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C ABBREVIATION

1 short for **Celsius** 2 100 in Roman numerals

cab *NOUN* **cabs**

1 a taxi 2 the place for the driver in a lorry, bus, train or crane

cabbage *NOUN* **cabbages**

a large round green vegetable with layers of closely packed leaves

cabin *NOUN* **cabins**

1 a hut or shelter 2 one of the small rooms on a ship for sleeping in 3 the part of an aircraft where the passengers sit

cabinet *NOUN* **cabinets**

1 a cupboard with shelves and doors, used for storing things 2 the group of chief ministers who run the government

cable *NOUN* **cables**

1 a thick rope, wire or chain used for lifting heavy loads or tying up ships 2 a bundle of wires inside a tube, used for transmitting electricity or electrical signals 3 a telegram sent overseas

cable car *NOUN*

a small cabin that hangs from a moving cable, used for carrying people up and down the side of a mountain.

cable television *NOUN*

a television system in which programmes are transmitted along underground cables into people's houses

cackle *VERB* **cackles, cackling, cackled**

to give a loud harsh laugh • *The witch cackled as she stirred the pot.*

cackle *NOUN* **cackles**

1 a cackle is a loud harsh laugh 2 a cackle is also the clucking of a hen or goose

cacophony (*say ka-kof-o-nee*) *NOUN*

a chorus of loud clashing noises

In summer you could barely even see the cliff as dragons of all shapes and sizes swarmed over it, snapping and biting and sending up a cacophony of noise.—HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON, Cressida Cowell

► **cacophonous** *ADJECTIVE*

cactus *NOUN* **cacti**

a fleshy plant with prickly spines that grows in hot dry places

PLURAL ALERT! The word **cactus** has a Latin plural: *some potted cacti* (not *cactuses*).

caddie *NOUN* **caddies**

someone whose job is to help a golfer by carrying the clubs and giving advice

cadet *NOUN* **cadets**

a young person who is being trained for the armed forces or the police

cadge *VERB* **cadges, cadging, cadged**

(*informal*) to cadge something is to get it by asking for it in a blunt or direct way

cafe (*say kaf-ay*) *NOUN* **cafes**

a place that sells hot and cold drinks and light meals

cafeteria (*say kaf-e-ter-i-a*) *NOUN* **cafeterias**

a cafe where customers serve themselves from a counter

caffeine *NOUN*

caffeine is a substance in tea and coffee and some other drinks, which keeps you awake and makes you feel active

cage *NOUN* **cages**

an enclosure made of bars or wires, for keeping birds or animals so that they can't get away

cagoule *NOUN* **cagoules**

a lightweight waterproof jacket

cake *NOUN* **cakes**

1 a sweet food made from a baked mixture of flour, eggs, fat and sugar 2 something made into a lump rather like a cake, such as soap

► **a piece of cake** (*informal*) something very easy to do

caked *ADJECTIVE*

covered with something that has dried hard, like mud

calamity *NOUN* **calamities**

a disaster

► **calamitous** *ADJECTIVE*

calcium *NOUN*

a grey-white element contained in teeth, bones and lime

calculate *VERB* **calculates, calculating, calculated**

1 to calculate something is to work it out by arithmetic or with a calculator 2 to calculate on something is to plan round it • *They were calculating on a fine day for the picnic.*

calculation *NOUN* **calculations**

something you work out by using numbers or other information

calculator *NOUN* **calculators**

a machine for adding up figures and doing other calculations with numbers

calendar *NOUN* **calendars**

a chart or display that shows the days of the year

calf *NOUN* **calves**

1 a young cow or ox 2 a young seal, whale or elephant 3 your calf is the back part of your leg below your knee

call *NOUN* **calls**

1 a shout or cry • *They heard a call for help.* 2 a short visit • *She decided to pay her father a call.* a telephone conversation with someone

call *VERB* **calls, calling, called**

1 to call is to shout out 2 to call someone is to telephone them • *I'll call you at the weekend.* 3 to call someone near you is to ask them to come to you 4 to call on someone is to visit them 5 to be called something is to have it as your name • *His friend was called Damon.* 6 to call something a certain thing is to describe it that way • *I call that a swindle.*

► **to call someone names** is to be rude to them or insult them

► **to call something off** is to cancel it

calligraphy *NOUN*

decorative handwriting or lettering

► **calligrapher** *NOUN*

callous *ADJECTIVE*

a callous person is very unkind and doesn't care about other people's feelings

calm *ADJECTIVE* **calmer, calmest**

1 the sea or the weather is calm when it is quiet and still 2 someone is calm when they are not excited or agitated • *Please try to keep calm.*

► **calmly** *ADVERB* ► **calmness** *NOUN*

calorie *NOUN* **calories**

a unit for measuring the amount of heat or the energy produced by food

calves (*plural of calf*)

calyпсо *NOUN* **calypsos**

a West Indian folk song which is made up as the singer goes along

came *VERB* (*past tense of come*)

• *The truck came to a stop.*

camel *NOUN* **camels**

a large animal with a long neck and one or two humps on its back • *Arabian camels have one hump, and Bactrian camels have two.*

Camelot *NOUN*

in stories, Camelot is the legendary castle of King Arthur and his court

camera *NOUN* **cameras**

a device for taking photographs, films or television pictures

DID YOU KNOW? The word **camera** comes from a Latin word meaning 'chamber' or 'room'.

camouflage (*say kam-o-flahzh*) *NOUN*

1 clothes or coverings that make people or things look like part of their surroundings 2 the natural markings on an animal that allow it to blend in with its surroundings • *Some animals use camouflage to hide from predators.*

► **camouflaged** *ADJECTIVE*

camp *NOUN* **camps**

a place where people live in tents or huts or caravans for a short time

camp *VERB* **camps, camping, camped**

1 to camp or go camping is to have a holiday in a tent 2 to camp is also to put up a tent or tents • *Let's camp here for the night.*

► **camper** *NOUN* ► **camping** *NOUN*

campaign *NOUN* **campaigns**

1 a planned series of actions, especially to get people to support you or become interested in something • *a campaign for human rights* 2 a series of battles in one area or with one aim

campaign *VERB* **campaigns, campaigning, campaigned**

to campaign is to carry out a plan of action to raise people's interest in something such as a good cause • *They are campaigning to stop the destruction of the rainforests.*

campsite *NOUN* **campsites**

a place for camping

can *VERB* (*past tense could*)

1 to be able to do something or to know how to do it • *Can you lift that box?* • *Her mother can speak Russian.* 2 to be allowed to do something • *Can I go home now?*

can *NOUN* **cans**

a sealed metal container holding food or drink

Canadian *ADJECTIVE*

to do with Canada or its people

Canadian *NOUN* **Canadians**

a person from Canada

canal *NOUN* **canals**

1 a long channel specially dug and filled with water for boats to travel along 2 a tube in the body of a human being or animal • *The canals in your ears help you balance.*

canary *NOUN* **canaries**

a small yellow bird that sings, often kept in a cage as a pet

cancel *VERB* **cancels, cancelling, cancelled**

1 to cancel something planned is to say that it will not be done or not take place after all 2 to cancel an order or instruction is to stop it 3 to cancel a stamp or ticket is to mark it so that it cannot be used again

► **cancellation** *NOUN*