

popular *adjective*

If someone or something is **popular**, a lot of people like them.

population /say pop-yuh-lay-shuhn/ *noun*

The **population** of a place is all the people who live there.

porch *noun* (plural **porches**)

A **porch** is the covered part at the door of a building.

pork *noun*

Pork is the meat from a pig.

porridge *noun*

Porridge is a hot food that some people eat in the morning, made from a grain (called 'oats') and cooked in water or milk.

Spelling Tip: Remember the *idge* spelling at the end (not *age* or *ige*). You could think of making a *ridge* in your **porridge** with a spoon to remind you of this spelling.

port *noun*

A **port** is a town or city beside the sea, where there is a place to load things on the ships or take them off.

portrait /say pawt-ruht/ *noun*

A **portrait** is a picture of someone. It can be a painting, a drawing or even a photograph.

position *noun*

1. A **position** is a place. *These flowers need to be planted in a sunny position.*
2. A **position** is a way in which you have put your body. *I can't get into a comfortable position on this hard seat.*

positive *adjective*

If you are **positive** about something, you are very sure or certain.

possess *verb*

If you **possess** something, you have or own it. *All she possessed in the whole world was her cat and an old black bag.*

possession *noun*

A **possession** is something you own.

possible *adjective*

1. If something is **possible**, it is able to happen or it can be done. *Is it possible for you to help me? | This piano won't go through the front door – it's just not possible.*
2. If you say that something is **possible**, you mean it might happen or might be true, but you do not know for sure. *It's possible that there will be some rain later.*

The opposite of definition 1 is **impossible**.

possibly *adverb*

You use **possibly** when you want to say you may be able to do something or something may happen, but it is not certain. *The teacher said we could possibly get the afternoon off but she wasn't sure.*

possum *noun*

A **possum** is an Australian animal with a long tail, that lives in trees and feeds at night. The female has a pouch to carry her babies.

post¹ *noun*

A **post** is a long, thin piece of wood or metal that stands up with one end in the ground and is used as a support.

post² *noun*

1. The **post** is the way you send letters and packages to people. You pay by putting a stamp on the letter which you take to a special box. It is then taken to the person whose name you have written on it. *We can't get to Joshua's party so we will send a present by post.*

2. The **post** is things like letters that are sent by post. *Has the post arrived yet?*
 –verb 3. If you **post** a letter, you put it in special box so that it can be sent by post. *We posted Mum's letters on the way to school.*

Word Building: **postman**, *adjective* A man who delivers the post is the **postman**.

Another word for **post** is **mail**.

postbox *noun*

A **postbox** is a large box in the street where you can put letters and other things to be sent by post.

postcard *noun*

A **postcard** is a card you can send to someone by post, usually with a photograph or picture of a place on one side and space for writing on the other side. You usually send **postcards** to people when you are away on holidays.

poster *noun*

A **poster** is a large picture or notice printed on paper and put on a place like a wall where people can see it.

post office *noun*

A **post office** is a building where you can go to buy stamps and other things you need in order to send letters and packages.

postpone *verb*

If you **postpone** something, you put it off until a later time. *We will have to postpone the sports day if it rains.*

pot *noun*

A **pot** is a deep, round container used for cooking.

potato *noun* (plural **potatoes**)

A **potato** is a vegetable which grows under the ground, is white inside and can be cooked in lots of different ways.

potoroo /say pot-uh-rooh/ *noun*

A **potoroo** is a small Australian animal with a long nose and a pointed head. It lives in thick grass, and sleeps during the day and comes out at night. *We were lucky to see a potoroo in the bush because they are becoming rare.*

This word comes from the Dharug language of New South Wales.

pouch *noun* (plural **pouches**)

1. A **pouch** is a small bag. *Yumiko decided to keep her new bracelet in a little cotton pouch.*

2. A **pouch** is a pocket of skin that some animals have on their bodies. Female kangaroos and other marsupials have a **pouch** to carry their babies. *The joey was getting too big for its mother's pouch.*

poultry /say pohl-tree/ *noun*

Poultry is birds that are kept for their eggs or meat, such as chickens.

Spelling Tip: Remember the *ou* spelling for the 'oh' sound.

pounce *noun*

If you **pounce** on someone or something, you jump on them suddenly.

pound *noun*

1. A **pound** is a measurement of weight used in some countries such as America. It is equal to just under half a kilogram. *Mum was following an old recipe that was written in pounds so she had to keep translating into kilograms.*

2. A **pound** is the money used in Britain and some other countries. *My uncle bought an old car in England for about three thousand pounds so he could travel around the country.*

♣ For definition 1, you can also write the sign **lb** after a number (*3lbs of rice*).

♣ For definition 2, you can also write the sign **£** before a number (*£1 000*).

pour *verb*

1. If you **pour** a liquid, you make it flow out of its container into something else. *We poured orange juice into the glasses for everybody at the party.*

2. If a liquid **pours**, a lot of it flows from somewhere. *She laughed and laughed and tears poured from her eyes.*

3. If it is **pouring**, it is raining very hard. *Salim had to cancel the hockey because it was pouring.*

powder *noun*

Powder is a substance made up of very small loose bits of something dry.

power *noun*

1. If someone has **power** to do something, they are able to do it because of the special position and special rights that they have. *The government has the power to change some laws.*

2. Your **powers** are the things your body can do, such as see, hear and speak. *She was so surprised that she lost her power of speech for a while.*

3. **Power** is strength or force. *The car hit the pole with such power that it broke in two.*

powerful *adjective*

If someone or something is **powerful**, they are strong. They have a lot of power. *Salim's family has a new car with a powerful motor. | You can tell from the size of the man that he would be very powerful.*

practical *adjective*

1. If something is **practical**, it has to do with actually doing things, rather than with ideas. *You need practical skills like typing to do this job.*

2. If someone is **practical**, they are good at doing useful work and thinking of sensible answers to problems. *She is a good person to have around when things go wrong because she is so practical.*

practice /say prak-tuhs/ *noun*

1. **Practice** is actual action, rather than ideas. *His idea seemed good but it didn't work in practice.*

2. **Practice** is an action or performance that you do many times so that you get better at doing it. *Beth does her piano practice every morning.*

Spelling Tip: Also look up **practise** and remember that the noun **practice** (the 'thing' word) ends with *ice* while the verb **practise** (the 'doing' word) ends with *ise*. This is the pattern with other pairs of words with these endings, for example *advice* (noun) and *advise* (verb). Try thinking that *ice* is a noun as a way