried out
automatically by a computer

machinist /mə'ʃi:nɪst/ *noun* a person
whose job is to work a machine

magazine /,mæɡə'zi:n/ *noun* **1.** a
regular weekly, monthly or quarterly
publication containing articles, stories,
photographs and advertisements **2.** a
radio or television programme made up
of several different items **3.** a container
for slides to be used in an automatic
projector

magnetic /mæɡ'netɪk/ *adjective*
relating to something that uses electrical
magnetism to record and store information
to be read by a computer

magnetic head /mæɡ,netɪk 'hed/
noun an electromagnetic device that
reads, writes or erases data on a
magnetic medium

magnetic strip /mæɡ,netɪk 'stri:p/
noun a plastic strip with electronic data

fixed to a plastic card, which can be read
by a machine ○ *A library card often has
a magnetic strip with details of its
owner to prevent it being used by
anyone else.*

magnetic tape /mæɡ,netɪk 'teɪp/
noun tape coated with a magnetic mate-
rial so that electrical signals can be
recorded on to it for speech, film or
computer information

magnetic tape encoder /mæɡ
,netɪk teɪp en'kəʊdə/ *noun* a device
that directly writes data entered from a
keyboard on to magnetic tape

magnetised /'mæɡnətaɪzd/
magnetized *adjective* converted into a
magnet ○ *The library uses magnetised
strips inside books to prevent theft.*

magnify /'mæɡnɪfaɪ/ *verb* to make
something appear bigger or more
important than it really is

magnitude /'mæɡnɪtju:d/ *noun* the
level, degree or importance of a signal
or situation ○ *They did not appreciate
the magnitude of the task.*

mail /meɪl/ *noun* letters and parcels
delivered by the Post Office

mailbase /'meɪlbeɪs/ *noun* a UK
electronic mailing list service used by
discussion groups. ♦ **bulletin board**

mail box /'meɪl bɒks/ *noun* **1.** one of
several boxes where incoming mail is
put in a large building **2.** a box for
putting letters, etc. which you want to
post **3.** storage in an electronic mail
system, where messages are kept for
subscribers to access through their
computers

mailing list /'meɪlɪŋ list/ *noun* **1.** a
list of names and addresses kept by an

organisation so that it can send people information or regular publications **2.** an electronic list of e-mail addressees or subscribers who usually have an interest in the same topic

mail merge /'meɪl mɜːdʒ/ *noun* a word-processing program which allows a standard letter to be sent out to a series of different names and addresses

mailserver /'meɪlsɜːvə/ *noun* a computer on the Internet which stores incoming mail and sends it to the correct user, and stores outgoing mail and transfers it to the correct destination server

mail shot /'meɪl ʃɒt/ *noun* a large number of information or publicity leaflets sent out to a selected group of prospective customers

main /meɪn/ *adjective* most important

main catalogue /,meɪn 'kætələg/ *noun* a full list of all the holdings in a library

main class /,meɪn 'klɑːs/ *noun* a major division of a general classification scheme

main entry /,meɪn 'entri/ *noun* the fullest entry in a catalogue, often with a tracing of related references

mainframe /'meɪnfreɪm/, **mainframe computer** /,meɪnfreɪm kəm'pjʊtə/ *noun* a large-scale high-power computer system that can handle high-capacity memory and backing storage devices as well as servicing a number of operators simultaneously

main index /,meɪn 'ɪndeks/ *noun* a general index which guides users to more specific entries

mainstream /'meɪnstriːm/ *adjective* normal or conventional

mainstream research /,meɪnstriːm rɪ'sɜːtʃ/ *noun* research that follows on from previous work done in the field

maintain /meɪn'teɪn/ *verb* to keep something in good condition and up to date

maintenance /'meɪntənəns/ *noun* the process of keeping something in good condition by giving it regular care and attention

maintenance contract /'meɪntənəns kɒntrækt/ *noun* an arrangement with a repair company to make regular checks and repairs at special prices

maintenance costs /'meɪntənəns kɒsts/ *plural noun* money put into a budget for carrying out regular maintenance

maintenance of records /,meɪntənəns əv 'rekɔːdz/ *noun* the process of updating information or keeping records up to date

major /'meɪdʒə/ *adjective* very important

major contributor /,meɪdʒə kən'trɪbjətə/ *noun* a person who has supplied the most information or written text for a publication or meeting

majority /mə'dʒɔːrɪti/ *noun* the larger part or greater number

malfunction /mæl'fʌŋkʃən/ *noun* failure to work properly ■ *verb* to fail to work properly

malware /'mælwɛə/ *noun* software such as viruses designed to cause damage or disruption to a computer system

man /mæn/ *verb* to provide the workforce for something ○ *They manned the exhibition stand all day.*

manage /'mænɪdʒ/ *verb* to direct or take responsibility for controlling somebody or something

manageable /'mænɪdʒəb(ə)/ *adjective* able to be controlled easily because it is not too big or complicated

management /'mænɪdʒmənt/ *noun* the process of controlling an organisation, company or group

Management By Objectives /,mænɪdʒmənt baɪ əb'ʃektɪvz/ *noun* a system of managing a company by stating the aims of the organisation as the basis of policy. Abbr **MBO**

management information service /,mænɪdʒmənt ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ɪ'stəmə/ *noun* a department within a company that is responsible for information and data processing

management information system /,mænɪdʒmənt ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ɪ'stəmə/ *noun* a system

designed to collate all the information collected by an organisation and supplied to support anyone involved in decision making. Abbr **MIS**

'...of equal benefit has been the improvement in management information systems. In the past, banks and insurers were basing their risk decisions on inaccurate or out of date information; new technology has allowed companies to trade on real-time information with obvious implications for risk control and accuracy of pricing.' [*Investment Advisor*]

management of records

/,mænidʒmənt əv 'rekɔ:dz/ noun the process of creating, storing, retrieving and disposing of records

management style **/,mænidʒmənt stail/ noun** any of several different ways of controlling, organising and motivating groups of people

management training **/,mænidʒmənt 'treɪnɪŋ/ noun** the training of managers by making them study the principles and practices of management

manager **/'mænidʒə/ noun** a person who is responsible for running a company, organisation or group

managerial **/,mænə'dʒɪəriəl/ adjective** relating to the work of a manager

mandatory **/'mændət(ə)rɪ/ adjective** compulsory ○ *It is mandatory to pay taxes.*

manifesto **/,mæni'festəʊ/ noun** a written statement of the intentions of a person or group of people who are standing for election

manipulate **/mə'nɪpjʊleɪt/ verb** to control people, data or situations to produce a specific result

manipulation **/mə'nɪpjʊ'leɪʃ(ə)n/ noun** the act of moving, editing or changing text or data ○ *The high-speed database management program allows the manipulation of very large amounts of data.*

man-made **/,mæn 'meɪd/ adjective** made by people rather than formed naturally

manpower **/'mænpaʊə/ noun** a workforce or labour force which produces goods

manpower resources **/'mænpaʊə rɪ,zɔ:sɪz/ plural noun** the number of people available for work

manual **/'mænjʊəl/ noun** a document or book containing instructions about the operation of a system or machine ■ **adjective** done by hand rather than by machine

manual data processing **/,mænjʊəl 'deɪtə ,prəʊsesɪŋ/ noun** the sorting and processing of information without the help of a computer

manual entry **/,mænjʊəl 'entri,**
manual input **/,mænjʊəl 'ɪnpʊt/ noun** the act of entering data into a computer by an operator via a keyboard

manual system **/'mænjʊəl ,sɪstəm/ noun** an information control system that uses handwritten rather than computerised records

manufacture **/,mænjʊ'fæktʃə/ verb** to make something in a factory

manufacturer **/,mænjʊ'fæktʃərə/ noun** a company which makes a product

manuscript **/'mænjʊskrɪpt/ noun** a typed or handwritten text of something before it is printed ○ *The advance on royalties will be paid on acceptance of the completed manuscript for publication.* Abbr **ms**

manuscript music book **/,mænjʊskrɪpt 'mju:zɪk ,bʊk/ noun** a book of paper ruled with five line staves for the writing of music

map **/mæp/ noun** a diagrammatic representation of an area of land

COMMENT: Maps are now mainly computerised and are output on plotters.

This allows the information on a map to be stored as a database, which can be used to produce maps on different scales, with different colour designs, etc.

map pin **/'mæp pɪn/ noun** a sharp metal object with a small round coloured head used to indicate places on a map

marbled paper **/,mɑ:b(ə)ld 'peɪpə/ noun** multi-coloured paper used by bookbinders usually for the endpapers of books

MARC /mɑ:k/ *abbreviation* Machine Readable Catalogue

margin /'mɑ:dʒɪn/ *noun* a blank space around a section of printed text between the printed text and the edge of the paper

margin of error /,mɑ:dʒɪn əv 'erə/ *noun* the number of mistakes that are considered to be acceptable in a document or calculation

mark /mɑ:k/ *noun* **1.** a sign or symbol written on a page **2.** the score or grade achieved for an assignment or examination ■ *verb* to assess work and award it a grade or score

marker /'mɑ:kə/ *noun* an object that is used to show the position of something

marker pen /'mɑ:kə pen/ *noun* a coloured pen used to indicate or highlight sections of text

market /'mɑ:kɪt/ *noun* the number of people wishing to buy a product or the area of the world where it is sold ■ *verb* to organise the sale of a product by deciding the price, the areas where it will be sold and how it will be advertised

marketing plan /'mɑ:kɪtɪŋ plæn/ *noun* a strategy for selling a product or service by planning the advertising and distribution within a selected market

market penetration /,mɑ:kɪt ,penɪ 'treɪf(ə)n/ *noun* an expression of how much of the chosen market is reached by a product ○ *They estimated a 50% market penetration for the information service.*

marketplace /'mɑ:kɪtpleɪs/ *noun* **1.** the potential number of people who will buy a product or use a service **2.** a place where goods or services can be sold or offered

market research /,mɑ:kɪt rɪ'sɜ:tʃ/,

market analysis /,mɑ:kɪt ə'næləʊsɪs/ *noun* the process of examining the possible sales of a product and the possible customers for it before it is put on the market

mark up /,mɑ:k 'ʌp/ *verb* to prepare copy for printing by indicating such things as font size, typeface and layout

mass deacidification /,mæs ,di:æsiðɪfɪ'keɪf(ə)n/ *noun* the process

of adding chemicals to acidic paper to neutralise the acid and prevent further deterioration, especially in old collections

mass market /,mæs 'mɑ:kɪt/ *noun* a very large market, covering a large proportion of a population

mass market paperback /,mæs ,mɑ:kɪt 'peɪpəbæk/ *noun* a paperback book aimed at the mass market

mass media /,mæs 'mi:diə/ *noun* means of communication which reach large numbers of people, e.g. radio, television and newspapers

mass production /,mæs prə 'dʌkʃən/ *noun* the manufacture of large quantities of the same product

mass storage /,mæs 'stɔ:rɪdʒ/ *noun* the storage and retrieval of large amounts of data

“It’s not unusual for universities or government bodies to have rooms that are floor to ceiling with magnetic tapes”, says Kevin Murrell, a curator at Bletchley Park Computer Museum. “Ten or fifteen years ago this was the most common mass-storage medium, but today it’s increasing difficult to read them”.’ [*New Scientist*]

mass storage device /,mæs 'stɔ:rɪdʒ dɪ,vaɪs/ *noun* a computer backing store device such as a disk drive which is able to store large amounts of data

master /'mɑ:stə/ *noun* **1.** the original document from which copies are made **2.** the most important person or device within a system ■ *verb* to learn something so that you can do it well

master catalogue *noun* a file in which every entry contains full bibliographical information. Also called **master file**

master copy /'mɑ:stə ,kɒpi/ *noun* the original document from which photocopies are made

master file /'mɑ:stə faɪl/ *noun* **1.** same as **master catalogue** **2.** the main copy of a computer file, kept for security purposes

mastermind /'mɑ:stəmaɪnd/ *verb* to plan a complicated activity in detail and make sure it happens successfully

masterpiece /'mɑ:stəpi:s/ *noun* an original creation in the arts which is of exceptional quality

master plan /'mɑ:stə plæn/ *noun* a detailed plan to organise several difficult tasks

Master's degree /'mɑ:stəz dɪ'gri:/ *noun* an academic degree, usually awarded after one or two years of post-graduate study

match /mætʃ/ *noun* something that is equal to another in physical or mental characteristics ○ *The players were a perfect match for each other and the game ended in a draw.* ■ *verb* to find an item that has equal characteristics ○ *He had to match them for size and colour.* □ **to match a record** to search a database or record for a similar piece of information to the record you have

material /mə'tɪəriəl/ *noun* equipment or items needed for a particular activity
material requirements planning /mə'tɪəriəl rɪ'kwɪəmənts ,plæniŋ/ *noun* a detailed statement of the equipment required for a specific task and its cost

mat /mæt/ *adjective* relating to paper that is not shiny, especially paper for photographs

matter /'mætə/ *noun* a situation that you have to deal with ○ *This is a matter which the library committee must decide.*

mature student /mə,tʃʊə 'stju:d(ə)nt/ *noun* a student aged 25 or over who has gone into higher or further education later than is usual, especially after working or raising a family

maximise /'mæksɪmaɪz/, **maximize** *verb* **1.** to make the most possible use of something **2.** to make something as large or important as possible ○ *They aimed to maximise their profits.*

maximum /'mæksɪmə/ *noun* **1.** the largest amount possible **2.** the highest achievement possible

Mb, MB *abbreviation* megabyte

MBO *abbreviation* Management By Objectives

MBS *abbreviation* mind body and spirit

mc *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Monaco

md *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Moldova

means /mi:nz/ *plural noun* **1.** a method of doing something ○ *We have the means to store a large number of documents.* **2.** the money that someone has to spend ○ *She has the means to buy a large house.*

measure /'meɪʒə/ *verb* to discover the size or quantity of something by using a calibrated instrument ■ *noun* **1.** a set of scales or strip for measuring **2.** an action taken to bring about a specific result ○ *Measures have been taken to reduce the loss of books.*

measurement /'meɪʒəmənt/ *noun* size in units such as centimetres or inches

COMMENT: In Britain, the measurements of paper sheets are normally given with the short side first (768 x 1008mm), while the physical measurements of a book are normally given with the height first and then the width. The format of this book is 198 x 129. Note that in many countries, the measurements are given with the width first and height second, leading to much confusion. The measurement of type is based on the point system (one point is 0.3515mm in Britain and the USA; 0.376mm in Europe).

mechanical /mɪ'kæni:k(ə)/ *adjective* relating to something that has moving parts and uses power to perform tasks

mechanics /mɪ'kæni:kz/ *plural noun* the way that something works or is done ○ *The mechanics of reading are difficult for children to learn.*

mechanism /'mekənɪz(ə)m/ *noun* **1.** a piece of machinery **2.** a method of doing something

media /'mi:diə/ *noun* the main means of communication as in radio, television and newspapers

media converter /'mi:diə kən ,vɜ:tə/ *noun* a multi-disk reader device which can read data from various sizes and formats of disk

media coverage /'mi:diə ,kʌv(ə)rɪdʒ/ *noun* the number of reports about a situation or event in the newspapers, radio or television

media management system /'mi:diə ,mæni:dʒmənt ,sɪstəm/ *noun* an operating system which allows phys-

ical storage media such as tapes or disks to be catalogued and replayed. Abbr **MMS**

media resource officer /,mi:diə rɪ 'zɔ:s ɹfɪsə/ *noun* a person who is in charge of the management of audio-visual resources

media storage systems /'mi:diə ,stɔ:ridʒ ɹsɪstəmz/ *plural noun* systems for storing and retrieving non-book materials such as audio tapes, video tapes or illustrations

medical /'medɪk(ə)/ *adjective* relating to the treatment and prevention of illness and injuries

medical abstracts /'medɪk(ə)l ɹbstræktz/ *plural noun* a collection of summaries of medical articles in journals

medical directory /'medɪk(ə)l daɪ ɹekt(ə)ri/ *noun* a list of medical institutions, practitioners and specialists

medical index /'medɪk(ə)l ɪndeks/ *noun* a list of bibliographical references to articles on medical subjects

medical journal /'medɪk(ə)l ɹdʒ:ɹn(ə)/ *noun* a specialist magazine for medical practitioners

medical library /'medɪk(ə)l ɹaɪbrəri/ *noun* a special library to support medical work

Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval Service /,medɪk(ə)l ɹɪt(ə)rɹɹfə ɹ,næɹɹsɹs ən rɹ'tri:v(ə)l ɹɹ:vɹs/ *noun* a collection of databases operated by the National Library of Medicine. Abbr **MEDLARS**

medical publishing /'medɪk(ə)l ɹɹblɹfɹɹɹ/ *noun* the publishing of books on medical subjects

medieval manuscript /'medi:vəl ɹ'mænju:skɹɹpt/ *noun* a written manuscript dating from between 1100 and 1500 A.D.

medium /'mi:diəm/ *adjective* neither large nor small, but middle-sized ■ *noun* the means used to communicate or express oneself ○ *They communicated through the medium of the written word.* (NOTE: The plural is **media** or **mediums**.)

medium octavo /,mi:diəm ɔk 'tɑ:vəʊ/ *noun* a traditional book format of 9 x 5 3/4 inches

MEDLARS /'medlɑ:z/ *abbreviation* Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval Service

MEDLIB /'medlɪb/ *noun* a subscription bulletin board mainly used by doctors

Medline /'medlaɪn/ *noun* an information database mainly used by employees in medical professions

meet /mi:t/ *verb* **1.** to make contact with somebody face to face **2.** to deal with a situation, need or requirement

meeting /'mi:tɹɹɹ/ *noun* an event when people come together to discuss things

megabyte /'megəbaɪt/ *noun* a storage unit in computers, equal to 1,048,576 bytes, or 10²² bytes. Abbr **MB, Mbyte**

membership /'membəʃɹp/ *noun* the state of belonging to an organisation or group

membership list /'membəʃɹp lɹst/ *noun* a list of names and addresses of members of an organisation or group

membership ticket /'membəʃɹp ɹtɹktɹ/, **membership card** /'membəʃɹp kɑ:d/ *noun* a card or ticket stating somebody's name and the name of the organisation of which they are a member

memo /'meməʊ/ *abbreviation* memorandum

memoir /'memwɑ:/ *noun* a written account of somebody's life, especially one who has been well known in public life

memo pad /'meməʊ pæd/ *noun* a pad of headed paper used for internal messages

memorandum /,memə'rændəm/ *noun* a note sent internally within a company or organisation

memorial volume /mɹ'mɹ:riəl ɹvəlju:m/ *noun* **1.** a book containing the names of people to be remembered **2.** a book written in memory of someone

memorise /'memərəɹz/, **memorize** *verb* to learn something so that you can remember it exactly

memory /'mem(ə)ri/ *noun* **1.** a person's ability to remember things **2.** the capacity to store information

menu /'menju:/ *noun* a list of options displayed on screen for the user of a computer program

menu-driven /'menju: ,dri:v(ə)n/ *adjective* relating to a computer program where the user can choose options from a menu

merchandise /'mɜ:tʃəndaɪz/ *noun* goods that are bought, sold or traded ■ *verb* to sell goods and services

merge /mɜ:dʒ/ *verb* to combine two data files on a computer. ◊ **mail merge**

merge sort /,mɜ:dʒ 'sɔ:t/ *noun* a software application in which the sorted files are merged into a new file

MERIT /'merɪt/ *noun* a US regional gateway with access to commercial services

MESH /meʃ/ *abbreviation* Medical Subject Headings for Medline

message /'mesɪdʒ/ *noun* a piece of information that you send or leave for somebody

message heading /'mesɪdʒ ,hedɪŋ/ *noun* a title given to information to indicate its contents

message numbering /'mesɪdʒ ,nʌmbəɪŋ/ *noun* identification of messages using a numerical system

metadata /'metədɪtə/ *noun* descriptive information about the elements of a set of data, e.g. information contained in a webpage which describes the topics covered by that webpage

'Contivo Vocabulary Management Solution (VMS) (TM) provides a central semantics-based metadata repository, development tools, infrastructure, and code generators that automate data transformation for application integration across multiple platforms.' [*BusinessWire*]

metaphor /'metəfə/ *noun* an expression used to describe one thing in terms of another, without using the words 'like' or 'as', as in 'the librarian was a fountain of knowledge'

meteorological office /,mi:tɪərə 'lɒdʒɪk(ə)l ,ɒfɪs/ *noun* a government office which records the forecasting and

occurrence of weather conditions worldwide

meteorology /,mi:tɪə'rɒlədʒi/ *noun* the study of weather formation and conditions

methodical /mɪ'thɒdɪk(ə)l/ *adjective* having a careful, planned and ordered way of working

methodology /,meθə'dɒlədʒi/ *noun* a system of ways and principles for doing something, e.g. in teaching or research

metric /'metrɪk/ *adjective* relating to a system of book and paper measurement, calculated in millimetres

COMMENT: The main metric stock paper sizes used in the UK are: metric quad crown (768 x 1008), metric large crown (816 x 1056), metric quad demy (888 x 1128), and metric quad royal (960 x 1272).

metric crown octavo /,metrɪk kraʊn ɒk'tɑ:vəʊ/ *noun* a book format (186 x 123mm)

mg *abbreviation* **1.** in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Madagascar **2.** milligram

mh *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Marshall Islands

micro- /maɪkrəʊ/ *prefix* used to indicate a very small version of anything

micro computer /'maɪkrəʊ kəm ,pju:tə/ *noun* a small computer usually used as a stand-alone machine, i.e. one not connected to a network

microcontent /'maɪkrəʊ,kɒntent/ *noun* a single piece of data on the Internet which has its own URL or link and can be accessed by a hand-held device if needed, e.g. a weblog posting or a weather forecast

microcopy /'maɪkrəʊkɒpi/ *noun* a copy of a document which has been reduced in size

microfiche /'maɪkrəʊ,fɪ:ʃ/ *noun* a small sheet of photographic film on which information is stored in very small print

microfiche reader /'maɪkrəʊfɪ:ʃ ,ri:də/ *noun* a machine that magnifies the writing on microfiche film and displays it in readable form on a monitor

microfilm /'maɪkrəʊfɪlm/ *noun* material for making microfiches ■ *verb* to make microfiches

micro image /'maɪkrəʊ ɪmɪdʒ/ *noun* a stored graphical image which is too small to be seen with the naked eye

microphone /'maɪkrəʊfəʊn/ *noun* an electronic device used to record sounds or to make them louder

microprocessor /'maɪkrəʊ ˌprəʊsesə/ *noun* a microchip which can be programmed to do a large number of tasks or calculations

Microsoft Disk Operating System /ˌmaɪkrəʊsɒft dɪsk ˈɒpəreɪtɪŋ ˌsɪstəm/ *noun* full form of **MS/DOS**

Microsoft Network /ˌmaɪkrəʊsɒft ˈnetwɜ:k/ *noun* a vast online service to provide information, database links to the Internet and electronic mail especially for Windows users. Abbr **MSN**

middle management /ˌmɪd(ə)l ˈmænɪdʒmənt/ *noun* a level of management which has responsibility for a part within the structure of a whole organisation

mid-user /'mɪd ˌju:zə/ *noun* an operator who retrieves relevant information from a database for a customer or end user

migrate /maɪ'greɪt/ *verb* to transfer a file from one computer system or database to another

migration /maɪ'greɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a transfer of computer data, programs or hardware from one system to another

mil *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the generic top-level domain for military organisation

milking machine /'mɪlkiŋ məʃi:n/ *noun* a portable machine which can accept data from other machines and then transfer it to a large computer

millboard /'mɪlbɔ:d/ *noun* thick paperboard used in binding books

millennium /mɪ'leniəm/ *noun* a period of one thousand years (NOTE: The plural is **millennia**.)

Mills and Boon /ˌmɪlz ən ˈbu:n/ *noun* a romantic novel published by, or of the kind typically published by, the

firm of Mills and Boon, publishers of popular romantic fiction

mind body and spirit /ˌmaɪnd ˌbɒdi ən ˈspɪrɪt/ *noun* a category of books dealing with alternative topics such as natural medicine, new faiths and oriental mysticism. Abbr **MBS**

mind map /'maɪnd mæp/ *noun* a diagram with nodes representing the main points of a topic, with the links between them and any other relevant information also shown

mine /maɪn/ *noun* a rich source of something, especially information ■ *verb* to search through a source and extract information

'In addition, once the business processes have been optimised/re-engineered, the information technology function should provide tools to empower staff to search for and mine the data stores around the organisation.' [*Financial Times*]

mini- /mɪni/ *prefix* combining with nouns to indicate a smaller version of something ○ *mini-computer*

miniature /'mɪnɪtʃə/ *noun* 1. a coloured picture in an illuminated manuscript 2. a much reduced copy of a document 3. a small, very detailed drawing or painting especially on ivory or vellum

minimise /'mɪnɪməɪz/, **minimize** *verb* 1. to reduce something to the smallest possible amount 2. to make something seem unimportant

minimum /'mɪnɪməm/ *noun* the smallest amount possible

ministry /'mɪnɪstri/ *noun* a government department

ministry publication /'mɪnɪstri ˌpʌblɪkeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a published report of the proceedings of a government department

Minitel /'mɪntel/ *noun* a national information database in France accessible by telephone and home computer

minority /maɪ'nɔ:rti/ *noun* a group of people who form less than half of the total population of an area, e.g. in terms of race, religion or political opinion

minority sampling /maɪ'nɔ:rti ˈsɑ:mplɪŋ/ *noun* a method of surveying

the needs and opinions of a minority group

mint /mɪnt/ *adjective* new

mint condition /,mɪnt kən'dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the same condition as when new

minuscule /'mɪnɪskju:l/ *adjective* extremely small

MIS *abbreviation* Management Information System

mis- /mɪs/ *prefix* combining with verbs or nouns to indicate that something is done badly or wrong ○ *misuse* ○ *mismatch*

miscalculate /mɪs'kælkjuleɪt/ *verb* **1.** to add something up incorrectly **2.** to make a mistake in judging a situation

miscellaneous /,mɪsə'leɪniəs/ *adjective* relating to a collection of items that are all very different from each other

miscellany /mɪ'seləni/ *noun* a collection of written texts on a variety of subjects in one book

miseducate /mɪs'edjukeɪt/ *verb* to educate somebody in a wrong or inadequate way

misfile /mɪs'faɪl/ *verb* to file something such as a document in the wrong place

misinform /,mɪsɪn'fɔ:ɪn/ *verb* to give incorrect information to somebody

misleading title /mɪs,li:dɪŋ 'taɪt(ə)/ *noun* a title that does not indicate the subject matter or the form of the work

mismatch /'mɪsmætʃ/ *noun* a situation where two things are not correctly linked

misprint /'mɪsprɪnt/ *noun* a mistake in printing

misquote /mɪs'kwəʊt/ *verb* to state incorrectly what somebody has said or written

misread /mɪs'ri:d/ *verb* **1.** to read something incorrectly **2.** to judge somebody's intentions incorrectly

miss /mɪs/ *noun* a document not retrieved by a computer search

missing /'mɪsɪŋ/ *adjective* not in the expected place

missing data /,mɪsɪŋ 'deɪtə/ *noun* information which is not available, so that a task cannot be completed

missing link /,mɪsɪŋ 'lɪŋk/ *noun* the missing piece of information in a chain of data, which makes it difficult to use the information

mission statement /'mɪʃ(ə)n ,steɪtmənt/ *noun* a statement of the aims and objectives of an organisation

missive /'mɪsɪv/ *noun* a letter, especially a long and detailed one

misspelt /mɪs'spelt/ *adjective* spelt wrongly

mistake /mɪ'steɪk/ *noun* an error

mixed ability class /,mɪkst ə,bɪlɪti 'klɑ:s/ *noun* a class in a school or college where pupils have different levels of learning ability

mk *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Macedonia

ml *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Mali

MLA *abbreviation* **1.** Modern Language Association **2.** Museums, Libraries and Archives Council

mm *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Myanmar

MMS *abbreviation* media management system

mn *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Mongolia

mnemonic /nɪ'mnɒnɪk/ *noun* a word, rhyme or sentence which helps you to remember other things, e.g., 'Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain' which has the same first letters as the colours of the rainbow – Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet

mobile /'məʊbaɪl/ *adjective* able to be moved easily or to move by itself

mobile library /,məʊbaɪl 'laɪbrəri/ *noun* a specially adapted van which takes library books to residential areas at the same time each week

mobile storage files /,məʊbaɪl 'stɔ:ɪrɪdʒ ,faɪlz/ *plural noun* files that can be moved physically or electronically

mobile unit /,məʊbaɪl 'ju:nɪt/ *noun* a complete set of filming and editing equipment which can be transported in a van for outside broadcasts

mock-up /'mɒk ʌp/ *noun* a model of a new product or building which can be used to show to potential customers

model /'mɒd(ə)l/ *noun* a theoretical statement of how a system will work which people can copy to achieve the same results

modem /'məʊdem/ *noun* an electronic device which converts binary to analogue signals so that data can be transmitted over the telephone network. Also called **dataset**

moderated list /,mɒdəreɪtɪd 'lɪst/ *noun* a mailing list in which a moderator reads all the material that has been submitted before it is distributed to the users on the list

moderated newsgroup /,mɒdəreɪtɪd 'nju:zgru:p/ *noun* a newsgroup in which a moderator reads all the material that has been submitted before it is published in the newsgroup

moderator /'mɒdəreɪtə/ *noun* a person responsible for reading messages sent to a mailing list or newsgroup and editing any messages that do not conform to the rules of the list, e.g. by deleting commercial messages

Modern Language Association /,mɒdən 'læŋgwɪdʒ ə,səʊsiəɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a professional body that provides standard guidelines on writing research papers, e.g. document formatting and citing other sources. Abbr **MLA**

modification /,mɒdɪfɪ'keɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a small change to something usually made to improve it

modify /'mɒdɪfaɪ/ *verb* to change something, often in only a small way, usually in order to improve it

modular /'mɒdjʊlə/ *adjective* relating to a method of organising and teaching courses as a series of independent modules

module /'mɒdju:l/ *noun* a small section of a larger programme which can also function as a unit in its own right

modus operandi /,məʊdəs ɔpə'reɪndi/ *noun* a particular and often personal way of working

moisture content of paper /,mɔɪstʃə ˌkɒntent əv 'peɪpə/ *noun*

the amount of moisture in paper, shown as a percentage of the paper weight

MOMI /'məʊmi/ *abbreviation* Museum of the Moving Image

monitor /'mɒnɪtə/ *noun* a visual display unit used to show the text and graphics generated by a computer ■ *verb* to make regular checks to see how something or somebody is working

mono- /mɒnəʊ/ *prefix* used with nouns that have 'one' or 'single' as part of their meaning

monograph /'mɒnɒgrɑ:f/ *noun* a book on one specific subject

monolingual /,mɒnəʊ'lɪŋgwəl/ *adjective* using only one language ○ *a monolingual dictionary*

montage /'mɒntɑ:ʒ/ *noun* a combination of photographs, drawings or parts of pictures used for display or advertising

monthly /'mʌnθli/ *adjective* coming out regularly once a month ■ *noun* a magazine published once a month

Moon type /'mu:n taɪp/ *noun* a system of reading for the blind, more easily learned than Braille and therefore often used by people who go blind late in life

morgue /mɔ:g/ *noun* in journalism, a collection of miscellaneous reference material

morocco /mə'rɒkəʊ/ *noun* a soft leather made from goatskin, or a leather made in imitation of it from sheepskin or calfskin, used for covering books

morocco binding /mə'rɒkəʊ ˌbaɪndɪŋ/ *noun* a fine leather book covering made from goatskin

Morse /mɔ:s/, **Morse code** *noun* a system for representing letters and numbers by signs consisting of one or more short or long signals of sound or light which are printed out as dots and dashes

mosaic /mɔ:'zeɪɪk/ *noun* a picture made up of small dots as in a videotext system

mother tongue /'mʌðə tʌŋ/ *noun* the first language learned as a child

[Zeljko Perovic, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of Serbia and Montenegro] said that... non-

Albanian communities were being denied any meaningful participation in political life, to the extent that "not even basic access to documentation in their mother tongues is ensured".' [*M2 Presswire*]

motif /məʊ'ti:f/ *noun* **1.** an often repeated pattern or design **2.** the main subject which acts as the base for a work of art or music

motion picture /,məʊʃ(ə)n 'pɪktʃə/ *noun* a film made to be shown in the cinema

motivate /'məʊtɪveɪt/ *verb* to encourage somebody to do something, especially to behave in a positive way

motivation /,məʊtɪ'veɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the feeling that you want to work hard

motive /'məʊtɪv/ *noun* a strong reason for doing something

mount /maʊnt/ *verb* **1.** to organise an event and ensure that it happens **2.** to fix something in a particular place, especially a piece of artwork or film on a card backing or in a frame

mounted picture /,maʊntɪd 'pɪktʃə/ *noun* a picture that is fixed on to a background to improve its appearance

mouse /maʊs/ *noun* a small hand device used to control the cursor on a computer screen (NOTE: The plural is **mice**.)

.mov *suffix* a file extension for a film file. Full form **movie**

move /mu:v/ *verb* **1.** to change position **2.** to propose a motion or amendment at a meeting

movement /'mu:vmənt/ *noun* **1.** a gradual change in attitude or opinion **2.** a group of people who share the same beliefs or ideas

Moving Picture Experts Group /,mu:vɪŋ 'pɪktʃəs 'ekspɜ:ts ,gru:p/ *noun* full form of **MPEG**

mp *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Northern Mariana Islands

MP3 /,em pi: 'θri:z/ *noun* a computer file standard for downloading compressed music from the Internet, playable on a multimedia computer with appropriate software. Full form

Moving Picture Experts Group, Audio Layer 3

.mp3 *suffix* a file extension for an MP3 file. Full form **Moving Picture Experts Group, Audio Layer 3**

MPEG /'empeg/ *noun* a data file for moving pictures on the Internet. Full form **Moving Picture Experts Group**

.mpeg /'empeg/, **.mpg** *suffix* a file extension for an MPEG file. Full form **Moving Picture Experts Group**

mq *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Martinique

mr *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Mauritania

ms *abbreviation* manuscript (NOTE: The plural is **mss**.)

MS/DOS /,em es 'dɒs/ *noun* an operating system on personal computers. Full form **Microsoft Disk Operating System**

MSN *abbreviation* Microsoft Network

mt *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Malta

mu *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Mauritius

multi- /mʌlti/ *prefix* used to form adjectives describing things which have many parts

multicasting /'mʌltɪkɑ:stɪŋ/ *noun* the process of sending data across a network to several recipients simultaneously

multicultural /,mʌlti'kʌltʃərəl/ *adjective* relating to a community or philosophy that draws from many different races and cultures

multidisciplinary /,mʌlti'dɪsɪplɪnəri/ *adjective* studying or using several specialised subjects or skills

multi-disk reader /,mʌltɪ dɪsk 'ri:də/ *noun* a device that can take in data from different sizes and formats of disk

multi-level indexing /,mʌlti ,lev(ə)l 'ɪndeksɪŋ/ *noun* the process of indexing a document by both broad and narrow terms

multilingual *adjective* using several languages ◦ a *multilingual dictionary of technical terms*

multilingual **thesaurus** /,mʌlɪŋgwəl θə'sɔ:ɪəs/ *noun* a collection of words providing synonyms in a variety of languages

multimedia /,mʌlti'mi:diə/ *noun* **1.** programs, software and hardware capable of using a wide variety of media such as film, video and music as well as text and numbers **2.** the use of film, video and music in addition to more traditional teaching materials and methods ■ *adjective* using several different communication channels

multiple /'mʌltɪp(ə)/ *adjective* having many parts, users or uses

multiple index /'mʌltɪp(ə)l ɪndeks/ *noun* a listing of contents from several documents on a related theme

multiplexer /'mʌlti,pleksə/ *noun* a device for sending several data streams down a communications line and for splitting a received multiple stream into components

multi-tasking /'mʌlti,tɑ:skɪŋ/ *noun* doing many things at the same time

multi-user system /,mʌlti ɹju:zə 'sɪstəm/, **multi-access system** /,mʌlti ɹækses 'sɪstəm/ *noun* a computer system that allows several users to access a program at the same time

'Multi-user systems allow several users to all work on the same transport plan at the same time, points out Paragon. Companies benefit from central planning efficiencies, but allow local users to review and modify the transport plan for their own depot.' [Motor Transport]

multi-value words /,mʌlti ˌvælju: 'wɜ:dz/ *plural noun* words that have different meanings in different contexts

multiversity /,mʌlti'vɜ:sɪti/ *noun* a university that has many affiliated or associated institutions such as research centres and colleges

multivolume /'mʌlti,vɒlju:m/ *adjective* published in several volumes

museum /mju:'ziəm/ *noun* a building where old, interesting and valuable objects are stored and displayed to the public

museum catalogue /mju:'ziəm ˌkætəlɒg/ *noun* an organised list of the contents of a museum

Museum of the Moving Image /mju:ziəm əv ðə ˌmu:viŋ 'ɪmɪdʒ/ *noun* a museum in London concerned with the history of the film industry. Abbr **MOMI**

Museums, Libraries and Archives Council /mju:ziəmz ˌlaɪbrərɪz ənd 'ɑ:kaivz ˌkaʊns(ə)/ *noun* a public body that works with libraries, museums and archiving bodies to promote collaboration and resource sharing. Abbr **MLA** (NOTE: The MLA was formerly called **Resource**.)

museum yearbook /mju:'ziəm ɹjəbʊk/ *noun* a listing of the museums in a country and their special collections and interests

music /'mju:zɪk/ *noun* a combination of sounds made by people singing or playing musical instruments

music department /'mju:zɪk dɪ ˌpɑ:tmənt/ *noun* **1.** a teaching department in a college or university for the study of music theory and performance **2.** a section of a library which holds music scores, cassettes and discs **3.** a department in a shop which sells products connected with music

music dictionary /'mju:zɪk ˌdɪkʃ(ə)nəri/ *noun* a reference book which gives information about music and musicians

music index /'mju:zɪk ɪndeks/ *noun* a reference list of articles and research about music

music paper /'mju:zɪk ˌpeɪpə/ *noun* paper ruled with staves of five lines for writing out music

muted /'mju:tɪd/ *adjective* used to describe a weak reaction to a situation

mutual /'mju:tʃʊəl/ *adjective* shared in common between two or more people

mv *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Maldives

mw *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Malawi

mx *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Mexico

my *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Malaysia

myth /mɪθ/ *noun* a story made up a long time ago to explain natural

phenomena or to justify religious beliefs

mz *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Mozambique

N

na *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Namibia

name catalogue /'neɪm ˌkætəlɒɡ/ *noun* a catalogue arranged alphabetically by the names of people or places

name entry /'neɪm ˌentri/ *noun* an index entry under the name of a person, place or institution

name plate /'neɪm pleɪt/ *noun* a small sign on or next to a door showing the name of the person or company who works in that room or building

narrative /'nærətɪv/ *noun* a story or poem which gives an account of a series of events ■ *adjective* told as a story

narrow term /'nærəʊ tɜ:m/ *noun* an indexing term to indicate a specific field which is a subsection of a broader field

NASA /'næsə/ *noun* a US government organisation concerned with space exploration and development ○ *The NASA database contains space travel information, and can be accessed through the Internet.* Full form **National Aeronautics and Space Administration**

national /'næʃ(ə)nəl/ *adjective* belonging to one's own country

national archive /,næʃ(ə)nəl 'ɑ:kɑɪv/ *noun* a storage library for keeping records of national importance

National Book Council /,næʃ(ə)nəl 'bʊk ˌkaʊns(ə)l/ *noun* an Australian organisation founded to bring together and support all who have an interest in books whether personal, commercial or educational

National Certificate /,næʃ(ə)nəl sə 'tɪfɪkət/ *noun* EDUC full form of **NC**

National Curriculum /,næʃ(ə)nəl ˌkrɪmɪn(ə)l kə'rɪkjʊləm/ *noun* the curriculum for pupils aged 5 to 16 taught in state schools in England and Wales

COMMENT: The National Curriculum is made up of three 'core' subjects, English, maths and science, and seven 'foundation' subjects, art, design and technology, geography, history, music, physical education and a foreign language.

National Diploma /,næʃ(ə)nəl dɪ 'pləʊmə/ *noun* EDUC full form of **ND**

National Discography /,næʃ(ə)nəl dɪsk'ɒgrəfi/ *noun* a central online database of all commercially recorded audio materials

National Educational Resources Information Services /,næʃ(ə)nəl ˌedʒʊkeɪʃ(ə)nəl rɪ ˌzɔ:sɪz ˌɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌsɜ:vɪsɪz/ *noun* a database of educational and curriculum information. Abbr **NERIS**

National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services *noun* an American-based confederation of all the major abstracting and indexing services. Abbr **NFAIS**

National Foundation for Educational Research /,næʃ(ə)nəl ˌfaʊndeɪʃ(ə)n fər ˌedʒʊkeɪʃ(ə)nəl rɪ ˌsɜ:tʃ/ *noun* a government-funded body in the UK which undertakes research into school education. Abbr **NFER**

National Health Service /,næʃ(ə)nəl 'helθ ˌsɜ:vɪs/ *noun* a system of public healthcare which operates in the UK. Abbr **NHS**

National Information Standards Organisation /,næʃ(ə)nəl

ˌɪnfəmeɪʃ(ə)n 'stændədʒ
ˌɔːgənəɪzɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a US organisation which develops and publishes standards for information management. Abbr **NISA**

National Information Systems
/ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl ˌɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌsɪstəmz/
noun an international body under the guidance of UNESCO which encourages the standardisation of information services for all categories of users. Abbr **NATIS**

national library /ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl 'laɪbrəri/ *noun* a government-funded library which holds copies of all books published in that country

National Library for the Blind
/ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl ˌlaɪbrəri fə ðə 'blaɪnd/
noun the principal source in Britain of materials published in Braille and Moon

National Library of Australia
/ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl ˌlaɪbrəri əv ɒs'treɪliə/
noun the national library of Australia, in Canberra, established as an independent institution by an Act of Parliament in 1960. It was founded in 1901 as part of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library.

National Library of Canada
/ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl ˌlaɪbrəri əv 'kænədə/
noun the national library of Canada, founded in Ottawa in 1953

National Library of New Zealand
/ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl ˌlaɪbrəri əv njuː 'ziːlənd/
noun the national library of New Zealand, in Wellington, created in 1966 by combining the collections of the General Assembly Library, the Alexander Turnbull Library and the National Library Service

National Library of Scotland
/ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl ˌlaɪbrəri əv 'skɒtlənd/
noun the national library of Scotland, situated in Edinburgh and founded in 1925, having as its core the much older Library of the Faculty of Advocates. It is Scotland's only copyright deposit library.

National Library of Wales
/ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl ˌlaɪbrəri əv 'weɪlz/
noun the national library of Wales, situated in Aberystwyth in Ceredigion and

founded by royal charter in 1907. It is Wales's only copyright deposit library.

national media /'næʃ(ə)nəl ˌmiːdiə/
noun the nationally distributed or marketed broadcast and print products of a country, e.g. major newspapers and television programming

national press /ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl 'pres/
noun newspapers which cover more general news and are sold in all parts of the country

National Record Office
/ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl 'rekɔːd ˌɒfɪs/
noun a store in the UK of non-current and semi-current government records which have restricted access for 30 years

National Register of Archives
/ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl ˌredʒɪstə əv 'ɑːkaɪvz/
noun a collection of lists of holdings of historical documents in private collections, libraries and record offices

National Sound Archive (UK)
/ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl 'saʊnd ˌɑːkaɪv/
noun a collection formed by a merger in 1983 of the British Institute of Recorded Sound and the British Library sound archive

national statistics /ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl stə 'tɪstɪks/
plural noun government-produced facts and figures about various aspects of national life ○ *There is a quarterly government publication of national statistics called Social Trends.*

National Union Catalogue
/ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl 'juːniən ˌkætəlɒg/
noun a cumulative author list of holdings in the USA, catalogued using Library of Congress printed cards

National Vocational Qualification
/ˌnæʃ(ə)nəl vɒʊˌkeɪʃ(ə)n(ə)l ˌkwɒlɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/
noun a certificate which can be gained in the UK after following a work-based course of post-school training in a specific skill. Abbr **NVQ**

NATIS /'nætɪs/ *abbreviation* National Information Systems

native speaker /ˌneɪtɪv 'spiːkə/
noun a person who speaks a language as a mother tongue. Abbr **NS**

NATLL *abbreviation* National Association of Toy and Leisure Libraries

natural language /ˌnætʃ(ə)rəl 'læŋgwɪdʒ/ *noun* a language that is used and understood by humans

natural language processing /ˌnætʃ(ə)rəl 'læŋgwɪdʒ ˌprəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* the branch of computational linguistics concerned with the use of artificial intelligence to process natural languages, as in machine translation. Abbr **NLP**

navigable /'nævɪgəb(ə)l/ *adjective* relating to a website that is designed to enable the user to move between or through sections by clicking on usually highlighted computer links

navigate /'nævɪgeɪt/ *verb* to move between the different areas of a website by using the links provided in it

NBA *abbreviation* Net Book Agreement

nc *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for New Caledonia

NC *noun* a UK qualification in a vocational subject that is roughly equivalent to a GCSE. Full form **National Certificate**

ND *noun* 1. used in publishers' reports to indicate that it is not known when a book will be in stock. Full form **no date**

2. a UK vocational qualification that is roughly equivalent to two A levels. Full form **National Diploma**

n.d. *abbreviation* an abbreviation used to indicate that the date of publication is not known. Full form **no date**

ne *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Niger

needs /niːdz/ *plural noun* what people require in order to do what they want to do ○ *A library must cater for all its users' needs.*

need to know /ˌniːd tə 'nəʊ/ *phrase* relating to a basic security principle which restricts access to classified materials to essential users

negative /'negətɪv/ *noun* a developed film in which the colour tones are reversed and used to produce a positive print

negative feedback /ˌnegətɪv 'fiːdbæk/ *noun* comments which indicate that what has been proposed, done or made is not liked by the customers

negotiated environment /nɪ ˌɡəʊʃieɪtɪd ɪnˈvaɪənmənt/ *noun* working conditions agreed between employer and employee

negotiation /nɪ.ɡəʊʃi'eɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* discussions between people who have different viewpoints in which they try to reach an agreement

NERIS /'nerɪs/ *abbreviation* National Educational Resources Information Services

net /net/ *adjective* relating to a final amount when everything has been deducted ○ *a net profit*

Net /net/ *noun* • **Internet**

Net Book Agreement /ˌnet 'bʊk ə ˌɡriːmənt/ *noun* formerly, the agreement between publishers and booksellers that books would be sold at an agreed price with no discounting allowed – abandoned in 1995/6. Abbr **NBA**

netlag /'netlæɡ/ *noun* a temporary loss of contact between an Internet user and a server, usually caused by network delays

netsearch /'netsɜːtʃ/ *noun* a program that allows the user to search for information on the Internet

net weight /ˌnet 'weɪt/ *noun* the weight of something after the packaging has been deducted

network /'netwɜːk/ *noun* a large number of people, organisations or machines that work together as a system ■ *verb* to join computers together so that they work as a system

networked system /ˌnetwɜːkt 'sɪstəm/ *noun* a system in which several computers are linked together so that they all draw on the same database

Network Information System /ˌnetwɜːk ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ˌsɪstəm/ *noun* an electronic 'Yellow Pages' on the Internet. Abbr **NIS**

networking /'netwɜːkɪŋ/ *noun* the act of linking computers so that users can exchange information or share access to a central store of information

neurocomputer /'njuərəʊkəm ˌpjuːtə/ *noun* a computer designed to imitate the human brain's ability to

identify patterns, learn by trial and error, and find relationships in information

new acquisitions /,nju: ,ækwɪ 'zɪf(ə)nz/ *plural noun* new books which have been acquired by a library

new book number /,nju: 'bʊk ,nʌmbə/ *noun* a temporary number assigned to a book which is required for borrowing before it is processed fully

new edition /,nju: ɪ'dɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a book that has recently been reprinted with some updating and changes

new media /,nju: 'mi:diə/ *noun* same as **e-media**

New Opportunities Fund /,nju: ,ɒpə'tju:nɪtɪz ,fʌnd/ *noun* a fund of money raised by the National Lottery which is distributed to good causes, such as the training of librarians and information managers and the digitisation of information resources. Abbr **NOF**

news /nju:z/ *noun* information about things that have happened ○ *The business news is in the central pages of the paper.* ○ *Financial markets were shocked by the news of the devaluation.*

newsgroup /'nju:z,gru:p/ *noun* a feature of the Internet that provides free-for-all discussion forums

newsletter /'nju:zletə/ *noun* a brief publication issued by an organisation to its members with internal news and information

newspaper /'nju:zpeɪpə/ *noun* a daily or weekly publication consisting of a number of large sheets of folded cheap paper containing printed news articles and pictures

newspaper cutting /'nju:zpeɪpə ,kʌtɪŋ/ *noun* an article on a specific subject cut out of a newspaper page

newspaper index /'nju:zpeɪpə ,ɪndeks/ *noun* an index to articles in past copies of newspapers, now usually held on a database, which can be accessed by keyword searching

NEWSPLAN /'nju:zplæn/ *noun* a programme by the British Library to preserve British local newspapers in microfilm format

newsprint /'nju:zprɪnt/ *noun* cheap paper on which newspapers and magazines are printed

newsreader /'nju:zri:də/ *noun* a computer program that allows somebody to read and post messages to Internet newsgroups

news-sheet /'nju:z ʃi:t/ *noun* a small newspaper, with only a few pages, giving information and news to a limited number of people

newswire /'nju:zwaɪə/ *noun* an Internet service providing the latest information on current events

newsworthy /'nju:zwɜ:ði/ *adjective* considered to be important enough to be reported as news by the media

new technology /,nju: tek'nɒlədʒi/ *noun* electronic communication machines that have been recently invented

next /nekst/ *adjective* coming immediately after the present one

nf *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Norfolk Island

NFAIS *abbreviation* National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services

NFER *abbreviation* National Foundation for Educational Research

ng *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Nigeria

NHS *abbreviation* National Health Service

ni *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Nicaragua

niche /ni:ʃ/ *noun* an area in business which exactly fits the needs of a specialised group ○ *They found a niche in the market for their product so it sold well.*

nickname /'nikneɪm/ *noun* an alphabetical list of frequently used names on e-mail, giving the corresponding full and official names and easy access to addresses

niger morocco /'naɪdʒə mə,rɒkəʊ/ *noun* good quality African leather, used for bindings

nil response /'nɪl rɪ,spsɒns/ *noun* a reply to a survey question which indicates that there is nothing to record. Compare **non response**

NIS *abbreviation* Network Information System

NISA *abbreviation* National Information Standards Organisation

nl *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Netherlands

NLP *abbreviation* natural language programming

NNS *abbreviation* non-native speaker

no *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Norway

Nobel prize /nəʊ,bel 'praɪz/ *noun* an annual international prize for excellence awarded in various different fields, e.g. literature, science and peace work

node /nəʊd/ *noun* a piece of data in a database which has more than one link from it to other pieces of data

NOF *abbreviation* New Opportunities Fund

noise /nɔɪz/ *noun* **1.** electronic interference in an online search resulting in responses that are not useful **2.** an electronic signal present in addition to the wanted signal, resulting in noisy interference

nom de plume /,nɒm də 'plu:m/ *noun* an assumed name used by a writer for professional purposes

non- /nɒn/ *prefix* not

non-book /'nɒn bʊk/ *adjective* not in the form of a book, or consisting of things other than books, e.g. as video tapes ○ *non-book media*

non-bookshop outlets *plural noun* places which are not bookshops but which sell books, such as supermarkets

non-current record /,nɒn ˌkʌrənt 'rekɔ:d/ *noun* a record which is no longer required for current business and so is assessed for storage or destruction

nondigital /nɒn'dɪdʒɪt(ə)l/ *adjective* not processing, operating on, storing, transmitting, representing, or displaying data in the form of numerical digits, as a digital computer does

non-essential record /,nɒn ɪ ˌsenʃ(ə)l 'rekɔ:d/ *noun* information that is additional to the essential facts

nonfiction /nɒn'fɪkʃ(ə)n/ *noun* writings that convey factual information rather than an imaginary story

non-native speaker /,nɒn ˌneɪtɪv 'spi:kə/ *noun* a person who speaks a language after having learned it as a second or subsequent language later in life. Abbr **NNS**

non-numeric /,nɒn nju:'merɪk/ *adjective* expressed in letters or words

non-paper record /,nɒn 'peɪpə ˌrekɔ:d/ *noun* a record kept in electronic format

'Since the advent of non-paper records, there has been a continuing controversy as to the merits of retaining a paper original after it has been reduced to some non-paper format. Originally, this controversy revolved around the relative merits of paper versus microfilm, but lately, the context has changed to paper versus images.'

[*Records Management Quarterly*]

non-preferred terms /,nɒn prɪ ˌfɜ:d 'tɜ:mz/ *plural noun* an indexing term for sub-headings

nonreader /nɒn'ri:də/ *noun* somebody who does not or cannot read, especially a child who has difficulty in learning to read

non response /'nɒn rɪˌspɒns/ *noun* a reply to a survey question which indicates that the question was not answered. Compare **nil response**

nonspecialist /nɒn'speʃ(ə)lɪst/ *noun* a person who is not qualified or expert in a specific occupation or field of study, though perhaps having a wide range of knowledge

non-verbal communication /,nɒn ˌvɜ:b(ə)l kəˌmju:nɪˌkeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* messages that are given by the use of body language rather than words

norm /nɔ:m/ *noun* an average standard by which other behaviour can be judged

normal distribution /,nɔ:m(ə)l ˌdɪstrɪ'bju:ʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a statistical term indicating that the majority of results will appear towards the centre of a graph with smaller amounts towards the top and bottom

notation /nəʊ'teɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a system of symbols used to express concepts like music or mathematics

note /nəʊt/ *noun* additional information in a catalogue or bibliography

notice /'nəʊtɪs/ *noun* a written announcement displayed so that everyone can read it ■ *verb* to become aware of something

noticeboard /'nəʊtɪsbɔ:d/ *noun* a board fixed to a wall so that information can be displayed for people to read

novel /'nɒv(ə)/ *noun* a long fiction narrative story

novella /nə'velə/, **novelle** /,nɒvə'let/ *noun* a short novel

novice user /,nɒvɪs 'ju:zə/ *noun* a person who has little or no previous experience of using a system

np *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Nepal

n.p. *abbreviation* **1.** new paragraph **2.** no place of publication **3.** no price **4.** no printer's name

nr *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Nauru

NS *abbreviation* native speaker

NTBL *abbreviation* Nuffield Talking Book Library for the Blind

nu *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Niue

Nuffield Talking Book Library for the Blind /,nʌfi:ld ,tɔ:kɪŋ bʊk ,laɪbrəri fə ðə 'blaɪnd/ *noun* the headquarters library of the British Talking Book Service for the Blind, based in Middlesex. Abbr **NTBL**

number /'nʌmbə/ *verb* to place the call number or the charging symbol on or in a book ■ *noun* a symbol representing quantity, e.g. 1, 20, 64, 103 (NOTE: It is also written **no.:** *no.* 15. The plural is **nos.:** *nos.* 2–20.)

numbered edition /'nʌmbəd ɪ ,dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a limited edition where each copy has a number written in it

numeracy /'nju:m(ə)rəsi/ *noun* a competence in the mathematical skills needed to cope with everyday life and an understanding of information presented mathematically, e.g. in graphs or tables

numerate /'nju:m(ə)rət/ *adjective* able to calculate using numbers

'Half of all new recruits come straight from university; 30 per cent from business schools; and 20 per cent from existing jobs, where blue-chip experience is essential. Successful candidates must be numerate, able to tackle problems logically, have great communication skills and possess a spirit of entrepreneurship.' [*The Times*]

numeric /nju:'merɪk/, **numerical** /nju:'merɪk(ə)/ *adjective* using numbers

numeric classification system /nju:,merɪk ,klæsɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a system of organising information for retrieval by using numbers in sequence

numeric data /nju:,merɪk 'deɪtə/ *noun* data in the form of figures

numeric keypad /nju:,merɪk 'ki:pæd/ *noun* part of a computer keyboard which is a programmable set of numbered keys

NVQ *abbreviation* National Vocational Qualification

NYP *abbreviation* a publisher's report to a bookseller who has tried to order a book that has not been published. Full form **not yet published**

nz *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for New Zealand

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OAI *abbreviation* Open Archives Initiative

obelus /'ɒbələs/ *noun* a printed mark (†) used in modern editions of ancient manuscripts to indicate that the passage marked is thought not to be genuine

obiit /'əʊbiɪt/ *verb* from the Latin word meaning 'died'; usually abbreviated to 'ob' ◦ *ob.* 1791

obituary /ə'bi:tʃuəri/ *noun* a piece of writing about the character and achievements of somebody who has just died

objective /əb'dʒektɪv/ *noun* what somebody is trying to achieve by a particular course of action ■ *adjective* not concerned with thoughts or feelings

oblique /ə'bli:k/ *adjective* 1. indirect and difficult to understand 2. sloping at an angle to the right

obscene /əb'si:n/ *adjective* shocking or offensive, usually because of pictures or references to naked people, sexual acts or bodily functions

obscene publication /əb'si:n ,pʌblɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a book, film or any publication which offends against an accepted standard of decency

observation /,ɒbzə'veɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the act of watching somebody or something very carefully, especially for the purpose of research or study

obsolescent /,ɒbsə'les(ə)nt/ *adjective* becoming obsolete

obsolete /'ɒbsəli:t/ *adjective* no longer needed because something newer or more efficient has been invented or designed

obtainable /əb'teɪnəb(ə)l/ *adjective* easily available

obverse /'ɒbvɜ:s/ *noun* the opposite opinion in an argument or situation looked at from the opposite point of view

occasional publication /ə ,keɪʒ(ə)n(ə)l ,pʌblɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a document that does not appear on a regular basis

occasional user /ə'keɪʒ(ə)n(ə)l ,ju:zə/ *noun* a person who does not use a service or system very often

occidental /,ɒksɪ'dent(ə)l/ *adjective* relating to the countries of Europe and America, commonly known as the Western world

occupation /,ɒkjʊ'peɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a job or profession

occupational hazard /,ɒkjʊpeɪʃ(ə)n(ə)l 'hæzəd/ *noun* something unpleasant or even dangerous that somebody may encounter as a result of doing their job

OCLC *abbreviation* Online Computer Library Center

OCR *abbreviation* 1. optical character reader 2. optical character recognition

octavo /ɒk'tɑ:vəʊ/ *noun* a page made when a sheet of paper is folded three times, giving a 16-page section. Also called **eightvo**. Abbr **8vo**

octodecimo /,ɒktəʊ'desɪməʊ/ *noun* a book size of about 10 x 16 cm/4 x 4 ¼ in, or a book of this size. Abbr **18mo**

odd number /,ɒd 'nʌmbə/ *noun* a number which cannot be divided by 2 to give a whole number ◦ 5 and 7 are odd numbers.

OED *abbreviation* Oxford English Dictionary

offcut /'ɒfkʌt/ *noun* scrap paper left over when a sheet is trimmed to size

off-duty /ɒf 'dju:ti/ *adjective* not at work for a period of time. Compare **on-duty**

office automation /ɒfɪs ɔ:tə 'meɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the use of machines and computers to carry out office tasks

officialese /ə,fɪʃ'ə:li:z/ *noun* unclear, pedantic and verbose language considered characteristic of official documents

official name /ə,fɪʃ(ə)l 'neɪm/ *noun* the legal name for something

official publication /ə,fɪʃ(ə)l ɒʌblɪ 'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a document produced and published by official bodies, often kept by libraries as reference material

official title /ə,fɪʃ(ə)l 'taɪt(ə)l/ *noun* a title used by the cataloguer and appearing on the title page

offline /ɒf'laɪn/ *adjective* relating to a processor, printer or terminal that is disconnected from the network or central computer, usually temporarily ○ *Before changing the paper in the printer, switch it offline.*

offline newsreader /ɒf'laɪn 'nju:zri:də/ *noun* a piece of software that allows a user to read newsgroup articles when the computer is not connected to the Internet

offline printing /ɒf'laɪn 'prɪntɪŋ/ *noun* a printout operation that is not supervised by a computer

offline processing /ɒf'laɪn 'prəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* processing by devices not under the control of a central computer (NOTE: The opposite is **on-line processing**.)

offset litho /ɒf'set 'laɪθəʊ/ *noun* a printing process where the ink sticking to the image areas on film is transferred to rubber rollers for printing on to paper

off the record /ɒf ðə 'rekɔ:d/ *phrase* used to indicate that something that is said should not be recorded or made public

OHP *abbreviation* overhead projector

OK /əʊ'keɪ/, **okay** *interjection* an informal word meaning 'correct' or 'yes', sometimes used as a computer prompt to ask if you want to continue

old stock /ɔ:ld 'stɒk/ *noun* books or documents that have been withdrawn from public use and either disposed of or kept in reserve

Olympic Games /ə,ɪlɪpɪk 'geɪmz/ *plural noun* international sports competitions at a very high level held every four years in a different country

om *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Oman

omission factor /əʊ'mɪʃ(ə)n ,fæktə/ *noun* the number of relevant documents missed in a search

omission marks /əʊ'mɪʃ(ə)n mɑ:ks/ *plural noun* three dots (...) used in a quotation to show that something in the original has been left out

omit /əʊ'mɪt/ *verb* **1.** to leave something out or not put something in **2.** to fail to do something ○ *He omitted to transfer the new books to the acquisitions register, so no-one knew they had arrived.*

omnibus /'ɒmnɪbəs/ *noun* a collection of stories or articles by one or more authors bound into one book

omnibus edition /'ɒmnɪbəs ɪ ,dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an edition of a series of books or short stories in one volume

OMR *abbreviation* **1.** optical mark reader **2.** optical mark recognition

on /ɒn/ *preposition* **1.** placed on top of something **2.** done by a machine or instrument ○ *work on a computer* **3.** serving as a member of a council or committee ○ *She was on three committees.* **4.** □ **on approval** relating to goods that are kept for a short time by a customer without payment, so that they can decide to buy or return them □ **on demand** providing something only when it is asked for □ **on disk** held on a computer floppy disk which can be transferred to other machines □ **on hand** readily and immediately available □ **on screen** displayed on a computer screen rather than printed out □ **on site** in the building where the user is working

on-duty /ɒn 'dju:ti/ *adjective* at work, usually for a set period of time. Compare **off-duty**

one-off /ɒn 'ɒf/ *noun* something that happens or is made only once

onerous /'əʊnərəs/ *adjective*
involving difficult or unpleasant work

one to one /ɪ'wʌn tə 'wʌn/ *adverb*
working or talking with one person only

online /'ɒnlaɪn/ *adjective* **1.**
connected to a mainframe computer
often by a remote terminal ○ *The sales
office is online to the warehouse.* ○ *We
get our data online from the stock
control department.* **2.** relating to data
or information that is available when a
terminal is connected to a central
computer via a modem

online catalogue /'ɒnlaɪn
'kætəlɒɡ/ *noun* access to a library's
catalogue online, usually including a
search facility

'Minister for Communications,
Information Technology and the Arts,
Helen Coonan, launched the new
online catalogue Libraries Australia at
Parliament House yesterday, which
allows people to search for
information across national, state and
university libraries as well as most
public, research, government, health
and other specialist libraries.'
[*Canberra Times*]

**Online Computer Library
Center** /ɒnlaɪn kəm'pjʊ:tə 'laɪbrəri
'sentəl/ *noun* a computer library service
which provides its members with
library resources electronically. Abbr
OCLC

online database /'ɒnlaɪn
'deɪtəbeɪs/ *noun* an interactive search,
retrieve and update of database records
using an online terminal

online editing /'ɒnlaɪn 'edɪtɪŋ/
noun text editing by an editor or sub-
editor on a terminal linked directly to
the main computer

online information retrieval
/ɒnlaɪn ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n rɪ'tri:vəl/
noun a system that allows an operator of
an online terminal to access, search and
display data held in a main computer

online processing /'ɒnlaɪn
'prəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* processing by devices
connected to and under the control of
the central computer, in which the user
remains in contact with the central
computer while the processing is being
carried out

**Online Public Access Cata-
logue** /ɒnlaɪn ˌpʌblɪk ˌæksɪs
'kætəlɒɡ/ *noun* an electronic system
for cataloguing library stock which can
be used at a computer terminal to search
for specific items. Abbr **OPAC**

online search /'ɒnlaɪn 'sɜ:tʃ/ *noun*
a search of catalogues and databases for
bibliographic records by direct
computer contact with national, interna-
tional or inter-library databases

online storage /'ɒnlaɪn 'stɔ:ɪrɪdʒ/
noun data stored on a computer

online system /'ɒnlaɪn 'sɪstəm/
noun a computer system that allows
users who are online to transmit and
receive information

online transaction processing
/'ɒnlaɪn træn'zækʃən ˌprəʊsesɪŋ/
noun interactive processing in which a
user enters commands and data on a
terminal that is linked to a central
computer, with results being displayed
on-screen

ONS *abbreviation* Office of National
Statistics

on-screen /ɒn 'skri:n/ *adjective*
with information being displayed on a
screen ○ *The text is edited on-screen.*

on-the-job /ɒn ðə 'dʒɒb/ *adjective*
done while you are working ○ *on-the-
job training*

onus /'əʊnəs/ *noun* a duty or responsi-
bility to do something ○ *The onus was
on me to finish the job.*

op *abbreviation* opus

OP *abbreviation* out of print

OPAC /'əʊpæk/ *abbreviation* Online
Public Access Catalogue

opaque /ə'pæɪk/ *adjective* difficult to
see through or understand

op. cit. /ɒp 'sɪt/ *abbreviation* 'in the
work cited', short for 'opere citato',
used in references after an author's
name to refer to a book by the same
person which has already been cited

open access /ɪ'əʊpən 'æksɪs/ *noun*
a system of organising a collection
where users can find what they want for
themselves ○ *People have open access
to the books in a public library.*

Open Archives Initiative /ɪ'əʊpən
'aɪ:kɑ:ɪvz ɪ,nɪʃətɪv/ *noun* a body that

promotes standards in archiving which allow systems to operate successfully together and exchange information. Abbr **OAI**

open back file /,əʊpən 'bæk ,faɪl/ *noun* a box file in the shape of a book for holding pamphlets and papers, with a back which can be easily opened

open day /'əʊpən deɪ/ *noun* a special day when the public are allowed to visit an institution

open entry /,əʊpən 'entri/ *noun* a catalogue entry which leaves room for additions ○ *The library did not have all the items in the set, so it used an open entry to allow for additions later.*

opening hours /'əʊp(ə)nɪŋ ,aʊəz/ *plural noun* the hours during which a company, organisation or service is open to the public

open question /,əʊpən 'kwɛstʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a question that can be answered by different opinions or views

open-source /,əʊpən 'sɔ:s/ *adjective* relating to software or information that is free to be accessed, distributed, copied and used by any person without licensing or copyright restrictions

Open University /,əʊpən ,ju:nɪ 'vɜ:sɪti/ *noun* an institution of higher education in the UK which does most of its teaching by distance learning materials and the use of the national broadcasting networks. Abbr **OU**

OpenURL /,əʊpən ju: a:r 'el/ *noun* a computer language which identifies the person trying to access a document online and uses metadata to take them to the most appropriate format or version of that document

operate /'ɒpəreɪt/ *verb* to work or make something work

operating instruction /'ɒpəreɪtɪŋ ɪn,stri:kʃən/ *noun* a command which explains how to work a machine

operating system /'ɒpəreɪtɪŋ ,sɪstəm/ *noun* basic software which controls the running of a computer

operating time /'ɒpəreɪtɪŋ taɪm/ *noun* the time required to carry out a task

operational /,ɒpə'reɪʃ(ə)nəl/ *adjective* in working order

operational indicators /,ɒpəreɪʃ(ə)nəl 'ɪndɪkeɪtəz/ *plural noun* statistics which indicate how a system or organisation is functioning

operator /'ɒpəreɪtə/ *noun* a mathematical symbol, term or other entity that performs or describes an operation, e.g. a multiplication or subtraction sign

opinion /ə'pɪnjən/ *noun* a belief, view or judgement

op. no. *abbreviation* opus number

oppose /ə'pəʊz/ *verb* **1.** to express strong disagreement **2.** to contrast one thing to another deliberately in order to emphasise a particular point of view □ **as opposed to** contrasting two things when you want to emphasise the first one

opposite number /,ɒpəzɪt 'nʌmbə/ *noun* a person who does the same job as you in a different department or institution

optical bar reader /,ɒptɪk(ə)l 'bɑ: ,rɪdə/ *noun* an optical device that reads data from a barcode. Also called **optical wand**

optical character reader /,ɒptɪk(ə)l 'kærɪktə ,rɪdə/ *noun* a device that scans printed or written characters, recognises them and converts them into machine-readable codes for processing in a computer. Abbr **OCR**

optical character recognition /,ɒptɪk(ə)l 'kærɪktə ,rekəgnɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a technique for machine reading which uses special forms of type. Abbr **OCR**

optical disk /'ɒptɪk(ə)l dɪsk/ *noun* a rigid computer storage disk with data stored as tiny pits in the plastic coating, readable by laser beam

optical information system /,ɒptɪk(ə)l ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,sɪstəm/ *noun* an encoded format for information storage, e.g. CD-ROM

optical mark reader /,ɒptɪk(ə)l 'mɑ:k ,rɪdə/ *noun* a device that can recognise marks or lines on a special form such as an order form or a ques-

tionnaire, and inputs them into a computer. Abbr **OMR**

optical mark recognition /,ɒptɪk(ə)l mɑ:k ,rɛkəg'nɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a process that allows certain marks or lines on special forms to be recognised by an optical mark reader, and input into a computer. Abbr **OMR**

optical scanner /,ɒptɪk(ə)l 'skænə/ *noun* a piece of equipment that converts an image into electrical signals which can be stored in and displayed on a computer

optical storage /,ɒptɪk(ə)l 'stɔ:riɪdʒ/ *noun* data storage using visual mediums such as microfiche or optical disk

optical wand /'ɒptɪk(ə)l wɒnd/ *noun* same as **optical bar reader**

optimisation /,ɒptɪmaɪ'zeɪʃ(ə)n/, **optimization** *noun* making the best possible use of a situation or asset

optimism /'ɒptɪmɪz(ə)m/ *noun* a feeling or belief that the future will be successful

option /'ɒpʃən/ *noun* **1.** something that can be chosen **2.** freedom to choose something

opus /'əʊpəs/ *noun* a work of music or art, often abbreviated and used with an opus number to indicate the chronology of the work within a composer's total work ◦ *Beethoven Op 23* Abbr **op**

opus number /'əʊpəs ,nʌmbə/ *noun* a number which identifies when a work was written or, sometimes, published. Abbr **op. no.**

ORACLE /'ɒræk(ə)l/ *noun* a teletext system used by the UK Independent Broadcasting Authority

oracy /'ɔ:rəsi/ *noun* the ability both to convey thoughts and ideas orally in a way that others understand and to understand what others say

ORBIT Infoline /'ɔ:brɪt ,ɪnfəʊləɪn/ *noun* a database host specialising in patents, science, engineering, health and safety

order /'ɔ:də/ *verb* **1.** to arrange things according to a system **2.** to ask for something to be brought or sent to you which you will then pay for ◊ **in order** **1.** in sequence **2.** working properly

Ordnance Survey map /,ɔ:dnəns 'sɜ:veɪ ,mæp/ *noun* a detailed map of Britain or Ireland known as the Ordnance Survey, originally used for military purposes. Abbr **O.S.**

org *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the generic top-level domain for noncommercial organisations

organisation /,ɔ:gənaɪ'zeɪʃ(ə)n/, **organization** *noun* **1.** a company or group of people doing things together **2.** the structure of something, especially the way in which different parts are related to each other

organisational culture /,ɔ:gənaɪ ,zeɪʃ(ə)n(ə)l 'kʌltʃəl/ *noun* the expectations and conventions in the management of an organisation

organisational learning /,ɔ:gənaɪ ,zeɪʃ(ə)n(ə)l 'lɜ:nɪŋ/ *noun* learning which is structured so that it is highly efficient

oriental /,ɔ:ri'ent(ə)l/ *adjective* of the East, especially China, Japan and nearby countries

orientation /,ɔ:ri'ɛnt(ə)l/ *noun* **1.** the direction of a page, either landscape (long edge horizontal) or portrait (long edge vertical) **2.** information or training that is necessary in order to understand a new subject, job, activity or situation

oriented /'ɔ:ri'entɪd/ *adjective* relating to the direction of the interests of a person or organisation

origin /'ɒrɪdʒɪn/ *noun* **1.** the place or time of the beginning of something **2.** a country, place or social class of a person's parents or ancestors

original /ə'ɒrɪdʒən(ə)l/ *noun* **1.** the first document from which copies have been made **2.** a piece of writing or music that is genuine and not a copy

orphan /'ɔ:f(ə)n/ *noun* the first line of a paragraph when it is printed by itself at the bottom of a column or page

orthodox /'ɔ:θədɒks/ *adjective* believed or accepted by most people

-ory /əri/ *suffix* forming adjectives with the sense of 'the nature of' ◦ *advisory*

OS *abbreviation* out of stock

O.S. *abbreviation* Ordnance Survey

-ose /əʊz/ *suffix* forming adjectives with the sense of 'characterised by' ◦ *grandiose*

OU *abbreviation* Open University

out- /aʊt/ *prefix* used with verbs to show that you can do the action better than another person ◦ *They were outbid at the auction by someone with more money.*

outcome /'aʊtkaʊm/ *noun* the result of an action or process

outlay /'aʊtleɪ/ *noun* an amount of money spent, especially at the beginning of a project

outlet /'aʊtlət/ *noun* the market for a product, shop or organisation which sells commodities

outline /'aʊtlaɪn/ *noun* **1.** the edge round an image **2.** a rough draft or summary ■ *verb* to describe the main features of something

outnumber /aʊt'nʌmbə/ *verb* to have more people or things than another group

out of date /,aʊt əv 'deɪt/ *adjective, adverb* no longer in general use or past the date for legal use ◦ *Their computer system is years out of date.* ◦ *They are still using out-of-date equipment.*

out of print /,aʊt əv 'prɪnt/ *adjective* relating to a book of which the publisher has no copies left and which is not going to be reprinted. Abbr **OP**

out of stock /,aʊt əv 'stɒk/ *adjective* relating to a publication of which the supplier or retailer has no copies at present. Abbr **OS**

output /'aʊtpʊt/ *noun* the amount that a person, organisation or machine produces ■ *verb* to print work done on a computer

output device /'aʊtpʊt dɪ'vaɪs/ *noun* a device such as a monitor or printer, which allows information in a computer to be displayed to the user. Compare **input device**

outside broadcast /,aʊtsaɪd 'brɔ:dkɑ:st/ *noun* a programme made for radio or television outside the studio

outside supplier /,aʊtsaɪd sə 'plɑɪə/ *noun* a person who provides information from outside a company or organisation

outsource /'aʊtsɔ:s/ *verb* to send work out to be done by freelance workers outside the company or organisation

outstanding /aʊt'stændɪŋ/ *adjective* **1.** excellent **2.** still to be done or completed ◦ *Outstanding invoices must be paid by the end of the year.*

outweigh /aʊt'weɪ/ *verb* to be more important or significant than something else

overall /,əʊvər'ɔ:l/ *adjective* including everything in general but not considering the details ◦ *an overall view*

overcharge /,əʊvə'tʃɑ:dʒ/ *verb* to ask for more money than is reasonable for a product or service

overdue /,əʊvə'dju:/ *adjective* past the due date ◦ *overdue library books*

overdue notice /,əʊvə'dju: nəʊtɪs/ *noun* a written request to a reader to return books or materials that are overdue

overhead projector /,əʊvəhed prə 'dʒektə/ *noun* a machine for displaying an image of transparent artwork on a screen, usually for the purposes of teaching or presentations. Abbr **OHP**

overink /,əʊvər'ɪŋk/ *verb* to cover in too much ink so that the printing image is unclear

overlap /'əʊvələp/ *noun* the point at which things start to be duplicated ◦ *There was an overlap of ten minutes between the two periods of library duty.*

overlapping cover /,əʊvələpɪŋ 'kʌvə/ *noun* a paper cover which is not cut flush, but projects beyond the text pages

overlay /'əʊvəleɪ/ *noun* a transparent sheet used with overhead transparencies to add information at a specific time and place

overleaf /,əʊvə'lɪf/ *adverb* to the other side of the page

overseas /,əʊvə'si:z/ *adjective* used in the UK to describe people from other countries ◦ *They are not called overseas students now but international students.*

oversee /,əʊvə'si:/ *verb* to supervise a person or task

oversight /'əʊvəsait/ *noun* an omission or a careless mistake because of failure to notice something

oversize /,əʊvə'saɪz/ *adjective* books and other printed materials that are larger than the standard book sizes and are often stored in a special area

overstock /,əʊvə'stɒk/ *verb* to keep more books, documents or information than is necessary for the users being served

overtime /'əʊvətʌɪm/ *noun* time that is worked in addition to contracted hours and for which you are usually paid extra

overworked /,əʊvə'wɜ:kɪt/ *adjective* working too hard or for too long

overwrite /,əʊvə'raɪt/ *verb* to replace an electronic file containing data or a computer program in memory or on a disk with a new file of the same name

own brand /,əʊn 'brænd/ *adjective* relating to goods packaged and marketed under a name belonging to the company selling them

ownership /'əʊnəʃɪp/ *noun* the position of owning something ◦ *The ownership of information is a difficult matter to determine.*

Oxford English Dictionary /,ɒksfəd ,ɪŋɡlɪʃ 'dɪkʃ(ə)nəri/ *noun* a complete collection of words and definitions for the English language, also available on CD-ROM. Abbr **OED**

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p *abbreviation* page ○ *Table 6 is on p23 and tables 7–9 are on pp24 & 25.* (NOTE: The plural is **pp**.)

pa *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Panama

pack /pæk/ *noun* a packet of information containing items such as leaflets or maps relevant to a particular topic ■ *verb* to put things into containers or parcels so that they can be sent to another address

packet /'pækɪt/ *noun* a small parcel

packet switched data service /'pækɪt swɪtʃɪd 'deɪtə/, **packet switched network** /,pækɪt ,swɪtʃɪd 'netwɜ:k/ *noun* a service which transmits data in packets of set length. Abbr **PSN**

packet switching /'pækɪt ,swɪtʃɪŋ/ *noun* a method of dividing data into small packets for transmission between terminals and networks

packing list /'pækɪŋ lɪst/, **packing slip** /'pækɪŋ slɪp/ *noun* a note sent with goods to say that the goods have been checked against the order

pad /pæd/ *noun* several pieces of paper joined together at one edge so that each piece can be torn off after use

PAD /pæd/ *noun* a device for making up the packets in a packet switching system. Full form **Packet Assembler/Disassembler**

padded envelope /,pædɪd 'envələʊp/ *noun* an envelope that has a soft lining to protect goods sent through the post

padding /'pædɪŋ/ *noun* unnecessary information put into a speech or written document to increase the length

page /peɪdʒ/ *noun* **1.** one side of a sheet of paper in a book, newspaper or magazine **2.** a computer text which will fill one sheet of paper when printed out **3.** a document or item of information on the Internet available through the World Wide Web ■ *verb* to call for somebody over the public address system in a large building such as a hotel or airport

page break /'peɪdʒ breɪk/ *noun* a line on a screen of word-processed text which shows where the end of the printed page will occur

page layout /'peɪdʒ ,leɪaʊt/ *noun* a word-processing facility which allows the text to be formatted in different ways

page preview /'peɪdʒ ,pri:vju:/ *noun* a word-processing facility which allows the shape of the text to be seen before printing

pager /'peɪdʒə/ *noun* a small device carried in the pocket which allows someone to be called from a telephone in a central office by using a radio signal

paginal /'pædʒɪn(ə)l/ *adjective* exactly duplicating a previous edition or version, so that the same text appears on the same page in both

paginate /'pædʒɪneɪt/ *verb* to number the pages of a book or document

pagination /,pædʒɪ'neɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a system of numbering the pages in a document

COMMENT: Page numbers usually start with a series of roman numerals (i, ii, iii, etc.) for the prelims, and then change to Arabic numerals for the main text pages. The main text is paginated from page 1 again, with the result that the last folio in

a book is rarely the same number as the actual extent.

paleography /ˌpæli'ɒgrəfi/ *noun* the study of ancient writing and documents

palimpsest /'pælmsest/ *noun* a manuscript in which the first text has been partly erased and replaced by the second text

pamphlet /'pæmflet/ *noun* a small thin book, with at least 6 but not more than 48 pages and a paper cover, used to convey information

pamphlet box /'pæmflet bɒks/ *noun* a box specially designed to hold pamphlets within a storage system

p&p *abbreviation* postage and packing

panel /'pæn(ə)/ *noun* **1.** a rectangular piece of paper on the spine of a book, giving the title and author **2.** a list of works by the same author printed on the page facing the title page

panellist /'pænəlɪst/ *noun* a person who sits with a group of other people to perform a group task ○ *The librarian was one of the interview panellists.*

paper /'peɪpə/ *noun* **1.** a material made of cellulose fibres derived mainly from wood pulp, which is processed into thin sheets and used for writing, printing and drawing **2.** same as **news-paper** **3.** part of a written examination **4.** a long essay on an academic subject

COMMENT: The first paper was made from old cloth, torn up, and mixed with water. Good quality paper is still made in this way, though most papers are now made from wood. The base material is wood which has been debarked, then shredded. If it is ground fine to make pulp it is called mechanical pulp; if it is mixed with various chemical substances to remove impurities and soften the tissues to form pulp, it is called chemical pulp. The pulp is laid on a wire mesh which retains the solid fibres and lets the water drain away. After most of the water has been removed, the paper is put through rollers which dry and calender it. Paper is made in many different qualities, each of which is suitable for a certain printing process, or for writing and drawing. Note that the paper usually constitutes the highest cost in book manufacture, especially where long printruns are concerned.

paperback /'peɪpəbæk/ *noun* a book with a paper or light card cover ■ *adjective*

with a thin flexible cover, instead of a hard cover

paperback original /ˌpeɪpəbæk ə'ɪdʒɪn(ə)/ *noun* a book which is published first as a paperback and which later may be issued in a hard-cover edition

paperbased record /ˌpeɪpəbeɪst'rekɔ:d/ *noun* a record kept on paper or card rather than on a computer

paper-bound /'peɪpə baʊnd/, **paper-covered** /'peɪpə,kʌvəd/ *adjective* denoting a book bound with a paper cover

paper deterioration /'peɪpə dɪˌtɪəriəreɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the effect of age or damage on paper which causes it to discolour, tear or become brittle

paperless office /ˌpeɪpələs 'ɒfɪs/ *noun* an office that uses only electronic means of working, without any hard copy of materials

'The number of digital documents printed is increasing despite predictions of the paperless office, according to a new survey. Research firm Ovum revealed that 74% of firms said they were required to keep documents in hard copy format.' [Printing World]

papers /'peɪpəz/ *plural noun* official documents, e.g. passport, identity card and visa

paper trail /'peɪpə treɪl/ *noun* a sequence of documents that can be used by an investigator as a record of somebody's actions or decisions

paperweight /'peɪpəweɪt/ *noun* **1.** a small heavy object, often decoratively designed, which can be placed on piles of paper to stop them blowing away **2.** the weight of a quantity of paper, used to describe its quality

COMMENT: In Britain, the weight of paper is calculated in grams per square metre (gsm). In the USA, it is expressed as the weight of 500 sheets of paper (i.e. a ream) of a standard 25 x 38 inch size, measured in pounds.

paperwork /'peɪpəwɜ:k/ *noun* the routine part of a job which involves tasks such as dealing with letters and writing reports

paradigm /'pærədəɪm/ *noun* a model or typical example of something

paragraph /'pærəgrɑ:f/ *noun* a section of writing which contains one main idea, always starts on a new line, and is often indented

parallel edition /,pærəleɪl rɪ'dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a publication in which different editions of the same work are published side by side, especially the same text in different languages

parallel processing /,pærəleɪl 'prəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* computer operations that occur simultaneously

parallel publishing /'pærəleɪl ,pʌblɪʃɪŋ/ *noun* the simultaneous production of a text in printed and electronic format

parameter /pə'ræmɪtə/ *noun* a limit which affects how something is done or made

paraphrase /'pærəfreɪz/ *verb* to summarise a person's ideas in one's own words

parchment /'pɑ:tʃmənt/ *noun* writing material made from the thinly stretched skin of sheep or goats

parentheses /pə'renθəsi:z/ *plural noun* punctuation signs () used to show that part of the text is an incidental comment or providing an explanation (often incorrectly called 'brackets')

parents' association /'peərənts ə ,səʊsɪeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a group of parents who meet to discuss issues of importance to their children's schools

parliament /'pɑ:ləmənt/ *noun* a group of people who are elected to represent the citizens, and can make or change the laws of a country

parliamentary directory /,pɑ:ləmənt(ə)rɪ daɪ'rekt(ə)rɪ/ *noun* a list of the members of parliament with details about their careers

parliamentary paper /,pɑ:ləmənt(ə)rɪ 'peɪpə/ *noun* a policy statement issued by parliament either as a proposal for law or for consultation

parliamentary publication /,pɑ:ləmənt(ə)rɪ ,pʌblɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* information or a report published by the government, e.g. by HMSO in the UK

parliamentary record /,pɑ:ləmənt(ə)rɪ 'rekɔ:d/ *noun* a record of what is said in the debates in parliament, published in the UK as Hansard

participant /pɑ:'tɪsɪpənt/ *noun* somebody who takes part in an activity or event

participate /pɑ:'tɪsɪpeɪt/ *verb* to take part or become involved in something

partition /pɑ:'tɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a screen or temporary wall used to separate one part of a room from another

partnership /'pɑ:tənʃɪp/ *noun* a relationship in which people or organisations work together with equal status

'The Vital Link is run by The Reading Agency and have been working in partnership with the National Literacy Trust and the National Reading Campaign to produce and disseminate teaching and learning resources based on the Quick Reads books for World Book Day.' [Government Contracting Opportunities]

part order /,pɑ:t 'ɔ:də/ *noun* one or some of the items in a group of things ordered together

part-time /,pɑ:t 'taɪm/ *adjective* working for only a part of full working hours

partwork /'pɑ:twɜ:k/ *noun* a long work published in smaller parts at regular intervals

party line /,pɑ:ti 'laɪn/ *noun* 1. a telephone line shared with other subscribers
2. a policy followed by political parties

pass /pɑ:s/ *noun* a complete run of a computer, printing machine or typesetting machine ○ *The first pass from the computer will not include the typesetting codes.*

password /'pɑ:swɜ:d/ *noun* a secret word or phrase that allows somebody to use a computer system or get into a building

paste /peɪst/ *verb* to place text, data or an image into a document electronically

patch /pætʃ/ *noun* the process of making small additions to a PostScript file without altering the original code underneath

patent /'pætənt/ *noun* an official right given to the inventor or originator of a product to control its manufacture and sale for a period of time ■ *verb* to register an invention with the patent office

patentee /,pætən'ti:/ *noun* the person in whose name a patent is registered

patent file /'pæt(ə)nt faɪl/ *noun* patent specifications and drawings indexed by subject, country and number or name of patentee

patent office /'pætənt ,ɒfɪs/ *noun* a government office in the UK which controls the issuing of patents

Patents Information Network Bulletin /,pæt(ə)nts ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,netwɜ:k ,bʊlətɪn/ *noun* the electronic information service of the Science Reference and Information Service of the British Library. Abbr **PIN Bulletin**

path /pɑ:θ/ *noun* a particular course of action ○ *Here are many paths to success.*

patron /'peɪtrən/ *noun* a person or group that encourages and supports an activity, sometimes with money

pattern /'pæt(ə)n/ *noun* a particular way something is done or organised ○ *The work patterns need to be changed.*

pay /peɪ/ *noun* money received in return for work ■ *verb* **1.** to give somebody money in exchange for goods or services **2.** to be profitable ○ *These days there is a move towards making some library services pay.*

pay factor /'peɪ ,fæktə/ *noun* the effect of wages on the demand for work

payment /'peɪmənt/ *noun* a sum of money given to somebody in return for goods or services

payment date /'peɪmənt deɪt/ *noun* the date by which a bill must be paid

payphone /'peɪfəʊn/ *noun* a public telephone in which the user can pay for calls by coins or cards

payroll /'peɪrəʊl/ *noun* a list of employees who are paid wages or salaries by a company

PC *abbreviation* **1.** personal computer **2.** politically correct

PDA *abbreviation* personal digital assistant

PDF /,pi: di: 'ef/ *noun* a data file generated from PostScript that is platform independent, application independent and font independent ○ *Acrobat is Adobe's suite of software used to generate, edit and view PDF files.* Full form **Portable Document Format**

pe *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Peru

peak /pi:k/ *adjective* relating to the highest point or maximum value of a variable

peak demand /,pi:k dɪ'mɑ:nd/ *noun* the highest level of demand from users for services

peak time /'pi:k taɪm/, **peak period** /'pi:k ,piəriəd/ *noun* the time of day when most people do something

pedagogy /'pedəgədʒi/ *noun* the science or profession of teaching

peer /piə/ *noun* a person of the same age or social status

peerage /'piəri:dʒ/ *noun* a book listing the members of the nobility and giving information about their families

peg /peg/ *verb* to fix the value or level of something and prevent it from changing

pending /'pendɪŋ/ *adjective* awaiting attention, about to be dealt with soon

'We believe that with the continued importance of controlling and managing global content in a multinational business, our GIM solution is instrumental... SDL PhraseFinder 2005 leverages patent-pending technology to quickly and effectively identify terminology being used by an organisation.' [*Company News Feed*]

pending file /'pendɪŋ faɪl/ *noun* a file for keeping papers about matters which cannot be dealt with immediately

PEN International /,pen ,ɪntə 'næʃ(ə)nəl/ *noun* an international fellowship of writers in any genre which aims to promote freedom of expression and international cultural understanding

pen name /'pen neɪm/ *noun* a name taken by an author which is not his or her real name

People's Network /'pi:p(ə)lz ,netwɜ:k/ *noun* an online public library service managed by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council

per /pɜ:, pə/ *preposition* used to express ratio ○ *The rent was £250 per month.* ○ *The speed limit is 50 km per hour.* □ **per annum** each year ○ *She earns £25,000 per annum.* □ **per capita, per head** for each person ○ *What is the average per capita income?* □ **per cent** relating to a number which represents a part of a hundred ○ *10 per cent (10%) means 10 in every 100.*

percentage point /pə'sentɪdʒ pɔɪnt/ *noun* 1 per cent

perception /pə'sepʃən/ *noun* 1. ability to notice things that are not obvious 2. an opinion about somebody or something

perfect /pə'fekt/ *verb* to improve something until it is completely correct ■ *adjective* without any mistakes

perfect binding /,pɜ:fɪkt 'baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* same as **adhesive binding**

perfecter /pə'fektə/, **perfecting press** *noun* a printing machine which prints on both sides of a sheet of paper

perforate /'pɜ:fəreɪt/ *verb* to make holes in something so that it can be torn easily ○ *Sheets of stamps are perforated.*

perforated edge /,pɜ:fəreɪtɪd 'edʒ/ *noun* an irregular edge left after tearing perforated paper

perforating stamp /'pɜ:fəreɪtɪŋ stæmp/ *noun* a device that punches a mark by making a pattern of holes through the pages of a book

perforations /,pɜ:fə'reɪʃ(ə)nz/ *plural noun* a series of very small holes made in paper to help to tear it in a straight line

perform /pə'fɔ:m/ *verb* to do a task or action

performance indicator /pə 'fɔ:məns ,ɪndɪkətə/ *noun* a record that shows how well or badly an organisation is functioning

performance measurement /pə 'fɔ:məns ,meʒəmənt/ *noun* the idea that skills and knowledge can be measured in terms of the value that they represent to a company

period /'pɪəriəd/ *noun* 1. a particular length of time 2. *US* a full stop ■ *interjection* used to emphasise that there is no more to be said about a subject

periodic /,pɪəri'ɒdɪk/ *adjective* happening occasionally but fairly regularly. Also called **periodical**

periodical /,pɪəri'ɒdɪk(ə)l/ *noun* a magazine or journal, especially a serious academic one ■ *adjective* same as **periodic**

periodical control /,pɪəri'ɒdɪk(ə)l kən,trəʊl/ *noun* a system for organising journals in a library

periodical index /,pɪəri'ɒdɪk(ə)l ,ɪndeks/ *noun* 1. an index to one or more volumes of a periodical 2. a cumulative subject index issued at stated intervals

periodic transfer /,pɪəri'ɒdɪk 'trænsfɜ:/ *noun* the regular movement of records or data at specific time intervals ○ *Periodic transfer of records was done monthly.*

period of notice /,pɪəriəd əv 'nəʊtɪs/ *noun* time which must be worked after giving notice of leaving a job

peripheral /pə'rɪf(ə)rəl/ *adjective* not essential, attached to the edge of something else

peripherals /pə'rɪf(ə)rəlz/ *plural noun* items of hardware such as terminals, printers, monitors, etc. which are attached to a main computer system

perk /pɜ:k/ *noun* a privilege or advantage additional to what is usual or expected ○ *A perk of writing book reviews is that you can keep the review copy.* (NOTE: **Perk** is short for 'perquisite'.)

permanence /'pɜ:mənəns/ *noun* the ability of paper not to yellow or become brittle with age

permanent /'pɜ:mənənt/ *adjective* expected to last for ever or for a very long time

permanent paper /,pɜ:mənənt 'peɪpəl/ *noun* acid-free paper

permeate /'pɜ:miət/ *verb* to spread through and affect every part

permit *noun* /'pɜ:mɪt/ an official document allowing somebody to do a

particular thing ○ *You have to have a permit to study in this library.* ■ *verb* /pə'mɪt/ to allow something to be done

permitted term /pə,mɪtɪd 'tɜ:m/ *noun* a term that is used according to indexing conventions and must follow specific order rules

permutation /,pɜ:mjʊ'teɪf(ə)n/ *noun* one of a set of ways in which things can be arranged ○ *There were so many permutations to the combination for the lock that it was very secure.*

persist /pə'sɪst/ *verb* to continue doing something even though it is very difficult or time-consuming

persistent /pə'sɪstənt/ *adjective* continuing to exist for a very long time

persistent identifier /pə,sɪst(ə)nt aɪ'dentɪfəɪə/ *noun* an Internet link to a resource which will work even if the resource is moved to a different location

personal /'pɜ:s(ə)n(ə)l/ *adjective* belonging to you

personal attention /,pɜ:s(ə)nəl ə'tenʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the action of dealing with a matter by oneself

personal computer /,pɜ:s(ə)n(ə)l kəm'pjʊ:tə/ *noun* a small computer designed mainly for home or light business use. Abbr **PC**

personal development /,pɜ:s(ə)n(ə)l dɪ'veləpmənt/ *noun* the process of gaining additional knowledge, skills and experience in order to develop your own talents and fulfil your own potential

personal digital assistant /,pɜ:s(ə)n(ə)l ,dɪdʒɪt(ə)l ə'sɪstənt/ *noun* a small hand-held computer with facilities for taking notes, storing information such as addresses, and keeping a diary, usually operated using a stylus rather than a keyboard. Abbr **PDA**

personal environment /,pɜ:s(ə)nəl en'veaɪrənmənt/ *noun* everything around you that affects your daily life

Personal Identification Number /,pɜ:s(ə)n(ə)l aɪ'dentɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n ,nʌmbə/ *noun* a short code given to people for use with credit and debit cards. Abbr **PIN**

personalised /'pɜ:s(ə)nəlaɪzɪd/, **personalized** *adjective* printed with a person's name and/or address

personalised stationery /,pɜ:s(ə)nəlaɪzɪd 'steɪʃ(ə)nəri/ *noun* letters, paper or cards printed with your address and sometimes your name

personal knowledge management /,pɜ:s(ə)nəl 'nɒlɪdʒ ,mænɪdʒmənt/ *noun* a conceptual framework to organise personal knowledge so that it can be systematically applied and built upon. Abbr **PKM**

personnel /,pɜ:sə'nel/ *plural noun* the people who work for an organisation

pf *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for French Polynesia

pg *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Papua New Guinea

ph *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Philippines

phase /feɪz/ *noun* a particular stage in the development of something ■ *verb* to do something in stages

phased changeover /,feɪzɪd 'tʃeɪndʒ,əʊvə/ *noun* a change which takes place in stages over a period of time

phase in /,feɪz 'ɪn/ *verb* to introduce something gradually

phase out /,feɪz 'aʊt/ *verb* to stop using something gradually

PhD *abbreviation* Doctor of Philosophy

phone /fəʊn/ *noun* an electronic device which enables two people who each have one to talk to each other over a distance ■ *verb* to use a phone to contact another person

phone back /,fəʊn 'bæk/ *verb* to make a telephone call to somebody who has just called you

phone book /'fəʊn bʊk/ *noun* a book which lists names of people or companies with their addresses and telephone numbers

phone card /'fəʊn kɑ:d/ *noun* an electronically coded card which enables the user to pay for calls on a public phone without using coins

phone number /'fəʊn ˌnʌmbə/ *noun* a set of figures which identifies the phone line that is being used

phonetics /fə'netɪks/ *noun* the study of speech sounds

phonetic script /fə'netɪk 'skɪpt/ *noun* a system of writing the sounds of language by using one symbol for each sound

photocopier /'fəʊtəʊkəpiə/ *noun* a machine that copies documents by photographing them very quickly

photocopy /'fəʊtəʊkəpi/ *noun* an exact copy of a document produced by a photocopier, in black and white or colour ■ *verb* to make a copy of a document by using a photocopier

photograph /'fəʊtəgrɑ:f/ *noun* a picture formed by exposing light-sensitive paper to light using a camera

photograph directory /'fəʊtəgrɑ:f daɪ'rekt(ə)ri/ *noun* a list of photographs held by a special photo library, often catalogued by subject

photographic /,fəʊtə'græfɪk/ *adjective* used to describe anything to do with photography or photographs

photography /fə'tɒgrəfi/ *noun* the art or skill of producing photographs including use of a camera and the processing of the films

photogravure /,fəʊtəʊgrə'vjuə/ *noun* a printing method in which the paper is pressed directly on to the printing plate

photoprint /'fəʊtəʊprɪnt/ *noun* the final proof of a typeset copy

photostat /'fəʊtəʊstæt/ *noun* same as **photocopy**

phototext /'fəʊtəʊtekst/ *noun* characters and text produced by a phototypesetter

phototypesetter /,fəʊtəʊ'taɪpsətə/ *noun* a person who works with a computer and light-sensitive film to produce text ready for printing

COMMENT: The phototypesetter, rather like a large laser printer, normally uses the PostScript page description language and can generate type at 2,540 dpi; if the device is capable of outputting text and half-tone images, it is normally called an image setter.

PHP *noun* a programming language used for creating websites

physical /'fɪzɪk(ə)l/ *adjective* something that can be seen or touched, as opposed to a theoretical idea

physical record /,fɪzɪk(ə)l 'rekɔ:d/ *noun* a manual form of a record rather than electronic

pica /'paɪkə/ *noun* a measurement of typeface equal to 12 point

pick up /,pɪk 'ʌp/ *verb* **1.** to learn a skill or an idea easily **2.** to improve ○ *The working conditions for the library staff picked up last month.*

PICS /pɪks/ *noun* a file format used to import a sequence of PICT files on an Apple Macintosh

PICT /pɪkt/ *noun* on an Apple Macintosh, a graphics file format that stores images in the QuickDraw vector format. Full form **picture**

picture /'pɪktʃə/ *noun* a drawing, painting or photograph

picture file /'pɪktʃə faɪl/ *noun* a collection of small pictures and cuttings, usually arranged by subject

picture library /'pɪktʃə ,laɪbrəri/ *noun* a storage system for pictures, which can be borrowed

'The Google deal allows customers to buy and rent selected video clips from ITN Archive, which contains 680,000 hours of news footage. ITN wants to develop its archive business. The model would be picture libraries such as US group Getty Images, whose annual turnover is £415 million.' [The Mail on Sunday]

picture processing /,pɪktʃə ,prəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* analysis of the information contained in an image, usually by computer, providing recognition of objects in the image

picture researcher /'pɪktʃə rɪ ,sɜ:tʃə/ *noun* somebody who looks for pictures relevant to a particular topic, so that they can be used as illustrations in a book, newspaper or TV programme

pie chart /'paɪ tʃɑ:t/ *noun* a statistical diagram where the ratios are shown as sections of a circle

pigeonhole /'pɪdʒənhəʊl/ *noun* a small open section in a wall-mounted

rack used as a temporary storage space or for delivery of personal mail

pilot /'paɪlət/ *verb* to use a small-scale test to investigate whether a larger-scale operation will work ■ *adjective* done as a small test of a potential larger project
○ *A pilot scheme in a temporary building was used to see if a library was needed in the area.*

pin /pɪn/ *noun* a sharp piece of metal used for holding material or paper together

PIN /pɪn/, **PIN number** *abbreviation* Personal Identification Number

PIN Bulletin /'pɪn ˌbʊlətɪn/ *abbreviation* Patents Information Network Bulletin

ping /pɪŋ/ *noun* the length of time, in milliseconds, that it takes to send a message to an intranet, Internet or web address and receive a reply ■ *verb* to send a packet of data to an intranet, Internet or web address to check whether it is accessible or is responding

pipeline /'paɪplaɪn/ *noun* a system for the spreading of information □ **in the pipeline** something which has already been started but has not yet produced an answer or result

piracy /'paɪrəsi/ *noun* the act of illegally copying a piece of work under copyright

pirate /'paɪrət/ *verb* to copy a patented or copyright work and sell it

COMMENT: The items most frequently pirated are books which can easily be printed from photocopied originals, music from CDs, or computer programs on magnetic disks which are relatively simple to copy.

pirate copy /,paɪrət 'kɒpi/ *noun* an illegal copy of a patented or copyright work

pixel /'pɪksəl/ *noun* the smallest unit of display on a computer screen whose colour or brightness can be controlled
○ *The picture was made up of several hundred pixels of different colours.* Full form **picture element**

COMMENT: In high resolution display systems the colour or brightness of a single pixel can be controlled; in low resolution systems a group of pixels are controlled at the same time.

pk *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Pakistan

PKM *abbreviation* personal knowledge management

pl *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Poland

place name /'pleɪs 'neɪm/ *noun* the name by which a location is identified □ **dictionary of place names** an alphabetical list of places often with historical notes about their names

plagiarise /'pleɪdʒəraɪz/, **plagiarize** *verb* to copy somebody else's work and publish it as one's own

plagiarism /'pleɪdʒərɪz(ə)m/ *noun* the practice of copying and publishing somebody else's work as one's own

plagiarist /'pleɪdʒərɪst/ *noun* a person who copies other people's work without admitting what they have done

plaintext /,pleɪn'tekst/ *noun* a term used in word processing to mean text that is in the standard font for that document without different types such bold-face and italics

plan /plæn/ *noun* **1.** a carefully worked out method of achieving objectives **2.** a map ■ *verb* □ **to plan for** to make plans for a future event

planning /'plænɪŋ/ *noun* the process of working out in detail how to do something before starting to do it

planning department /'plænɪŋ dɪ ˌpɑːtmənt/ *noun* a local government department which decides how land in a given area will be used and what buildings may be put on it

plasticise /'plæstɪsaɪzd/, **plasticize** *verb* to put a plastic cover over a book jacket for protection

plate /pleɪt/ *noun* an illustration in a book often on better quality paper than the text

plate camera /'pleɪt ˌkæm(ə)rə/ *noun* a camera that uses glass plates instead of film

platen /'pleɪt(ə)n/ *noun* a roller which supports the paper in a printer

playback /'pleɪbæk/ *noun* the operation of a machine to reproduce sound or video pictures previously recorded

Play Matters /ˌpleɪ 'mæɪtəz/ *noun* the working title of the UK National Association of Toy and Leisure Libraries

plenary /'pli:nəri/ *adjective* attended by everyone who should be there ○ *The conference ended with a plenary session for all the participants.*

plot /plɒt/ *noun* a secret plan ■ *verb* to mark co-ordinates and draw a graph using them

plotter /'plɒtə/ *noun* a computer device that draws straight lines between two co-ordinates

COMMENT: Plotters are used for graph and diagram plotting and can plot curved lines as a number of short straight lines.

PLR *abbreviation* LIBRARIES Public Lending Right

plug /plʌg/ *noun* a device with metal pins which can be inserted into an electrical socket to provide power for a machine ■ *verb* to publicise a product or event in order to encourage people to buy or watch it

plug board /'plʌg bɔ:d/ *noun* a board with several electrical sockets so that they are all connected to the same power supply

plug compatible /ˌplʌg kəm'pætɪb(ə)l/ *adjective* computer or peripheral which can be used with another system simply by plugging it in with a special plug

plural /'pluərəl/ *adjective* a grammatical term to describe words which refer to two or more things

pm *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for St-Pierre and Miquelon

p-mail /'pi: ,meɪl/ *noun* same as **snail mail**

pn *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Pitcairn Island

pocket edition /'pɒkɪt ɪ,dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a book small enough to be carried in a pocket

podcast /'pɒdkɑ:st/ *noun* a service that allows subscribers to download a feed such as a radio show from the Internet on to their personal handset, e.g. an iPod

poem /'pəʊɪm/ *noun* a piece of imaginative writing which is arranged in a particular pattern of lines and sounds

poet /'pəʊɪt/ *noun* a person who writes poems

Poet Laureate /,pəʊɪt 'lɔ:riət/ *noun* a poet appointed by the British Queen to write poems for official occasions

point /pɔɪnt/ *noun **1.** a place or position in time ○ *starting point* □ **to be on the point of** to be just about to start doing something □ **up to a point** partly but not completely ○ *It is true up to a point.* **2.** an idea or opinion ○ *He made a good point in the discussion.* ■ *verb* □ **to point out, to point to** to use a finger or stick to draw attention to something*

pointer /'pɔɪntə/ *noun* a stick used to indicate something

point of presence /ˌpɔɪnt əv 'prezəns/ *noun* a location where a user can connect to a network, e.g. a place where subscribers can dial in to an Internet service provider

point of sale /ˌpɔɪnt əv 'seɪl/ *noun* the place where things sold in a shop are paid for. Abbr **POS, p.o.s.**

point size /'pɔɪnt saɪz/ *noun* the size of printed letters

COMMENT: In the UK and the USA, point sizes are based on the pica system; one point equals 0.3515mm (or 0.01384 inch); 12 points being one sixth of an inch, or 4.21mm or one pica em. In Europe, point size is based on the Didot point: one point equals 0.3759mm (or 0.0148 inch), and 12 points are one cicero.

policy /'pɒlɪsi/ *noun* a set of plans used as a basis for decisions

political /pə'litɪk(ə)l/ *adjective* concerned with the government or state

political correctness /pə'litɪk(ə)l kə'rektnəs/ *noun* the use of language and behaviour that is not offensive or demeaning to any person or group of people

politically correct /pə'litɪkli kə'rekt/ *adjective* designed not to offend any category of person. Abbr **PC**

politics /'pɒlɪtɪks/ *noun* the art or science of government

poll /pəʊl/ *noun* **1.** a survey in which a selected sample of people are asked

their opinions about something **2.** the voting at a political election

polling station /'pəʊlɪŋ ,steɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a place where people go to vote at an election

polysemy /pə'lisəmi/ *noun* the quality of words having two or more overlapping meanings

polyurethane binding /,pɒlijʊəriθeɪn 'baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* a strong adhesive binding used for heavy reference books offering good open-flat qualities. Abbr **PUR**

popular edition /,pɒpjʊləɪ 'dɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a book with poorer paper and a lighter cover than the norm, sold at a cheaper price

population coverage /,pɒpjʊ 'leɪf(ə)n ,kʌvərɪdʒ/ *noun* a selection of a survey population which considers all the different aspects to be covered

pop-up /'pɒp ʌp/ *adjective* containing cut-out figures that rise up as a page is opened ■ *noun* a book or card that contains pop-up figures

pop-up book /'pɒp ʌp ,bʊk/ *noun* a book, usually for children, in which the pictures are cut out from the page so that they stand up when the book is opened

COMMENT: Used mainly for children's books, but also for some adult or more serious educational material.

pornography /pɔ:'nɒgrəfi/ *noun* publications of an obscene nature, usually in a sexual sense

port /pɔ:t/ *noun* a socket or other physical connection allowing data transfer between a computer's internal communications channel and another external device

portable /'pɔ:təb(ə)l/ *adjective* easily carried ■ *noun* an easily carried machine such as a small computer or television

portal /'pɔ:t(ə)l/ *noun* a website that provides links to information and other websites

portfolio /pɔ:t'fəʊliəʊ/ *noun* **1.** a collection of original works **2.** an area of responsibility held by a government minister **3.** a thin, flat case for carrying drawings and papers

portrait /'pɔ:trɪt/ *noun* a painting, drawing or photograph of a person

POS, p.o.s. *abbreviation* point of sale

position /pə'zɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a person's job or status within a company

positive discrimination /,pɒzɪtɪv dɪs,krɪmɪ'neɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a policy which deliberately treats one group of people better than others because they have previously been unfairly treated

positive feedback /,pɒzɪtɪv 'fi:dbæk/ *noun* comments which indicate that what has been proposed, done or made is liked by the customers

'The new system allows users to search the site for their own purposes, rather than browse through all the collections – we have already had positive feedback from users and are looking forward both to having the full range of items available online, and to further developments that the system will enable us to achieve.'
[M2 Presswire]

post /pəʊst/ *verb* **1.** to send letters and parcels through the mailing system **2.** to add the accession number to an index entry

post- /pəʊst/ *prefix* combining with nouns, adjectives and dates to indicate that something has happened after the stated time ○ *post-war* ○ *post-audit*

postage and packing /,pəʊstɪdʒ ən 'pækɪŋ/ *noun* the cost of wrapping goods and paying for them to be delivered. Abbr **p&p**

postage stamp /'pəʊstɪdʒ stæmp/ *noun* a small official piece of paper which is stuck on to a letter or parcel to show that the cost of the postage has been paid

postal survey /'pəʊst(ə)l ,sɜ:veɪ/ *noun* a survey that is conducted by sending questionnaires through the post

postcard /'pəʊstkɑ:d/ *noun* a card, often with a picture on one side, which can be written on and sent to somebody without an envelope

postcode /'pəʊstkəʊd/ *noun* a system of letters and numbers used by the post office to identify towns and roads to aid the delivery of letters

post-coordinate indexing system /,pəʊstkəʊdɪnət 'ɪndeksɪŋ ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a system in which information is organised under simple main headings but with devices whereby the user can combine them to produce compound subjects

postdated /pəʊst'deɪtɪd/ *adjective* dated later than the day of issue ○ *The cheque was postdated to the end of the month.*

poster /'pəʊstə/ *noun* a large notice or advertisement stuck to a wall or board

COMMENT: The standard format for a single sheet poster is double crown (30 x 20 inches).

postgraduate /pəʊst'grædʒuət/ *noun* **1.** a student who already has a first degree and is studying or doing research at a higher level **2.** *US* a graduate

posthumous /'pɒstjʊməs/ *adjective* published or printed after the author's death

posting /'pəʊstɪŋ/ *noun* a message sent to and displayed on an online facility such as an Internet newsgroup or bulletin board

postings list /'pəʊstɪŋz lɪst/ *noun* an alphabetical list of descriptors with the identification numbers of documents using them

post office /'pəʊst ,ɒfɪs/ *noun* a national organisation which controls the postal services within a country

postpone /pəʊst'pəʊn/ *verb* to rearrange for something to be done at a later date or time

postscript /'pəʊstskrɪpt/ *noun* an addition to the end of something such as a book, story or document

PostScript /'pəʊstskrɪpt/ a trade name for a standard page description language developed by Adobe Systems. PostScript offers flexible font sizing and positioning and it is most often used in DTP systems, high-quality laser printers and phototypesetters. ○ *If you do a lot of DTP work, you will benefit from a PostScript printer.*

potboiler /'pɒtbɔɪlə/ *noun* a work written purely to earn money with no literary merit

potential /pə'tenʃəl/ *noun* having the possibility to develop into something better ○ *The library needed a lot of work but had the potential to become a very efficient service.* ■ *adjective* capable of becoming something better in the future ○ *There is a large potential market for electronic information.*

powered /'paʊəd/ *adjective* worked by electricity or another source of energy ○ *gas-powered central heating*

Powerpoint /'paʊəpɔɪnt/ a trade name for a piece of software developed by Microsoft that allows users to create multimedia presentations

power supply /'paʊə sə,plai/ *noun* a supply of electricity to a building or work site

pp *abbreviation* pages

pr *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Puerto Rico

practical /'præktɪk(ə)l/ *noun* a lesson or examination in which you are asked to do tasks rather than just read or write about them

practice /'præktɪs/ *noun* **1.** a repeated performance of something in order to learn to do it well **2.** a regular or standard course of action ○ *It is standard practice to keep reference books in a separate area of the library.* ♢

in practice

pre- /pri:/ *prefix* combining with adjectives to indicate something done before

precede /pri'si:d/ *verb* to happen before something else happens

preceding record /pri'si:dɪŋ 'rekɔ:d/ *noun* a record that comes before the current one

precise /pri'saɪs/ *adjective* exact and accurate

PRECIS indexing /'preɪsɪ ,ɪndeksɪŋ/ *noun* a technique for subject indexing originally developed for the British National Bibliography. Full form **PREserved Context Index System**

precision /pri'sɪʒ(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** accuracy, exactness **2.** the number of relevant records returned by a search, expressed as a percentage of the total number of records returned

precision equipment /prɪ,sɪʒ(ə)nɪ 'kwɪpmənt/ *noun* machines that are made to very accurate specifications

Pre-coordinate Indexing System /,prɪkəʊdɪnɪt 'ɪndeksɪŋ ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a system whereby the terms are combined at the indexing stage, used by the British National Bibliography

pref. *abbreviation* preface

preface /'prefəs/ *noun* an author's note which comes before the introduction and after any dedication

COMMENT: A preface is usually written by the author, and explains briefly why the book has been written and who the readers are expected to be. A foreword, on the other hand, can be written by the author, but is more usually by another person, often a famous person whose name might be expected to increase the sales of the book.

prefatory note /'prefæt(ə)rɪ nəʊt/ *noun* a note addressed to the reader, printed at the beginning of a book

preferment /prɪ'fɜ:mənt/ *noun* promotion to a better job

preferred order /prɪ,fɜ:d 'ɔ:də/ *noun* a set order in which the items in a classification scheme are arranged

preferred term /prɪ,fɜ:d 'tɜ:m/ *noun* a term used in a catalogue to gather together all synonymous and otherwise scattered entries ○ *Publications is the preferred term for books, documents, monographs, etc.*

prefix /'prɪ:fɪks/ *noun* a word or letters added to the front of another word, which can change its meaning, e.g. 'undone', 'misread'

prejudice /'predʒʊdɪs/ *noun* an unfair and often negative feeling based on incomplete knowledge and information

prelims /'prɪ:lɪmz/ *plural noun* the initial pages of a book, including the title page and table of contents, which precede the main text. Also called **front matter**

premise /'premɪs/ *noun* something that is supposed to be true and is therefore used as the basis for an argument

premises /'premɪsɪz/ *plural noun* land and buildings occupied by a business

pre-paid /prɪ:'peɪd/ *adjective* paid for in advance of delivery

preparation /,prepə'reɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* work done beforehand in order to be ready for something ○ *They made careful preparation for the open day.*

preparation of text /,prepə'reɪʃ(ə)n əv 'tekst/ *noun* the process of making text ready for printing by editing and checking it

prepare /prɪ'peə/ *verb* to make something ready for use or for consideration ○ *The librarians were asked to prepare a report for the management meeting.*

preposition /,prepə'zɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the grammatical term for words such as 'by', 'with', 'on', 'under', which indicate place or direction

pre-printed form /,prɪ: ,prɪntɪd 'fɔ:m/, **pre-printed stationery** /,prɪ: ,prɪntɪd 'steɪʃ(ə)n(ə)rɪ/ *noun* a form or notepaper that has some information already printed on it

prepublication /prɪ:,pʌblɪ 'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *adjective* relating to or occurring in the period before a book or other work is published

pre-recorded /,prɪ:rɪ'kɔ:dɪd/ *adjective* recorded at an earlier time ○ *A message on a telephone answering machine is pre-recorded.*

pre-requisite /prɪ:'rekwɪzɪt/ *noun* something that must be done before something else ○ *A reasonable standard of English is a pre-requisite to studying in an English-speaking country.*

prescribed text /prɪ'skraɪbd 'tekst/ *noun* an educational book which has been listed as required for a course of study or for an exam

prescription /prɪ'skrɪpʃən/ *noun* an instruction or plan for what needs to be done in a particular situation

prescriptive /prɪ'skrɪptɪv/ *adjective* giving rules and regulations for what should or should not be done

presell /,prɪ: 'sel/ *verb* to sell a book before its official publication date

present /'prez(ə)nt/ *noun* something given to a person as a gift ■ *verb* to

introduce a person, idea or piece of information ■ *adjective* existing or happening now ○ *the present situation*

presentation /,prez(ə)n'teɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a talk about a specific subject given to provide information

preservation /,prezə'veɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the provision of suitable environmental conditions to ensure the condition of library stock

PREserved Context Index System /pɹɪ,zɜ:vɔd ,kɒntent 'ɪndeks ,sɪstəm/ *noun* ▶ **PRECIS indexing**

pre-set /pɹi:'set/ *adjective* set to specific levels before using ○ *The temperature of the heating in the library was pre-set to a comfortable level.*

press /pres/ *noun* **1.** a double-sided bookcase of not fewer than four tiers **2.** newspapers and the people who write for them ■ *verb* **1.** to put pressure on something ○ *Press the button to make it work.* **2.** to try to persuade somebody to do or say something

press coverage /'pres ,kʌv(ə)rɪdʒ/ *noun* the amount of space or time given in newspapers or TV and radio news bulletins to one topic

press cutting /'pres ,kʌtɪŋ/ *noun* one item cut from a newspaper

press guide /'pres ɡaɪd/ *noun* a reference book which lists the main newspaper publications throughout the world

pressmark /'presmɑ:k/ *noun* same as **shelf mark**

press release /'pres rɪ,lɪ:s/ *noun* a statement given by an organisation to the media to explain a situation from their point of view

Prestel /'prestel/ a trade name for a teletext system used in the UK marketed by British Telecom

prevent /pɹɪ'vent/ *verb* to make sure something does not happen

prevention /pɹɪ'venʃən/ *noun* an action which stops something from happening

preventive maintenance /pɹɪ ,ventɪv 'meɪntənəns/ *noun* regular checks and repairs to small faults so that they do not develop into large problems

preview /'pɹi:vju:/ *noun* the opportunity to see something before it is released to the general public

previous /'pɹi:vɪəs/ *adjective* existing or happening before or earlier

price /praɪs/ *noun* the amount of money needed to buy an item

price bracket /'praɪs ,brækt/ *noun* a limited range of prices ○ *The goods were in the cheaper price bracket.*

price label /'praɪs ,leɪb(ə)/ *noun* a piece of paper or card attached to something to show its price

price list /'praɪs lɪst/ *noun* a list of the prices of everything in stock

pricing strategy /'praɪsɪŋ ,strætədʒi/ *noun* company policy about how much to charge for goods or services in order to make a reasonable profit

prima /'pɹi:mə/ *noun* the first word of the next page printed at the bottom of a page

primary /'praɪməri/ *adjective* first, original, basic or most important

primary colour /'praɪməri ,kʌlə/ *noun* one of the three colours, red, yellow and blue, from which all other colours can be made

primary education /,praɪməri ,edʒʊ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the first period of schooling usually up to the age of 11 years

primary operator /,praɪməri 'ɒpəreɪtə/ *noun* the first person to operate a machine

primary record /,praɪməri 'rekɔ:d/ *noun* one of the first records on a subject

primary sampling /,praɪməri 'sɑ:mplɪŋ/ *noun* the first selected population for a survey

primary school /'praɪməri sku:l/ *noun* a school for young children usually for about the first six years of schooling

primary school textbook /,praɪməri sku:l 'tekstbʊk/ *noun* a textbook used in schools teaching children up to about 11 years old

primary source /,praɪməri 'sɔ:s/ *noun* the original document from which information is extracted

primary user /,praɪməri 'ju:zə/ *noun* the first person to use a service

prime /praɪm/ *adjective* relating to the most important or typical example of something ■ *verb* to give somebody information about something

primer /'praɪmə/ *noun* **1.** a simple instruction book or manual **2.** a basic or simple school book for children

prime time /'praɪm taɪm/ *noun* the time of day when most people are expected to be watching television or listening to the radio

print /prɪnt/ *verb* to produce a book, magazine, newspaper or leaflet by a mechanical process

printed catalogue card /,prɪntɪd 'kætəlɒg ,kɑ:d/ *noun* a pre-printed card containing the bibliographical details of a book for inclusion in a library catalogue

printed ephemera /,prɪntɪd ɪ 'femərə/ *plural noun* items such as theatre programmes, leaflets and advertising fliers which would normally be read and thrown away

printed index /,prɪntɪd 'ɪndeks/ *noun* an alphabetical list of words used in a text

printed matter /'prɪntɪd ,mætə/ *noun* anything that is printed and can be read

printer /'prɪntə/ *noun* **1.** a machine that converts electronic data into readable form on paper **2.** a person or company that prints books, newspapers or other printed matter

printer buffer /'prɪntə ,bʌfə/ *noun* a temporary store for character data waiting to be printed, used to free the computer before the printing is completed so making the operation faster

printer's imprint /,prɪntəz 'ɪmprɪnt/ *noun* a special mention of the name and address of the printer on the inside of a book or periodical

printing history /'prɪntɪŋ ,hɪst(ə)rɪ/ *noun* details of the printing of a book such as the date of the original printing and dates of reprints, usually listed on the bibliographic page after the title page

printing press /'prɪntɪŋ pres/ *noun* a machine which presses paper on to type and prints text

print out /,prɪnt 'aʊt/ *verb* to print information from a computer through a printer

printout /'prɪntaʊt/ *noun* a hard copy of a computer file

print run /'prɪnt rʌn/ *noun* the number of copies of a book printed at one time

print spooling /'prɪnt ,spu:lɪŋ/ *noun* the automatic printing of a number of different documents in a queue at the usual speed of the printer, while the computer is doing some other task

print style /'prɪnt staɪl/ *noun* the typeface and fonts used in any particular document

prior /'praɪə/ *adjective* **1.** having happened previously ○ *unable to go due to a prior engagement* **2.** being given priority over something else

priority /praɪ'brɪti/ *noun* something that must be dealt with first

privacy /'prɪvəsi/ *noun* the state of being left alone to do things

privacy of information /,prɪvəsi əv ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the act of keeping documents secret so that only authorised people are allowed to read them

'New rules for a passenger data collection scheme operated by US authorities may carry a nasty sting for travellers. The scheme – Advance Passenger Information System (Apis) – threatens to cause big delays at check-in and raises ethical questions about a passenger's right to privacy of information.' [*Financial Times*]

private /'praɪvət/ *adjective* for the use of one person or group only

private sector /'praɪvət ,sektə/ *noun* services or industries that are owned by individuals or groups rather than by the state

pro *abbreviation* professional practice

probability /,prɒbə'bɪlɪti/ *noun* the likelihood of something happening, often expressed as a fraction or percentage

probe /prəʊb/ *verb* to investigate a situation by asking a lot of questions

problematic /ˌprɒblə'mætɪk/ *adjective* relating to a situation that involves difficulties and needs a solution

problem solving learning /ˌprɒbləm ˌsɒlvɪŋ 'lɜːnɪŋ/ *noun* a method of teaching which sets problems for students to solve so that they learn how to reason

procedural knowledge /prə 'siːdʒərəl ˌnɒlɪdʒ/ *noun* informal knowledge of how to perform tasks based on experience. Compare **propositional knowledge**

procedural memory /prə'siːdʒərəl ˌmem(ə)ri/ *noun* human memory of learned skills and how to perform tasks. Compare **declarative memory**

procedure /prə'siːdʒə/ *noun* a method of doing something which is generally accepted as being efficient

proceedings /prə'siːdɪŋz/ *plural noun* a published record of a meeting of a society or institution

proceeds /'prəʊsiːdz/ *plural noun* money that is made by an activity or event

process /'prəʊses/ *verb* **1.** to manipulate something into the required format **2.** to perform the necessary routines to a book before it can be borrowed, e.g. classifying, cataloguing, stamping, labelling and numbering

process colours /'prəʊses ˌkʌləz/ *plural noun* in printing, cyan, magenta and yellow

processing /'prəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* the sorting of information

processor /'prəʊsesə/ *noun* a computer that is able to manipulate data according to given instructions. ◊ **word processor**

produce /prə'djuːs/ *verb* to make, create or show something ◊ *He produced evidence to support his argument.*

product /'prɒdʌkt/ *noun* **1.** something that is made to be sold often in large quantities **2.** the result of previous actions or discussions

product development /ˌprɒdʌkt dɪ'veləpmənt/ *noun* the process of

improving a product to meet the needs of the market

production /prə'dʌkʃən/ *noun* the creation of something ◻ **on production** of when something is shown ◻ *Goods can only be exchanged on production of a receipt.*

productivity /ˌprɒdʌk'tɪvɪti/ *noun* the rate at which goods are manufactured

product life /'prɒdʌkt laɪf/ *noun* the length of time that a product is likely to be saleable

profession /prə'feʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a job that requires advanced education or training

professional /prə'feʃ(ə)nəl/ *noun* a person who works in one of the professions ■ *adjective* **1.** relating to work requiring a high level of training and done to a very high standard **2.** done for money rather than as a hobby

professional and reference publishing /prə,feʃ(ə)nəl ən 'ref(ə)rəns ˌpʌblɪʃɪŋ/ *noun* the publishing of special books for the professions and also reference titles

professional ethics /prə,feʃ(ə)nəl 'eθɪks/ *noun* the conduct and behaviour expected of members of a professional organisation

professional judgement /prə ˌfeʃ(ə)nəl ˈdʒʌdʒmənt/ *noun* the ability of somebody who has special knowledge or skill to assess a situation and recommend a course of action

professional organisation /prə ˌfeʃ(ə)nəl ˌɔːɡənə'zeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a group of people in the same profession who act to support other employees and to set standards for the way they work ◻ *The Library Association is a professional organisation for all information employees.*

professional publishing /prə ˌfeʃ(ə)nəl ˌpʌblɪʃɪŋ/ *noun* the publishing of books on law, accountancy and other professions

profit /'prɒfɪt/ *noun* the amount of money that somebody gains when they sell something for more than they paid for it ■ *verb* ◻ **to profit by, from** to gain advantage or benefit from something

proforma /prəʊ'fɔ:mə/ *noun* a standard layout of a form

proforma invoice /prəʊ,fɔ:mə 'ɪnvɔɪs/ *noun* an invoice sent to the purchaser of mail order goods which must be paid before the goods can be despatched

program /'prəʊgræm/ *noun* a set of instructions for a computer ■ *verb* to write a program for a computer

programmed learning /,prəʊgræmd 'lɜ:nɪŋ/ *noun* a learning method based on self-instructional materials that are designed to allow pupils to progress at their own pace, step by step, through structured sequences

programmer /'prəʊgræmə/ *noun* a person who designs and writes instructions for a computer

programming engineer /'prəʊgræmɪŋ ˌendʒɪniə/ *noun* an engineer in charge of programming a computer system

programming language /'prəʊgræmɪŋ ˌlæŋgwɪdʒ/ *noun* software that allows somebody to write instructions for a computer which it can then translate into a workable program

COMMENT: Programming languages are grouped into different levels: the high-level languages such as BASIC and PASCAL are easy to understand and use, but offer slow execution time since each instruction is made up of a number of machine code instructions; low-level languages such as ASSEMBLER are more complex to read and program in but offer faster execution time.

progress /prə'gres/ *verb* to improve or become more advanced

prohibit /prəʊ'hɪbɪt/ *verb* to forbid something by law

project /'prɒdʒekt/ *noun* 1. a detailed study of a subject written up by a student 2. a planned course of action ○ *They were involved in a large building project.* ■ *verb* to plan ahead

projection /prə'dʒekʃən/ *noun* a forecast of a future amount from a set of data

project leader /,prɒdʒekt 'li:də/,
project manager /,prɒdʒekt 'mænɪdʒə/ *noun* the person in charge of a project

projector /prə'dʒektə/ *noun* a mechanical device that displays films or slides on a screen

project team /'prɒdʒekt ti:m/ *noun* a group of people working together on a project

PROLOG /'prəʊlɒg/ *noun* a computer language used in the development of expert systems

prologue /'prəʊlɒg/ *noun* 1. the introduction to something such as a play, book, film or long poem 2. events which lead up to more serious consequences

promote /prə'məʊt/ *verb* 1. to advance somebody to a higher position within an organisation 2. to encourage something to develop or succeed

promotion /prə'məʊʃ(ə)n/ *noun* 1. the act of upgrading somebody to a higher position 2. a marketing activity to persuade people to buy goods or use a service ○ *The library had a special children's book promotion during the school holidays.*

prompt /prɒmpt/ *adjective* done on time, without delay ■ *noun* a symbol on a computer screen to remind the user to do something

pronunciation /prəˌnʌnsi'eɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the way in which the sounds of a language are spoken and stressed

proof /pru:f/ *noun* 1. facts or evidence to show that something is true 2. a sample printed page made from type, for approval before mass printing

-proof /pru:f/ *suffix* added to nouns to show that something cannot be damaged ○ *The table surface was heat-proof so hot pans could be put on it.*

proof correction mark /,pru:f kə 'rekʃ(ə)n ˌmɑ:k/ *noun* a special mark written on a proof text to show where and how it should be corrected

proofread /'pru:fri:d/ *verb* to read a text and mark any errors for correction before it is printed

proofreader /'pru:fri:də/ *noun* a person whose job is to proofread texts

propaganda /,prɒpə'gændə/ *noun* information that is often untrue and biased, published and disseminated to influence people

proper noun /ˌprɒpə 'naʊn/ *noun* the grammatical term for a word that is the name of a person, place or institution and should be written with a capital letter

proportional /prə'pɔːʃ(ə)nəl/ *adjective* in proportion to the other parts

proportional spacing /prə ,pɔːʃ(ə)nəl 'speɪsɪŋ/ *noun* a printing system where each letter takes the space proportional to the character width, so 'm' takes more space than 'i'

proposal /prə'pəʊz(ə)/ *noun* a suggestion or plan, often written down and put forward as a discussion document

proposed system /prə ,pəʊzd 'sɪstəm/ *noun* a system that has been designed and suggested for use but is not yet installed

propositional knowledge /ˌprɒpə 'zɪʃ(ə)nəl ,nɒlɪdʒ/ *noun* formal knowledge of hard facts which can be described as true or false. Also called **declarative knowledge**. Compare **procedural knowledge**

'Propositional knowledge is the formulation of 'if ... then' statements based on the assumption that given causes have given predictable effects; that events have predictable, single and identifiable outcomes. Our thinking today is, in general, based on propositional knowledge; education and teaching methods are dominated by this paradigm also.' [*Management Learning*]

prospectus /prə'spektəs/ *noun* a document produced by an academic institution giving details about it for the information of potential students

protect /prə'tekt/ *verb* to keep something safe and free from damage

protection /prə'tekʃən/ *noun* the act of keeping something free from harm or damage

protective /prə'tektɪv/ *adjective* designed to keep things free from harm
○ *The books were covered in protective plastic.*

protect literature /'prəʊtest ,lɪt(ə)rətʃə/ *noun* literature written and

published to protest against something, usually a political situation

protocol /'prəʊtəkɒl/ *noun* **1.** a set of rules allowing unrelated information systems to communicate with each other **2.** a system of rules about the correct way to behave in formal situations

protocol converter /'prəʊtəkɒl kən,vɜːtə/ *noun* a device used for converting protocols from one computer system to another, e.g. for converting data from a microcomputer to a phototypesetter

protocol standards /'prəʊtəkɒl ,stændədz/ *plural noun* standards laid down to allow data exchange between any computer system conforming to the standard

prototype /'prəʊtətaɪp/ *noun* the first model of something that is completely new

provenance /'prɒvənəns/ *noun* the place of origin of something

provenance order /'prɒvənəns ,ɔːdə/ *noun* a document which proves that the origin of an item is genuine
○ *When genuine antiques are sold they require a provenance order or certificate.*

provide /prə'vaɪd/ *verb* to make something available

provider company /prə'vaɪdə ,kʌmp(ə)ni/ *noun* a company which provides public Internet access links via the telephone network see also

province /'prɒvɪns/ *noun* a sphere of knowledge or activity

provisional /prə'vɪʒ(ə)n(ə)l/ *adjective* **1.** only for a short time **2.** likely to be changed

proximity operator /prɒk'sɪmɪtɪ ,ɒpəreɪtə/ *noun* a Boolean operator that directs the search engine making a text search to locate pages in which the words it is looking for are near one another in any direction

pseudo- /sjuːdəʊ/ *prefix* used with nouns and adjectives to describe things that are not really what they claim to be

pseudonym /'sjuːdənɪm/ *noun* a name used by a writer which is not his or her real name

pseudonymous /sju:'dɒnɪməs/ *adjective* written by an author under a pseudonym

PSN *abbreviation* packet switched network

PSTN *abbreviation* Public Switched Telephone Network

pt *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Portugal

pub. *abbreviation* 1. published 2. publisher 3. publishing

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public /'pʌblɪk/ *adjective* open for anyone to use

public address system /,pʌblɪk ə 'dres ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a loudspeaker and microphone which enables a speaker to be heard by a large group of people

public archives /,pʌblɪk 'ɑ:kɑ:vz/ *plural noun* historical records which are accessible by the general public from a records office

publication /,pʌblɪ'keɪf(ə)n/ *noun* 1. a book, newspaper or magazine which can be sold 2. a leaflet which is given out to provide information 3. the act of printing and distributing a book, newspaper or magazine 4. the act of releasing information to the general public in printed form

publication data /,pʌblɪ'keɪf(ə)n ,deɪtə/ *noun* information about a book such as the date, publisher and ISBN, printed on the back of the title page

publication date /,pʌblɪ'keɪf(ə)n ,deɪt/ *noun* the year when a book was published. Also called **date of publication**

public domain /,pʌblɪk dəʊ'meɪn/ *noun* information that is unrestricted and accessible by the general public

publicise /'pʌblɪsaɪz/, **publicize** *verb* to make something widely known to the general public

publicity /pʌ'blɪsɪti/ *noun* advertisements and information materials which make something generally known

publicity handout /pʌ'blɪsɪti ,hændaʊt/ *noun* an information sheet which is given to members of the public

publicity matter /pʌ'blɪsɪti ,mætə/ *noun* advertisements or printed publicity material

Public Lending Right /,pʌblɪk 'lendiŋ ,raɪt/ *noun* the right of authors to receive a small fee every time their books are borrowed from public libraries in the United Kingdom. Abbr **PLR**

public librarian /,pʌblɪk laɪ 'breəriən/ *noun* a trained information employee in the public library service

public library /,pʌblɪk 'laɪbrəri/ *noun* a library that serves the general public in a city, town or village

public record office /,pʌblɪk 'rekɔ:d ,ɒfɪs/ *noun* a collection of historical archives organised for retrieval and use by the public

public sector organisation /,pʌblɪk ,sektə ,ɔ:gənə'zeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a company or organisation that is owned by the government rather than a private body

public service announcement /,pʌblɪk 'sɜ:vɪs ə ,nəʊnsmənt/ *noun* a government information announcement usually broadcast nationally

public service broadcasting /,pʌblɪk ,sɜ:vɪs 'brɔ:dkɑ:stɪŋ/ *noun* radio and television programmes that are accessible by everyone, as opposed to satellite and cable channels which require a subscription to be paid

public service provider /,pʌblɪk ,sɜ:vɪs prə'vaɪdə/ *noun* an electronic host providing interactive access to Telnet, e-mail and Usenet news

public speaking skills /,pʌblɪk 'spi:kɪŋ ,skɪlz/ *plural noun* the ability to speak well and retain the interest of large groups of people

Public Switched Telephone Network /,pʌblɪk ,swɪtʃt 'telɪfəʊn ,netwɜ:k/ *noun* a form of automatic telephone exchange interconnecting worldwide. Abbr **PSTN**

publish /'pʌblɪʃ/ *verb* to arrange to have a book or article printed and usually distributed for sale

publisher /'pʌblɪʃə/ *noun* a person or company that publishes books, magazines and newspapers

publisher's binding /'pʌblɪʃəz ,baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* a binding style where the book is cased, with a plain cloth binding

publishing /'pʌblɪʃɪŋ/ *noun* the trade, profession or activity of preparing and producing material in printed or electronic form for distribution to the public

publishing house /'pʌblɪʃɪŋ haʊs/ *noun* a company that publishes books, magazines and newspapers

pull-down menu /'pʊl daʊn ,menju:/ *noun* a list of options in a computer program which can be displayed on screen over work that is already being done

pull-out /'pʊlaʊt/ *noun* **1.** inserted pages in a magazine which can be easily removed and retained for reference **2.** a folded insert in a book or magazine which when opened out makes a large sheet, used e.g. for maps

pulp /pʌlp/ *noun* material produced from rags or ground wood, mixed with water, used for making paper ■ *verb* **1.** to take torn rags or ground wood and mix this with water and chemicals to produce smooth pulp for making paper **2.** to take printed paper or waste paper and produce pulp from it for making paper again ○ *The unsold copies in the warehouse were sent away to be pulped.*

pulp board /'pʌlp bɔ:d/, **pulp card** /'pʌlp kɑ:d/ *noun* thin board made from paper pulp, used for the cover boards of a book

pulp fiction /,pʌlp 'fɪkʃən/ *noun* cheap fiction which is considered by critics to have no literary value

punch /pʌntʃ/ *verb* **1.** to hit something hard **2.** to make holes in something so that it can be inserted into a ring file

punched card /,pʌntʃt 'kɑ:d/ *noun* a card with holes in them in patterns which contain instructions or data for computers

punched card reader /,pʌntʃt 'kɑ:d ,ri:də/ *noun* a device that trans-

forms data on a punched card to a form that can be recognised by a computer

punched tape /,pʌntʃt 'teɪp/ *noun* a strip of paper tape that contains holes to represent data, formerly used in phototypesetting, but now replaced by magnetic tapes and disks

punctuation /,pʌŋktʃu'eɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a system of symbols which enable a reader to make sense of written texts, e.g. full stops, commas, question marks

punctuation mark /,pʌŋktʃu'eɪʃ(ə)n mɑ:k/ *noun* a printed or written symbol, which cannot be spoken, but which divides up the text and helps to make its meaning clearer

COMMENT: The main punctuation marks are the question mark and exclamation mark; inverted commas (which show the type of text being written); the comma, full stop, colon and semicolon (which show how the words are broken up into sequences); the apostrophe (which shows that a letter or word is missing); the dash and hyphen and brackets (which separate or link words).

PUR *abbreviation* polyurethane binding

purchase /'pɜ:tʃɪs/ *verb* to buy something

purchaser /'pɜ:tʃɪsə/ *noun* a buyer

purchaser of information services /,pɜ:tʃɪsə əv ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,sɜ:vɪsɪz/ *noun* a person who pays for information to be provided

purport /pə'pɔ:t/ *verb* to claim to be or have something ○ *The service purports to have a full range of business information.*

push button /'pʊʃ ,bʌt(ə)n/ *noun* a switch which is worked by pushing

PVC *noun* a plastic material often used for covers of reference books because it can stand a great deal of handling. Full form **polyvinyl chloride**

pw *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Palau

py *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Paraguay

Q

qa *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Qatar

quad /kwɒd/ *noun* a sheet of paper four times as large as a basic sheet

qualification /,kwɒlɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* proof that a person has passed examinations or reached a particular level of skill

qualifier /'kwɒlɪfaɪə/ *noun* a word or phrase added to an index heading to differentiate it from other headings with the same spelling but different meaning

qualitative research /'kwɒlɪtətɪv rɪ,sɜ:tʃ/ *noun* research which examines the quality of something rather than its quantity

quality /'kwɒlɪti/ *noun* a measure of how good or bad something is

quality assessment /'kwɒlɪti ə ,sɛsmənt/ *noun* a method of measuring how well a company is performing in achieving its stated aims

quality control /'kwɒlɪti kən,troʊl/ *noun* the work of a department in a company that checks that its products are of satisfactory standard

“We identified that, by standardising on a system across all sites, we could reduce the amount of time and people needed to complete updates. The end result was improved content on the sites for our customers”, [a spokesperson] said. The TV company hopes the new level of quality control will also encourage more visitors to its online stores.’ [*Computing*]

quality newspaper /,kwɒlɪti 'nju:zpeɪpə/ *noun* a newspaper that is considered to have well-written and thoughtful views about topics

quango /'kwæŋgəʊ/ *noun* an independent advisory body set up by the government, but having separate legal powers within a restricted area of activity

quantify /'kwɒntɪfaɪ/ *verb* to represent something in terms of figures so that it can be counted or measured

quantitative research /'kwɒntɪtətɪv rɪ,sɜ:tʃ/ *noun* research that examines the effects of something by using numbers and statistics

quantity /'kwɒntɪti/ *noun* the amount or number of items □ **in quantity** in large amounts

quarter /'kwɔ:tə/ *noun* a fourth part of a whole

quarter binding /'kwɔ:tə ,baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* a binding on a cased book, where the spine is covered with one material such as leather or cloth, and the rest of the cover is covered with another material such as paper

quarter-bound /'kwɔ:tə baʊnd/ *adjective* denoting a book that is bound in one material, usually leather, on the spine and in another on the covers

quarter day /'kwɔ:tə deɪ/ *noun* the last day of a quarter, every three months, when payments are due: Lady Day 25th March, Midsummer Day 24th June, Michaelmas 29th September, Christmas Day 25th December

quarter leather binding /,kwɔ:tə 'leðə ,baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* a binding where the spine is covered with leather and the rest of the cover with paper

quarterly /'kwɔ:təli/ *noun* anything that is issued or paid every three months

quarto /'kwɔ:təʊ/ *noun* a size of book made by folding a standard sheet of paper twice, to make four leaves or an eight-page signature. Abbr **4o**

quasi- /kweɪzəɪ/ *prefix* used with adjectives or less frequently with nouns, to describe things which are very like other things but not actually the same

quasi-official /,kweɪzəɪ ə'fɪʃ(ə)l/ *adjective* appearing to be official, but not really so

quasi-synonym /,kweɪzəɪ 'sɪnənɪm/ *noun* a word which appears to be similar in meaning to another, but actually is not

query /'kwɪəri/ *noun* **1.** a question, especially a note asking the author or editor to check the text **2.** a question mark ■ *verb* to ask a question about something or to suggest that something may be wrong ○ *The sub-editor has queried the date given in the index.*

query facility /'kwɪəri fə'sɪlti/ *noun* a program, usually a database or retrieval system, that allows the user to ask questions and receive answers or access certain information according to the query

query language /'kwɪəri ,læŋgwidʒ/ *noun* a computer programming language in a database management system which allows a search to be done quickly and easily

question /'kwestʃ(ə)n/ *verb* **1.** to ask somebody a lot of questions **2.** to imply doubt about the truth of something

question mark /'kwestʃ(ə)n mɑ:k/ *noun* a punctuation mark (?) used to show that a question is being asked

questionnaire /,kwestʃə'neə/ *noun* a written list of questions given to people to answer to provide the information for a survey

questionnaire design /,kwestʃə'neə dɪ,zəɪn/ *noun* the technique of

writing questionnaires in order to avoid bias in the answers

queue /kju:/ *noun* a line of people or tasks waiting to be dealt with

quick reference /,kwɪk 'ref(ə)rəns/ *noun* a system of finding answers to queries which provides rapid but not very detailed answers

quicksort /'kwɪksɔ:t/ *noun* a method of sorting and ordering information very quickly on a computer

quorate /'kwɔ:reit/ *adjective* having the minimum required number of people at a meeting

quota sampling /'kwɔ:tə ,sɑ:mplɪŋ/ *noun* a method of selecting the population for a survey by choosing a fixed proportion of people from each group

quotation /kwəʊ'teɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the exact words said or written by somebody and used by another person

quotation dictionary /kwəʊ 'teɪʃ(ə)n ,dɪkʃ(ə)nəri/ *noun* a collection of famous sayings and writings arranged alphabetically according to the authors

quotation marks /kwəʊ'teɪʃ(ə)n mɑ:ks/ *plural noun* punctuation marks, either single quotes (' ') or double quotes (" "), which mark the beginning and end of a written quotation

quote /kwəʊt/ *verb* to repeat the exact words written or said by somebody else ■ *noun* □ **in quotes** written inside quotation marks

quodidian /kwəʊ'tɪdiən/ *adjective* daily

quotient /'kwəʊʃ(ə)nt/ *noun* the level or degree of a quality ○ *The stress quotient in that job is very high.*

qwerty keyboard /'kwɜ:tɪ ,ki:bɔ:d/ *noun* the layout of keys on a computer keyboard, the first six letters on the top row from the left being QWERTY which gives it its name

R

rack /ræk/ *noun* a frame for holding things, often used for display purposes

radio /'reɪdiəʊ/ *noun* **1.** equipment used to broadcast speech, sounds and data over long distances **2.** broadcasting to the public using this equipment ○ *Radio is a powerful medium for information.*

Radio Frequency Identification /,reɪdiəʊ ˌfri:kwənsi aɪˌdentɪfɪ 'keɪf(ə)n/ *noun* full form of **RFID**

radio phone /'reɪdiəʊ fəʊn/ *noun* a mobile two-way communications system that can access the public telephone network

radio station /'reɪdiəʊ ˌsteɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the place from where a particular broadcasting company transmits its programmes

ragged margin /,ræɡɪd 'mɑːdʒɪn/ *noun* an uneven or unjustified right margin to a block of writing

RAM /ræm/ *abbreviation* random access memory

RAM chip /'ræm tʃɪp/ *noun* a chip that stores information allowing random access

R&D *abbreviation* research and development

random /'rændəm/ *adjective* done without any definite plan

random-access /,rændəm 'ækses/ *adjective* relating to the capability of a computer to obtain information from any memory location without having to begin its search at the memory's starting point and work through it in sequence

random access memory /,rændəm 'ækses ˌmem(ə)rɪ/ *noun* the primary working memory in a

computer, used for the temporary storage of programs and data and in which the data can be accessed directly and modified

random error /,rændəm 'erə/ *noun* a computer error which has no special reason

random number /,rændəm 'nʌmbə/ *noun* a number that cannot be predicted

random sampling /,rændəm 'sɑːmplɪŋ/ *noun* a system of compiling unbiased samples in a survey population

Ranfurly Library Service /,rænfɜːli 'laɪbrəri ˌsɜːvɪs/ *noun* ♦ **Book Aid International**

range /reɪndʒ/ *noun* a large free-standing bookcase in a library that is built to hold books on both sides

rank /ræŋk/ *verb* to put into order according to size or merit

rapid /'ræpɪd/ *adjective* very quick

rare books /,rɛə 'bʊks/ *plural noun* relatively modern books which are not in print and are not easy to find

ratings /'reɪtɪŋz/ *plural noun* a measurement of size of the audience for TV programmes

raw data /,rɔː 'deɪtə/ *noun* data that has not yet been processed and compiled by a computer

re /rɪː/ *preposition* used in business English to refer to something which is to be discussed ○ *Re your letter of 12th Sept, I can now tell you...*

re- /rɪː/ *prefix* used with verbs and nouns to indicate repetition ○ *They will re-order the book when it becomes available.*

react to /rɪ'ækt tu/ *verb* to act in response to an earlier event

read /ri:d/ *verb* to look at and understand what is written down

readable /'ri:dəb(ə)l/ *adjective* **1.** able to be read, also implies well written and interesting **2.** in a form which can be processed e.g. by a machine ○ *data in computer-readable form*

reader /'ri:də/ *noun* a person or device that reads written or printed texts

readership /'ri:dəʃɪp/ *noun* the number of people who read a publication

reading age /'ri:dɪŋ eɪdʒ/ *noun* a child's competence in reading, measured against the average competence of children of the same age

reading group /'ri:dɪŋ gru:p/ *noun* a group of people who meet regularly in a social situation to discuss a book, usually a book that the group has all read especially for that occasion

reading list /'ri:dɪŋ list/ *noun* a list of recommended books on a specific subject

reading matter /'ri:dɪŋ ,mætə/ *noun* anything which can be read

reading room /'ri:dɪŋ ru:m/ *noun* a room in a library where users can sit and read quietly

Readme file /'ri:dmi: faɪl/ *noun* a computer information file containing instructions about how to use a program or information on latest developments

read only memory /,ri:d ,əʊnli 'mem(ə)ri/ *noun* full form of **ROM**

read/write head /,ri:d 'raɪt ,hed/ *noun* a device in a disk drive that can read data on a disk or add data to a disk

ready /'redi/ *adjective* prepared and able to be used or to do something

ready money /,redi 'mʌni/ *noun* cash in notes and coins rather than cheques, cards or other electronic transfer forms

ready reference /,redi 'ref(ə)rəns/ *noun* easily accessible information

realise /'ri:əlaɪz/, **realize** *verb* **1.** to understand what is happening **2.** to make a physical representation of an idea as in a design

Really Simple Syndication /,ri:əli ,sɪmp(ə)l ,sɪndɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* full form of **RSS**

real-time system /'ri:əl taɪm ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a computer system where data is inputted directly into the computer which automatically processes it to produce information that can be used immediately

ream /ri:m/ *noun* 500 sheets of paper in a pack

COMMENT: For ordinary writing paper and handmade paper, a ream is 480 sheets, or 20 quires of 24 sheets each. For office paper or printing paper a ream is 500 sheets, or 20 quires of 25 sheets.

reback /rɪ:'bæk/ *verb* to take the leather back off the spine of an old book and replace it

rebind /ri:'baɪnd/ *verb* to remove an old binding from a book and replace it with another one ○ *The stock of paperback copies have been rebound in PVC.*

COMMENT: Rebinding means that the old covers have to be stripped off, new covers attached and the pages trimmed again. At least one or two millimetres will be lost at each of the three trimmed edges.

recall /rɪ'kɔ:l/ *noun* **1.** retrieval of a document from an information store **2.** the number of relevant records returned by a search, expressed as a percentage of the total number of relevant records in the database ■ *verb* **1.** to request the return of a library book **2.** to bring back data or text on to the screen of a computer

'Extensive print management facilities include the ability to recall and resize previous copy jobs without rescanning, and the practical function of being able to monitor and amend print queues according to priority.' [M2 Presswire]

receive /rɪ'si:v/ *verb* to accept things that are sent or given to you

received opinion /rɪ,sɪ:vd ə 'pɪnʃən/ *noun* an opinion or method that is generally accepted as correct

Received Pronunciation /rɪ,sɪ:vd prə,nʌnsɪ'eɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the standard accent of spoken British English with no regional variations. Abbr **RP**

recent /'ri:s(ə)nt/ *adjective* happening only a short time earlier

recently /'ri:s(ə)ntli/ *adverb* not long ago ○ *her recently-published book*

reception /rɪ'sepʃən/ *noun* **1.** the quality of radio or TV signal received **2.** an area for receiving visitors to a building

receptionist /rɪ'sepʃənɪst/ *noun* a person who works in a reception area, greeting and advising people who arrive

reciprocal /rɪ'sɪprək(ə)l/ *adjective* agreed because it is mutually beneficial ○ *a reciprocal arrangement which meant they both made a profit*

recode /rɪ:'kəʊd/ *verb* to change the coding in a retrieval system so that it will work in another system

recognise /'rekəgnəɪz/, **recognize** *verb* to see something and remember that it has been seen before

recognised fact /,rekəgnəɪzd 'fækt/ *noun* a fact which is generally accepted as true

recognition /,rekəg'nɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a process that allows something to be recognised

recommend /,rekə'mend/ *verb* to advise that something is good or useful because you have experience of using it

recondite /rɪ'kɒndaɪt/ *adjective* **1.** requiring a high degree of scholarship or specialist knowledge to be understood **2.** dealing with material that is too difficult to be understood by those without special knowledge

reconfigure /,rɪ:kən'fɪgə/ *verb* to alter the structure of data within a system

record /'rekɔ:d/ *noun* **1.** a written account either on paper or in electronic format **2.** a measurement of some achievement which has not been surpassed ○ *We have broken all sales records with this title.* ■ *verb* to write down or preserve something on film or tape so that it can be used for later reference

record analysis /'rekɔ:d ə,næɪlɪsɪs/ *noun* an analysis of the information contained in a set of records

record clerk /'rekɔ:d klɜ:k/ *noun* a person who has the job of filing records

record control /'rekɔ:d kən,tɹəʊl/ *noun* a system for organising records so that they can be traced, referred to or disposed of as necessary

record disposal /'rekɔ:d dɪs ,pəʊz(ə)l/ *noun* the process of destroying records when they are no longer needed

recorded information /rɪ,kɔ:rdɪd ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* information which has been recorded on tape or disk

record inventory /'rekɔ:d ,ɪnv(ə)ri/ *noun* a list of all the records held in a system

record management audit /'rekɔ:d ,mænɪdʒmənt ,ɔ:dɪt/ *noun* an official check on the efficiency and effectiveness of the record management within an organisation

record management manual /'rekɔ:d ,mænɪdʒmənt ,mænjuəl/ *noun* a book of instructions for users of the record management system

record management programme /'rekɔ:d ,mænɪdʒmənt ,prəʊgræm/ *noun* a company policy programme for the control of records

record management software /'rekɔ:d ,mænɪdʒmənt ,sɒftweə/ *noun* computer software which enables records to be stored and retrieved

record office /'rekɔ:d ,ɒfɪs/ *noun* a form of archive library

record retrieval /'rekɔ:d rɪ ,tri:v(ə)l/ *noun* the process of finding documents and making them available

'[Data management software] PImageX(TM) was developed specifically to increase efficiencies associated with underwriting and claim processing by reducing record retrieval turnaround times by as much as 40%.' [Market Wire]

record retrieval management /'rekɔ:d rɪ,tri:v(ə)l ,mænɪdʒmənt/ *noun* the organisation and control of record retrieval

records /'rekɔ:dz/ *plural noun* documents which give information ○ *The names and addresses of authors are kept in the company's records.* ○ *We find from our records that our invoice number 1234 has not been paid.*

records information officer

/ˈrekɔːdz ɪnfəmeɪʃ(ə)n ɒfɪsə/ noun
1. an archivist who works in a records office **2.** a company information specialist who manages the record supply

record storage */ˈrekɔːd ˌstɔːrɪdʒ/ noun* a system of storing records so that they can be retrieved easily

record supply */ˈrekɔːd səˌplaɪ/ noun* the provision of records as required

record transfer */ˈrekɔːd ˌtrænsfɜː/ noun* the process of transferring records from one system to another

record transfer document */ˈrekɔːd ˌtrænsfɜː ˌdɒkjʊmənt/ noun* a form which gives details of the record to be transferred and is used for record control

record update */ˈrekɔːd ˌʌpdeɪt/ noun* a system of keeping records up to date by changing data as necessary

record vault */ˈrekɔːd ˌvɔːlt/ noun* a secure room where confidential records can be kept safely

recover */rɪˈkʌvə/ verb* **1.** to replace a cover on a document or book which has been damaged **2.** to get back something that has been lost

‘With a few mouse clicks, even non-technical end users can selectively restore a deleted file, recover a previous version of a file, or completely restore the hard drive to a pre-crash working state.’ [M2 *Presswire*]

recoverable */rɪˈkʌv(ə)rəb(ə)/ adjective* able to be retrieved after being lost

recoverable error */rɪˈkʌv(ə)rəb(ə)l ˈerə/ noun* a program error that can be corrected without causing a computer program to fail or data to be erased irretrievably. For example, if a user enters obviously wrong data, the program might request a different entry.

recovery procedure */rɪˈkʌv(ə)rɪ prəˌsiːdʒə/ noun* methods of finding what has been lost, especially when using a computer

rectify *ˈrektɪfaɪ/ verb* to correct a mistake

recto *ˈrektəʊ/ noun* the right-hand page of a book, usually given an odd number

recur *ˈrɪːkɜː/ verb* to happen again once or several times

recurring subject *ˈrɪːkɜːrɪŋ ˈsʌbjekt/ noun* an item in a record system that appears many times

redefine *ˌrɪːdɪˈfaɪn/ verb* to change the function or value assigned to a variable

redirect *ˌrɪːdaɪˈrekt/ verb* **1.** (*in computing*) to send a message to its destination by an alternative route **2.** to send mail to a new address after it has been delivered to the old one

red tape *ˌred ˈteɪp/ noun* official rules and regulations which seem to have no obvious value

reduce *ˈrɪːdjuːs/ verb* to make something smaller in amount

reduction *ˈrɪːdʌkʃən/ noun* the act of reducing something such as size or cost
 ○ *They were able to make a 75% reduction of the document on the photocopier so fewer copies were needed and the cost was less.*

redundancy *ˈrɪːdʌndənsɪ/ noun* words or symbols that do not add to meaning

redundant *ˈrɪːdʌndənt/ adjective* **1.** no longer needed because it has been replaced by a more up-to-date version **2.** able to be removed from data without losing any information

reel *ˈriːl/ noun* a circular holder around which tape can be wound

reel off *ˌriːl ˈɒf/ verb* to repeat information quickly from memory

reel to reel *ˌriːl tə ˈriːl/ adjective* playing data on one tape on to another without enclosing it in a cassette

referee *ˌrefəˈriː/ noun* a person who provides information about whether somebody known to them is suitable for a particular job

reference *ˈref(ə)rəns/ noun* **1.** a letter written by a person to support somebody's application for a job **2.** coded information which tells you where to find a document or stored item
 ○ *our reference: PC/MS 1234* ○ *Please quote this reference in all correspond-*

ence. **3.** an acknowledgement of somebody else's work quoted in a written document **4.** a source of information, e.g. a dictionary or an encyclopedia ○ *a reference book* **5.** a note directing a reader's attention to another source of information

reference book /'ref(ə)rəns bʊk/ *noun* an information book such as a dictionary, encyclopedia or directory in which you can look things up

reference collection /'ref(ə)rəns kə'leɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* books in a library which can only be used within the library and cannot be borrowed

reference database /'ref(ə)rəns 'deɪtəbeɪs/ *noun* a large database which can be searched for information on a particular subject

reference interview /'ref(ə)rəns ,ɪntə'vjuː/ *noun* a discussion between a user and the reference librarian to establish exactly what information is required

reference librarian /'ref(ə)rəns laɪ ,brɛəriən/ *noun* a qualified person who works in a reference library to control the retrieval systems and supply information

reference library /'ref(ə)rəns ,laɪbrəri/ *noun* a library where the books and documents can only be used within the building and cannot be borrowed

'Although copies of the sought-after video are not for sale, a copy is available to borrow from Crownhill Library. Copies are also held by the central reference library, and by local schools in the area.' [*Evening Herald*]

reference manual /'ref(ə)rəns ,mænʒuəl/ *noun* a book of instructions about how to use a machine which can be referred to when learning how to use the machine or when problems occur

reference mark /'ref(ə)rəns mɑːk/ *noun* a typographical symbol used to draw the attention of a reader to a note or bibliographical entry, e.g. an asterisk or number

reference material /'ref(ə)rəns mə ,rɪəriəl/ *noun* books, documents and materials kept in a reference library or designated area

reference number /'ref(ə)rəns ,nʌmbə/ *noun* a number or letter that identifies a document and makes it easier to find when it has been filed

reference request form /'ref(ə)rəns rɪ'kwest ,fɔːm/ *noun* a form which users fill in to give details of exactly which reference books or documents they require to be fetched from stock

reference source /'ref(ə)rəns sɔːs/ *noun* any source of information which can be searched

reference tool /'ref(ə)rəns tuːl/ *noun* an index or retrieval system which helps the user to search for information

referral /rɪ'fɜːrəl/ *noun* the act of sending something or somebody to a person who is better able to deal with them

referral centre /rɪ'fɜːrəl ,sentə/ *noun* an organisation which directs researchers to information and appropriate sources but does not supply documents

refer to /rɪ'fɜː tuː/ *verb* **1.** to mention, deal with or write about something ○ *She referred to an article which she had seen in the Times.* **2.** to pass a question on to someone else to decide

reformat /rɪ'fɔːmæt/ *verb* to format a computer floppy disk and so erase any data on it

refresh /rɪ'freʃ/ *verb* to update an electronic device, especially a visual display unit or active memory chip, with data

refusal /rɪ'fjuːz(ə)l/ *noun* a deliberate statement that you will not do, say or allow something

regenerate /rɪ'dʒenəreɪt/ *verb* to reactivate something after a period of decline, so that it is improved

register /'redʒɪstə/ *noun* **1.** an official list of things such as names or events **2.** a ribbon attached to the binding of a book to act as a bookmark **3.** the fact of being correctly aligned with something else on a page ○ *The text is in register with the image.* ○ *The running heads are out of register.* ■ *verb* to make a record of something on an official list □ **to**

register for to put one's name on an official list for something

registration /,redʒɪ'streɪf(ə)n/ *noun* the act of recording something on an official list

registration card /,redʒɪ'streɪf(ə)n ,kɑ:d/ *noun* a card that is filled in with personal details to register for membership of something

regress /rɪ'gres/ *verb* to return to an earlier bad position

regular /'regjʊlə/ *noun* a person who frequently uses the same services ■ *adjective* happening at equal intervals

regular edition /'regjʊlə ɪ,dɪf(ə)n/ *noun* an ordinary edition, as opposed to a particular type such as a de luxe or book club edition

regulate /'regjuleɪt/ *verb* to control the behaviour of a situation or a machine

reimburse /,rɪ:ɪm'bɜ:s/ *verb* to pay back money spent by somebody else while they were doing something for you

reinforced binding /,rɪ:ɪnfɔ:st 'baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* a binding which is strengthened at the joints for heavy wear as in a library, or for a particularly heavy book

reinstate /,rɪ:ɪn'steɪt/ *verb* to give somebody back a job that has previously been taken away

reissue /rɪ:'ɪʃu:/ *noun* a book or document that is made available again after a period of time ■ *verb* to produce or publish again something that has not been available for a long time

reject *noun* /rɪ:'dʒekt/ a product that is not up to standard, so is sold cheaply or not at all ■ *verb* /rɪ'dʒekt/ to refuse to accept something

rekey /rɪ:'ki:/ *verb* to re-enter lost text or data into a computer, or input text or data in a different form, using a keyboard

relate /rɪ'leɪt/ *verb* to show the connection between two things

related work /rɪ,leɪtɪd 'wɜ:k/ *noun* a document which has some connection with another, e.g. a supplement or sequel

relational /rɪ'leɪf(ə)nəl/ *adjective* relating to a way of organising and presenting information in a database so that the user perceives it as a set of tables

relational database /rɪ,leɪf(ə)n(ə)l 'deɪtəbeɪs/ *noun* a database in which all the items of data can be interconnected. Data is retrieved by using one item of data to search for a related field.

relational index /rɪ,leɪf(ə)n(ə)l 'ɪndeks/ *noun* an index which shows the relationship between works by the use of symbols

relationship /rɪ'leɪf(ə)nʃɪp/ *noun* the way in which two things are connected or linked together

relative /'relətɪv/ *adjective* relating to the qualities of something by comparing it with something else

relative clause /'relətɪv kləʊz/ *noun* a clause that refers to and provides additional information about a preceding noun or pronoun, often beginning with a relative pronoun such as 'who', 'which' or 'that'

relatively /'relətɪvli/ *adverb* in comparison to other things ○ *A relatively small number applied this year compared to last year.*

relay /rɪ:leɪ/ *verb* to transmit, broadcast or repeat what has been said or written

release /rɪ'li:s/ *verb* to make something available

relevance /'reləv(ə)ns/ *noun* the relationship to the subject

'To the best of my knowledge no one has yet conducted tests on the recall and relevance ratios of Web site searches conducted using search engines, but it certainly seems that though with diligence and luck recall may be high, relevance is likely to be extremely low.' [*Information Technology and Libraries*]

relevance ratio /'reləv(ə)ns ,reɪʃɪəʊ/ *noun* the number of documents wanted in relation to the number retrieved which are relevant to the subject searched

relevant /'reləv(ə)nt/ *adjective* connected with and appropriate for what is being discussed or written about

reliability /rɪ,laiə'bɪlɪti/ *noun* the quality of being reliable

reliable /rɪ'laiəb(ə)l/ *adjective* able to be trusted or depended on to function or behave as expected

relocate /,rɪ:ləʊ'keɪt/ *verb* to move data, people or an organisation from one place to another

reluctant user /rɪ,lʌktənt 'ju:zə/ *noun* somebody who is forced to use a service but does not want to ○ *Some children are reluctant users of the school library.*

remainder /rɪ'meɪndə/ *noun* **1.** something left when demand has fallen **2.** a book sold cheaply to clear stock ■ *verb* to deal with a book as a remainder

remaindered publication /rɪ'meɪndəd ˌpʌblɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a book that will not be reprinted because demand has almost ceased and so the stock is sold cheaply

remedial /rɪ'mi:diəl/ *adjective* designed to correct a damaged situation or previous learning failure

remedy /'remədi/ *noun* a successful way of dealing with a difficult situation

remote access /rɪ,məʊt 'æksɛs/ *noun* access that is gained to a computer by means of a separate terminal

remote control /rɪ,məʊt kən'trəʊl/ *noun* a system of controlling a device from a distance by means of radio or electronic signals ○ *Using remote control she could listen to her answer-phone messages when she was away from the office.*

removable /rɪ'mu:vəb(ə)l/ *adjective* able to be taken away ○ *The records which were no longer needed were removable.*

rename /rɪ:'neɪm/ *verb* to give a different name to somebody or something ○ *They renamed all the computer files when they reorganised the system.*

renew /rɪ'nju:/ *verb* to extend the period of time for which a contract or a loan is valid ○ *They were told that they could not renew their books because*

they had been reserved by another reader.

renumber /'sɒnɪk/ *verb* to change the numbers on items or within a system

repaginate /rɪ:'pædʒɪneɪt/ *verb* to change the numbers on the pages in a document

repetitive /rɪ'petɪtɪv/ *adjective* repeated many times

repetitive letter /rɪ,petɪtɪv 'letə/ *noun* a standard letter which is reprinted with a different name and address each time

replace /rɪ'pleɪs/ *verb* **1.** to put something back where it was before **2.** to put a new item in the place of one that is broken, worn out or unsuitable ○ *The third paragraph should be deleted and replaced by the new text as shown.*

replacement /rɪ'pleɪsmənt/ *noun* a person or thing that takes the place of another ○ *The new library book was a replacement for the one that was lost.*

replace mode /rɪ'pleɪs məʊd/ *noun* an interactive computer mode in which new text entered replaces any previous text

replicate /'replɪkeɪt/ *verb* to make an exact copy of something such as an action or research method

report /rɪ'pɔ:t/ *noun* a formal document that discusses a particular subject or states exactly what happened

report generator /rɪ'pɔ:t ˌdʒenəreɪtə/ *noun* a word-processing facility for producing business reports on personal computers

repository /rɪ'pɒzɪt(ə)rɪ/ *noun* a book or archive store

representations /,reprɪzən 'teɪʃ(ə)nz/ *plural noun* a formal request, complaint or statement made to an official body

representative /,reprɪ'zentətɪv/ *noun* a person who acts on behalf of another or of a group

reprint *noun* /'rɪ:prɪnt/ copies of a book made from the original, but with a note in the publication details of the date of reprinting and possibly a new title page and cover design ■ *verb* /rɪ:'prɪnt/ to print more copies of a book after all the others have been sold

reprinting /ri:'prɪntɪŋ/ *adjective* relating to a note indicating that a book cannot be supplied because it is being reprinted

reproduce /,ri:prə'dju:z/ *verb* to produce copies of an item

reprographic equipment /,ri:prə'græfɪk ɪ,kwɪpmənt/ *noun* machines such as photocopiers used to produce copies of documents and materials

reprography /rɪ'prɒgrəfi/ *noun* the technique of producing copies

request /rɪ'kwest/ *verb* to ask formally for something

request document /rɪ'kwest ,dɒkjʊmənt/ *noun* **1.** a form which must be filled in asking for a restricted document **2.** a document that has been requested for use in a closed access system

request form /rɪ'kwest fɔ:m/ *noun* a form that is filled in to ask for an item which is not immediately available

require /rɪ'kwaɪə/ *verb* **1.** to need something **2.** to demand something from somebody □ **to be required to do** to have to do something because of a rule or regulation

requirement /rɪ'kwaɪəmənt/ *noun* something that is essential in order to do what you want

requisite /'rekwɪzɪt/ *adjective* necessary for a particular purpose ○ *They needed time to collect the requisite number of references.*

re-run /rɪ:'rʌn/ *noun* a film or programme that is shown again

research /rɪ'sɜ:tʃ/ *noun* work that is done to investigate something ■ *verb* to investigate a field of study and discover new facts about it

research and development /rɪ ,sɜ:tʃ ən dɪ'veləpmənt/ *noun* work in an organisation which researches new products or services and makes recommendations. Abbr **R&D**

research assistant /rɪ'sɜ:tʃ ə ,sɪstənt/ *noun* a person who helps a writer by doing research for him or her

researcher /rɪ'sɜ:tʃə/ *noun* a person who carries out research

research establishment /rɪ'sɜ:tʃ es,tæblɪʃmənt/ *noun* an institution devoted to the work of research in a particular subject area

research tool /rɪ'sɜ:tʃ tu:l/ *noun* a system of discovering or measuring facts, e.g. a questionnaire

'England's 149 public library authorities are being encouraged to save money by using a new online reference tool from the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council, the first initiative of its kind in the country.' [*Datamonitor NewsWire*]

reserve /rɪ'zɜ:v/ *noun* a supply of things kept for use if the regular supplies have been used before replacements can be obtained

reserve collection /rɪ'zɜ:v kə ,lekʃ(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** a set of books for which there is little demand and which are kept in a closed store **2.** a set of books for which there is heavy demand as in an academic library and which are put in a short loan collection for limited period loan

reserved book /rɪ'zɜ:vd bʊk/ *noun* a book that has been specially requested to be obtained as it is not available at the time of the request

reset /rɪ:'set/ *verb* to return a system to its original state so that it can start again

resident font /,rezɪd(ə)nt 'fɒnt/ *noun* font data which is always present in a printer or device and which does not have to be downloaded

residual /rɪ'zɪdʒuəl/ *adjective* remaining after everything else has been used

resist /rɪ'zɪst/ *verb* to refuse to accept or do something and even try to prevent it happening

resistance to change /rɪ,zɪstəns tə 'tʃeɪndʒ/ *noun* a refusal to accept changes often in working conditions or practices

resolution /,rezə'lu:ʃ(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** a formal decision taken at a meeting by means of a vote **2.** the solving of a problem ○ *The resolution of her difficulties with the immigration authorities took a long time.*

resource /rɪ'zɔ:s/ *noun* information in a variety of formats which is useful and available

Resource /rɪ'zɔ:s/ *noun* ▶ **Museums, Libraries and Archives Council**

resource-based learning /rɪ,zɔ:s beɪst 'lɜ:nɪŋ/ *noun* a method of teaching in which the student is allowed free access to resources in order to solve problems or undertake research on set topics

resource centre /rɪ'zɔ:s ,sentə/ *noun* a collection of books and audio-visual materials which is organised for people to use in schools or universities

respond /rɪ'spɒnd/ *verb* to reply or react to something said or done

response /rɪ'spɒns/ *noun* a reaction or reply to an event, action or statement

response rates /rɪ'spɒns reɪts/ *plural noun* the percentage of people who reply to a questionnaire or survey

responsibility /rɪ,spɒnsɪ'bɪlɪti/ *noun* □ **have responsibility for** to have a duty to deal with a situation or person because of one's position

responsible /rɪ'spɒnsɪb(ə)l/ *adjective* involving important duties and the need to make decisions □ **be responsible to** to work under a controlling person or body and have to report to them

restart /rɪ:'stɑ:t/ *verb* to begin again, often used as an option in computer systems

restore /rɪ'stɔ:/ *verb* to return things to their previous state, position or owner

restrict /rɪ'strɪkt/ *verb* to limit something so that only a specific person or group can have access to it

restricted /rɪ'strɪktɪd/ *adjective* limited to particular uses or people

restricted access /rɪ'strɪktɪd ,ækses/ *adjective* only allowed to be seen or used by named individuals or groups ○ *If the information is classified as restricted access, only members can use it.*

result /rɪ'zʌlt/ *noun* the outcome of an event or activity ○ *The results of her exams were so good that she was given a scholarship for further study.*

retailer /rɪ:'teɪlə/ *noun* a person who sells goods to the public

retainer /rɪ'teɪnə/ *noun* a fee paid to somebody so that they will be available to work for you when required

retention schedule /rɪ'tenʃ(ə)n ,fedʒu:l/ *noun* a list of documents held for reference

retouch /rɪ:'tʌtʃ/ *verb* to improve a photograph, painting or surface by painting over parts of it

retrain /rɪ:'treɪn/ *verb* to teach somebody new skills, or learn new skills

retrieval /rɪ'tri:v(ə)l/ *noun* the process of finding items that have been stored

retrieval system /rɪ'tri:v(ə)l ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a system of organising items so that information can be found quickly and easily

'Utlesford District Council required a back-up and retrieval system to meet legislative demands regarding information management and to more cost-effectively and efficiently manage data. Data growth was outstripping capacity and the council needed to comply with government guidelines to make information available online.' [*Computer Weekly*]

retrieve /rɪ'tri:v/ *verb* to get something back from where it has been stored

retrospective /,retɹəʊ'spektɪv/ *adjective* concerned with things that take effect from an earlier date than when the decision is made ○ *The changes in the salary structure will be retrospective to last April.*

return /rɪ'tɜ:n/ *noun* the act of giving something back ○ *The date for the return of all the library books is next week.* ■ *verb* to give something back or to change it so that it is in its earlier state again ○ *to return the company to its former position by investing a large amount of capital*

return key /rɪ'tɜ:n ki:/ *noun* a key on a computer keyboard which gives the instruction for the machine to process the data entered

return on investment /rɪ,tɜ:n ɒn ɪn'vestmənt/ *noun* a profit made by

investing money in something which is financially successful. Abbr **ROI**

retype /ri:'taɪp/ *verb* to type a word, phrase or document again, usually in order to make changes or to correct errors

revealing /rɪ'vi:lɪŋ/ *adjective* giving away new, surprising or valuable information

revert /rɪ'vɜ:t/ *verb* to return to an earlier state or system ○ *Although they spoke slowly to the foreigner at first they soon reverted to their normal speed of talking.*

review /rɪ'vju:/ *noun* an evaluation of a book or other publication or a performance ■ *verb* to look again at a situation to assess what can be done

review copy /rɪ'vju: ,kɒpi/ *noun* a copy of a book given to a reviewer

revise /rɪ'vaɪz/ *verb* **1.** to change something so that it is more accurate **2.** to go over work done earlier in order to learn it more thoroughly

revised edition /rɪ'vaɪsd ɪ,dɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a book that has been reprinted with some changes, usually to bring it up to date

revised plan /rɪ,vaɪsd 'plæn/ *noun* a plan that has been changed after consideration in order to make it more suitable for the task to be done

revision /rɪ'vɪʒ(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** the improvement and correction of a text **2.** a change which is made to improve something **3.** the activity of re-learning work in order to do an examination

reward /rɪ'wɔ:d/ *noun* something given in return for doing a thing well

rewrite /ri:'raɪt/ *verb* to write something again with improvements

RFID /'ɑ:fɪd/ *noun* an electronic tracking chip which can be attached to books so that they can be automatically checked in and out. Full form **Radio Frequency Identification**

rhetorical question /rɪ,tɒrɪk(ə)l 'kwɛstʃən/ *noun* a question that is used as a statement and does not expect an answer

rhyming dictionary /'raɪmɪŋ ,dɪkʃ(ə)nəri/ *noun* a dictionary which

organises words in groups of rhymes so that they are useful for writers of poetry **right aligned** /,raɪt ə'laɪnd/ *adjective* with the right-hand margin straight

right-hand corner /,raɪt hænd 'kɔ:nə/ *noun* the top or bottom corner at the right side of a page or envelope

right justification /,raɪt ,dʒʌstɪfɪ 'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the process of aligning the right-hand margin on a piece of text so that the edge is straight

right justify /,raɪt 'dʒʌstɪfaɪ/ *verb* to use a computer program to ensure that the right-hand margins of text are straight

rights /raɪts/ *plural noun* the legal right to publish something such as a book, picture or extract from a text

rigmarole /'rɪgmərəʊl/ *noun* a long, complicated story or procedure ○ *She told me some rigmarole about having lost her ticket.*

ring back /,rɪŋ 'bæk/ *verb* to telephone somebody after they have telephoned you first

ring binder /'rɪŋ ,baɪndə/ *noun* a binder made of two hard covers with a ring attachment into which papers can be put, with holes punched in each sheet of paper to slip over the metal rings

ring off /,rɪŋ 'ɒf/ *verb* to finish a telephone call and replace the receiver

ring up /,rɪŋ 'ʌp/ *verb* to telephone somebody

risk /rɪsk/ *noun* the danger or chance of loss or injury □ **at your own risk** doing something with understanding of the danger and accepting responsibility for the outcome ■ *verb* to do something even though you know it may have dangerous or unpleasant results

RLOGIN /'ɑ:lɒɡɪn/ *noun* a gateway to Internet files. ◊ **Telnet**

ro *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Romania

road atlas /'rəʊd ,ætɪləs/, **road map** /'rəʊd mæp/ *noun* a map which shows the roads that are passable by motor traffic but does not include very small roads or paths

road plan /'rəʊd plæn/ *noun* a map showing all the roads in an area

rogue site /'rəʊg saɪt/ *noun* a website that acquires visitors by having a domain name similar to that of a popular site

ROI *abbreviation* return on investment

role /rəʊl/ *noun* a function or position within an organisation

role playing /'rəʊl ˌpleɪɪŋ/ *noun* the activity of acting out the behaviour of somebody different from oneself as part of a training exercise

roll call /'rəʊl kɔ:l/ *noun* a way of checking the people present by calling out their names and waiting for them to answer

rolling header /'rəʊlɪŋ 'hedə/,

rolling footer /,rəʊlɪŋ 'fʊtə/ *noun* a title that is repeated at the top or bottom of every page in a document

roll of film /,rəʊl əv 'fɪlm/ *noun* a length of film wound round itself and ready for use in a camera

ROM /rɒm/ *noun* a computer system which allows data to be read but not edited. Full form **read only memory**. ◊

CD-ROM (NOTE: There is no plural for ROM, and it is often used without the article: **The file is stored in ROM.**)

Roman /'rəʊmən/ *adjective* referring to ancient Italy, and especially to the Latin script

Romance language /rə'mæns ˌlæŋgʍɪdʒ/ *noun* any of the European languages that are almost entirely based on Latin, including French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Romanian

romanisation /,rəʊmənɪ'zeɪʃ(ə)n/, **romanization** *noun* transliterating a non-Western script into Roman characters

romanise /'rəʊmənɪz/, **romanize** *verb* to transliterate a non-Western script into Roman characters ◦ *a Romanised version of Chinese*

Roman numerals /,rəʊmən 'nɪjʊ:mərəʊz/, **Roman figures** *noun* figures written I, II, III, IV, or i, ii, iii, iv, etc. (as opposed to Arabic numerals such as 1, 2, 3, 4)

ROM cartridge /'rɒm ˌkɑ:trɪdʒ/ *noun* software stored in a ROM mounted in a cartridge that can be easily plugged into a computer

roster /'rɒstə/ ◊ **rota**

rota /'rəʊtə/ *noun* a list of people who take turns to do a job ◦ *According to the rota it will be my turn to work late at the library on Friday.*

rotate /rəʊ'teɪt/ *verb* **1.** to move in a circular way **2.** to take turns to do a job until everyone has had a turn before starting again with the first one

rough trimmed /,rʌf 'trɪmd/ *adjective* relating to an art book whose pages are not all trimmed to the same measure, e.g. where only the excessively long or wide pages are trimmed

round off /,raʊnd 'ɒf/, **round down** /,raʊnd 'daʊn/ *verb* to approximate a number to a slightly lower one, e.g. 1.2 becomes 1

round up /,raʊnd 'ʌp/ *verb* to approximate a number to a slightly higher one, e.g. 1.9 becomes 2

roundup /'raʊndʌp/ *noun* a summary of everything that has been said and shown before ◦ *The newscaster gave a roundup of the evening's news.*

routeing /'ru:tɪŋ/ *noun* distribution of written information among members of staff according to a routeing list

routeing list /'ru:tɪŋ lɪst/ *noun* a list of names attached to the front cover of a document which is passed round several people to be read

routine /ru:'ti:n/ *adjective* done every day as a regular part of one's job ■ *noun* a procedure which, if followed, helps to perform tasks in an efficient and organised way

'In practice, Knowledge Management encompasses both technological tools and organizational routines in overlapping parts. Knowledge Management is not just about creating a new department and implementing technology but rather about a change management process.' [M2 Presswire]

row /rəʊ/ *noun* a horizontal line in a table, as opposed to columns which are vertical

royal /'rɔɪəl/ *adjective* a traditional size of book and paper (25 x 20 inches)

COMMENT: The metric royal paper sizes are: royal octavo (234 x 156mm), royal

quarto (312 x 237mm); the quad royal sheet is (1272 x 960mm).

RP *abbreviation* **1.** reprinting **2.** Received Pronunciation

RSS *noun* a format which allows pieces of microcontent to be sent as an automatic feed from their source to another website or a handset device. Full form **Really Simple Syndication**

RTF *noun* a text file format which includes text commands that describe the page, type, font and formatting ◦ *The RTF format allows formatted pages to be exchanged between different word-processing software.* Full form **rich text format**

.rtf *suffix* a file extension for an RTF file
ru *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Russian Federation

rubber-stamp /,rʌbə 'stæmp/ *verb* to agree to something without discussion or thought ■ *noun* a small block of rubber, metal or wood which is used in combination with ink to make a mark on something to show that it is official or to show ownership

rubric /'ru:brɪk/ *noun* a set of rules or instructions like those at the beginning of an examination paper

rule /ru:l/ *noun* a regulation telling what is and is not allowed

ruled paper /'ru:ld ,peɪpə/ *noun* paper that has lines printed on it for writing on

ruler /'ru:lə/ *noun* a long, flat object calibrated in inches or centimetres which is used for measuring or drawing straight lines

ruling /'ru:lɪŋ/ *noun* an official decision which must be obeyed

run /rʌn/ *verb* **1.** to take charge of and be responsible for an organisation or activity ◦ *The head librarian will be running the next course.* **2.** to make a machine work ◦ *They run the computer every day.* **3.** ◻ **to run risks** to do things even though you realise the result may be dangerous or not what you expect ■ *noun* ◻ **in the long run** over a long period of time ◻ **in the short run** in the near future

run down /,rʌn 'daʊn/ *verb* **1.** to reduce the amount of work done by a department or organisation **2.** to criticise somebody aggressively

run-down /,rʌn 'daʊn/ *adjective* in poor condition

running title /,rʌnɪŋ 'taɪt(ə)l/ *noun* a title that appears throughout a book or document at the top of each page

rw *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Rwanda

S

sa *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Saudi Arabia

sabbatical /sə'bætɪk(ə)l/ *noun* a period of time during which a teacher or lecturer is allowed to leave their duties for the purpose of study or travel

saddle stitch /'sæd(ə)l stɪtʃ/ *noun* in bookbinding, a method of binding the pages of a small book or magazine together by folding it in half and stitching along the line of the fold

safe deposit box /,seɪf dɪ'pɒzɪt ˌbɒks/ *noun* a box for the safe keeping of personal documents, usually stored in a bank

safety measure /'seɪftɪ ˌmeʒə/ *noun* a regulation to ensure that activities do not endanger anyone

saga /'sɑ:gə/ *noun* **1.** a long story about a particular time in history or group of people **2.** a story written between the 12th and 14th century about the Norwegian Vikings

salary /'sæləri/ *noun* money that is paid, usually monthly, to somebody for their job

sales /seɪlz/ *plural noun* the quantity of a product or service that is sold ◦ *Sales of information are becoming more common nowadays.*

sales department /'seɪlz dɪ ˌpɑ:tmənt/ *noun* a department in a company which organises the sales of its products

sales force /'seɪlz fɔ:s/ *noun* a group of sales people working for one company

sales literature /'seɪlz ˌlɪt(ə)rətʃə/ *noun* printed information such as leaflets or prospectuses which helps sales

Salon du Livre /,sælɒn du 'li:vʀə/ *noun* a book fair in a French-speaking country, e.g. the Paris Salon du Livre

sample /'sɑ:mpəl/ *noun* a small quantity of a product used to show what it is like

sans serif /,sænz 'serɪf/ *noun* a style of printing letters with all lines of equal thickness and no serifs

satellite /'sætələɪt/ *noun* a device sent into space to collect information or to be part of a communications system

satire /'sætɪə/ *noun* writing which aims to make readers or an audience recognise the foolishness of people, organisations or events in an amusing way

satirical /sə'tɪrɪk(ə)l/ *adjective* using satire

satisfaction /,sætɪs'fækʃən/ *noun* a feeling of contentment that comes from having what you want

satisfactory /,sætɪs'fækt(ə)rɪ/ *adjective* acceptable or good enough for a purpose

saving /'seɪvɪŋ/ *noun* a reduction in the amount of time or money needed to accomplish a purpose

sb *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Solomon Islands

SBN *abbreviation* Standard Book Number

sc *abbreviation* **1.** single column **2.** in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Seychelles

scale /skeɪl/ *noun* **1.** a set of marks or standards for measuring things **2.** the size or level of something in relation to

what is usual ○ *Scale of development was very difficult to estimate.*

scan /skæn/ *verb* **1.** to look at something very quickly in order to see what it is about **2.** to examine periodicals routinely in order to keep users informed of new material **3.** to use a machine to read coded data ■ *noun* examination of an image or object to obtain data

scanner /'skænə/ *noun* a machine that converts documents, drawings or photographs into machine-readable form

COMMENT: A scanner can be a device using photoelectric cells as in an image digitiser, or a device that samples data from a process. One type of scanner reads the barcode on the product label using a laser beam and photodiode; another can read text and by recognising characters, stores them as data on a computer; yet another type will scan colour originals and carry out colour separations.

scanning /'skæniŋ/ *noun* the action of examining and producing data from the shape of an object or drawing

scatter /'skætə/ *verb* to distribute things widely and without any order

scatter graph /'skætə grɑ:f/ *noun* a diagram of individual points or values plotted on a two-axis graph

scavenging /'skævɪndʒɪŋ/ *noun* the act of searching through and accessing database material without permission

scenario /sɪ'næ:riəʊ/ *noun* the way in which a situation is likely to develop ○ *The planners took account of the worst possible scenario.*

schedule /'fedʒu:l/ *noun* **1.** a written list of information, e.g. prices, conditions, dates and times **2.** a detailed written programme of events and times ■ *verb* to include an activity in a plan or list

schema /'ski:mə/ *noun* an outline of a process, plan or database structure

scholarly books /'skɒləli bʊks/ *plural noun* books published on university and academic subjects

scholarly press /'skɒləli pres/ *noun* a publishing company which publishes scholarly books

school /sku:l/ *noun* **1.** a faculty, department, or institution that offers specialised instruction in an academic subject **2.** all the staff and students of an educational institution **3.** a place or period of activity regarded as providing knowledge or experience ■ *verb* to train somebody in a particular skill or area of expertise in a thorough and detailed way
school book /'sku:l bʊk/ *noun* an educational book, a book published for use in schools

school edition /'sku:l ɪ,dɪf(ə)n/ *noun* an edition of a book specially made for sale to schools

school librarian /,sku:l laɪ 'breəriən/ *noun* a specially-qualified librarian employed to run the resource centre or library in a school

school library /,sku:l 'laɪbrəri/ *noun* **1.** a small library specially designed and stocked to cater for the needs of the pupils and staff of a school **2.** a library which is part of a school

'Inspectors said lack of funds meant many school libraries were unable to deliver the wide range of up-to-date books needed to support children's learning across the curriculum. "Reading is the cornerstone of learning but children need books to read. The school library is often a primary source of reading material for youngsters, as well as a vital learning resource".' [*The Independent*]

School Library Association /,sku:l 'laɪbrəri ə,səʊsiəf(ə)n/ *noun* a sub-section of the Library Association specially for the support of school librarians. Abbr **SLA**

School Library Service /,sku:l 'laɪbrəri ,sɜ:vɪs/ *noun* part of the public library service which supports school libraries and teachers. Abbr **SLS**

school of librarianship /,sku:l əv laɪ'breəriənʃɪp/ *noun* a department in an institute of higher education which trains librarians and information specialists

science /'saɪəns/ *noun* knowledge which can be tested and proved usually according to natural laws

science fiction /,saɪəns 'fɪkʃən/ *noun* fiction books based on imagina-

tive ideas about the future on this and other planets

scissors and paste job /,sɪzəz ən 'peɪst dʒɒb/ *noun* a book or article made almost entirely of passages from other works

SCONUL *abbreviation* Standing Conference on National and University Libraries

SCOOP /sku:p/ *abbreviation* Standing Committee on Official Publications

scope /skəʊp/ *noun* the area covered by an activity or piece of work

SCOPE /skəʊp/ *abbreviation* Systematic Computerised Processing in Cataloguing

score /skɔ:/ *noun* a printed version of a musical work

Scottish Vocational Qualification /,skɒtɪʃ vəʊ,keɪf(ə)nəl ,kwɒlɪfɪ 'keɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a work-related qualification gained in Scotland after a period of post-school training. Abbr **SVQ**

scrapbook /'skræpbʊk/ *noun* a book of large blank pages into which cuttings, pictures and photographs can be stuck

scratch pad /'skrætʃ pæd/ *noun* an area of computer memory used for temporary storage of data

screen /skri:n/ *noun* a flat surface capable of displaying pictures and words ■ *verb* to investigate or check people or things for a specific fault or danger ○ *The information was screened to check that it was completely accurate.*

screen editor /'skri:n ,edɪtə/ *noun* software that allows the user to edit text on screen, with one complete page of information being displayed at a time

screenful /'skri:nfʊl/ *noun* one complete frame of information displayed on a computer monitor

script /skript/ *noun* **1.** the written text of a play or film **2.** handwriting which is made to look like printing

scroll /skrəʊl/ *noun* a roll of paper or parchment containing writing ■ *verb* to move text up or down a computer screen one line at a time □ **to scroll downwards** to move down the text on screen

towards the end of a document □ **to scroll upwards** to move up the text on screen towards the beginning of a document

scrub /skrʌb/ *verb* to wipe information off a disk, or remove data from a store ○ *Scrub all files referring to 1994 taxes.*

sd *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Sudan

SD disk *abbreviation* single density disk

se *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Sweden

seal /si:l/ *verb* to close something so that it is airtight and cannot be opened easily ○ *Once an envelope is sealed it should only be opened by the addressee.*

search /sɜ:tʃ/ *verb* to look through a document in order to find a specific item or word ■ *noun* the process of identifying a character, word or section of data in a document or file

search and replace /,sɜ:tʃ ən rɪ 'pleɪs/ *noun* a facility on a word processor which allows the user to find words or strings of characters and change them

search directory /'sɜ:tʃ daɪ ,rekt(ə)rɪ/ *noun* a website in which links to information are organised into a categorical, alphabetical hierarchy to provide the broadest response to a query

search engine /'sɜ:tʃ ,endʒɪn/ *noun* software that carries out a search of a database when a user asks it to find information. On the Internet there are many search engines that list all the websites and allow a user to find a website by searching for particular information.

search routine /'sɜ:tʃ ru:tɪ:n/ *noun* software which allows the user to search for an item in a database

search skills /'sɜ:tʃ skɪlz/ *plural noun* the ability to search efficiently through a database, reference or library for specific information

search strategy /'sɜ:tʃ ,strætədʒɪ/ *noun* a plan for searching a database for information using specific keywords in order to maximise the use of computer time

search term /'sɜ:tʃ tɜ:m/ *noun* a word or phrase input into a database to find the relevant records

'Hopkins said web sites can increase the number of hits they receive from a search term in several ways, including increasing site content relating to that term or product and spending more on being listed as a sponsored link to that term on other sites, as well as search engines such as Google.' [*Retail Week*]

seasonal analysis /,si:z(ə)n(ə)l ə 'nælɪsɪs/ *noun* a method of analysing data which takes into account the seasonal variations throughout the year

second /'sekənd/ *noun* **1.** something that is counted as number two in a series **2.** a sixtieth part of a minute ■ *verb* to support a person or proposal

secondary /'sekənd(ə)ri/ *adjective* second in importance

secondary education /,sekənd(ə)ri ,edʒu'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the period of schooling between primary school and further or higher education, usually from about 11 to 16 or 18 years of age

secondary entry /,sekənd(ə)ri 'entri/ *noun* a catalogue entry which is not the main entry

secondary school /'sekənd(ə)ri sku:l/ *noun* a school that provides education after primary school

secondary source /,sek(ə)ndəri 'sɔ:s/ *noun* a reference that has already been quoted in another document

second best /,sekənd 'best/ *adjective* considered to be slightly inferior, not the best of its kind

second-class /,sekənd 'klɑ:s/ *adjective* less expensive or less comfortable than the best category ○ *The price of a second-class ticket is half that of a first class.*

secondhand /,sekənd'hænd/ *adjective* relating to something that has been previously owned by somebody else

second language /,sekənd 'læŋgwɪdʒ/ *noun* a language that somebody speaks quite fluently and uses for work but which is not their mother tongue

secondment /sɪ'kɒndmənt/ *noun* a limited period of time working at something away from one's usual duties

secret /'si:kɹət/ *noun* a piece of information that is known only to a few people and is intentionally withheld from general knowledge

section /'sekʃən/ *noun* **1.** part of a book which is made from one sheet of paper ○ *The book is printed in 32-page sections.* ◊ **signature** **2.** a supplement to a newspaper or magazine ○ *The paper has a special travel section on Saturdays.*

sector /'sektə/ *noun* a division of a group or area which is also part of a larger one

secure server /sɪ,kjuə 'sɜ:və/ *noun* an Internet server that allows for the encryption of data and thus is suitable for use in e-commerce

Secure Sockets Layer /sɪ,kjuə 'sɒkɪts ,leɪə/ *noun* a secure format for sending documents which are encrypted and decrypted using two special keys. Abbr **SSL**

secure system /sɪ,kjuə 'sɪstəm/ *noun* a system that cannot be accessed without the permission of the owner

security /sɪ'kjʊərɪti/ *noun* measures taken to make a place or person safe from attack or danger

security barrier /sɪ'kjʊərɪti ,bæriə/ *noun* a device which prevents users leaving a library with materials that have not been checked out

security device /sɪ'kjʊərɪti dɪ ,vaɪs/ *noun* something that ensures the safety of a place or person ○ *A password is a security device which protects computer files.*

security system /sɪ'kjʊərɪti ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a system of alarms and guards which protects a building or organisation from burglars

see /si:/ *verb* an indexing command referring the user to a different entry □

see also an indexing command referring the user to additional entries for comparison or added information

seek /si:k/ *verb* to look hard for something or somebody □ **seek to do something** to attempt to do something

segment /'segmənt/ *noun* one part of the total which can be treated separately
select /sɪ'lekt/ *verb* to find and choose specific information or data

select committee /sɪ'lekt kə'mɪti/ *noun* a government committee chosen to do a particular task in a limited time

selection /sɪ'leljən/ *noun* a range of products and services available and chosen

selective /sɪ'lektɪv/ *adjective* choosing what to do, say or buy with great care

self-cover /,self 'kʌvə/ *noun* a cover which is printed on the same paper as the text of the book, used for brochures and small books

self-financing /,self faɪ'nænsɪŋ/ *adjective* not dependent on any outside source of funds

self-help /,self 'help/ *noun* provision of support through informal groups of people with similar experiences

self-study /,self 'stʌdi/ *noun* a form of education in which people can study at their own pace and in their own homes, often using courses or information available on the Internet

self-wrapper /,self 'ræpə/ *noun* same as **self-cover**

selling rights /'selɪŋ raɪts/ *plural noun* the legal right to sell specific goods or services

semantics /sɪ'mæntɪks/ *noun* a branch of linguistics which deals with the meanings of words

Semantic Web /sɪ,mæntɪk 'web/ *noun* a diagrammatic representation of all pieces of data and links between them on the World Wide Web

semester /sɪ'mestə/ *noun* one division of the academic year in colleges and universities

semi- /semi/ *prefix* combining with nouns and adjectives to form words which describe something that is only in a part state

semicolon /,semi'kəʊlən/ *noun* a punctuation sign (;) used to join rather than separate two parts of a sentence, as in 'the safe that had been broken into was on one side of the room; the other safe appeared to be intact'

semiliterate /,semi'lit(ə)rət/ *adjective*
1. unable to read or write properly
2. US having only limited understanding of a particular subject, especially a technical one

seminar /'semi:nə:/ *noun* a meeting of a group of people called together to discuss a particular topic

semiotics /,semi'ɒtɪks/ *noun* the science of signs

semi-structured /,semi 'strʌktʃəd/ *adjective* partly controlled by a structure and partly free

semi-structured interview /,semi 'strʌktʃəd 'ɪntəvju:/ *noun* an interview which is conducted partly with pre-written questions and partly giving the opportunity to talk freely

semi-structured questionnaire /,semi 'strʌktʃəd ,kwɛstʃə'neə/ *noun* a set of questions some of which are closed and some of which require open answers

send /send/ *verb* to arrange or cause something to be transported from one place to another, either physically as by post or electronically as in e-mail

sense /sens/ *noun* the possible meaning of words or phrases ■ *verb* to become aware of something either personally or through a machine

senseless /'sensləs/ *adjective* having no apparent meaning

sensible /'sensɪb(ə)/ *adjective* able to think and behave in a logical and common-sense manner

sensitive /'sensɪtɪv/ *adjective* strongly able to be aware of feelings

sensitive subject /,sensɪtɪv 'sʌbjekt/ *noun* a topic that is liable to cause strong feelings when discussed

sensitivities /,sensɪ'tɪvɪtɪz/ *plural noun* subjects that are likely to cause argument so must be approached very carefully

sentence /'sentəns/ *noun* a group of words which is complete in itself, containing a subject and a verb

separate /'sepəreɪt/ *verb* to cause two things to be apart and unconnected

separator /'sepəreɪtəl/ *noun* a piece of card or plastic that keeps things apart

○ *The file had different colour separators for each division.*

sequel /'si:kwəl/ *noun* a book or film which continues the storyline of a previous one with the same characters

sequence /'si:kwəns/ *noun* an arrangement which follows a consecutive order

sequential /sɪ'kwɛnʃ(ə)l/ *adjective* in which things follow each other in a pre-arranged order

sequential access /sɪ'kwɛnʃ(ə)l 'æksɛs/ *noun* the state of information only being able to be accessed in a given order

'...no one is seriously expecting a tape replacement, in large part because tape volumes continue to vastly outstrip any competitive technologies. For all its sequential-access inconvenience and sheer old-fashioned aura, tape has remained the reliable performer at the end of the enterprise data chain.' [Computing]

sequential access storage /sɪ'kwɛnʃ(ə)l 'æksɛs ,stɔ:riɪdʒ/ *noun* a storage medium whose data is accessed sequentially

serial /'sɪəriəl/ *noun* **1.** a journal or magazine that is published at regular intervals **2.** a story published in regular instalments ■ *adjective* referring to a series

Serial Line Internet Protocol /,sɪəriəl laɪn 'ɪntənɛt ,prəʊtəkɒl/ *noun* a dial-up phone link to the Internet. Abbr **SLIP**

serial number /'sɪəriəl ,nʌmbə/ *noun* a number given to an item which identifies it by its position in a sequence

serial processing /,sɪəriəl 'prəʊsɛsɪŋ/ *noun* the organisation of journals so that they can be retrieved easily

serials crisis /'sɪəriəlz ,kraɪsɪs/ *noun* the problems facing a library when subscriptions to academic journals become too costly to maintain

serials department /'sɪəriəlz dɪ ,pɑ:tmənt/ *noun* a section of a library with responsibility for organising the journals and periodicals purchased by the organisation

series /'sɪəri:z/ *noun* a group of related items ordered in a sequence, e.g. the volumes in a set of books ○ *'At Lady Molly's' is the seventh title in the 'Dance to the Music of Time' series.*

series authority file /,sɪəri:z ɔ: 'θɜ:riti ,faɪl/ *noun* a list of series headings used in a catalogue with the references made to them from other forms

series title /'sɪəri:z ,taɪt(ə)l/ *noun* the title given to a series of books, each one of which has its own separate title

serif /'serɪf/ *noun* **1.** a small decorative line added to letters in some fonts. ◊

sans serif **2.** a font which uses serifs, such as Times New Roman

server /'sɜ:və/ *noun* a computer with a large storage capacity which provides a function to a network of terminals

server farm /'sɜ:və fɑ:m/ *noun* a business consisting of a group of Internet servers, all of which are linked to one another and are engaged in web hosting

service /'sɜ:vɪs/ *noun* work which supports another person's or organisation's activities ■ *verb* to clean, adjust and repair a machine so that it keeps running

service agreement /'sɜ:vɪs ə ,grɪ:mənt/, **service contract** /'sɜ:vɪs ,kɒntrækt/ *noun* an arrangement with the suppliers of a machine that they will maintain it regularly and repair it if it goes wrong

service point /'sɜ:vɪs pɔɪnt/ *noun* a place in a library or information centre at which the public is served

service provider /'sɜ:vɪs prə ,vaɪdə/ *noun* a company that provides people and businesses with access to the Internet, usually charging a monthly fee

set /set/ *noun* a group of related items

setting /'setɪŋ/ *noun* **1.** the time and place where the action of a book or film happens **2.** the position of the controls on a machine ○ *There are two settings: fast and slow.*

sextodecimo /,sekstəu'desɪməʊ/ *noun* a size of book page traditionally created by folding a single sheet of standard-sized printing paper four times, giving 16 leaves or 32 pages

sg *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Singapore

SGML /,es dʒi: em'eɪ/ *noun* a hardware-independent standard which defines how documents should be marked up to indicate bolds, italics, margins and so on. Full form **standard generalized markup language**. ◊ **HTML, XML**

sh *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for St Helena

shade /ʃeɪd/ *noun* a variation in the colour or black and white texture of printing produced by adding black ■ *verb* to colour in a section of a drawing by adding a darker colour or a textured pattern

shadow /'ʃædəʊ/ *verb* to follow somebody closely throughout their working day in order to study what they do

share /ʃeə/ *noun* one of the parts into which the capital of a company is divided, which can be bought by investors ■ *verb* to own or use something together with somebody else

shared resources /,ʃeəd rɪ 'zɔ:stɪz/ *plural noun* working materials which are used by several groups, e.g. schools or companies

'For example, the secondary school can now share the skills of its ICT technicians and admin staff with hard-pressed primary colleagues in activities such as preparing lessons and materials, and creating pupil displays. Such shared resources will free up teachers to be more productive and give them greater control over their working week.' [*The Guardian*]

sheaf /ʃi:f/ *noun* a bundle of long or thin things ◊ *He was carrying a sheaf of papers.*

sheet /ʃi:t/ *noun* a large flat piece of material or paper

sheet feed /'ʃi:t fi:d/ *noun* a device that feeds single sheets of paper into a printer one at a time

shelf /ʃelf/ *noun* a horizontal piece of wood or metal attached to a wall, or in a bookcase or cupboard (NOTE: The plural is **shelves**.)

shelfback /'ʃelfbæk/ *noun* the spine of a book

shelf label /'ʃelf ,leɪb(ə)/ *noun* a written notice attached to a library shelf which indicates the classification of the books stored there

shelf life /'ʃelf laɪf/ *noun* the period of time that an item is likely to last before it needs replacing

shelf list card /'ʃelf lɪst ,kɑ:d/ *noun* a card which lists the items held on a particular shelf

shelf mark /'ʃelf mɑ:k/ *noun* the classification or call number of a book

shelf number /'ʃelf ,nʌmbə/ *noun* a number allocated to a shelf to assist the retrieval of books

shift /ʃɪft/ *noun* a period of time spent at work at any time during a 24-hour period ◊ *Librarians often have to work an afternoon and evening shift.*

shift key /'ʃɪft ki:/ *noun* a key on a keyboard which raises a letter to a capital or combines with other command keys for word-processing and computing functions

ship /ʃɪp/ *verb* to transport goods by sea

shipment /'ʃɪpmənt/ *noun* a quantity of goods, usually of the same kind, sent together to a destination by any form of transport, not just by sea ◊ *The shipment of library equipment has just arrived at the airport.*

shoot /ʃu:t/ *verb* to use a camera to take photographs or make a film

short /ʃɔ:t/ *adjective* having only a few words or pages

shorten /'ʃɔ:t(ə)n/ *verb* to reduce the length of something

shorthand /'ʃɔ:thænd/ *noun* a system of signs and symbols which enables spoken words to be written down very quickly

short-handed /,ʃɔ:t 'hændɪd/, **short-staffed** /,ʃɔ:t 'stɑ:ft/ *adjective* without enough people to do the work required

shorthand typist /,ʃɔ:thænd 'tɑ:pɪst/ *noun* a person who takes down dictation in shorthand and then transcribes it into typewritten form

shortlist /'ʃɔ:tlist/ *noun* a small group chosen from a larger group, from which the final choice is made ◦ *Five titles were on the shortlist for the Booker Prize.* ■ *verb* to choose a few names of people or titles of books from a longer list, as a first step towards deciding on a person for a job or the winner of a competition ◦ *Shortlisted candidates will be asked for an interview.*

short loan /'ʃɔ:t ləʊn/ *noun* a restricted period for borrowing library items

short loan collection /,i:ʃɔ:t 'ləʊn kə,'leɪkʃ(ə)n/ *noun* books and materials in a library which are in heavy demand so can only be borrowed for a very limited time

short run /'ʃɔ:t rʌn/ *noun* a print run of only a small number of copies

short-term /,i:ʃɔ:t 'tɜ:m/ *adjective* only relevant to the near future

short-term planning /,i:ʃɔ:t tɜ:m 'plænɪŋ/ *noun* decisions about what will be done in the near future

shot /ʃɒt/ *noun* a photograph or still frame from a film

shoulder /'ʃəʊldə/ *noun* the edge of the spine of a book, which sticks out slightly

show /ʃəʊ/ *verb* to take something to somebody and enable them to see it

show of hands /,i:ʃəʊ əv 'hændz/ *noun* a method of counting votes by counting the number of raised hands

shred /ʃred/ *verb* to cut something into long thin strips

shredder /'ʃredə/ *noun* a machine that cuts paper into very small pieces, usually long thin strips, used to destroy confidential documents

shut down /,i:ʃʌt 'daʊn/ *verb* **1.** to close a factory, shop or organisation permanently or temporarily **2.** to close down a computer or engine temporarily

si *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Slovenia

side /saɪd/ *noun* one surface of something flat such as a tape or piece of paper ◦ *It is possible to record on both sides of this tape.*

side by side /,saɪd baɪ 'saɪd/ *adjective* next to each other

side with /'saɪd wɪθ/, **side against** /'saɪd ə,ɡenst/ *verb* to support or oppose somebody in an argument

sign /saɪn/ *noun* a piece of wood, plastic or metal with words or pictures on it giving information ■ *verb* to write one's signature on a document ◻ **to sign for** to put your signature on an official document to say that you have received something ◻ **to sign in** write your name on a list to say that you have arrived ◻ **to sign on** to agree to a contract

signal /'sɪɡn(ə)l/ *noun* a way of sending a message over a distance by physical or electronic methods

signatory /'sɪɡnət(ə)ri/ *noun* a person who has the legal right to sign an official document

signature /'sɪɡnɪtʃə/ *noun* **1.** a way of writing your name which is special to you and can be recognised as yours by other people **2.** a special authentication code such as a password which a user gives to prove their identity before accessing a system or before the execution of a task **3.** a sentence or paragraph used to end e-mail messages and comments posted on the Internet. Normally a signature should be short – no more than four lines – and might include a short advertisement for your services and your e-mail address. **4.** a printed sheet, folded into 16, 32 or 64 pages (NOTE: The folded set of printed pages is technically speaking a 'section', while the 'signature' is the identifying number or letter on it. However, 'signature' is commonly used to mean the set of pages themselves.)

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signed edition /'saɪnd ɪ,dɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a copy of a book autographed by the author

significance /sɪɡ'nɪfɪkəns/ *noun* the importance, special meaning or value of something

significant /sɪg'nɪfɪkənt/ *adjective* of particular importance

sign language /'saɪn 'læŋgwɪdʒ/ *noun* communication, or a system of communication, by gestures as opposed to written or spoken language, especially the highly developed system of hand signs used by or to people who are hearing-impaired

silverfish /'sɪlvəfɪʃ/ *noun* a small silvery wingless insect with three long tail bristles and two long antennae, which feeds on the starch of books

Silver Platter Information /,sɪlvə 'plætə ɪnfəmeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an organization set up specifically to provide information by using CD-ROM technology with microcomputers

similar /'sɪmlə/ *adjective* having features that are almost the same as something else

Simple Mail Transfer Protocol /,sɪmp(ə)l 'meɪl trænsfɜː prəʊtəkɒl/ *noun* a standard protocol which allows electronic mail messages to be transferred from one system to another, normally used as the method of transferring mail from one Internet server to another or to send mail from a computer to a server. Abbr **SMTP**

simplify /'sɪmplɪfaɪ/ *verb* to make something less complex

simulate /'sɪmjəleɪt/ *verb* to copy actions, feelings or objects to produce something that looks similar or acts in the same way

simultaneous /,sɪm(ə)l'teɪniəs/ *adjective* happening at the same time

sine loco /,saɪni 'lɒkəʊ/ *phrase* a Latin phrase used in catalogue entries to signify no place of publication. Abbr **s.l.**

sine nomine /,saɪni 'nɒmɪneɪ/ *phrase* a Latin phrase used in catalogue entries to signify no known publisher. Abbr **s.n.**

single density disk /,sɪŋg(ə)l ,densɪti 'dɪsk/ *noun* a standard magnetic disk able to store data. Abbr **SD disk**

single out /,sɪŋg(ə)l 'aʊt/ *verb* to select one person or thing from a group

single-sided disk /,sɪŋg(ə)l ,saɪdɪd 'dɪsk/ *noun* a computer disk which can only be used to store data on one side

single user /,sɪŋg(ə)l 'juːzə/ *adjective* to be used by one person

singular /'sɪŋgjʊlə/ *adjective* **1.** a grammatical term to describe words which refer to just one thing **2.** unusual or eccentric

SIS *abbreviation* strategic information services

site engineer /'saɪt endʒɪnɪə/ *noun* an engineer who is allocated to a particular site to maintain the equipment and machines

site licence /'saɪt ,laɪs(ə)ns/ *noun* an official permit to an institution and its staff to use particular software

situations vacant column /,sɪtʃueɪʃ(ə)nz 'veɪk(ə)nt ,kɒləm/ *noun* a list of job advertisements printed in a newspaper

sixteenmo /'sɪksstiːnməʊ/ *noun* **1.** a book that is printed in 32-page sections **2.** an American book size about 6 or 7 inches high ▶ abbr **16mo**

16mo *abbreviation* sixteenmo

64mo *abbreviation* sixty-fourmo

sixty-fourmo /,sɪkssti 'fɔːməʊ/ *noun* a size of book page traditionally created by folding a single sheet of standardized printing paper six times, giving 64 leaves or 128 pages. Abbr **64mo**

size /saɪz/ *noun* **1.** the physical dimensions of something, which tell how big or small it is, usually indicated by its height and width **2.** a mixture of gelatine, alum and formaldehyde used to coat paper surfaces ■ *verb* to calculate the size of something □ **to size up** to study a person or situation and assess the best way of dealing with it

sj *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands

sk *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Slovakia

skeleton key /'skelɪt(ə)n kiː/ *noun* a key that will open many different locks

skeleton service /'skelɪt(ə)n ,sɜːvɪs/ *noun* a service run by the minimum number of people possible

skeleton staff /'skelɪt(ə)n stɑ:f/ *noun* the smallest number of staff able to do the work

skill /skɪl/ *noun* a special ability, knowledge or training that enables somebody to do something well

skilled staff /,skɪld 'stɑ:f/ *plural noun* people who work with special knowledge in a particular job

skip /skɪp/ *verb* **1.** to miss something out **2.** to decide deliberately not to do something or go somewhere

skiver /'skaɪvə/ *noun* leather made by splitting a sheepskin, used as a cover material for de luxe books

sl *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Sierra Leone

s.l. *abbreviation* sine loco

SLA *abbreviation* School Library Association

slang /slæŋ/ *noun* words and expressions which are very informal and likely to change in meaning every so often

slash /slæʃ/ *noun* an oblique stroke used in typing (/) (**NOTE:** In printing it is more often called a **solidus**.)

slashed zero /,slæʃd 'zi:əʊ/ *noun* a printed sign (Ø) which puts an oblique stroke through zero to distinguish it from the letter O

sleeve /sli:v/ *noun* **1.** an envelope-type cover for disks, often with information or pictures on it **2.** a book jacket

slew /slu:/ *noun* rapid uncontrolled movement of paper in a printer when it is not connected to the feeder

slide /slɑɪd/ *noun* **1.** a picture on positive transparent photographic film mounted in a frame **2.** an individual computer screen which can be produced as output in different formats

slide carousel /'slɑɪd ,kærəsel/ *noun* a container that allows slides to be fed into a projector

slide mount /'slɑɪd maʊnt/ *noun* a frame around a slide which makes it easier to handle and store

slide projector /'slɑɪd prə,dʒektə/ *noun* a device that shines light through photographic slides in order to project them on to a screen

slide storage /'slɑɪd ,stɔ:ɪrɪdʒ/ *noun* a system of storage slides which keeps them clean, safe and easily retrievable

slide tape package /'slɑɪd teɪp ,pækɪdʒ/ *noun* a synchronised programme of slides and audio tape

slide viewer /'slɑɪd ,vju:ə/ *noun* a small portable box which enables slides to be viewed against a light source

SLIP /slɪp/ *abbreviation* Serial Line Internet Protocol

slipcase /'slɪpkets/ *noun* a card box for an expensive book, which is open at one side so that the spine of the book is visible

slip pages /'slɪp ,peɪdʒɪz/, **slip proofs** /'slɪp pru:fs/ *plural noun* draft copies of text for printing which are printed on separate sheets of paper

slip-up /'slɪp ʌp/ *noun* a small unintentional mistake

slow fires /,sləʊ 'faɪəz/ *plural noun* an informal term to describe the gradual self-destruction of books made with acidic paper

slow motion /,sləʊ 'məʊʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the act of playing back a film or video at a slower speed than when it was recorded

SLS *abbreviation* School Library Service

sm *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for San Marino

small ad /'smɔ:l æd/ *noun* a short advertisement in a newspaper or magazine, usually advertising personal sales or wants

small caps /,smɔ:l 'kæps/ *noun* a printing style which uses capital letters that are the same size as lower case letters

small-scale /'smɔ:l skeɪl/ *adjective* limited in size and extent *o* *The library's evening activities were kept small-scale to reduce costs.*

smart card /'smɑ:t kɑ:d/ *noun* a plastic card with an electronic strip which can be read to identify the user on such things as credit cards

SMS /,es em 'es/ *noun* a service that allows short text messages to be sent, e.g. between mobile phones and pagers.

Full form **short message service**, **short messaging service**

SMTP *abbreviation* Simple Mail Transfer Protocol

sn *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Senegal

s.n. *abbreviation* sine nomine

snail mail /'sneɪl meɪl/ *noun* mail sent through the postal service, as distinct from faster electronic mail. Also called **p-mail**

snap decision /,snæp dɪ'sɪʒ(ə)n/ *noun* a decision taken quickly without much thought

snapshot /'snæpʃɒt/ *noun* a personal photograph taken quickly

so *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Somalia

social bookmarking /,səʊʃ(ə)l 'bʊkmɑ:kɪŋ/ *noun* personalised meta-data added to recommended web resources by users, as a 'bookmark' to help others in the field find it

'Yahoo! last year also acquired del.icio.us, a social-bookmarking website that lets users share their favourite sites, music and other findings – allowing others to effectively look over their shoulders to find interesting stuff. "We're applying the wisdom of the crowds to find information", says Bradley Horowitz, Yahoo!'s head of search technology. "It's collaborative".' [*Time Magazine*]

social capital /,səʊʃ(ə)l 'kæpɪt(ə)l/ *noun* the idea of the social networks created by and available to a person or company being a form of exploitable resource

social skills /'səʊʃ(ə)l skɪlz/ *plural noun* ability to communicate with other people at all levels of society

social trend /,səʊʃ(ə)l 'trend/ *noun* the general direction of change in social behaviour

socket /'sɒkɪt/ *noun* a device with holes for a plug which connects a machine to the electricity supply

softback /'sɒftbæk/ *noun* PUBL same as **paperback** ■ *adjective* same as **paperback**

soft copy /,sɒft 'kɒpi/ *noun* text on screen as opposed to hard copy printed on paper

softcover /'sɒftkʌvə/ *noun* PUBL same as **paperback** ■ *adjective* same as **paperback**

software /'sɒftweə/ *noun* computer programs which instruct the hardware what to do

software development /'sɒftweə dɪ'veləpmənt/ *noun* the process of writing programs to implement an original idea

software documentation /'sɒftweə ,dɒkjʊmentɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* instruction manuals which explain how to install and use computer programs

software engineer /'sɒftweə endʒɪnɪə/ *noun* a person who can write computer programs to fit specific applications

software installation /'sɒftweə ,ɪnstəleɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the process of putting a program on to a computer so that it can be used

software licence /'sɒftweə ,laɪs(ə)ns/ *noun* a contract between the producer and the purchaser of software about the use and copying of the program

software maintenance /'sɒftweə ,meɪntənəns/ *noun* modifications made to a program to keep it up to date

software package /'sɒftweə ,pækɪdʒ/ *noun* a complete set of instruction manuals and installation disks which enable a program to be used

software piracy /'sɒftweə ,paɪəsi/ *noun* the illegal copying of software

'Software piracy is one of the copyright sins. With many computer users in the habit of downloading music and films from the internet for free, cyber criminals are increasingly pushing pirated programs at a hungry audience... we have twice as many applications on our PCs today than we did three years ago.' [*The Guardian*]

software producer /'sɒftweə prə ,dju:sə/ *noun* a publisher of computer programs for sale

software specification /'sɒftweə ,spesɪfɪkeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* detailed infor-

mation about a piece of software's abilities, functions and methods

solidus /'sɒlɪdəs/ *noun* an oblique stroke used in printing (/)

solution /sə'lu:ʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the answer to a problem

solve /sɒlv/ *verb* to find the answer to a problem or difficulty

sophisticated /sə'fɪstɪkətɪd/ *adjective* complex and technically advanced

sort /sɔ:t/ *verb* to put things in order ○ *The data can be sorted by name or number.*

sort code /'sɔ:t kəʊd/ *noun* a combination of numbers which identifies the user

sorting office /'sɔ:tɪŋ ,ɒfɪs/ *noun* the part of a post office where items to be delivered are sorted according to their destinations

sound /saʊnd/ *noun* a noise that can be heard ■ *adjective* strong, reliable or in good condition

sound effects /'saʊnd ɪ'fekts/ *plural noun* sounds produced artificially to make a play or film seem more realistic

soundproof /'saʊndpru:f/ *adjective* preventing sound from passing in or out

sound track /'saʊnd træk/ *noun* a track on the edge of a film on which the speech and music is recorded and synchronised with the pictures

source /sɔ:s/ *noun* the place where something originally comes from

source language /'sɔ:s ,læŋgwɪdʒ/ *noun* the original language of a text which is being translated into another language

source term /'sɔ:s tɜ:m/ *noun* the first word looked up in an index search from which the searcher is directed to other terms

space /speɪs/ *noun* a gap or empty place intended for the storage of data ■ *verb* to arrange things with regular gaps in between them □ **to space out** to organise a series of things or events so that there are gaps or periods of time in between them

space bar /'speɪs bɑ:z/, **space key** *noun* a long bar at the bottom of a

keyboard on a typewriter or computer which makes a single space into the text when pressed

spacing /'speɪsɪŋ/ *noun* the way in which gaps are inserted ○ *The spacing of words on that line is rather uneven.*

span /spæn/ *noun* a period of time

span of concentration /ɪ'spæn əv ,kɒnsən'treɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a period of time for which a person is able to concentrate on doing something ○ *The average span of concentration on one activity for children is said to be only 15 minutes.*

spare /speə/ *adjective* extra to requirements and available for use

spare part /ɪ'speə 'pɑ:t/ *noun* a component for a machine that can be bought separately to replace one that is broken or worn out

spatial /'speɪʃ(ə)l/ *adjective* relating to space and shapes

spatial ability /'speɪʃ(ə)l ə,bɪlɪti/ *noun* the ability of a person to visualise the relationships between shapes

speaker /'spi:kə/ *noun* somebody who makes a speech. ○ **loudspeaker**

special interest group /ɪ'speʃ(ə)l 'ɪntrəst ,gru:p/ *noun* a community of people who have an interest in one specific area of study and development, e.g. computer-human interaction

specialise /'speʃəlaɪz/, **specialize** *verb* to study something in great depth so that you become an expert in that field

specialist /'speʃəlɪst/ *noun* an expert in one particular area of knowledge or skill

special librarian /ɪ'speʃ(ə)l laɪ 'brɛəriən/ *noun* a qualified librarian employed in a special library

special library /ɪ'speʃ(ə)l 'laɪbrəri/ *noun* a library that is stocked to provide information in a particular area of study ○ *Research & Development departments of large firms often have their own special libraries.*

special offer /ɪ'speʃ(ə)l 'ɒfə/ *noun* goods or services being sold at a specially low price usually for a short period of time

specifications /,spesɪfɪ'keɪf(ə)nɪz/ *plural noun* detailed instructions about work to be done or products to be supplied

specific entry /spə,sɪfɪk 'entri/ *noun* a catalogue entry under the actual subject rather than a broader term

specify /'spesɪfaɪ/ *verb* to state in detail what is required

specimen /'spesɪmɪn/ *noun* **1.** a small example of something which gives an idea of what the whole thing will look like **2.** one example of a species which shows what they all look like

specimen pages /,spesɪmɪn 'peɪdʒɪz/ *plural noun* printed pages produced by the printer for the publisher to show the proposed type style

specimen storage /'spesɪmɪn ,stɔ:ɪrɪdʒ/ *noun* a system of organising the storing of physical objects so that they can be studied

speculate /'spekjuleɪt/ *verb* to form a conjecture on the basis of incomplete facts or information

speculation /,spekju'leɪf(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** a conclusion, theory or opinion based on incomplete facts or information **2.** reasoning based on incomplete facts or information

speech recognition /'spi:tʃ ,rekəgnɪf(ə)n/ *noun* the ability of a machine to recognise the patterns of individual human voices, sometimes used in security systems

speech synthesiser /'spi:tʃ ,sɪnθəsəɪzə/ *noun* a machine which takes information from a computer in electronic form and makes it recognisable as spoken words ○ *The blind student needed a speech synthesiser attached to his computer so that he could hear the written words.*

speed-read /'spi:d ri:d/ *verb* to read something very fast using a learned technique of skimming the text

spellcheck /'speltʃek/ *verb* to check the spelling in a text by comparing it with a dictionary held in the computer

spellchecker /'speltʃekə/, **spelling checker** /'speliŋ ,tʃekə/ *noun* **1.** a program which looks at the words of a

text in a computer, checks them against a dictionary of correctly spelled words, and indicates the words that are incorrect **2.** a dictionary of correctly spelled words, held in a computer, and used to check the spelling of a text

spellcheck facility /'speltʃek fə ,sɪləti/ *noun* a software facility on a word-processing program which enables the user to check spellings against an inbuilt dictionary

speller /'spelə/ *noun* a book for teaching or improving spelling

spelling error /'speliŋ ,erə/ *noun* a mistake made in spelling a word

spend /spend/ *verb* to exchange money for goods or time on activities

spider /'spaɪdə/ *noun* a computer program that searches the Internet for newly accessible information to be added to the index examined by a standard search tool

spike /spaɪk/ *noun* a sharp piece of metal which when mounted on a base can be used for temporary storage of papers needing attention

spine /spaɪn/ *noun* the edge of a book which is all that can be seen when a book is upright on a shelf

spine label /'spaɪn ,leɪb(ə)/ *noun* a label put on the spine of a book to indicate its library location

spine lettering /'spaɪn ,let(ə)rɪŋ/ *noun* the printing of the title and other details on the spine of a book

spine number /'spaɪn ,nʌmbə/ *noun* a call or class number put on the spine of a library book

spine title /'spaɪn ,taɪt(ə)/ *noun* the name of a book written down its spine

spinner /'spɪnə/ *noun* a display rack for books, which turns round

spiral binding /'spairəl ,baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* a type of binding for collections of papers which uses a coiled wire inserted into specially punched holes

spiral bound book /,spairəl baʊnd 'bʊk/ *noun* a book in a spiral binding

splice /splais/ *verb* to join two pieces of magnetic tape or film together

splicing tape /'splaisɪŋ teɪp/ *noun* non-magnetic, transparent tape used to join two pieces of tape together

split catalogue /,splɪt 'kætəlɒɡ/ *noun* a catalogue in which the entries are divided by category and give separate alphabetical lists for details such as title, author and subject

split screen /'splɪt skri:n/ *noun* a system where more than one text can appear on a screen at the same time, such as the text being worked on and a second text which can be called up for reference

split site /,splɪt 'saɪt/ *adjective* referring to a school, college or university with buildings separated on different sites

sponsor /'spɒnsə/ *noun* a person or organisation that pays all or part of the expenses for an event or period of study ■ *verb* to pay to support an activity or person

spool /spu:l/ *noun* a round object on to which tape or film can be wound ■ *verb* to transfer data from a disc to a tape

spreadsheet /'spredʃi:t/ *noun* a computer program that allows the calculation of numbers in both columns and rows

spring back /'sprɪŋ bæk/ *noun* a binding for account books and other bound stationery which allows the pages to lie flat when open

sprinkled edge /'sprɪŋk(ə)ld ,edʒ/ *noun* the edge of a book which has been sprayed with splashes of ink for decoration

sprocket /'sprɒkɪt/ *noun* a tooth on the edge of a wheel to pick up what passes over it

sprocket holes /'sprɒkɪt həʊlz/ *plural noun* a series of holes at the edge of paper which control its feed through a printer

SQL /,es kju: 'el/ *noun* a standardised language that is close to the structure of natural English, used for obtaining information from databases. Full form **structured query language**

square bracket /,skweə 'brækɪt/ *noun* either of a pair of symbols, [], used in keying, printing and writing especially to indicate the insertion of special commentary, e.g. that made by an editor

sr *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Suriname

SSL *abbreviation* Secure Sockets Layer

SSN *abbreviation* Standard Serial Number

st *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for São Tomé and Príncipe

stable /'steɪb(ə)l/ *adjective* steady and unmoving

stack /stæk/ *noun* **1.** a pile of things one on top of another ○ *a stack of order forms* **2.** a large and ordered collection of books kept in another area for reference

staff /stɑ:f/ *plural noun* people who work for a company or organisation ■ *verb* to provide the staff for a company or organisation

staff levels /'stɑ:f ,lev(ə)lz/ *plural noun* the number of people who are employed to work for a company or organisation ○ *They were criticised for having inadequate staff levels.*

staff profile /,stɑ:f 'prəʊfaɪl/ *noun* records which show details of staff qualifications and work experience

staffroom /'stɑ:fru:m/ *noun* a common room where staff can meet informally

staffroom library /'stɑ:fru:m ,laɪbrəri/ *noun* a collection of books on work-related subjects kept in the staffroom for use by members of staff

stage /steɪdʒ/ *noun* one step in a process

stakeholder /'steɪkhəʊldə/ *noun* somebody who has a vested interest in a company's success, e.g. shareholders, directors, employers or suppliers

stamp /stæmp/ *noun* something which marks another object to show that it has been processed ■ *verb* to use a rubber stamp to mark something ○ *The books are stamped with the date for return.*

stamp of approval /,stæmp əv ə 'pru:v(ə)l/ *noun* a mark of approval given either verbally or by a physical mark

stand-alone /'stænd ə,ləʊn/ *noun* a computer that can be used by itself without the help of larger networks

“Our topic maps solution is a stand-alone system that can be fully integrated with an organisation’s existing applications, regardless of where on the network they are”, explains Kal Ahmed, founder of NetworkedPlanet. “It... removes the laborious task of manually searching through systems and folders to locate a particular document”. [M2 *Presswire*]

standard /'stændəd/ *noun* a level by which people or the quality of work can be judged ■ *adjective* normal or usual ○ *They received the standard letter of reply just like everyone else.*

standard author /,stændəd 'ɔ:θə/ *noun* an author of literary merit who is part of the literature of a country

Standard Book Number /,stændəd 'bʊk ,nʌmbə/ *noun* an older form of the International Standard Book Number. Abbr **SBN**

standard deviation /,stændəd ,di:vi'eɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a statistical term to show how far things are different from the normal

standard format /,stændəd 'fɔ:mæt/ *noun* the most commonly used format for such things as documents, used many times without any change to the text

standardisation /,stændədəɪ 'zeɪʃ(ə)n/, **standardization** *noun* the process of making sure that everything fits a standard or is produced in the same way ○ *standardization of cover design in a series*

standardise /'stændədəɪz/, **standardize** *verb* to make sure that everything conforms to the same standard

standard letter /,stændəd 'letə/ *noun* a letter which is sent to several different addresses without any change in the text

Standard Serial Number /,stændəd 'sɪəriəl ,nʌmbə/ *noun* an older form of the International Standard Serial Number. Abbr **SSN**

standby /'stændbaɪ/ *noun* something that is kept ready for use in case of need

standing committee /'stændɪŋ kə ,mɪti/ *noun* a permanently established administrative body which supports the work of a large organisation

Standing Committee on Official Publications /,stændɪŋ kə,mɪti ɒn ə,fɪʃ(ə)l ,pʌblɪ'keɪʃ(ə)nz/ *noun* an organisation that was set up in order to improve access to official publications. Abbr **SCOOP**

Standing Conference on National and University Libraries *noun* an advisory committee on special areas of concern such as buildings, staffing or specific subjects. Abbr **SCONUL**

standing order /,stændɪŋ 'ɔ:də/ *noun* **1.** a regular order for each edition of a serial or annual publication **2.** an instruction to your bank to pay a fixed regular amount of money to a named person or organisation

staple /'steɪp(ə)l/ *noun* a small bent piece of metal which is forced into papers to hold them together ■ *verb* to join papers together using a stapler

stapler /'steɪplə/ *noun* a tool used to force staples through papers or other materials to hold them together

star /stɑ:/ *noun* same as **asterisk** ■ *verb* same as **asterisk**

start /stɑ:t/ *noun* the place or time at which something begins ■ *verb* to create something from the beginning

starting point /'stɑ:tɪŋ pɔɪnt/ *noun* the place from where somebody or something begins

start page /'stɑ:t peɪdʒ/ *noun* the webpage to which a visitor to a website is automatically taken first, or the page to which a user is automatically taken first whenever he or she goes online

state /steɪt/ *noun* **1.** a country or nation **2.** the government of a country **3.** a condition of something ■ *adjective* relating to government-run organisations ○ *state schools*

statement /'steɪtmənt/ *noun* a formal or official account of events

state-of-the-art /,steɪt əv ðɪ 'ɑ:t/ *adjective* as technically advanced as possible

static /'stætɪk/ *adjective* unmoving and unchanging

station /'steɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a point in a network at which work can be input to the main system

stationary /'steɪʃ(ə)n(ə)ri/ *adjective* not moving

stationery /'steɪʃ(ə)n(ə)ri/ *noun* paper equipment in an office, e.g. envelopes and writing paper

statistics /stə'tɪstɪks/ *plural noun* facts presented in the form of figures

status /'stetəs/ *noun* a position in society or in a work schedule

STATUS /'steɪtəs/ *noun* an information retrieval package which works on the free text principle

STATUS/IQ /,steɪtəs aɪ 'kjuː/ *noun* a software system for use with STATUS which understands natural English and can rank its findings in the order of perceived usefulness to the user

status line /'stetəs laɪn/ *noun* a line at the top of a computer screen which gives details of the file currently being worked on

statute /'stætʃu:t/ *noun* a regulation or law

statutory deposit copy /,stætʃʊt(ə)ri dɪ'pɒzɪt ,kɒpi/ *noun* a copy of a book or other publication which has to be deposited with a national library according to law

statutory instrument /,stætʃʊt(ə)ri 'ɪnstɾəmənt/ *noun* a law or legal requirement

stave /steɪv/ *noun* a set of five lines on which music is written

STD *abbreviation* Subscriber Trunk Dialling

steering committee /'stiəriŋ kə'mɪti/ *noun* a group of people in charge of stages of a project which decides the priorities and order of work

stem /stem/ *verb* to search a database by inputting only the stem of a word with indicators before or afterwards to show that extra letters may be attached

stencil /'stensəl/ *noun* a template of shapes or letters which can be used to produce a design or written information

step /step/ *noun* one of a series of stages used to accomplish a task

stereo /'steriəʊ/ *noun* an audio system or device that reproduces stereophonic sound ■ *abbreviation* stereophonic

stereophonic /,steriə'fɒnɪk/ *adjective* where sound signals are directed through two speakers at once to give depth to the sound

sticky /'stɪki/ *adjective* referring to a website that attracts visitors, especially one that keeps them interested for a long time

still /stɪl/ *noun* one single frame from a video or film

stitch /stɪtʃ/ *verb* to bind the pages of a book, pamphlet or other publication with thread or staples

stock /stɒk/ *noun* the total quantity of items available for use or sale

stock availability /'stɒk ə'veɪləbɪlɪti/ *noun* the fact of whether an item is on the premises and ready for use or sale

stock control /'stɒk kən'trɒl/ *noun* the process of keeping records of how much stock is bought and sold

stockroom /'stɒkru:m/ *noun* a room where items that are not immediately needed are stored

stock selection /'stɒk sɪ'lekʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the process of choosing items to hold on the premises

stocktaking /'stɒkteɪkɪŋ/ *noun* the process of checking the amount of available stock against records

stop list /'stɒp lɪst/ *noun* a list of words that cannot be used in a system

stop word /'stɒp wɜ:d/ *noun* a word that is not significant for an index or library file so is not included, e.g. the word 'the'

storage /'stɔːrɪdʒ/ *noun* **1.** the process of placing or keeping goods in a store **2.** a place for storing things **3.** money charged for keeping goods in a store

storage facilities /'stɔːrɪdʒ fə'sɪlɪtiz/ *plural noun* room or space in which to store items

storage system /'stɔːrɪdʒ ,sɪstəm/ *noun* a system for organising items in store so that they can be retrieved

storage unit /'stɔ:ri:dʒ ,ju:nɪt/ *noun* a device attached to a computer for storing information on disk or tape

store /stɔ:/ *noun* a place where items can be kept until needed ■ *verb* to place items into safe keeping

story /'stɔ:ri/ *noun* a narrative tale

storyboard /'stɔ:ri:bɔ:d/ *noun* a planning document used by producers of broadcast programmes

strategic information services /strə'ti:dʒɪk ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,sɜ:vɪsɪz/ *plural noun* the provision of information to a company so that they can achieve some aim, e.g. increase customer awareness or understand the competition. Abbr **SIS**

'Inacom's efforts to transform itself into a computer services company did not work. It remained a tactical 'break and fix' shop rather than a provider of strategic information services, said Michell Hudnall of the Meta Group, a market research firm.' [*Financial Times*]

strategic planning /strə'ti:dʒɪk 'plænɪŋ/ *noun* policy planning for future developments within a company or organisation

strategy /'strætədʒi/ *noun* a plan which sets out the methods of achieving one's goals

streaming /'stri:mɪŋ/ *noun* the reading of data from a storage device in one continuous operation, without processor intervention

street plan /'stri:t plæn/ *noun* a map of the streets in a particular town. Also called **town plan**

string /strɪŋ/ *noun* **1.** an indexing term for a series of characters **2.** an indexing term to describe the lists of terms compiled by an indexer with details of how they relate to each other

stripe /straɪp/ *noun* **1.** a line of different colour from the background **2.** a thin magnetic strip on the side of a film opposite to the sound track to control its speed on playback

structure /'strʌktʃə/ *noun* an underlying plan which gives form to a system or activity ■ *verb* to organise or

construct something according to an efficient or logical system

structured indexing language /,strʌktʃəd 'ɪndeksɪŋ ,læŋgwɪdʒ/ *noun* the use of words in a specific order to construct index headings, as in 'libraries, special' instead of 'special libraries'

studies /'stʌdiz/ *noun* a particular subject of study, especially an educational course or academic specialisation

study /'stʌdi/ *verb* to learn about something by spending time reading about it and listening to experts

study aid /'stʌdi eɪd/ *noun* educational material such as a book or CD for sale to students who want to learn by self-study at home

study leave /'stʌdi li:v/ *noun* leave of absence from a course of study, granted for the purposes of carrying out additional research

STUMPERS-L /'stʌmpəz el/ *noun* an Internet bulletin board which lists difficult questions asked of librarians to see if any other librarians can help with the answers

style /stɑɪl/ *noun* the way in which a particular writer or editor uses words, sentences and layout to produce a recognisable publication

stylus /'stɑɪləs/ *noun* a small pointed object which is used in computer graphics to direct the cursor

sub- /sʌb/ *prefix* combining with nouns to give the meaning of less important

sub-contract /,sʌbkən'trækt/ *verb* to pay somebody else to do part of a job for you

subdomain name /,sʌbdə'meɪn ,neɪm/ *noun* **1.** a second level of Internet domain names created by the administrator of the domain **2.** a subdivision of the two-letter country domain names into two- or three-letter organisational subdomains, e.g. 'ac.uk' for United Kingdom academic sites and 'com.au' for Australian commercial sites.

sub-editor /'sʌbedɪtə/ *noun* a person who corrects and checks articles in a newspaper before they are printed

sub-heading, sub-head *noun* a subsidiary heading which divides text into shorter sections

subject /'sʌbdʒɪkt/ *noun* an idea for study, discussion or treatment

subject bibliography /'sʌbdʒɪkt bɪbli,ɒgrəfi/ *noun* a list of documents, articles and books that are relevant to a certain subject, with details such as author, publisher and date of publication

subject catalogue /'sʌbdʒɪkt ,kætəlɒg/ *noun* a catalogue which lists books according to their subjects

subject directory /'sʌbdʒɪkt daɪ ,rekt(ə)ri/ *noun* an index of resources arranged primarily by subject area

subject entry /'sʌbdʒɪkt ,entri/,
subject heading /'sʌbdʒɪkt ,hedɪŋ/ *noun* an index or catalogue heading which indicates the main subject of a document

subject index /'sʌbdʒɪkt ,ɪndeks/ *noun* a list of subjects covered by a library with the class numbers to indicate where materials can be found

subject librarian /'sʌbdʒɪkt laɪ ,brɛəriən/ *noun* a librarian who is a specialist in a particular subject

subject line /'sʌbdʒɪkt laɪn/ *noun* a line in an e-mail that indicates the subject of the message

subject matter /'sʌbdʒɪkt ,mætə/ *noun* the subject of a book, talk or work of art

submission date /sʌb'mɪʃ(ə)n ,deɪt/ *noun* the last date by which an assignment, proposal or application can be sent to somebody

subordinate clause /sə'bɔ:dɪnət klɔ:z/ *noun* a clause that cannot stand alone as a separate sentence since its meaning depends on the meaning of the main clause and simply gives additional information. In the sentence 'We had to run because we were late', the clause 'because we were late' is the subordinate clause and 'We had to run' is the main clause.

subscribe /səb'skraɪb/ *verb* **1.** to agree to pay for and receive or use something over a fixed period of time, e.g. a periodical, series of books, or set

of tickets to musical or dramatic performances **2.** to add one's name and e-mail address to a mailing list in order to receive messages from a website automatically, with or without charge

Subscriber Trunk Dialling /sʌb ,skraɪbə 'trʌŋk ,daɪəlɪŋ/ *noun* a system of automatic telephone connection all over the world which is then charged to your personal telephone account. Abbr **STD**

subscribe to /sʌb'skraɪb tʊ/ *verb* to pay money in order to receive copies of a regular publication or to gain access to a service

subscription /səb'skrɪpʃən/ *noun* money paid to become a member of an organisation or in order to receive regular publications

subscription library /səb'skrɪpʃən ,laɪbrəri/ *noun* a private library which people can join by paying a subscription

subscript letter /'sʌbskrɪpt ,letə/,
subscript number *noun* a very small letter or number which is printed slightly below the line level of normal print

subsection /'sʌb,sekʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a small part of a larger section

sub-series /'sʌb ,sɪəri:z/ *noun* a series of publications with titles dependent on a previous series

subset /'sʌbset/ *noun* a smaller part of a large division of data

substantiate /səb'stænʃiət/ *verb* to supply evidence to prove that something is true

substitute /'sʌbstɪtju:t/ *verb* to put or use something in the place of something else

subtitle /'sʌbtɪt(ə)l/ *noun* **1.** the secondary title of a book **2.** words written at the bottom of a television or cinema screen to enable the spoken words to be read

succeed /sək'si:d/ *verb* **1.** to follow a person and take over their job **2.** to gain the intended result

successive /sək'sesɪv/ *adjective* following one after the other

sufficient /sə'fɪʃ(ə)nt/ *adjective* as much as is needed

suffix /'sʌfɪks/ *noun* a word or group of letters added to the end of a word which changes the grammar and meaning

suggestions book /sə'dʒestʃənz bʊk/ *noun* a book in which the users of a service can write their ideas for how to improve the service

summarise /'sʌmərəɪz/, **summarize** *verb* to give a brief description of the main points

summary /'sʌməri/ *noun* a short version of something giving only the main points

Sunday supplement /,sʌndəɪ 'sʌplɪmənt/ *noun* a magazine that comes with a Sunday newspaper

super- /su:pə/ *prefix* combining with adjectives to suggest that something is of very high quality

superimpose /,su:pəɪm'pəʊz/ *verb* to place something on top of something else

superior number /su:pɪəriə 'nʌmbə/ *noun* a superscript number often used to indicate a footnote

Super Janet /'su:pə ,dʒænit/ *noun* an updated version of the Joint Academic NETWORK system of information transfer within the UK

superscript /'su:pəskript/ *noun* a small character printed at a higher level than the rest of the line of writing

supersede /,su:pə'si:d/ *verb* to replace something which is old and out of date

supervise /'su:pəvaɪz/ *verb* to make sure that a person is working efficiently or that a task is done properly

supervisor /'su:pəvaɪzə/ *noun* a person who has the responsibility for supervising other people or machinery

supplementary /,sʌplɪ'ment(ə)ri/ *adjective* added to something else to improve it, update it or make it satisfactory

supplier /sə'plaiə/ *noun* a person or company that provides goods, services or equipment

supply /sə'plai/ *verb* to provide, give or sell something to somebody

support /sə'pɔ:t/ *verb* to provide help, advice or finance to ensure that somebody or something else can work

suppress /sə'pres/ *verb* to prevent something from being known or done

surf /sɜ:f/ *verb* to browse through a database ○ *surfing the Internet*

surface Web /'sɜ:fɪs web/ *noun* data on the World Wide Web which can be found using ordinary search engines. Compare **deep Web**

surge /sɜ:dʒ/ *noun* a sudden increase in something such as sales or electrical power

survey /'sɜ:veɪ/ *noun* a detailed investigation often involving people's opinions

survey population /'sɜ:veɪ ,pɒpjʊleɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a selected sample for an investigation

sustain /sə'steɪn/ *verb* to keep or maintain something for a length of time

sv *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for El Salvador

SVQ *abbreviation* Scottish Vocational Qualification

swap /swɒp/ *verb* to exchange information, giving one item and receiving another in its place

switch /swɪtʃ/ *verb* □ **to switch on** to connect a machine or equipment to a source of electrical power □ **to switch over** to change to another machine ◇ **to switch off** 1. to isolate a machine or equipment from a source of electrical power 2. to stop listening

switchboard /'swɪtʃbɔ:d/ *noun* a central control unit for a telephone system within an organisation, from which calls can be redirected to extension lines

switchboard operator /'swɪtʃbɔ:d ,ɒpəreɪtə/ *noun* a person who receives calls to an organisation and redirects them

sy *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Syria

symbol /'sɪmbəl/ *noun* a shape, icon or picture which represents something else

symbolic /sɪm'bɒlɪk/ *adjective* representing something else ○ *Symbolic*

language uses words to represent items rather than just describing them.

symposium /sɪm'pəʊziəm/ *noun* a conference of experts to discuss particular topics (NOTE: The plural is **symposia**.)

syndetic /sɪn'detɪk/ *adjective* connected by cross-references

syndetic catalogue /sɪn'detɪk 'kætəlɒg/, **syndetic index** /sɪn'detɪk 'ɪndeks/ *noun* a dictionary catalogue or index using a system of cross-referencing

synecdoche /sɪ'nekdəki:/ *noun* a figure of speech which uses one species for the whole genus, e.g. 'pennies' for money in general

synonym /'sɪnɒnɪm/ *noun* a word of phrase which has almost the same meaning as another word or phrase

synopsis /sɪ'nɒpsɪs/ *noun* a summary of a longer text (NOTE: The plural is **synopses**.)

syntax /'sɪntæks/ *noun* a term in linguistics to describe the grammatical structure of a language

synthesis /'sɪnθəsɪs/ *noun* the artificial combination of ideas and styles

synthesise /'sɪnθəsəɪz/, **synthesize** *verb* to make an artificial combination from a variety of small components ○ *The computer is now able to synthesise sounds and make them seem like a human voice.*

synthesiser /'sɪnθəsəɪzə/ *noun* a machine which combines electrical sounds to make them recognisable as speech or music

SyQuest /'saɪkwɛst/ *noun* a manufacturer of storage devices, including a range of removable hard disk drives and backup units

system /'sɪstəm/ *noun* a set of rules or plans which are used to accomplish a task

system analyst /'sɪstəm ˌænəlɪst/ *noun* a person who works at finding out the strong and weak points in a system

“The advantage Excalibur has is the search engine”, says Leona Carpenter, senior system analyst at the British Library, where Excalibur has been used to digitise ageing microfilm of 18th century newspapers, and to digitise some of the library's printed catalogues and indexes.’ [*The Guardian*]

Systematic Computerised Processing in Cataloguing *noun* a system used in university libraries for the systematic control of periodicals. Abbr **SCOPE**

systematic sampling /,sɪstəmætɪk 'sɑ:mplɪŋ/ *noun* the use of a regular order of choice for the selection of a sample ○ *They chose to use the method of systematic sampling and interview every tenth person from the list of names.*

system design /,sɪstəm dɪ'zaɪn/ *noun* the process of deciding on the most appropriate system to provide the solution to a problem

system diagnosis /'sɪstəm daɪəg ,nəʊsɪs/ *noun* the process of finding faults in a system

systems analysis /'sɪstəmz ə ,næləsɪs/ *noun* a process of using a computer to suggest how a company should work by analysing the way in which it works at present

system software /,sɪstəm 'sɒftweə/ *noun* programs which make applications work on the hardware

SZ *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Swaziland

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T1 /,ti: 'wʌn/ *noun* a high-capacity telephone line suitable for high-speed digital access to the Internet, handling 24 voice or data channels simultaneously

tab key /'tæb ki:/ *noun* one of the keys on a computer keyboard which enables the user to move through or arrange text in columns

table /'teɪb(ə)l/ *noun* a list of data arranged in rows and columns

table of contents /,teɪb(ə)l əv 'kɒntents/ *noun* a list of contents in a book or magazine, usually printed at the beginning

tabloid /'tæblɔɪd/ *noun* a small-size newspaper with a less serious approach to the news than the broadsheets

tabulate /'tæbjuleɪt/ *verb* to arrange work on a word processor using the tab key to move from one column or row to the next

tabulator /'tæbjuleɪtə/ *noun* part of a computer which sets words or figures automatically in columns

tacit knowledge /,tæsɪt 'nɒlɪdʒ/ *noun* human knowledge that takes the form of intuitions, judgments and learned skills, and is hard to define or record. Compare **explicit knowledge**

tact /tækt/ *noun* an ability to deal with people or situations without upsetting anyone

tactic /'tæktɪk/ *noun* a method of achieving what you want

tactical planning /'tæktɪk(ə)l ,plænɪŋ/ *noun* discussion and decisions about future tactics

tactile feedback /'tæktail ,fi:dbæk/ *noun* information discovered by the sense of touch

tag /tæg/ *noun* a character or symbol attached to a record to aid retrieval

'Indexing tools provided by document capture software companies such as Captiva enable users to index – or tag – scanned images and assign them to specific, searchable files within a document imaging system.'
[*Computer Weekly*]

tail end /,teɪl 'end/ *noun* the final entry or activity in a series

tail off /,teɪl 'ɒf/ *verb* to become less in amount or value until it finally stops or disappears completely

take /teɪk/ *verb* to move something physically from one place to another □

to take a message to listen to information in order to pass it on to somebody else □ **to take a photograph** to use a camera to create a picture of something □

to take into account to consider a fact or aspect before making a decision

take out /,teɪk 'aʊt/ *verb* **1.** to arrange to have something ○ *They made arrangements to take out a mortgage to buy the house.* **2.** to borrow a book from a library

talking book /,tɔ:kɪŋ 'bʊk/ *noun* a book that has been recorded on to an audio cassette, originally intended for people who cannot see well enough to read

talking newspaper /,tɔ:kɪŋ 'nju:zpeɪpə/ *noun* a tape or cassette recording of a newspaper, usually for the use of blind people

talks /tɔ:ks/ *plural noun* **1.** a formal discussion **2.** an informal lecture

tally /'tæli/ *noun* an informal cumulative record of amounts collected ■ *verb* to agree or correspond with another conclusion or total ○ *The figures in the accounts did not tally with the office records.*

tape /teɪp/ *noun* a narrow strip of plastic, coated with magnetic material on which to record sound or pictures

tape measure /'teɪp ,meʒə/ *noun* a flexible strip of metal or cloth marked with divisions of length

tape merging /'teɪp ,mɜ:dʒɪŋ/ *noun* the act of taking two tapes with data and combining them, usually by combining master tape with corrections or additions on a second tape

tape recorder /'teɪp rɪ,kɔ:də/ *noun* a machine that is used to record and play back sounds on audio cassettes or reel to reel tape

target audience /'tɑ:ɡɪt ɔ:diəns/ *noun* a group of people at which specific products, services or written or spoken information is aimed

target date /'tɑ:ɡɪt deɪt/ *noun* the date by which a task must be done

target language /'tɑ:ɡɪt ,læŋɡwɪdʒ/ *noun* the language that a text is translated into

target market /'tɑ:ɡɪt ,mɑ:kɪt/ *noun* the type of customer who is thought likely to buy specific goods or services

tariff /'tærɪf/ *noun* a charge made for goods or services

task /tɑ:sk/ *noun* a job that has to be done

task identity /'tɑ:sk aɪ,dentɪti/ *noun* a code that indicates which is the job to be done

taxonomy /tæk'sɒnəmi/ *noun* the principle of classifying and ordering items such as books, e.g. in a hierarchical structure

tc *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Turks and Caicos Islands

TCP /,ti: si: 'pi:/ *noun* a standard data transmission protocol that provides full duplex transmission, in which the protocol bundles data into packets and

checks for errors. Full form **transmission control protocol**

TCP/IP /,ti: si: pi: ar 'pi:/ *noun* a data transfer protocol used in networks and communications systems, often used in Unix-based networks. Full form **transmission control protocol/interface program**

teach /ti:tʃ/ *verb* **1.** to impart knowledge or skill to somebody by instruction or example **2.** to give lessons in or provide information about a subject

teacher librarian /,ti:tʃə laɪ 'breəriən/ *noun* a person who is qualified both as a teacher and as a school librarian

teacher's book /'ti:tʃəz bʊk/, **teacher's manual** /'ti:tʃəz ,mænjuəl/ *noun* a book published to go with a set of students' books, giving the teacher answers to questions and suggestions for teaching

teaching tool /'ti:tʃɪŋ tu:l/ *noun* any document or audiovisual material that can be used for teaching

team teaching /,ti:m 'ti:tʃɪŋ/ *noun* a system of two or more teachers working together to teach a group of students

teamwork /'ti:mwɜ:k/ *noun* the combined action of a group of people working well together

technical author /'teknɪk(ə)l ɔ:θə/ *noun* a person who writes specialised instructions and manuals on technical subjects

technical college /'teknɪk(ə)l ,kɒlɪdʒ/ *noun* a further education college in which students study practical rather than academic subjects

technical information centre /,teknɪk(ə)l ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,sentə/ *noun* an organisation which acquires, processes and distributes technical information

technical manual /'teknɪk(ə)l ,mænjuəl/ *noun* a book that gives instructions about how to work a machine

technical support /,teknɪk(ə)l sə 'pɔ:t/ *noun* a system by which the users of machines are helped by people who understand how they work

'As far as straight Internet access goes, look at features such as cost per month for unlimited access, quality of software bundled, the technical support hours. Internet Magazine publishes a list of access provider performance tests every month.' [*The Independent*]

technician /tek'nɪf(ə)n/ *noun* a person who specialises in working with and maintaining machines or scientific equipment

technique /tek'nɪ:k/ *noun* a particular skill or ability which can be learned

technofreak /'teknəʊfri:k/ *noun* a technical expert in, or obsessive enthusiast of, information systems

technology /tek'nɒlədʒi/ *noun* the application of scientific knowledge to practical purposes. ◊ **information technology**

teething troubles /'ti:θɪŋ ,trʌb(ə)lz/ *plural noun* small difficulties which occur at the start of a project

TEFL *abbreviation* teaching of English as a foreign language

tele- /teli/ *prefix* meaning across a distance

telecommunication /,telɪkə ,mju:nɪ'keɪf(ə)n/ *noun* the transmission of encoded sound, pictures or data over significant distances, using radio signals or electrical or optical lines

telecommunications /,telɪkə ,mju:nɪ'keɪf(ə)nz/ *noun* the science and technology of using electronic equipment to send messages over a distance

telecomputing /'telɪkəm,pju:tɪŋ/ *noun* the act of sending information to or receiving information from another computer via a modem or local area network

teleconferencing /'teli ,kɒnf(ə)rənsɪŋ/ *noun* the act of several people using a telephone network to speak to each other at the same time

telecottage /'telɪkɒtɪdʒ/ *noun* a house where a person both lives and works

telegram /'telɪgræm/ *noun* a message sent by telegraphy and then printed on to paper and delivered

telegraphy /tə'legrəfi/ *noun* a way of sending telegrams using radio or electric signals

telematics /,telɪ'mætɪks/ *noun* the study of the processes involved in the long-distance transmission of computer data

telemedicine /'telɪmed(ə)sɪn/ *noun* the use of video links, e-mail, telephone or some other telecommunications system to transmit medical information, e.g. in consultations between a doctor and patient or in supervision of medical staff

telemesssage /'telɪmesɪdʒ/ *noun* a message sent by telephone but delivered as a card

teleordering /'teli,ɔ:dəɪɪŋ/ *noun* the ordering of goods by telephone which are then delivered to your address

telephone /'telɪfəʊn/ *noun* an instrument which can be used to talk to somebody over a long distance by means of dialling a series of numbers ■ *verb* to make contact with somebody at a distance by using a telephone

telephone call /'telɪfəʊn kɔ:l/ *noun* a conversation with somebody on the telephone

telephone directory /'telɪfəʊn daɪ ,rekt(ə)rɪ/, **telephone book** /'telɪfəʊn bʊk/ *noun* a book containing an alphabetical list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of people in a given city, town or area

telephone exchange /'telɪfəʊn ɪks ,tʃeɪndʒ/ *noun* a building where telephone lines can be connected when a call is made

telephone extension /'telɪfəʊn ɛk ,stɛnf(ə)n/ *noun* an extra telephone linked to the main line into the building

telephone operator /'telɪfəʊn ,ɒpəreɪtə/ *noun* a person who works in a telephone exchange, connecting calls and answering problems

telephone subscriber /'telɪfəʊn səb ,skraɪbə/ *noun* a person who pays money to a telephone company in order to be able to connect a telephone to the national network

telephone switchboard /,telɪfəʊn 'swɪtʃbɔ:d/ *noun* a central point in a

private telephone network where all the lines meet and can be connected

teleprocessing /'teli,prəusesɪŋ/ *noun* the use of computer terminals in different locations, connected to a main computer, to process data. Abbr **TP**

telesales /'teliseɪlz/ *noun* the process of telephoning people without warning to try to sell them things

teleshopping /'teli,ʃɒpɪŋ/ *noun* using the telephone to do shopping which is then delivered to you

teletext /'telitekst/ *noun* a system of transmitting written text using a television signal

COMMENT: Teletext constantly transmits pages of information which are repeated one after the other; the user can stop one to read it. This is different from viewdata, where the user calls up a page of text using a telephone line.

television /,teli'vɪʒ(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** a system of transmitting pictures and sound over a distance so that they can be received and seen on a television set **2.** a device for receiving and displaying broadcast television programmes ▶ abbr **TV**

teleworker /'teliwɜ:kə/ *noun* somebody who works from home by means of computers, modem, phone and fax machines

telex /'teleks/ *noun* a system of sending international messages using telephone lines, where the text is typed on one machine and immediately printed out at the receiving end

Telnet /'telnet/ *noun* a remote login program that allows a user on one computer to access another on the same network

template /'tem,pleɪt/ *noun* a thin sheet of metal or plastic with cut-out shapes which enable exactly the same shape to be reproduced many times

temporarily /,tɛmpə'reəri/ *adverb* only for a short time

temporary /'tɛmp(ə)rəri/ *adjective* lasting only a short time

tender /'tendə/ *noun* a formal offer to supply goods or services at a stated price ■ *verb* to make a formal offer to do something ○ *He tendered his resignation.* □ **to put work out to tender** to ask

for companies to state their price for doing a particular job

term /tɜ:m/ *noun* **1.** a set or limited period of time ○ *The term of office for the chairperson is one year.* **2.** one of the three divisions of the academic year ○ *The year starts in October with the autumn term.* **3.** a word used in the terminology of indexing

terminal /'tɜ:mɪn(ə)l/ *noun* a processor with screen and keyboard used to access a central computer system

terminal user interface /'tɜ:mɪn(ə)l ,ju:zə ,ɪntəfeɪs/ *noun* hardware and software used by a person at a terminal to enable contact with the central computer

terminate /'tɜ:mɪneɪt/ *verb* **1.** to stop completely **2.** to end something

terminology /,tɜ:mɪ'nɒlədʒi/ *noun* a set of specialised words and phrases belonging to a specific subject

terms /tɜ:mz/ *plural noun* **1.** the headings, words and phrases used in a classification scheme **2.** conditions agreed between people for a sale or job

tertiary /'tɜ:ʃəri/ *adjective* third in order or stage of development ○ *Universities are the tertiary stage of education after primary and secondary schools.*

tertiary education /,tɜ:ʃəri ,edʒu 'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* same as **higher education**

TESL *abbreviation* teaching of English as a second language

TESOL *abbreviation* EDUC teaching of English to speakers of other languages

test pattern /'test ,pæt(ə)n/ *noun* a design which uses different textures and colours on a television screen to see if all the components are adjusted properly

text /tekst/ *noun* the main part of a written document

textbook /'tekstbʊk/ *noun* an academic book on a particular subject used for study

text box /'tekst bɒks/ *noun* a box within a computer dialogue box in which characters such as text, dates or numbers can be typed and edited

text editing /'tekst ,edɪtɪŋ/ *noun* work done on a word processor to ask

change, add, delete or move words, phrases or paragraphs

text file /'tekst faɪl/ *noun* a stored file on a computer that contains text rather than digits or data

text formatter /'tekst ,fɔ:mætə/ *noun* a program that arranges a text file according to pre-set rules such as line width and page size

text illustrations /'tekst ,ɪləstreɪʃ(ə)nz/ *plural noun* illustrations printed on the text pages, and not on separate paper

text index /'tekst ,ɪndeks/ *noun* an index of some or all of the words in something such as a computer file or database field, used to aid searching and retrieval

text management /'tekst ,mænidʒmənt/ *noun* facilities that allow text to be written, stored, retrieved, edited and printed

text processing /'tekst ,prəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* same as **word processing**

text retrieval /'tekst rɪ,tri:v(ə)/ *noun* a facility on a word processor which allows the user to find the text of documents to be edited or worked with

text to table /,tekst tu 'teɪb(ə)/ *noun* a facility on a word processor which allows the user to convert text into table form

textual analysis /'tekstʃuəl ə ,næɪlɪsɪs/ *noun* investigation into the techniques used in a particular style of writing

tg *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Togo

th *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Thailand

The Bookseller /'bʊksələ/ *noun* a journal providing information especially interesting to booksellers and publishers

thematic catalogue /θi:,mætɪk 'kætələdʒ/ *noun* a musical catalogue containing the main themes of a composer's works, usually arranged in chronological order

thermal imaging /,θɜ:m(ə)l 'ɪmɪdʒɪŋ/ *noun* a technique which uses a TV camera sensitive to heat rather than light to produce pictures

thermal paper /,θɜ:m(ə)l 'peɪpə/ *noun* paper which is chemically coated so that it can be used with a thermal printer

thermal printer /,θɜ:m(ə)l 'prɪntə/ *noun* a printing machine which uses heat-sensitive paper

thesaurus /θɪ'sɔ:ɪrəs/ *noun* a type of dictionary that lists groups of synonyms

thesaurus strategy /θɪ'sɔ:ɪrəs ,strætədʒi/ *noun* in database searching, the practice of running multiple searches using similar words to find as many documents on a subject as possible

thesis /'θi:sɪs/ *noun* a piece of extended writing explaining the objectives, methodology and findings of a research project

thesis statement /'θi:sɪs ,steɪtmənt/ *noun* a sentence or short paragraph at the beginning of a thesis which describes the main idea explored in the text

third party /,θɜ:d 'pɑ:ti/ *noun* a person who becomes involved in a situation but is not one of the main parties

32mo *abbreviation* thirty-two mo

thirty-two mo /,θɜ:ti 'tu:məʊ/ *noun* **1.** a size of book page traditionally created by folding a single sheet of standard-sized printing paper five times, giving 32 leaves or 64 pages **2.** a book printed in this format. Abbr **32mo** **3.** an American book format about 4 or 5 inches high. Abbr **32mo**

Thomson's Local Directory /,tɒmsənz ,ləʊk(ə)l daɪ'rekt(ə)ri/ *noun* a private publication in most areas of the UK giving local information such as business telephone numbers, post-codes and maps

thorough /'θʌrə/ *adjective* very careful and complete

thread /θred/ *noun* an idea or theme which connects the different parts of a story together

3D /,θri: 'di:/ *abbreviation* three-dimensional

three-dimensional /,θri: daɪ 'menʃ(ə)nəl/ *adjective* having width, breadth and depth and so appearing solid. Abbr **3D**

3G /θri: 'dʒi:/ *noun* a wireless communications technology designed to provide high-speed Internet access and transmission of text, digitised voice, video and multimedia. Full form **third generation**

three-quarter binding /,θri: 'kwɔ:tə ,baindɪŋ/ *noun* bookbinding in which the spine and most of the sides of a book are covered in the same material

thriller /'θrɪlə/ *noun* a novel telling of crime and criminals in an adventurous way

throughput /'θru:pʊt/ *noun* the amount of information processed in a given period of time

thumb index /'θʌm ,ɪndeks/ *noun* a method of indexing used especially for dictionaries and diaries, where rounded holes are cut into the foredge of a book, allowing a thumb to be placed in the hole and the book to be opened at the correct page quickly

thumb-index /'θʌm ,ɪndeks/ *verb* to provide a book with a thumb index ○ *The dictionary is thumb-indexed.*

tie-in /'taɪ ɪn/ *noun* a book that is derived from or published together with a TV or radio programme

tier /tɪə/ *noun* one of a number of levels ○ *There were five tiers of shelves.*

.tif /tɪf/ *suffix* a file extension for a TIFF file. Full form **tagged image file format**

TIFF /tɪf/ *abbreviation* a standard file format used to store graphic images. Full form **tagged image file format**

COMMENT: TIFF is probably the most common image interchange format used by DTP software. Developed by Aldus and Microsoft, TIFF can handle monochrome, grey-scale, 8-bit or 24-bit colour images. There have been many different versions of TIFF that include several different compression algorithms

tilde /'tɪldə/ *noun* a pronunciation symbol (~) written over some letters in Spanish and Portuguese

tilt /tɪlt/ *verb* to alter the angle of something so that it is not vertical □ **tilt & swivel** used to describe a computer screen mounted on a pivot so that the angle and direction can be changed

time lag /'taɪm læg/ *noun* a period of waiting between two related events ○ *There is sometimes a time lag between speakers who are interviewed on television from another country.*

time out /,taɪm 'aʊt/ *noun* time taken away from one's usual activities

timer /'taɪmə/ *noun* a device which can be set or pre-set to measure the time taken to do an activity

timescale /'taɪmskeɪl/ *noun* the length of time taken up by a particular activity ○ *Their timescale for writing the book was six months.*

timesharing /'taɪmʃeərɪŋ/ *noun* an arrangement by which several people can be online to a computer at the same time

time slot /'taɪm 'slɒt/ *noun* a period of time allocated to a specific activity

timetable /'taɪmteɪb(ə)l/ *noun* a schedule of times and activities such as bus and train services

title /'taɪt(ə)l/ *noun* **1.** the name given to a book, play or TV programme **2.** the word used to indicate the status of a person, e.g. Mr, Mrs, Dr or Rev

title-a-line catalogue /,taɪt(ə)l ə 'laɪn ,kætələŋ/ *noun* a catalogue in which the entries occupy only one line of type each

title bar /'taɪt(ə)l bɑː/ *noun* a horizontal bar at the top of a computer screen which usually shows the names of the program and file that is currently in use

title catalogue /'taɪt(ə)l ,kætələŋ/ *noun* an alphabetical list of book titles

title index /'taɪt(ə)l ,ɪndeks/ *noun* an index of books in a library or publisher's catalogue listed under their titles

title page /'taɪt(ə)l peɪdʒ/ *noun* a page at the beginning of a book which states the title and publication information

COMMENT: The title page is always a right-hand page. From the designer's point of view, a title page is designed both to attract the reader and at the same time give some idea of the contents of the book: this must be done using typography alone, although some title pages have illustrations or vignettes. The jacket or cover is designed in order to

attract the purchaser to the book in the shop; the title page is designed to make the reader want to read it when he or she opens it

tj *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Tajikistan

tm *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Turkmenistan

tn *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Tunisia

to *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Tonga

TOEFL /'təʊf(ə)/ a trademark for a standardised English language test taken by speakers of other languages who are applying to universities in the United States. Full form **Test of English as a Foreign Language**

TOEIC /'təʊɪk/ a trademark for a standardised English language test which measures comprehension, speaking, writing and reading skills, focusing especially on the areas of business, commerce and industry. Full form **Test of English for International Communication**

token effort /,təʊkən 'efət/ *noun* the minimum amount of effort required so as to be seen to be trying to do something

toner /'təʊnəl/ *noun* dry ink powder put into a photocopier to develop the image on the copy

toolkit /'tu:lkit/ *noun* **1.** a collection of information, resources and advice for a specific subject area or activity **2.** a bundle of software which can be used to set up a particular utility or service

tools /tu:lz/ *plural noun* a set of utility programs such as backup and format in a computer system

top down structure /,tɒp 'daʊn ,strʌktʃəl/ *noun* a system in which policies are decided by people in authority rather than the people who actually do the work

topic /'tɒpɪk/ *noun* the subject of a document or for discussion

topic map /'tɒpɪk mæp/ *noun* a model of the structure of knowledge which represents a topic, the associations between this topic and other topics and the information sources in which this topic is referred to

'According to the company, [processing tool] TMC05 is based on open standards to enable full integration with an organisation's existing file and content management applications. The solution utilises topic maps and enables employees to quickly retrieve information they need.' [Telecomworldwire]

top-level /'tɒp ,lev(ə)l/ *adjective* relating to things that are discussed or decided by the people with the most power in a country, company or organisation

top-level domain /,tɒp ,lev(ə)l dəʊ 'meɪn/ *noun* the part of an Internet address that identifies an Internet domain, e.g. edu (education), .com (commercial) or a two-letter country code.

top management /,tɒp 'mænɪdʒmənt/ *noun* the most senior members of a management hierarchy

topographical information /,tɒpəgræfɪk(ə)l ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a description of the physical features of a country

topology /tɒ'pɒlədʒi/ *noun* the relationships between parts linked together in a system such as a computer network

top secret /,tɒp 'sɪ:kɹət/ *adjective* highly confidential so having a restricted circulation to the people at the top level

touch pad /'tʌtʃ pæd/ *noun* a flat surface which is sensitive to touch and can be used to control a cursor on screen or on/off switches

touch screen /'tʌtʃ skri:n/ *noun* a computer display screen which is sensitive to touch and will react when touched according to pre-programmed information

town plan /,taʊn 'plæn/ *noun* same as **street plan**

toy library /'tɔɪ ,laɪbrəri/ *noun* a collection of toys which can be borrowed by young children for short periods

tp *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Timor Leste

TP *abbreviation* teleprocessing

tr *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Turkey

trace /treɪs/ *verb* to find somebody or something after a prolonged search

tracing /'treɪsɪŋ/ *noun* **1.** a list of the headings an entry appears under in a catalogue **2.** a list of the references made to an entry from other entries in a catalogue

track /træk/ *noun* a concentric ring on a computer disk or tape which is used to store data in separate sections

tracking /'trækɪŋ/ *noun* lines on magnetic tapes or disks along which information is carried

tract /trækt/ *noun* a short article dealing with a religious or moral subject

tractor feed /'træktə fi:d/ *noun* a method of controlling paper feed by the use of holes on the edge of the paper and sprockets on the printer

trade /treɪd/ *noun* the activity of buying, selling or exchanging goods or services

trade book /'treɪd bʊk/ *noun* a standard edition of a book, meant for sale to the general public, as opposed to a de luxe or book-club edition

trade catalogue /'treɪd ,kætəlbʊ/ *noun* **1.** a book containing details of the goods manufactured or sold by a firm **2.** publisher's catalogue listing books for sale through retail bookshops

trade directory /'treɪd daɪ ,rekt(ə)rɪ/ *noun* a book containing alphabetical lists and information about companies and organisations involved in trade in a particular area

trademark /'treɪdmɑ:k/ *noun* a name, sign or symbol printed on something to show who it is made by

trade name /'treɪd neɪm/ *noun* the name under which a product is sold ○ *Some drugs are marketed under several different trade names.*

trade-off /'treɪd ɒf/ *noun* a compromise between two opposite points of view

trade paperback /,treɪd 'peɪpəbæk/ *noun* a paperback edition of a book that is superior in production quality to a mass-market paperback

edition and is similar to a hardback in size

trail /treɪl/ *noun* a path followed by somebody or something

train /'treɪn ɒn/ *verb* to teach somebody the skills for a specific job

trainee /treɪ'ni:/ *noun* a person who is learning how to perform specific tasks

trainer /'treɪnə/ *noun* a person who instructs others

training /'treɪnɪŋ/ *noun* the act of teaching somebody specific skills

training costs /'treɪnɪŋ kɒsts/ *plural noun* money needed by a company to pay for training its employees

training manual /'treɪnɪŋ ,mænjʊəl/ *noun* an instruction book which explains how to train somebody in a specific skill

training materials /'treɪnɪŋ mə ,tɪəriəlz/ *plural noun* teaching materials used for training

training package /'treɪnɪŋ ,pækɪdʒ/ *noun* a pack of teaching materials to help trainers to run courses

training programme /'treɪnɪŋ ,prəʊgræm/ *noun* a schedule designed to teach specific skills within a given time

trans- /træns/ *prefix* used to form words with the meaning of moving across time or space

transaction /træn'zækʃən/ *noun* an action which involves the exchange of goods or information

transaction data /træn'zækʃən ,deɪtə/ *noun* information about the data being processed

transaction processing /træn'zækʃən ,prəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* the way in which a computer deals with instructions given by the user

transceiver /træn'si:və/ *noun* a device that can both transmit and receive signals, e.g. a terminal or modem

transcribe /træn'skraɪb/ *verb* **1.** to produce a written version of spoken words ○ *His speech was transcribed so that it could be printed.* **2.** to write a written text in the alphabet of another language

transcript /'trænskri:pt/ *noun* a written form of something that was spoken

transcription /træn'skripʃən/ *noun* the act of transcribing data or copying a text

transfer /træns'fɜ:z/ *verb* to move something to another location

transferable skill /træns,fɜ:z:ɹəb(ə)l 'skɪl/ *noun* a skill that is not limited to a specific academic discipline, area of knowledge, job or task and is useful in any work situation, e.g. communication or organisational skills

'The introduction of this specialist qualification broadens the scope of our existing IT education programme. The theoretical and practical elements of the programme will provide students with transferable skills which are of tangible benefit in the industry.'
[M2 Presswire]

transfer of records /,trænsfɜ: əv 'rekɔ:dz/, **transfer of materials** /,trænsfɜ: əv mə'tɪəriəlz/ *noun* the act of moving records or materials to another system or physical storage location

transform /træns'fɔ:m/ *verb* to change completely

transformation /,trænsfə 'meɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the act of putting data into a different format, e.g. for data encryption purposes

transgressive fiction /trænz ,gresɪv 'fɪkʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a literary genre characterised by graphic exploration of taboo topics, to which the work of writers such as the Marquis de Sade and William Burroughs belongs. It is based on the belief that knowledge is to be found at the very edge of human experience.

transistor /træn'zɪstə/ *noun* a small electrical device which controls amplification in a machine such as a radio or television

translate /træns'leɪt/ *verb* **1.** to change information from one language or format to another **2.** to convert ideas into action

translation bureau /,træns 'leɪʃ(ə)n ,bjʊərəʊ/ *noun* an office

which translates documents for companies

translator /træns'leɪtə/ *noun* **1.** a person who converts text and spoken words from one language to another **2.** a laptop computer that translates words into other languages

transliteration /,trænzlɪtə'reɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the writing of words of one language using the characters of another, e.g. Arabic using the Roman alphabet. ◊ **romanisation**

transmission /trænz'mɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a programme broadcast on television or radio

transmit /trænz'mɪt/ *verb* to send out information from one device to another by radio waves, cable or wire links

transmitter /trænz'mɪtə/ *noun* a set of equipment used for broadcasting radio or television signals

transparency /træns'pærənsi/ *noun* transparent positive film which can be projected on to a screen by using a light source

transparent /træns'pærənt/ *adjective* easily seen through, recognised or understood

transport /'trænsپɔ:t/ *noun* a way of moving goods and people from one place to another ■ *verb* to carry something or somebody from one place to another

travel book /'træv(ə)l buk/ *noun* a book which describes a journey undertaken by the author, or the author's impressions of a foreign country, but not giving factual details of hotels, museums and other tourist information

travel guide /'træv(ə)l gaɪd/ *noun* a book which gives tourist information about a place such as how to get there, what is worth visiting and which hotels to stay at

trawl /trɔ:l/ *noun* a search for something, especially information ■ *verb* to search for something through a large amount of information or many possibilities

treatment /'tri:tmənt/ *noun* a way of writing about something or somebody

tree /tri:/ *noun* **1.** a diagram of a hierarchical structure that shows the rela-

tionships between components as branches **2**, a hierarchical data structure in which each element contains data and may be linked by branches to two or more other elements

tree diagram /'tri: ,daɪəgræm/ *noun*
INFO SCI same as **tree 1**

tree structure /'tri: ,strʌktʃə/ *noun*
a way of writing down the connections between items in an indexing string, using a system of branches rather than linear format

trend /trend/ *noun* a general movement in the way something is developing

trend analysis /'trend ə,næləsɪs/ *noun*
investigation of the direction and strength of the movement in a development

trial /'traɪəl/ *noun* a test of somebody or something to see if they are suitable for a particular situation

trial and error /,traɪəl ənd 'erə/ *noun*
the process of trying out different ways of doing things until the best way is found

trial user /'traɪəl ,ju:zə/ *noun*
a person who is asked to use a service to see if it works well

trim /trɪm/ *verb* to cut off a small portion of something around its edge

trivia /'trɪviə/ *noun* a collection of insignificant or obscure items, details or information

troubleshooter /'trʌb(ə)l,ʃu:tə/ *noun*
a person who works at solving problems which occur in companies, organisations, systems or computer programs

true /tru:/ *adjective* based on provable facts

truncation /trʌŋ 'keɪf(ə)n/ *noun*
the shortening of a search term by adding a symbol such as % or * to match all the forms with the same stem, e.g. LIBRAR% will find library, librarian, librarianship

trunk call /'trʌŋk kɔ:l/ *noun*
a long-distance telephone call

trust /trʌst/ *noun* a financial arrangement where a company keeps and invests money for someone

trust directory /'trʌst daɪ,rekt(ə)ri/ *noun*
a book with an alphabetical list of trust companies

TS *abbreviation* typescript

tt *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Trinidad and Tobago

tuition /tju:'ɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun*
teaching or instruction, especially when given individually or in a small group

tune in /,tju:n 'ɪn/ *verb*
to adjust a radio receiver until the signal is at its strongest and clearest

Turbogopher /'tɜ:bəʊ,gəʊfə/ *noun*
a Macintosh version of the gopher system for accessing the Internet

turnaround document /'tɜ:nəraʊnd ,dɒkjʊmənt/ *noun*
a document used to record the details of a job and the time taken to complete it

turnaround time /'tɜ:nəraʊnd ,taɪm/ *noun*
the time taken to complete a job from beginning to end ○ *The turnaround time for photocopying a document is three hours.*

turnkey system /'tɜ:nki: ,sɪstəm/ *noun*
a complete system which is ready for immediate use

turn off /,tɜ:n 'ɒf/ *verb*
to disconnect the power supply from a machine

turn on /,tɜ:n 'ɒn/ *verb*
to connect the power supply to a machine

turnover /'tɜ:nəʊvə/ *noun 1.* the rate at which people leave a company and are replaced **2.** the amount of money taken for goods or services sold during a given period of time

turtle /'tɜ:t(ə)l/ *noun*
a computer peripheral, like a large mouse, used to draw graphics on a VDU ○ *Floor turtles are used in primary schools as teaching aids.*

tutor /tju:tə/ *noun*
a teacher who is responsible for individuals or small groups, used especially at higher levels of education

tutorial /tju:'tɔ:riəl/ *noun*
a chapter of a book or manual, or a section of a computer program, designed to provide instruction or training using exercises and assignments ■ *adjective* relating to or belonging to a tutor, or to the role and responsibilities of a tutor

tv *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Tuvalu

TV *abbreviation* television

TV station /,ti: 'vi: ,steɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a building where television programmes are produced

tw *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Taiwan

twelvemo /'twelvəməʊ/ *noun* **1.** a book made from a sheet which is folded to give twelve leaves or twenty-four pages **2.** a book with this format **3.** an American book size, 7–8 inches high ▶ abbr **12mo**

12mo *abbreviation* twelvemo

24mo *abbreviation* twenty-fourmo

twenty-fourmo /,twenti 'fɔ:məʊ/ *noun* **1.** a book format produced when the printed sheet is folded to give 24 leaves, or 48 pages **2.** a book with this format **3.** an American book size, 5–6 inches high ▶ abbr **24mo**

two-dimensional /,tu: daɪ 'menʃ(ə)nəl/ *adjective* having only length and breadth and so looking flat

two-way radio /,tu: weɪ 'reɪdiəʊ/ *noun* a radio transmitter and receiver in a single handset which allows two-way communication with another user

.txt *suffix* a file extension for a text file. Full form **text**

type /taɪp/ *noun* metal characters used for printing ■ *verb* to write using a computer keyboard

typeface /'taɪpfets/ *noun* the size and style of printing used, measured in 'points' which refer to the height of the characters

typescript /'taɪpskrɪpt/ *noun* a type-written copy of a manuscript. Abbr **TS**

typeset /'taɪpset/ *verb* to set text in type ready to be printed

typesetter /'taɪpsetə/ *noun* a person or company that typesets text

typist /'taɪpɪst/ *noun* a person whose job is to type up documents using a computer

typo /'taɪpəʊ/ *noun* *US* a typographic error which is made while typesetting (*informal*) (NOTE: GB English is also *literal*)

typographic error /,taɪpə'græfɪk ,erə/ *noun* a mistake made when typing

'...all name searches can be truncated without a wildcard (learned inf, learn, lea). Authority files exist for each word in a business name, so it is possible to look up uncertain spellings first. Unfortunately, the authority files reveal the large number of misspellings and typographic errors in the database (such as 'informatio').' [*Information World Review*]

typography /taɪ'pɒgrəfi/ *noun* the design and methods used when working with type

tz *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Tanzania

U

U3A /,ju: θri: 'eɪ/ *noun* a system of distance learning for people over the age of retirement. Full form **University of the Third Age (UK)**

ua *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Ukraine

UCAS /'ju:kæs/ *abbreviation* Universities and Colleges Admissions Service

UCC *abbreviation* Universal Copyright Convention

UDC *abbreviation* universal decimal classification

UFC *abbreviation* Universities Funding Council

ug *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Uganda

uk *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for United Kingdom

UK *abbreviation* United Kingdom

ultimatum /,ʌltɪ'meɪtəm/ *noun* a warning that unless somebody conforms to regulations and instructions they will be punished

ultra- /ʌltrə/ *prefix* used with adjectives to indicate an extreme level

ultra-fiche /'ʌltrə fi:ʃ/ *noun* microfiche pages with images reduced more than ninety times

ultra-sonic /,ʌltrə 'sɒnɪk/ *adjective* sounds that are above the range of human hearing

ultra-violet light /,ʌltrə ɪ'vaɪələt 'laɪt/ *noun* light which is just beyond the spectrum visible by the human eye. Abbr **UV light**

umlaut /'ʊmlaʊt/ *noun* a pronunciation indicator of two dots above a vowel (e.g. ü), used especially in German

UN *abbreviation* United Nations

unabridged /,ʌnə'brɪdʒd/ *adjective* complete and not shortened

unadulterated /,ʌnə'dʌltəreɪtɪd/ *adjective* complete with nothing added

unattributed /,ʌnə'trɪbjʊtɪd/ *adjective* not attributed to a particular source of information or a particular creator

unauthorised /ʌn'ɔ:θəraɪzd/, **unauthorized** *adjective* not officially allowed

unauthorised edition /ʌn ɔ:θəraɪzd ɪ'dɪʃ(ə)n/, **unauthorised reprint** /ʌn ɔ:θəraɪzd 'rɪ:prɪnt/ *noun* a pirate edition of a book which has not been authorised by the publisher

uncensored /ʌn'sensəd/ *adjective* not having been viewed by the official government censor and approved for showing to the public

uncertainty avoidance /ʌn 'sɜ:t(ə)ntɪ ə ɪ'vɔɪdəns/ *noun* a system in which decisions are only made by people in full possession of all the facts

uncharted /ʌn'tʃɑ:tɪd/ *adjective* relating to an area that has had no maps made of it

uncorrupted /,ʌnkə'rʌptɪd/ *adjective* relating to a computer file or database that is free of errors or viruses

undercover /,ʌndə'kʌvə/ *adjective* done secretly to obtain information

under discussion /,ʌndə dɪs 'kʌʃ(ə)n/ *adjective* being talked about but still to be decided

under-funded /,ʌndə 'fʌndɪd/, **under-financed** *adjective* not having enough money allocated to it to do its work properly

undergraduate /ˌʌndəˈgrædʒʊət/ *noun* a student at university who is working for a first degree

underground literature /ˌʌndəgraʊnd ˌlɪt(ə)rətʃə/ *noun* literature published by the underground press

underground press /ˌʌndəgraʊnd ˌpres/ *noun* illegal newspapers published in a country where publications are censored

underline *verb* to emphasise something either by talking about it strongly or by drawing a line under a written word or phrase

undocumented /ʌnˈdɒkjʊməntɪd/ *adjective* having no official papers to prove existence

unenlightening /ˌʌnənˈlaɪt(ə)nɪŋ/ *adjective* providing no useful information or insight

UNESCO /juːˈneskəʊ/ *abbreviation* United Nations Educational Social and Cultural Organization

unethical /ʌnˈeθɪk(ə)l/ *adjective* considered to be unacceptable according to a particular code of conduct

uneven pages /ʌn,iːv(ə)n ˈpeɪdʒɪz/ *plural noun* the right-hand pages of a publication which bear the odd numbers

unexpurgated /ʌnˈeksɜːɡeɪtɪd/ *adjective* not edited to remove words or passages considered offensive or unsuitable

uniform edition /ˈjuːnɪfɔːm ɪ ˌdɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a series of different books all with the same design

Uniform Resource Locator /ˌjuːnɪfɔːm rɪˈsɔːs ləʊˌkeɪtə/ *noun* an electronic address used to give access to files on the Internet. Abbr **URL**

unillustrated /ʌnˈɪləstreɪtɪd/ *adjective* having no illustrations

UNIMARC /ˈjuːnɪmɑːk/ *abbreviation* Universal Machine Readable Catalogue

uninformative /ˌʌnɪnˈfɔːmətɪv/ *adjective* not providing adequate information

union catalogue /ˈjuːniən ˌkætəlɒɡ/, **union list** /ˈjuːniən lɪst/ *noun* a combined bibliographic list of holdings for either institutions or subjects

unique /juːˈniːk/ *adjective* used to describe something of which there is only one example in the world

UNISIST /ˈjuːnɪsɪst/ *abbreviation* United Nations Information System in Science and Technology

unit /ˈjuːnɪt/ *noun* a small part of a large organisation with a specialised purpose

United Kingdom /juːˌnaɪtɪd ˈkɪŋdəm/ *noun* England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Abbr **UK**

United Nations /juːˌnaɪtɪd ˈneɪʃ(ə)nz/ *noun* an international organisation to which most countries in the world belong, which works towards peace in the world and solving international problems. Abbr **UN**

United Nations Educational Social and Cultural Organization *noun* an international organisation through which richer countries can help poorer countries to develop. Abbr **UNESCO**

United Nations Information System in Science and Technology *noun* an international database for information about different areas of science and technology. Abbr **UNISIST**

United States of America /juːˌnaɪtɪd steɪts əv əˈmerɪkə/ *noun* a country in North America consisting of 50 states. Abbr **USA**

unit of enquiry /ˌjuːnɪt əv ɪn ˈkwærɪ/ *noun* one item in a complex series of questions

universal /ˌjuːnɪˈvɜːs(ə)l/ *adjective* widespread and relevant to very large numbers of people

universal bibliographic control /ˌjuːnɪvɜːs(ə)l ˌbɪbliəgræfɪk kən ˈtrəʊl/ *noun* a system of listing all the publications in the world

Universal Copyright Convention /ˌjuːnɪvɜːs(ə)l ˈkɒpɪraɪt kən ˌvenʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an international agreement on copyright set up by the United Nations in Geneva in 1952. Abbr **UCC**.

◊ **convention**

universal decimal classification /ˌjuːnɪvɜːs(ə)l ˌdesɪm(ə)l ˌklæsɪfɪ ˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a system of classifying information by means of decimal

numbering which is used worldwide.
Abbr **UDC**

Universal Machine Readable Catalogue /ˌjuːnɪvɜːs(ə)l məˌʃiːn ˌrɪd(ə)bəl ˈkætəlɒɡ/ *noun* a computer-generated index according to a specific system, which can be used worldwide.
Abbr **UNIMARC**

Universities and Colleges Admissions Service /ˌjuːnɪvɜːsɪtiz ən ˌkɒlɪdʒɪz əd ˈmɪʃ(ə)nɪz ˌsɜːvɪs/ *noun* a centrally administered system for admissions to courses in all the universities and colleges of higher education in the UK.
Abbr **UCAS**

Universities Funding Council /ˌjuːnɪvɜːsɪtiz ˈfʌndɪŋ ˌkaʊns(ə)/ *noun* a government body which controls the money allocated to universities in the UK. Abbr **UFC**

university /ˌjuːnɪˈvɜːsɪti/ *noun* an institution of higher education where students study for degrees and academic research is done

university facility /ˌjuːnɪvɜːsɪti fə ˈsɪlɪti/ *noun* a building or equipment provided by a university for the work and leisure of its staff and students

university library /ˌjuːnɪvɜːsɪti ˈlaɪbrəri/ *noun* a library that caters specifically for the staff and students of a particular university

UNIX /ˈjuːnɪks/, **Unix** a trademark for a widely used computer operating system, developed in 1969 at AT&T Bell Laboratories, which can support multi-tasking in a multi-user environment

unjustified /ʌnˈdʒʌstɪfaɪd/ *adjective* with ragged margins, i.e. with no justification

unknown quantity /ˌʌnnoʊn kwɒntəti/ *noun* somebody or something about which nothing is known

unpaged /ʌnˈpeɪdʒd/ *adjective* not marked with page numbers. Abbr **unp.**

unprotected /ˌʌnprəˈtektɪd/ *adjective* having no security barriers and so able to be modified

UN publications catalogue /ˌjuː en ˌpʌblɪˈkeɪʃ(ə)nɪz ˌkætəlɒɡ/ *noun* a book containing bibliographic lists of

documents published by the United Nations

unsigned /ʌnˈsaɪnd/ *adjective* having no signature to make it official

unstructured interview /ʌn ˌstrʌktʃəd ˈɪntəvjuː/ *noun* an interview which is free-ranging and not limited by pre-set questions

untranslated /ˌʌntrænsˈleɪtɪd/ *adjective* in its original language as opposed to being translated

up /ʌp/ *adjective* possessing up-to-date or accurate information

UPC *noun* an American barcode system used on packaging and book covers. Full form **universal product code**

up cursor key /ˈʌp ˌkɜːsə ˌkiː/ *noun* one of the four direction keys on a computer keyboard

updatable /ʌpˈdeɪtəb(ə)/ *adjective* able to be updated easily, as with a website

update *noun* /ˈʌpdeɪt/ a news item which has the latest information on a topic already covered ■ *verb* /ʌpˈdeɪt/ to change information so that it is up to date and accurate

upgrade /ʌpˈɡreɪd/ *verb* 1. to improve something by bringing it up to date or adding more modern equipment 2. to regrade a job, giving it a higher salary scale

upkeep /ˈʌpkiːp/ *noun* the act and cost of keeping buildings, equipment and services in good condition

upload /ˈʌpləʊd/ *verb* to send a file from one's computer to the hard disk of another computer, particularly used to refer to sending files over the Internet to another server. Compare **download**

upper case /ˌʌpə ˈkeɪs/ *adjective* relating to large letters such as A, B, C, as opposed to lower case a, b, c

COMMENT: To instruct upper case, the editor underlines the text with three lines. The term 'upper case' comes from the case in which metal type was kept in front of the compositor. The case was divided into many little compartments, the top half being for capitals and the bottom part for small letters.

up to date /ʌp tə ˈdeɪt/ *adjective* containing the latest known data

URL *abbreviation* Uniform Resource Locator

us *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for United States

USA *abbreviation* United States of America

usage /'ju:sɪdʒ/ *noun* the generally accepted way that words are used, which may not necessarily be grammatically correct

use *noun* /ju:s/ **1.** the ability or permission to use something ○ *They had the use of the library while they were attending the conference.* **2.** □ **in use, out of use** being or not being used □ **to be of use** /ju:z/ to be useful ○ *A directory can be of use in many different ways.* ■ *verb* /ju:z/ **1.** to employ somebody or something for a particular purpose **2.** to consume ○ *Colour televisions use much more electricity than black and white ones.*

Usenet /'ju:z,net/ *noun* a very large online bulletin board concerned with the news

user /'ju:zə/ *noun* a person who uses something

user education /'ju:zə ,edʒʊkeɪʃ(ə)n/, **user training** /'ju:zə ,treɪnɪŋ/ *noun* the process of teaching the users of a service how to make the best use of it

user-friendly /,ju:zə 'frendli/ *adjective* relating to language or software that makes interaction with a computer easy

user group /'ju:zə gru:p/ *noun* a group of people who use a service or facility and come together to discuss how it can be improved

user interface /'ju:zə ,ɪntəfeɪs/ *noun* hardware or software designed to make it easier for a user to communicate with a machine

'The [mobile handset] industry continues to struggle with cumbersome user interface issues, and manufacturers may be years away from an intuitive music-focused device that captures music lovers the way the iPod line has.' [RCR *Wireless News*]

user representative /'ju:zə ,reprɪzəntətɪv/ *noun* a person who speaks for other users and who voices their opinions

user resistance /'ju:zə rɪ,zɪstəns/ *noun* a feeling that some people have against using a particular facility or service

user study /'ju:zə ,stʌdi/ *noun* research which investigates how users function and what they need

user views /'ju:zə vju:z/ *plural noun* the opinions of people who make use of a facility or service

utility /ju:'tɪlɪti/ *noun* a service that is provided for everyone, e.g. water, gas or electricity

utility program /ju:'tɪlɪti ,prəʊgræm/ *noun* a computer program that is concerned with routine activities such as searching, copying and replacing files

UV light *abbreviation* ultra-violet light

uy *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Uruguay

uz *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Uzbekistan

V

va *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Vatican City

vacate /və'keɪt/ *verb* to leave a place or a job empty and available for other people

Vacher's Parliamentary Companion /,væʃəz ˌpɑ:ləmənt(ə)rɪ kəm'pænjən/ *noun* a reference book which gives information about all aspects of the UK parliament including biographical details of Members of Parliament

vade mecum /,vɑ:di 'meɪkəm/ *noun* a portable reference book

valid /'vælɪd/ *adjective* based on logical reasoning and so acceptable

validate /'vælɪdeɪt/ *verb* to prove that something is true, accurate or correct

valuable /'væljʊəb(ə)l/ *adjective* **1.** worth a lot of money **2.** having great importance

valuation /,vælju'eɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the process of calculating how much something is worth

value /'vælju:/ *noun* the amount that something is worth either in money or quantity ■ *verb* to estimate how much money something is worth

value added network /,vælju: 'ædɪd ˌnetwɜ:k/ *noun* a network which leases telecommunications links, adds services and markets the improved network

value added tax /,vælju: 'ædɪd ˌtæks/ *noun* a tax on goods and services purchased which the seller must then pay to the government. Abbr **VAT**

values /'vælju:z/ *plural noun* moral principles and beliefs

vandal /'vænd(ə)l/ *noun* a person who deliberately damages property

vandalism /'vændə,lɪz(ə)m/ *noun* the act of deliberately damaging property

vanity publisher /'vænɪtɪ ˌpʌblɪʃə/ *noun* a publishing house that publishes an author's work in return for payment from the author. Vanity publishers do not typically market or distribute their publications.

variable /'veəriəb(ə)l/ *noun* a factor in a situation that can change, or that can be measured according to a set of values ■ *adjective* not always the same ○ *Text was typed with variable spacing between the words.*

variance /'veəriəns/ *noun* difference from the norm

variorum /,veəri'ɔ:rəm/ *adjective* **1.** having commentary or notes written by various editors or scholars **2.** containing different versions or readings of a text ■ *noun* an edition of a text with commentary or notes written by various editors or scholars, or with various different versions or readings

various dates /'veəriəs deɪts/ *noun* a series of volumes containing several works of different dates. Abbr **v.d.**

varnish /'vɑ:nɪʃ/ *noun* a shiny coating applied to book covers or jackets to make them more durable, similar in appearance to lamination, but cheaper ■ *verb* to coat a book cover with varnish

VAT /,vi: eɪ 'ti:, væt/ *abbreviation* value added tax

vc *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for St Vincent and the Grenadines

VCR *abbreviation* video cassette recorder

v.d. *abbreviation* various dates

VDC *abbreviation* virtual data centre

VDT *abbreviation* video display terminal

VDU *abbreviation* visual display unit

ve *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Venezuela

vellum /'veləm/ *noun* smooth, fine parchment or paper made from polished calf, sheep or goat skin

vending machine /'vendɪŋ məˌʃiːn/ *noun* an automatic machine which dispenses goods when money or a special key or card is put in the slot

vendor /'vendə/ *noun* somebody who sells things

Venn diagram /'ven ˌdaiəgræm/ *noun* a graphical representation of the relationship between two or more sets of data

verbatim /vɜː'beɪtɪm/ *noun* an accurate word-for-word report of a speech or debate ■ *adverb* copying the spoken word exactly in writing ○ *She copied the speech down verbatim.*

verification /ˌvɛrɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the act of checking that something is true and accurate

verify /'verɪfaɪ/ *verb* to check that something is true and accurate

vernacular /və'nækjələ/ *noun* a local dialect

verse /vɜːs/ *noun* **1.** a set of lines which forms one part of the pattern of a poem **2.** a group of sentences which forms a numbered division of a book of sacred writings

version /'vɜːʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a copy or form of something that is slightly different from the original

verso /'vɜːsəʊ/ *noun* the left-hand page of a book, usually given an even number

vertical /'vɜːtɪk(ə)l/ *adjective* upright, forming an angle of 90° to the ground

vertical filing /ˌvɜːtɪk(ə)l 'faɪlɪŋ/ *noun* a system of filing in which the organisation of records is from top to bottom rather than horizontal

vertical scrolling /ˌvɜːtɪk(ə)l 'skrəʊlɪŋ/ *noun* the act of moving text up or down a computer screen a line at a time

Very High Density /ˌveri haɪ 'densɪti/ *adjective* able to be encoded on both sides. Abbr **VHD**

Very High Frequency /ˌveri haɪ 'friːkwənsi/ *adjective* relating to a range of radio transmission frequencies which give clear reception. Abbr **VHF**

vg *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for British Virgin Islands

VHD *abbreviation* Very High Density

VHF *abbreviation* Very High Frequency

via /'viə/ *preposition* going through a person or place to reach a destination

VIATEL /'vaɪətəl/ *noun* an Australian videotext service

video /'vɪdiəʊ/ *noun* a recording on video tape ■ *verb* to film something using a video camera

videobook /'vɪdiəʊbʊk/ *noun* an educational video that can be downloaded from a website as part of a training course

video camera /'vɪdiəʊ ˌkæm(ə)rə/ *noun* a portable camera for taking videos

video cassette /'vɪdiəʊ kə'set/ *noun* a container for video recording tape which enables it to be played back by a VCR

video cassette recorder /ˌvɪdiəʊ kə'set rɪˌkɔːdə/ *noun* a machine which will record and play back television pictures

video conference /'vɪdiəʊ ˌkɒnf(ə)rəns/ *noun* a satellite TV link which enables several people to see and talk to each other at the same time

video conferencing /'vɪdiəʊ ˌkɒnf(ə)rənsɪŋ/ *noun* the holding of a meeting between people at a distance using video screens to enable the people taking part to see each other

videodisc /'vɪdiəʊdɪsk/ *noun* a read-only optical disk used to store large amounts of data and pictures

video display /'vɪdiəʊ dɪˌsplɛɪ/ *noun* a device that can display text or graphical information

video library /'vɪdiəʊ ˌlaɪbrəri/ *noun* a collection of video tapes available for hire

video nasty /ˌvɪdiəʊ ˈnɑːsti/ *noun* a film released on video which is extremely violent

video phone /'vɪdiəʊ fəʊn/ *noun* a telephone that has a video screen attached to it so that the callers can see the person they are talking to

video scanner /'vɪdiəʊ ˌskænə/ *noun* a device that enters pictures or diagrams to be input to a computer

video tape /'vɪdiəʊ teɪp/ *noun* magnetic tape which can be used to record pictures and play them back on a television set

Videotex /'vɪdiəʊteks/ *noun* a generic name for systems which display text on a television screen

videotext /'vɪdiəʊtekst/ *noun* a communications service linked to an adapted television receiver or video display terminal by telephone or cable television lines to allow access to pages of information. Systems can be one-way, allowing only for the display of selected information, or online or interactive, allowing for two-way communication.

view /vjuː/ *noun* an opinion about something ○ *I hold the view that every school should have a library.* ■ *verb* to look at or watch

Viewdata /'vjuːdeɪtə/ a trade name for a videotext system

COMMENT: The user calls up the page of information required, using the telephone and a modem, as opposed to teletext, where the pages of information are repeated one after the other automatically.

viewer /'vjuːə/ *noun* **1.** a person who looks at something **2.** an apparatus with a lightbox for looking at photographic slides

viewfinder /'vjuːfaɪndə/ *noun* an eyepiece in a camera which enables the photographer to see what is to be filmed

virement /'vaɪəmənt/ *noun* an authorised transfer of money from one budget to another for urgent purposes

virtual data centre /ˌvɜːtʃʊəl ˈdeɪtə ˌsentə/ *noun* a fully computerised data management system, including storage, access, publishing and archiving facilities. Abbr **VDC**

'The physical data centre may have disappeared entirely from many organisations by 2010. Outsourced virtual data centres could be the norm, rather than the exception, in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Thanks to the economies of scale that outsourcers can achieve, SMEs will have access to technology and applications far beyond their current reach.' [Computing]

virtual library /ˌvɜːtʃʊəl ˌlaɪbrəri/ *noun* an electronic stock of information which can be accessed via databases, but is not held in any one place

virtual reality /ˌvɜːtʃʊəl rɪˈælɪti/ *noun* an electronic environment created by a computer which appears to be real to the viewer

virtual reference /ˌvɜːtʃʊəl ˈref(ə)rəns/ *noun* reference using computerised access to data, e.g. searching on the World Wide Web

virus /'vaɪrəs/ *noun* an infection in a computer system which can damage the software systems and the data

vis-à-vis /ˌviːz ə ˈviː/ *preposition* in comparison with

visit /'vɪzɪt/ *verb* □ **to visit a site** to read an electronic document on the World Wide Web

visitation /ˌvɪzɪˈteɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* an official visit

Visnews /'vɪznjuːz/ *noun* a commercial library in the UK containing pictures and television news coverage

vistafoil /'vɪstəfɔɪl/ a trade name for a form of sticky, transparent plastic covering used to laminate books, pictures or work cards

visual aid /'vɪʒʊəl eɪd/ *noun* a teaching aid which enables the learner to see pictures or real examples of the subject being taught ○ *Slides, photographs, maps, charts, films are all visual aids.*

visual display unit /ˌvɪʒʊəl dɪ 'splɛɪ ˌjuːnɪt/, **visual display terminal** *noun* a device used with a computer and a keyboard to display words and graphics on a screen. Abbr **VDU**, **VDT**

visual education /ˌvɪʒʊəl ˌedʒʊ 'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the process of teaching how to read visual symbols

visual literacy /ˌvɪʒʊəl 'lɪt(ə)rəsi/ *noun* the ability to interpret visual signs and symbols

vital record /'vaɪtəl ˌrekɔːd/ *noun* a record which is currently in use and must be kept easily accessible

vn *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Vietnam

VOA *abbreviation* Voice of America

vocabulary /vəʊ'kæbjʊləri/ *noun* **1.** the number of words in a particular language or related to a specific subject
○ *The vocabulary of information handling is very specialised.* **2.** a set of words that are used for a specific purpose, e.g. for cataloguing

vocational qualification /vəʊ ˌkeɪʃ(ə)nəl ˌkwɒlɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a certificate which states that somebody has the training or skills needed to do a particular job

vocational training /vəʊ ˌkeɪʃ(ə)nəl 'treɪnɪŋ/ *noun* courses which teach people the skills for specific jobs or professions

Voice of America /ˌvɔɪs əv ə 'merɪkə/ *noun* a worldwide broadcasting network of American radio. Abbr **VOA**

voice-over /'vɔɪs ˌəʊvə/ *noun* a commentary or spoken text accompanying a television programme, advertisement or film by somebody who is heard but not seen

voice recognition /'vɔɪs ˌrekəgnɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* the ability of a computer to recognise the characteristics of a human voice and respond appropriately

voice synthesiser /'vɔɪs ˌsɪnθəsəɪzə/ *noun* a computer reproduction of sounds similar to the human voice

volatile /'vɒlətaɪl/ *adjective* liable to change suddenly and unexpectedly

volatile memory /ˌvɒlətaɪl 'mem(ə)ri/, **volatile store** /'vɒlətaɪl stɔː/, **volatile storage** /ˌvɒlətaɪl 'stɔːrɪdʒ/ *noun* a memory or storage mechanism in a computer which loses data stored in it when the power supply is switched off

volume /'vɒljʊ:m/ *noun* **1.** a book, especially a large one **2.** one of a series in a set of books or journals **3.** the loudness of the noise produced by something

volume control /'vɒljʊ:m kən ˌtrəʊl/ *noun* a device that enables the user to control the loudness of the noise produced

volume signature /'vɒljʊ:m ˌsɪɡnətʃə/ *noun* the number of a volume, e.g. vol 1

volunteer /ˌvɒlən'tɪə/ *noun* somebody who works without being paid

VORTAL /'vɔːtəl/ *noun* a portal website that contains information for just one particular industry or interest group

vowel /'vaʊəl/ *noun* the five letters a, e, i, o, u in the Roman alphabet, at least one of which is required to make a word pronounceable in most western languages

vu *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Vanuatu

W

W3C /,ɪdʌb(ə)l ju: θri: 'si:/ *noun* a consortium of organisations, programmers, developers, industry executives and users which seeks to guide the future development of the World Wide Web and ensure that all web technologies are compatible with one another. Full form **World Wide Web Consortium**

w. a. f. *abbreviation* 'with all faults'

wage /weɪdʒ/ *noun* money paid to somebody, usually weekly, for their work

WAIS *abbreviation* Wide Area Information Server

waive /weɪv/ *verb* to decide not to enforce a regulation

waiver /'weɪvə/ *noun* permission to do something although it is not in accordance with the regulations

walled garden /,wɔ:ld 'gɑ:d(ə)n/ *noun* a browsing environment for viewing websites which provides a means of controlling the information and websites that a user is able to access. It may either protect users such as children from unsuitable information or direct users to specific, often paid content supported by an Internet service provider.

wall planner /'wɔ:l ,plænə/ *noun* a chart with empty spaces marked with the dates for each day of the year so that events can be written in

WAN /wæn/ *abbreviation* Wide Area Network

warning /'wɔ:nɪŋ/ *noun* spoken or written advice about something bad that may happen

warranty /'wɒrənti/ *noun* a written guarantee given by a company against faulty goods or workmanship

waste /weɪst/ *verb* to spend money, time or effort on something that is not important

watermark /'wɔ:təmə:k/ *noun* a distinctive mark impressed into the fabric of paper when it is made, which can be seen by holding the paper to the light

COMMENT: Watermarks are most often used in banknote paper, but they also appear in handmade paper and other fine papers. They are a useful way of dating old documents or antiquarian books.

waterproof /'wɔ:təpru:f/ *adjective* not allowing water to pass through ○ *Plastic book jackets are waterproof.*

.wav *suffix* a file extension for a sound file. Full form **waveform**

wavelength /'weɪvlɛŋθ/ *noun* **1.** the distance between corresponding points on consecutive cycles of light or sound **2.** the size of the radio wave used to broadcast programmes

weather satellite /'weðə ,sætələɪt/ *noun* a satellite which collects meteorological information enabling changes in the weather to be forecast

web /web/ *noun* ♦ **World Wide Web**

web-based /'web beɪst/ *adjective* found on the World Wide Web and not on a personal computer, e.g. Internet e-mail accounts such as Yahoo! Mail

web browser /'web ,braʊzə/ *noun* a single file stored on a web server which contains formatted text, graphics and hypertext links to other pages on the Internet. A webpage is created using

HTML codes and is viewed with a browser.

webcasting /'webkɑ:stɪŋ/ *noun* the use of the World Wide Web as a medium for broadcasting information

web content management /'web ,kɒntent ,mænrɪdʒmənt/ *noun* formal organisation of the content on a company's website, including updating, branding, editorial access, formatting and supporting software considerations

web crawler /'web ,krɔ:lə/ *noun* a program used to search through pages on the World Wide Web for documents containing a specific word, phrase or topic

web-enable /'web ɪ ,neɪb(ə)l/ *verb* to make an electronic device or a software application capable of accessing the Internet

'The Sharing Wycombe's Old Photographs scheme or SWOP has been awarded a heritage Lottery Grant of £50 000 to digitise and web-enable the prints.' [UK *NewsQuest*]

web folio /'web ,fəʊliəʊ/ *noun* a collection of webpages with an underlying defining theme, e.g. the pages of an electronic book or the electronic images of an artist's portfolio

webinar /'webɪnɑ:z/ *noun* a seminar given over the Internet

webliography /,webli'ɒgrəfi/ *noun* **1.** a list of documents available on the World Wide Web **2.** a list or catalogue of all the web-based material relating to a specific subject

weblish /'webliʃ/ *noun* the form of English used globally online, with characteristic features such as the omission of apostrophes and capital letters, the use of abbreviations and the rapid absorption of new words

weblog /'weblɒg/ *noun* a frequently updated personal journal chronicling links at a website, intended for public viewing

webmaster /'webmɑ:stə/ *noun* somebody who creates, organises or updates information on a website

Webology /web'ɒlədʒi/ *noun* an academic journal dedicated to the fields of library and information science

webpage /'webpeɪdʒ/ *noun* a computer file, encoded in HTML and containing text, graphics files and sound files, that is accessible through the World Wide Web

web portal /'web ,pɔ:t(ə)l/ *noun* a website that provides a wide range of information and resources that include everything a particular user might want from the Internet, on one site

web server /'web ,sɜ:və/ *noun* a program that serves up webpages when requested by a client, e.g. a web browser

website /'websaɪt/ *noun* a computer program that runs a web server providing access to a group of related webpages

weed /wi:d/ *verb* to remove old and outdated items ○ *They need to weed the library stock every few years.*

weeding /'wi:diŋ/ *noun* the discarding of materials that are out of date or of no further use

weekly /'wi:kli/ *noun* a publication that is produced every week ■ *adjective* happening regularly once a week

weight /weɪt/ *noun* **1.** a measurement of how heavy something is **2.** a measurement of the 'strength' of a character in a typeface, i.e. light, normal, or bold **3.** a heavy object, often decorative, used to stop papers from falling or being blown away

COMMENT: Paper weight is usually calculated in gsm, and varies from about 30gsm (Bible paper) to about 150gsm (heavy cartridge). Board for paper covers is also calculated in gsm: a common cover weight is 240gsm. In the USA, paper weight is calculated in pounds per 500 sheets. Note that a heavy paper is not necessarily bulkier (thicker) than a lightweight paper.

weighting /'weɪtɪŋ/ *noun* a tariff or bonus added to something as a result of sorting things according to their importance or position ○ *The salary carried a London weighting to compensate for having to live in London where the cost of living is more expensive.*

wf *abbreviation* **1.** in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Wallis and Futuna Islands **2.** workflow

what if? simulation /,wɒt 'ɪf ,sɪmjuleɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a management

technique which is used for forward planning, in which questions are asked to predict what would happen in particular situations

Whitaker's /'wɪtəkəz/ *noun* a publishing house which produces comprehensive lists of books in print on CD, microfiche and hard copy

Whitaker's Almanac /,wɪtəkəz 'ælmənæk/ *noun* a reference book which gives details of the establishment, procedures and personalities in the UK as well as general knowledge about the rest of the world

white noise /'waɪt nɔɪz/ *noun* random noise on a broadcast transmitter which distorts other signals

white pages /,waɪt 'peɪdʒz/ *noun* a database of users and their email address stored on the Internet to help other users find an email address

whitewash /'waɪt wɒʃ/ *noun* an official attempt to hide unpleasant facts

WHO /,dʌbəlju:reɪtʃ 'əʊ/ *abbreviation* World Health Organization

whole binding /'həʊl ,baɪndɪŋ/ *noun* same as **full binding**

whole bound book /,həʊl baʊnd 'bʊk/ *noun* a book that has been completely covered in a binding material such as leather

wholesale /'həʊlseɪl/ *adjective* buying and selling goods in bulk to people who then sell them on in smaller quantities as retail goods

Who's Who /,hu:z 'hu:z/ *noun* a publication giving biographical details of well-known or important people

Wide Area Information Server /,waɪd ,eəriə ,ɪnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n ,sɜ:vəz/ *noun* an alphabetical list of electronic sources of information. Abbr **WAIS**

Wide Area Network /,waɪd ,eəriə 'netwɜ:k/ *noun* a network of terminals with links outside the local area by radio, satellite and cable. Abbr **WAN**

widespread /'waɪdspred/ *adjective* available to a large number of people or over a large area

widow /'wɪdəʊ/ *noun* the last line of a paragraph printed by itself at the top of a page

Wi-Fi /'waɪ faɪ/ a certification trademark assuring the interoperability of wireless local area network products

wiki /'wɪki/ *noun* a type of website which is designed to be edited or added to by its users

Wikipedia /,wɪki'pi:diə/ *noun* an online encyclopedia which is made up of articles created and edited by users

wild card /'waɪld kɑ:d/ *noun* a symbol such as * or ?, which will represent and call up all files when searching data

WIMP /wɪmp/ *noun* a description of an integrated software system that is entirely operated using windows, icons and a mouse-controlled pointer. Full form **windows, icons, mouse, pointer**

window /'wɪndəʊ/ *noun* **1.** a reserved section of a computer screen, with specific information, which can overwrite other sections on screen and can be selected at any time for editing or reference **2.** an opening in an envelope to show the address printed on the enclosed document

windowing /'wɪndəʊɪŋ/ *noun* **1.** the action of setting up a window to show information on the screen **2.** the act of displaying or accessing information via a window

Windows /'wɪndəʊz/ a trade name for a computer system developed by Microsoft, using icons, mouse and windows devised for use with software to make it more user-friendly than the purely keyboard-based systems

wipe /waɪp/ *verb* to remove all information from a disk

WIPO /'waɪpəʊ/ *abbreviation* World Intellectual Property Organization

wireless markup language /,waɪələs 'mɑ:kʌp ,læŋgwɪdʒ/ *noun* a standardised system for tagging text files, based on XML, which specifies the interfaces of narrowband wireless devices. Abbr **WML**

Wisden /'wɪzdən/ *noun* a reference book with details of everything related to the game of cricket, e.g. players, grounds, test matches and records

withdraw /wɪð'drɔː/ *verb* to remove something ○ *They were told to withdraw some of the old books from the library.*

withstand /wɪð'stænd/ *verb* to remain unharmed by an event or action ○ *Library books must be able to withstand constant usage.*

WML *abbreviation* COMPUT wireless markup language

word /wɜːd/ *noun* a separate item of language, which is used with others to form speech or writing that can be understood

word-process /,wɜːd 'prəʊses/ *verb* to edit, store and manipulate text using a computer

word processing /,wɜːd 'prəʊsesɪŋ/ *noun* the creation, retrieval, modification, storage and printing of text using a computer or other electronic equipment. Also called **text processing**

word-processing package /'wɜːd ,prəʊsesɪŋ ,pækɪdʒ/ *noun* software on a program disk with an instruction manual, which enables word processing to be carried out

word processor /,wɜːd 'prəʊsesə/ *noun* a computer that will run a word-processing program, usually used to create text

words per minute /,wɜːdz pɜː 'mɪnɪt/ *noun* a method of measuring the speed of a printer or a keyboarder. Abbr **WPM**

work /wɜːk/ *noun* **1.** a published document **2.** the tasks involved in a job

workaholic /,wɜːkə'hɒlɪk/ *noun* a person who cannot stop working to do other things

workbook /'wɜːkbʊk/ *noun* a text-book with exercises and spaces for the answers to be written in

work experience /'wɜːk ɪk ,spɪəriəns/ *noun* a situation in which a student spends some time doing a job to see whether he or she likes it

'Proposals include setting up a national World of Work programme to improve vocational training, provide work taster days for primary school pupils and use work experience to encourage girls to think about non-

traditional jobs, as well as promote apprenticeships for women especially in sectors with skill shortages.' [M2 Presswire]

workflow /'wɜːkfləʊ/ *noun* **1.** the way that work is passed from one part of a production system to another **2.** an automatic system for passing on documents to users at each stage of the production process. Abbr **wf**

workforce /'wɜːkfɔːs/ *noun* all the people who work for a particular company or organisation

working capital /'wɜːkɪŋ ,kæpɪt(ə)l/ *noun* money that is available immediately and not tied up in investments, property or equipment

working conditions /'wɜːkɪŋ kən ,dɪʃ(ə)nz/ *plural noun* the environment in which a job is done

working day /'wɜːkɪŋ deɪ/ *noun* a period of time spent working for money ○ *The standard working day is eight hours long.*

working hours /'wɜːkɪŋ ,aʊəz/ *plural noun* **1.** the period when most people are at work, usually between around 9.00 am and 5.00 pm **2.** time spent at work rather than at home

working party /'wɜːkɪŋ ,pɑːti/ *noun* a temporary group formed to investigate a particular situation

working population /'wɜːkɪŋ ,pɒpjʊ,leɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* people who have jobs

work of reference /,wɜːk əv 'ref(ə)rəns/ *noun* an important and well-known reference book ○ *It is the standard work of reference on tropical diseases.*

workplace /'wɜːkpleɪs/ *noun* a place at which work is done

worksheet /'wɜːkʃi:t/ *noun* a teaching aid prepared to give information and reinforce learning with exercises

workspace /'wɜːkspets/ *noun* memory space available on a computer for temporary work

work standards /'wɜːk ,stændədz/ *plural noun* the quality of work required by the management

work station /'wɜ:k ,steɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun*
a desk with a computer, keyboard and sometimes a printer

work study /'wɜ:k ,stʌdi/ *noun*
a system of measuring the amount of work possible in the given conditions and during a particular time period

world atlas /,wɜ:ld 'ætɫəs/ *noun*
a reference book containing maps of all the countries in the world and articles about them

world book /,wɜ:ld 'bʊk/ *noun*
a reference book that contains information about all the countries in the world

WorldCat /'wɜ:ldkæt/ *noun*
the online service provided by the OCLC, which covers online cataloguing, collection management, resource sharing, electronic content and data preservation

World Health Organization /,wɜ:ld 'helθ ɔ:gənaɪzeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun*
an international organisation that works to improve health, especially in poorer countries. Abbr **WHO**

world index /,wɜ:ld 'ɪndeks/ *noun*
a reference book of abstracts of articles about all the countries of the world

World Intellectual Property Organization /,wɜ:ld ɪntɪlektʃʊəl 'prɒpəti ɔ:gənaɪzeɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun*
an international organisation that provides guidelines and supports work for international copyright controls. Abbr **WIPO**

worldwide /'wɜ:ldwaɪd/ *adjective*
happening throughout the world ○ *The recession appears to be worldwide.*

World Wide Web /,wɜ:ld ,waɪd 'web/ *noun*
a hypertext representation of the Internet, a collection of the millions of websites and webpages which together form the part of the Internet that is most often seen by users. Abbr **www**

COMMENT: Each website on the World Wide Web is a collection of webpages, and each webpage contains text, graphics and links to other websites. Each page is created using the HTML language and is viewed by a user with a web browser. To navigate between webpages and websites is called surfing, which requires a computer with a link to the Internet and a web browser to view

the webpages stored on the remote web servers.

World Wide Web Consortium /,wɜ:ld waɪd 'web kən,sɔ:tiəm/ *noun*
ONLINE full form of **W3C**

WORM /wɜ:m/ *noun*
an optical disk storage system that allows the user to write data to the disc once, but the user can then read the data from the disc many times. Full form **write once read many times memory**

worthwhile /wɜ:θ'waɪl/ *adjective*
worth the time, money or effort spent on it

WPM *abbreviation* words per minute

wraparound /'ræpə,raʊnd/ *noun*
a system in word processing where the writer does not have to put in line endings, because the end of each line is automatically marked by the program

wrapper /'ræpəl/ *noun* PUBL same as **rust jacket**

wrapround /'ræpraʊnd/ *noun*
a cover which is wrapped round a book

write /raɪt/ *verb*
to use a pen, pencil or computer to produce letters, numbers and symbols on paper so that other people can read them

write-off /'raɪt ɒf/ *noun*
something that is so badly damaged that it cannot be repaired

write protect /,raɪt prə'tekt/ *verb*
to make it impossible to write on or erase anything from a disk

write protect tab /,raɪt prə'tekt ,tæb/ *noun*
a tab on a disk which if moved prevents any writing to or erasing from the disk

writer /'raɪtə/ *noun*
a person whose job is to write books or articles for money

written confirmation /,rɪtən ,kɒnfə'meɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun*
a written statement of something that has been said

wrong number /,rɒŋ 'nʌmbə/ *noun*
a telephone connection to a number other than the one that was wanted

ws *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Samoa

Wuarchive /'wu:,ɑ:kɑɪv/ *noun*
a large electronic archive with pictures

www *abbreviation* World Wide Web

WYSIWYG /'wɪzi:wɪg/ *noun* a system in which the text and graphics

on a computer screen are exactly the same as what will be printed out. Full form **what you see is what you get**

XYZ

x /eks/ *noun* a symbol used when the name of a person, place or amount is unspecified or to be kept secret ◦ *He paid £x each to ten people.*

x-axis /'eks ,æksɪs/ *noun* the horizontal axis of a graph

Xerox /'zi:rɒks/ a trade name for a type of photocopier ■ *verb* to photocopy a paper or document

XML /,eks em 'el/ *noun* a programming language designed for web documents which allows for the creation of customised tags for individual information fields. Full form **Extensible Markup Language**

x-rated /'eks ,reɪtɪd/ *adjective* relating to a former category in the British film censorship system indicating a film with scenes of sex or violence only suitable for adult viewing

x-y co-ordinates /,eks 'waɪ kəʊ ,ɔ:dɪnəts/ *plural noun* the horizontal and vertical axes of a graph

y /waɪ/ *noun* used to represent an unknown quantity ◦ *Let y be the number of years since insurance was taken out.*

-y *suffix* added to nouns to form adjectives of quality, e.g. 'wordy'

yardstick /'jɑ:dstɪk/ *noun* the standard by which other comparable things can be judged

y-axis /'waɪ ,æksɪs/ *noun* the vertical axis of a graph

ye *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Yemen

yearbook /'jɪəbʊk/ *noun* a book published once a year with details and information about a particular organisa-

tion or profession ◦ *the education year-book*

yearly /'jɪəli/ *adjective* happening once a year or every year

-year-old *suffix* added to numbers to indicate the age of a person or thing ◦ *a ten-year-old file*

yellow /'jeləʊ/ *verb (of paper)* to turn yellow when exposed to the light

'Only as I flicked through a childhood copy of *The Wind in the Willows* did horror strike. The book was disintegrating before my eyes. The once vivid, stiff cover was curling and fading... pages were yellowing and the paper so fragile you fear it would tear if you cast it a cross look. What on earth are these books made of? Are they the literary equivalent of the biodegradable coffin?' [*The Herald*]

yellowing /'jeləʊɪŋ/ *noun* the tendency of some paper to turn yellow when exposed to the light

Yellow Pages /,jeləʊ 'peɪdʒɪz/ *noun* a telephone directory printed on yellow paper, which is organised alphabetically according to the trade or business of the subscribers

yellow press /'jeləʊ pres/ *noun* a popular name for tabloid sensational newspapers

young adult book /,jʌŋ 'ædʌlt ,bʊk/ *noun* a book written for adults but considered suitable for adolescents

yt *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Mayotte

yu *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Yugoslavia

za *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for South Africa

zap /zæp/ *verb* to wipe off all data currently in the workspace ○ *He pressed CONTROL Z and zapped all the text.*

zero /'ziərəʊ/ *verb* □ **to zero in on** to give full attention to a problem

zero-based budgeting /,ziərəʊ beɪst 'bʌdʒɪtɪŋ/ *noun* a financial policy taking zero as the starting point, without any prior assumptions ○ *They were working to zero-based budgeting so were not able to take out any loans to get started.*

zine /zi:n/ *noun* a self-published paper, Internet magazine or other periodical which is issued at irregular intervals and usually appeals to a specialist readership

ZING /zɪŋ/ *noun* a protocol for information retrieval maintained by the United States Library of Congress

.zip /zɪp/ *suffix* a file extension for a zip file

zip code /'zɪp kəʊd/ *noun* numbers in a USA address indicating the postal area. ◊ **postcode**

zip file /'zɪp faɪl/ *noun* a computer file with the extension '.zip' containing data that has been compressed for storage or transmission.

zm *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Zambia

Zoo /zu:/ *noun* a compressing archive program for transferring electronic files

zoom /zu:m/ *verb* to enlarge an area of text on a computer screen so that it is easier to work on

zw *abbreviation* in Internet addresses, the top-level domain for Zimbabwe

SUPPLEMENTS

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The Paris Principles

The eleven topics that should be taken into account when developing cataloguing systems involving author/title entries. So named at the International Conference on Cataloguing Principles (ICCP) in Paris in 1961, which was organised by the IFLA. It was intended to serve as a basis for international standardisation in cataloguing. The principles apply to the choice and form of headings and entry words in catalogues of printed books (and other library materials having similar characteristics) in which entries under authors' names, or the titles of works, are combined in one alphabetical sequence.

The principles are:

- Functions of the catalogue
- Structure of the catalogue
- Kinds of entry
- Use of multiple entries
- Choice of uniform heading
- Single personal author
- Entry under corporate bodies
- Multiple authorship
- Works entered under title
- Entry word for personal names

Many other cataloguing codes now use these principles as their common basis: one of the most commonly used is AACR 2.

Three Types of Library Classification System

Enumerative:

based on an alphabetic list of subject headings, which are then assigned numbers according to their subdivisions

Hierarchical:

based on a 'tree structure', arranged from the most general to the most specific within a topic

Faceted:

based on separate classifications of each text for each one of its different properties, which combine to give a unique reference number

Major Classification Schemes

Bliss Bibliographic Classification (BC)

A faceted classification system which uses only upper- and lower-case letters and typographical symbols to denote classes, and can be adapted to the specific need of a library's collection.

Brinkler Classification

A theoretical geographically-oriented system which files each text according to two main categories – one denoting subject and one denoting place. This is intended to serve the needs of every user equally, but would be a costly system to maintain.

Colon Classification

A system developed by S. R. Ranganathan and widely used in India. The call number is composed of the reference numbers attached to each facet of the text (publication date, author, setting, subject's covered, etc.) which are separated by colons.

Columbia-Dickinson System

A classification system for filing printed music, which arranges according to 5 main categories and then according to medium, form and composer.

Cutter Expansive Classification

A system which was never fully developed after the death of its inventor Charles Ammi Cutter. It divided subjects into a list given letters of the alphabet (a style later adopted for the Library of Congress system) and then by numbers denoting subject, geographical focus, author, form and edition date).

Dewey Decimal System (DDS)

A purely numerical classification system which divides all knowledge into 10 main categories (classes), then each of those into 10 subcategories (divisions), and finally each of those into a further 10 subcategories (sections) to give a 1,000-category system.

Library of Congress Classification (LC)

An enumerative system which bases its call numbers on a list of subject headings given a specific letter (e.g. J = Political Science), then into subcategories given a second letter (e.g. JZ = International Relations) and then by number (e.g. JZ4935-5160 = The United Nations).

Nippon Decimal Classification (NDC)

A system based on the Dewey Decimal 100-category system, used for mainly Chinese- and Japanese-language books (with the categories altered to reflect the cultural differences in subject coverage).

Universal Decimal Classification (UDC)

A powerful extension of the Dewey Decimal System which may be used to classify to any media stored in a library (e.g. CD-ROM, segments of film, maps, musical recordings etc.) It uses decimal numbers to categorise documents with symbols to represent additional information, e.g. relationship to other subjects, secondary subjects covered, language of text etc.

Five Laws of Library Science

The original 5 principles, as developed by S. R. Ranganathan, the 'father of library science in India':

1. Books are for use.
2. Every reader has his or her book.
3. Every book has its reader.
4. Save the time of the reader.
5. The library is a growing organism.

Proposed amendments by Michael Gorman, president of the American Library Association 2005–2006:

1. Libraries serve humanity.
2. Respect all forms by which knowledge is communicated.
3. Use technology intelligently to enhance service.
4. Protect free access to knowledge.
5. Honour the past and create the future.

Information Skills – The Big6™

A 6-step approach to information literacy developed by Mike Eisenberg and Bob Berkowitz. Each stage has two substages. The Big6™ provides a framework for approaching any information-based question. See www.big6.com for further details.

1. Task Definition
 - Define the information problem
 - Identify information needed
2. Information Seeking Strategies
 - Determine all possible sources
 - Select the best sources
3. Location and Access
 - Locate sources (intellectually and physically)
 - Find information within sources
4. Use of Information
 - Engage (e.g., read, hear, view, touch)
 - Extract relevant information
5. Synthesis
 - Organise from multiple sources
 - Present the information
6. Evaluation
 - Judge the product (effectiveness)
 - Judge the process (efficiency)

Resources on the Web

UK resources:

Association of Information Management

A body which undertakes recruitment, training, consultancy and lobbying services on behalf of those in information management.

www.aslib.co.uk

British Library

Online research services and collection information from the UK's national library.

www.bl.uk

Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals

The membership association which accredits university courses on librarianship in the UK.

www.cilip.org.uk

Consortium of Research Libraries in the UK

An organisation campaigning for the development of distributed libraries.

www.curl.ac.uk

Copac

Online access to the merged catalogues of the members of the Consortium of Research Libraries in the UK.

<http://copac.ac.uk>

International Association of Music Libraries – UK and Ireland branch

Represents and promotes the interests of music librarians and libraries.

www.iaml-uk-irl.org

National Archives

A record of registered archive repositories in the UK and abroad.

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

School Library Association

Advisory and information services for those working in school libraries in the UK.

www.sla.org.uk

Society of Archivists

“Committed to working for high standards in the provision and care of archives and effective management of record systems.”

www.archives.co.uk

Society of College, National and University Libraries

An organisation supporting libraries in institutes of higher education.

www.sconul.ac.uk

UK Patent Office

Information on copyrights, trademarks, patents and intellectual property.

www.patent.gov.uk

European resources:

Consortium of European Research Libraries

An association dedicated to preserving and sharing information on the cultural heritage of Europe.

www.cerl.org

European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations

Promoting the interests of the library and information science profession at European level, particularly on copyright and emerging technology issues.

www.eblida.org

European Commission Central Library

Online access to government publications from across Europe.

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/libraries>

European Library

“A portal which offers access to the combined resources (books, magazines, journals.... both digital and non-digital) of the 45 national libraries of Europe.”

www.theeuropeanlibrary.org

European Patent Office

Information on copyright, trademarks, patents and intellectual property

www.european-patent-office.org

International resources:

American Library Association

The official website of the organisation.

www.ala.org

American Society for Information Science and Technology

A membership body for information professionals in the US.

www.asis.org

Arma International

A leading authority on records management, both paper and electronic.

www.arma.org

Association of Christian Librarians

An online community for librarians working in religious institutes of higher education worldwide

www.acl.org

Australian Library and Information Association

The official website of the organisation.

www.alia.org.au

Australian School Library Association

Online resources for school librarians in Australia.

www.asla.org.au

International resources *continued*

Canadian Association for School Libraries

Online resources for school librarians in Canada.

www.caslibraries.ca

Canadian Library Association

The official website of the organisation.

www.cla.ca

International Association of Law Libraries

A body for law librarians interesting in creating international distributed libraries of resources.

www.iall.org

International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres

Encouraging and promoting the activities of music libraries, archives and documentation centres worldwide.

www.iaml.info

International Association of School Librarianship

Support and guidance for those interested in school library development worldwide.

www.iasl-slo.org

International Association of Technological University Libraries

A membership body concerned with libraries for those in technological education.

www.iatul.org/

International Council on Archives

A membership body for information professionals worldwide.

www.ica.org

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

The leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users.

<http://ifla.org>

Libraries on the Web

Links to the webpages of libraries across the world.

<http://lists.webjunction.org/libweb/>

Library and Information Science Wiki

An online encyclopedia on library and information management issues which any user can edit and add to.

www.liswiki.com

Library and Information Society of New Zealand Aotearoa

The official website of the organisation.

www.lianza.org.nz

International resources *continued*

Library and Information Technology Association

A branch of the ALA concerned with emerging technologies in library management.
www.lita.org

Knowledge Management Professional Society

A not-for-profit international organisation for knowledge workers.
<http://kmpro.org>

Music Library Association

Represents the interests of music librarians and libraries in the USA.
www.musiclibraryassoc.org

US National Commission on Library and Information Science

The official website of the government agency.
www.nclis.gov

World Intellectual Property Organisation

An international organisation dedicated to promoting the use and protection of intellectual property.
www.wipo.int

Key Information Sources for Knowledge Workers:

Britannica Online

The famous encyclopedia's online database.
www.britannica.com

Global NewsBank

Archive news content from online and print publications and media broadcasts worldwide, available by subscription.
www.newsbank.com/intllibr/global.htm

KnowUK

A digital reference library with access to more than 100 reference books.
www.knowuk.co.uk

Lexis Nexis

A searchable online database comprising the world's largest collection of public records and research materials.
www.lexisnexis.com

ProQuest

Access to more than more than 5.5 billion pages of archived information spanning 500 years for researchers.
www.proquest.co.uk

Xrefer

A digital reference library offering online access to over 200 reference books to subscribers.
www.xrefer.com

Copyright and Data Protection Law in the UK

Copyright Act 1956

set up copyright protection for all original literary, dramatic, musical or artistic works made in the UK under the control of the Government

Data Protection Act 1984

introduced regulations on the storage, security and transferring of personal information of individuals held electronically by companies

Copyright, Designs And Patents Act 1988

introduced the rights for the author of a work to be identified as such, and to not suffer harm to their reputation through mistreatment of their works

EU Directive 92/100 1992

clarified intellectual property rights in relation to copying or distribution of a person's work

EU Directive 93/98 1993

made copyright periods uniform throughout the EU, extending post-mortem copyright protection of a work from 50 to 70 years in the UK

Trademarks Act 1994

made provision for registration of trademarks and sets out guidelines for what constitutes infringement

Data Protection Act 1998

expanded the 1984 Act to cover manual as well as electronic records; introduced the notions of 'sensitive' data and accountability of directors for company transgressions

Freedom of Information Act 2000

allowed access by members of the public to any and all information held by public bodies

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

allowed those in authority to access and monitor all personal e-mail and telephone communications; forbade encryption which makes this difficult

Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001

allowed authorities greater access to personal information about suspected terrorists

Book Prizes and Awards

American Book Award

An annual award given in recognition of literary achievement by an American author, intended to be more open in terms of age, sex, race and genre of writing than other awards.

Australian/Vogel Literary Award

A prize given by Australian publishers Allen and Unwin for an outstanding unpublished manuscript by an author under the age of 35.

Author's Club Awards

Two awards made annually for outstanding works of literature, one for a first work of fiction and the other for a non-fiction work on architecture and the arts, each of £1,000.

BA/Book Data Author Of The Year Awards

A prize of £1,000 given to a British or Irish published author who has made the most impact over the course of the year according to a survey of bookshops.

BBC4 Samuel Johnson Prize

A prestigious prize for non-fiction writing, running since 1999. Each finalist receives £2,500 and the winner £30,000.

Betty Trask Awards

A total prize fund of £25,000, administered by the Society of Authors, for authors of an outstanding first novel 'of a romantic or traditional nature'.

Booktrust Early Years Awards

A prize given for outstanding illustrated books for pre-school children, running since 1999.

Bram Stoker Awards

A set of prizes honouring 'superior achievement' in horror writing, given for novels, short stories and anthologies by the Horror Writer's Association.

British Academy Book Prize

An award that honours academic books on the humanities and social sciences, which are written to appeal to a non-specialist audience.

Caldicott Medal

A prestigious award given by the American Library Association to the writer of an outstanding American illustrated book for children.

Carnegie Medal

An award made by CILIP to the writer of an outstanding book for children, written in English and published during the previous year in the UK.

Cholmondley Award

A prize of £2,000 given to each of four poets each year, running since 1966.

Commonwealth Writer's Prize

Awards up to £10,000 each for outstanding books and first novels from the Commonwealth areas, Africa, the Caribbean, Canada and South-East Asia.

Book Prizes and Awards *continued*

David Cohen British Literature Prize

An award given for lifetime achievement in the field of literature, administered by the Arts Council. The prize includes money to be used to fund further work.

Duff Cooper Award

A prize of £3,000 given for the best work of history, biography or political science published in English or French.

Dundee Book Prize

An award of £6,000 and the chance of publication, awarded every two years for an unpublished manuscript.

Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography

Awards a prize of £3,000 for a work of historical biography published in the year preceding the awards.

Encore Award

A prize of £10,000 administered by the Society of Authors, given for an outstanding second novel published in the English language in the UK.

Eric Gregory Trust Fund Awards

A total prize fund of £24,000, to be shared between 4-6 authors of a published or unpublished collection of poetry.

George Orwell Memorial Prize

An award of £1,000 given for a political book, either fiction or non-fiction, which is accessible to a non-academic audience.

Guardian Award

A prestigious award for works of children's literature published in the UK during the preceding year, given by the Guardian Newspaper.

Guardian First Book Award

A prize for an outstanding piece of new writing published in the UK during the preceding year, given by the Guardian Newspaper.

Hans Christian Andersen Awards

An international prize presented every other year to authors and illustrators who have made a 'lasting contribution' to children's literature. Winners receive a gold medal.

Hawthornden Prize

An award given for 'a work of imaginative literature'. It is one of the oldest awards, running since 1919.

Hemingway Foundation/PEN Awards

A prize given to a first novel or book of short stories by an American author, founded by Ernest Hemingway's widow Mary in 1976.

Independent Foreign Fiction Prize

An award now administered by the Arts Council which honours works translated into English and published in the UK. The winning author and translator both receive £5,000.

Book Prizes and Awards *continued*

James Tait Black Memorial Prizes

Two awards given annually for works of fiction and biography, worth £3,000 each. It is one of the oldest literary awards still in operation, running since 1919.

John Llewellyn Rhys Prize

An award of £3,000 funded by the Mail on Sunday, given to an outstanding British or Commonwealth author under the age of 35.

John Newbery Medal

A prestigious award given by the American Library Association for an outstanding American work of children's literature.

J. R. Ackerley Prize for Autobiography

A prize of £1000 and a silver Dupont pen given for an outstanding work of autobiography by a British author, published in English.

Kate Greenaway Medal

An award made by CILIP to the writer of an outstanding illustrated book for children. The book must be written in English and have been published in the United Kingdom during the year preceding the presentation of the award.

Kerrie Group Irish Fiction Award

An annual prize of EUR10,000 for a published Irish author.

Kiriyama Prize

A double award given annually for the best fiction and non-fiction works which promote inter-cultural understanding between the West and the countries of South Asia.

Man Booker Prize for Fiction (also known as **The Booker Prize**)

A highly-prestigious award given to an author in the UK or Commonwealth, including a cash prize of £50,000 and also assuring some degree of literary success.

Man Booker International Prize

The international partner of the Man Booker Prize, given to an outstanding author whose work is generally available in English translation, with a cash prize of £60,000.

Manchester Book Award

A recently-established award for children's literature by a UK-resident author, which is judged by school library reading groups.

McKitterick Prize

A prize of £4,000 given for an exceptional first novel by an author over the age of 40.

Miles Franklin Literary Award

A prize of AU\$28,000 given annually for an adult work of fiction depicting Australian life and culture.

Book Prizes and Awards *continued*

National Book Awards

An annual honour given in four categories of literary works, administered by the National Book Foundation in the US. The prize is \$10,000 and a crystal sculpture.

Nestlé Smarties Books Prize

An award organised by Booktrust, given for children's books in 3 age categories.

Nobel Prize in Literature An immensely prestigious award given each year to an international author, with nominations made to the Swedish Academy. The prize, amounting to more than £720,000, is presented to the winner by the King of Sweden.

O. Henry Awards

Annual American awards given to exceptional short stories, especially those which have made a 'lasting contribution' to the art of short story writing.

Orange Prize for Fiction

An award given for an outstanding original novel by a female author of any nationality, published in the UK. The prize for the winner is £30,000 and a bronze sculpture.

Prix Décembre

A prize given for French literary works at the end of the year, generally for less conventional, 'mainstream' works than the Prix Goncourt.

Prix des Deux Magots

An annual French literary prize which is awarded for new fiction, running since 1933.

Prix Femina

An award given for an outstanding literary work in the French language, awarded by an exclusively female jury and sponsored by woman's magazine Femina.

Prix Goncourt

A highly-prestigious prize given annually by the Académie Goncourt for 'imaginative prose' in the French language.

Pulitzer Prizes

Annual awards given for works in fiction, non-fiction, history, poetry and biography by American authors, preferably written on an American theme.

Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry

An award given for an outstanding book of verse by a UK or Commonwealth citizen. The committee is chaired by the Poet Laureate.

Red House Children's Book Award

An annual prize for children's literature, judged by readers, which also generates a Pick of the Year list of recommended titles.

Book Prizes and Awards *continued*

Royal Society of Literature Ondaatje Award

An honour given to a published work by a UK or Commonwealth author, fiction or non-fiction, which best evokes the spirit of a place.

Saga Award for Wit

Awards a prize of £20,000 for a literary work by an author aged 50 or over which displays wit and humour.

Sagittarius Prize

A prize of £4,000 given for an exceptional first novel by an author over the age of 60.

Somerset Maugham Award

A prize of £6,000 to be spent on travel, awarded to an outstanding published British author under the age of 35.

Stonewall Book Award

An award given to literary works with a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered (GLBT) theme, administered by the American Library Association.

Sunday Times Young Writer of the Year

Awards a purse of £5,000 to a published author in the UK under the age of 35.

Tir Na N-og Awards

An award in three categories celebrating Welsh-language literary works in fiction and non-fiction and for English language fiction by a Welsh author.

Wheatley Medal

A collaborative award administered by CILIP and sponsored by The Society of Indexers and Nielsen BookData, given for an outstanding printed index in a reference work.

Whitbread Book Awards

A set of literary awards given in 5 categories for best novel, first novel, children's book, poetry and biography, each winner receiving £5,000 and the overall winner receiving £25,000.

William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award

A prize given for a book with a sporting theme (excluding almanacs and listings), with a cash prize of £15,000 and other prizes worth £5,000.

WH Smith Literary Award

An annual honour given in the UK for literary works in English, including those in translation and by international authors, running since 1959.

National Newspapers in the UK

Daily Newspapers

- Daily Express* *Circulation: 810,827*
Northern & Shell Building, 10 Lower Thames Street,
London EC4R 6EN.
Tel. 0871-434 1010
www.express.co.uk
- Daily Mail* *Circulation: 2,350,694*
Northcliffe House, 2 Derry Street,
London W8 5TT.
Tel. 020-7938 6000
www.dailymail.co.uk
- Daily Mirror* *Circulation: 1,684,660*
1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5AP.
Tel. 020-7293 3000
www.mirror.co.uk
- Daily Record* *Circulation: 454,247*
1 Central Quay, Glasgow G3 8DA.
Tel. 0141-309 3000
www.dailyrecord.co.uk
- Daily Sport* *Circulation: no figures available*
19 Great Ancoats Street, Manchester M60 4BT.
Tel. 0161-236 4466
www.dailysport.co.uk
- Daily Star* *Circulation: 820,028*
Ludgate House, 245 Blackfriars Road,
London SE1 9UX.
Tel. 020-7928 8000
www.dailystar.co.uk
- The Daily Telegraph* *Circulation: 901,667*
1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DT.
Tel. 020-7538 5000
www.telegraph.co.uk
- Financial Times* *Circulation: 419,249*
1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL.
Tel. 020-7873 3000
www.ft.com
- The Guardian* *Circulation: 403,297*
119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER.
Tel. 020-7278 2332
www.guardian.co.uk
- The Herald* *Circulation: 75,541*
Newsquest Ltd, 200 Renfield Street, Glasgow G2 3PR.
Tel. 0141-302 7000
www.theherald.co.uk
- The Independent* *Circulation: 267,037*
Independent House, 191 Marsh Wall,
London E14 9RS.
Tel. 020-7005 2000
www.independent.co.uk

National Newspapers in the UK *continued*

Morning Star

People's Press Printing Society Ltd, William Rust House, 52 Beachy Road,
London E3 2NS.

Tel. 020-8510 0815

www.morningstaronline.co.uk

Circulation: no figures available

Racing Post

Trinity Mirror, Floor 23, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf,
London E14 5AP.

Tel. 020-7293 3291

www.racingpost.co.uk

Circulation: 74,552

The Scotsman

Barclay House, 108 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8AS.

Tel. 0131-620 8620

www.scotsman.com

Circulation: 65,194

The Sun

News Group Newspapers Ltd, Virginia Street, London E1 9XP.

Tel. 020-7782 4000

www.the-sun.co.uk

Circulation: 3,224,427

The Times

1 Pennington Street, London E98 1TT.

Tel. 020-7782 5000

www.timesonline.co.uk

Circulation: 703,492

Weekly Newspapers

The Business

292 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1DE.

Tel. 020-7961 0000

www.thebusinessonline.com

Circulation: 178,528

Daily Star Sunday

Express Newspapers, Ludgate House, 245 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 9UX.

Tel. 020-7928 8000

www.megastar.co.uk

Circulation: 404,723

The Independent on Sunday

Independent House, 191 Marsh Wall, London E14 9RS.

Tel. 020-7005 2000

www.independent.co.uk

Circulation: 230,053

The Mail on Sunday

Northcliffe House, 2 Derry Street, London W8 5TS.

Tel. 020-7938 6000

www.mailonsunday.co.uk

Circulation: 2,292,258

News of the World

1 Virginia Street, London E98 1NW.

Tel. 020-7782 1000

www.newsoftheworld.co.uk

Circulation: 3,773,705

The Observer

3-7 Herbal Hill, London EC1R 5EJ.

Tel. 020-7278 2332

www.observer.co.uk

Circulation: 451,781

National Newspapers in the UK *continued*

- The People* *Circulation: 905,494*
1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5AP. Tel. 020-7293 3000
www.people.co.uk
- Scotland on Sunday* *Circulation: 84,192*
108 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8AS. Tel. 0131-620 8620
www.scotlandonsunday.co.uk
- Sunday Express* *Circulation: 829,064*
Northern & Shell Building, 10 Lower Thames Street, London EC4R 6EN.
Tel. 0871-434 1010
www.express.co.uk
- Sunday Herald* *Circulation: 58,140*
200 Renfield Street, Glasgow G2 3QB.
Tel. 0141-302 7800
www.sundayherald.com
- Sunday Mail* *Circulation: 549,129*
1 Central Quay, Glasgow G3 8DA.
Tel. 0141-309 3000
www.sundaymail.com
- Sunday Mirror* *Circulation: 1,457,792*
1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5AP.
Tel. 020-7293 3000
www.sundaymirror.co.uk
- The Sunday Post* *Circulation: no figures available*
D. C. Thomson & Co. Ltd, 144 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HZ.
Tel. 0141-332 9933
www.sundaypost.com
- Sunday Sport* *Circulation: 148,385*
840 Melton Road, Thurmaston, Leicester LE4 8BE.
Tel. 0116-269 4892
www.sundaysport.com
- The Sunday Telegraph* *Circulation: 661,425*
1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DT.
Tel. 020-7538 5000
www.telegraph.co.uk
- The Sunday Times* *Circulation: 1,404,616*
1 Virginia Street, London E1 9BD.
Tel. 020-7782 4000
www.timesonline.co.uk
- The Sunday Times Scotland* *Circulation: no figures available*
Times Newspapers Ltd, 124 Portman Street, Kinning Park, Glasgow G41 1EJ.
Tel. 0141-420 5100
www.timesonline.co.uk
- Wales on Sunday* *Circulation: no figures available*
Thomson House, Havelock Street, Cardiff CF10 1XR.
Tel. 029-2058 3583
www.icwales.co.uk

(circulation figures net average October 2005, courtesy of the Audit Bureau of Circulations – see www.abc.org.uk for further details)

Major Magazines in the UK

	<i>Circulation</i>
Sky Magazine (TV Listings: Satellite/Cable)	6,783,581
Boots Health and Beauty (Women's Health & Beauty)	1,765,387
What's on TV (TV Listings: Radio & TV Guides)	1,673,790
The National Trust Magazine (Countryside & County: National)	1,655,088
U (magazine for Unison members) (General Interest: Miscellaneous)	1,465,833
Saga magazine (General Interest: Retirement)	1,245,006
Take a Break (Women's Weeklies)	1,200,397
TV Choice (TV Listings: Radio & TV Guides)	1,157,622
Radio Times (TV Listings: Radio & TV Guides)	1,080,199
Eyes Down (Leisure Interests: Games)	984,946
BBC Pre-Schools Magazines (Children's Magazines: Pre-School)	929,452
Reader's Digest (General Interest: Miscellaneous)	776,902
Debenhams Desire (Women's Lifestyle/Fashion)	745,126
Birds (the RSPB magazine) (Leisure Interests: Wildlife)	624,118
Glamour (Women's Lifestyle/Fashion)	609,626
Chat (Women's Weeklies)	609,163
Now (Women's Weeklies)	591,795
That's Life (Women's Weeklies)	569,631
Heat (Women's Weeklies)	560,438
FHM (Men's Lifestyle)	560,167
Time Magazine (News & Current Affairs: International)	551,114
Closer (Women's Weeklies)	540,044

Major Magazines in the UK *continued*

	<i>Circulation</i>
OK! (Women's Weeklies)	532,843
The Economist (News & Current Affairs: Business)	503,077
Exchange & Mart (Buying & Selling: General)	491,152
Woman (Women's Weeklies)	485,463
Good Housekeeping (Women's Lifestyle/Fashion)	475,838
Cosmopolitan (Women's Lifestyle/Fashion)	462,943
Yours (Women's Lifestyle/Fashion)	440,070
Woman's Weekly (Women's Weeklies)	425,568
Legion (General Interest: Miscellaneous)	425,462
Woman's Own (Women's Weeklies)	424,292
TV Times (TV Listings: Radio & TV Guides)	418,192
Emma's Diary Pregnancy Guide (Parenthood)	416,140
Best (Women's Weeklies)	398,289
The Vauxhall Magazine (Motoring & Motorcycling: Motoring)	394,846
Auto Exchange Group (Motoring & Motorcycling: Motoring)	392,598
Hello! (Women's Weeklies)	392,481
Marie Claire (Women's Lifestyle/Fashion)	381,281
New! (Women's Weeklies)	373,039
Motoring and Leisure (Motoring & Motorcycling: Motoring)	371,940
People's Friend (Women's Weeklies)	363,638
National Geographic (General Interest: Miscellaneous)	350,253

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