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click *VERB* **clicks, clicking, clicked**

- ① When something clicks, it makes a short sound like the sound a light switch makes.
- ② (in ICT) When you click on something on a computer, you move the cursor so that it is on that thing and then you press the button on the mouse.

cliff *NOUN* (plural **cliffs**)

A cliff is a steep hill made of rock next to the sea.



climate *NOUN* (plural **climates**)

The climate that a place has is the sort of weather that it has. • *India has a very hot **climate**.*

climb *VERB* **climbs, climbing, climbed**

- ① To climb means to go upwards. • *He climbed up the ladder slowly.*



- ② When you climb, you use your hands and feet to move over things. • *They **climbed** over the rocks.*

cling *VERB* **clings, clinging, clung**

When you cling to something, you hold on to it very tightly.

clinic *NOUN* (plural **clinics**)

A clinic is a place where you can go to see a doctor or nurse.

clip *NOUN* (plural **clips**)

A clip is a fastener that you use for keeping things in place.

clip *VERB* **clips, clipping, clipped**

To clip something means to cut it with scissors or shears.

cloak *NOUN* (plural **cloaks**)

A cloak is a piece of clothing that you wrap around your shoulders and fasten round your neck.



cloakroom *NOUN* (plural **cloakrooms**)

A cloakroom is the room where you can hang your coat.

clock *NOUN* (plural **clocks**)

A clock is a machine that shows you the time.

clockwise *ADVERB*

If something moves clockwise, it moves round in a circle in the same direction as the hands of a clock.



clockwork *ADJECTIVE*

A clockwork toy is worked by a spring which you have to wind up.

close (say *klohss*) *ADJECTIVE* **closer, closest**

- ① If you are close to something, you are near it. • *Don't get too **close** to the fire.*
- ② If you take a close look at something or keep a close watch on something, you do it very carefully.

> **closely** *ADVERB*

- ① very carefully; paying attention • *Sunil was watching **closely**.*
- ② with the next person or thing very near • *William ran past, **closely** followed by the goblin.*

close (say *klohzh*) *VERB* **closes, closing, closed**

- ① To close means to shut something. • *Please **close** the door after you.*
- ② When a shop closes, it is no longer open and people cannot go there. • *The shop **closes** at half past five.*

closed *ADJECTIVE*

If something is closed, it is not open.

cloth *NOUN*

Cloth is material for making things like clothes and curtains.

clothes, clothing *NOUN*

the things that you wear to cover your body

cloud *NOUN* (plural **clouds**)

Clouds are the large grey or white things that sometimes float high in the sky.

> **cloudy** *ADJECTIVE*

- If a sky is cloudy there are lots of clouds.
- *It was a dull, **cloudy** day.*



clover *NOUN* (plural **clovers**)

Clover is a small wild plant whose leaves usually have three parts. Some people think that a four-leafed clover will bring good luck.

clown *NOUN* (plural **clowns**)

A clown is someone in a circus who wears funny clothes and make-up and does silly things to make people laugh.

club *NOUN* (plural **clubs**)

- ① a group of people who get together because they are interested in doing the same thing
- ② a thick stick that is used as a weapon

clue *NOUN* (plural **clues**)

A clue is something that helps you to find the answer to a puzzle.

clump *NOUN* (plural **clumps**)

A clump of trees or bushes is a group of them growing close together.

clumsy *ADJECTIVE* **clumsier, clumsiest**

If you are clumsy, you are not careful and so are likely to knock things over or drop things.

clung *VERB* (past tense and past participle of **cling**)

- *The child **clung** to its mother's arm.*
- *My little sister has **clung** on to that toy all day.*

clutch *VERB* **clutches, clutching, clutched**

When you clutch something, you hold on to it very tightly.

I staggered to my bedroom and lay on my bed, clutching my tummy.—BEST FRIENDS, Jacqueline Wilson

clutter *NOUN*

Clutter is a lot of things in an untidy mess.

coach *NOUN* (plural **coaches**)

- ① a bus that takes people on long journeys
- ② The coaches on a train are the carriages where people sit.
- ③ someone who trains people in a sport

coal *NOUN*

Coal is a type of hard, black rock that people burn on fires. Coal is found under the ground.

coarse *ADJECTIVE* **coarser, coarsest**

Something that is coarse is rough or hard. • *His clothes were made of **coarse** cloth.*

coast *NOUN* (plural **coasts**)

The coast is the land that is right next to the sea. • *We went to the **coast** last Sunday.*

coat *NOUN* (plural **coats**)

- ① a piece of clothing with sleeves that you wear on top of other clothes to keep warm

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