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**cabin** *NOUN*

- The outlaws hid in a **cabin** in the woods.
  - The crew assembled in the captain's **cabin**.
- hut, shack, shed, lodge, chalet, shelter
  - berth, quarters, compartment

**cable** *NOUN*

- The tent was held down with strong **cables**.
  - Don't trip over the computer **cable**.
- rope, cord, line, chain
  - flex, lead, wire, cord

**cafe** *NOUN*

- We had lunch in a **cafe** overlooking the river.
- cafeteria, coffee shop, tea room, snack bar, buffet, canteen, bistro, brasserie
- for other places to eat see **restaurant**

**cage** *NOUN*

- A large cage or enclosure for birds is an **aviary**.
- A cage or enclosure for poultry is a **coop**.
- A cage or enclosure for animals is a **pen**.
- A cage or box for a pet rabbit is a **hutch**.

**cake** *NOUN*

- Do you prefer carrot **cake** or chocolate **cake**?
- sponge, flan
- A small individual cake is a **cupcake** or **fairy cake**.
- for puddings and other sweet foods see **food**

**calamity** *NOUN*

- The fire in the warehouse was a **calamity**.
- disaster, catastrophe, tragedy, misfortune, mishap, blow

**calculate** *VERB*

- I **calculated** that it would take an hour to walk home.
- work out, compute, figure out, reckon,

**add up, count, total**

To calculate something roughly is to **estimate**.

**call** *NOUN*

- We heard a **call** for help from inside the cave.
  - Grandad made an unexpected **call**.
  - There's not much **call** for suncream in winter.
- cry, exclamation, scream, shout, yell
  - visit, stop, stay
  - demand, need

**call** *VERB*

- 'Stop that racket!' **called** the janitor.
  - It was too late at night to **call** my friends.
  - The head teacher **called** me to her office.
  - The doctor **called** to see if I was feeling better.
  - They **called** the baby Jessica.
  - What is your new book going to be **called**?
- cry out, exclaim, shout, yell
  - phone, ring, telephone
  - summon, invite, send for, order
  - visit, pay a visit, drop in, drop by
  - name, baptise, christen, dub
  - name, title, entitle
- > **to call something off**
- It was so rainy that we **called off** the barbecue.
- cancel, abandon, postpone
- > **to call someone names**
- It's not funny to **call** people **names**.
- insult, be rude to, make fun of, mock

**calm** *ADJECTIVE*

- The weather was too **calm** to fly our kites.
  - The sea was **calm**, and we had a pleasant voyage.
  - I tried to stay **calm** before my judo exam.
- still, quiet, peaceful, tranquil, serene, windless
  - smooth, still, flat, motionless, tranquil
  - cool, level-headed, patient, relaxed, sedate, unemotional, unexcitable, untroubled
- OPPOSITE** stormy, windy
- OPPOSITE** rough, choppy
- OPPOSITE** anxious, nervous

**came** *past tense see come***camel** *NOUN*

A camel with a single hump is a **dromedary**.  
A camel with two humps is a **Bactrian**.

**camp** *NOUN*

From the hill we saw a **camp** in the field below us.

- campsite, camping ground, base

A military camp is an **encampment**.

**campaign** *NOUN*

- Will you join our **campaign** to save the whale?
  - The army launched a **campaign** to recapture the city.
- movement, crusade, drive, fight, effort, struggle
  - operation, offensive, action, war

**cancel** *VERB*

We had to **cancel** the race because of the weather.

- abandon, call off, scrap, drop, axe (informal) scrub, ditch

To cancel something after it has already begun is to **abort** it.

To cancel something, but rearrange it for later, is to **postpone** it or **put it off**.

To cancel items on a list is to **cross out**, **delete** or **erase** them.

**candidate** *NOUN*

A candidate for a job is an **applicant**.  
A candidate in an examination is an **entrant**.  
A person competing with others in a contest is a **competitor**, **contender** or **contestant**.

**canopy** *NOUN*

We sheltered from the rain under a **canopy**.

- awning, cover, shade

**cap** *NOUN*

- The tennis players wore **caps** because it was sunny.
  - Who left the **cap** off the toothpaste?
- for various kinds of hat see **hat**
- cover, lid, top

**cap** *VERB*

Mount Everest is always **capped** with snow.

- cover, top, crown

**capable** *ADJECTIVE*

She is a **capable** ballet dancer.

- competent, able, accomplished, proficient, skilful, skilled, gifted, talented

**OPPOSITE** incompetent

> **to be capable of**

Do you think the professor is **capable of** murder?

- be able to do, be equal to, be up to

**OPPOSITE** be incapable of

**capacity** *NOUN*

- Alice has a great **capacity** for making friends.
  - What is the **capacity** of this glass?
  - She spoke in her **capacity** as team leader.
- ability, power, potential, capability, competence, talent (informal) knack
  - size, volume, space, extent, room
  - position, function, role, office

**cape** *NOUN*

- We could see the island from the **cape**.
  - The lady wore a **cape** of black velvet.
- headland, promontory, point, head
  - cloak, shawl, wrap, robe (old use) mantle

**capital** *NOUN*

- Paris is the **capital** of France.
  - We have enough **capital** to start a new business.
- capital city, centre of government
  - funds, money, finance, cash, assets, savings, means, resources
- > **capital letter**
- Start a new sentence with a **capital letter**.
- block capital, block letter

**capsize** *VERB*

The canoe **capsized** when it hit a rock.

- overturn, tip over, turn over, keel over (informal) turn turtle