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canyon /ˈkænjən/ n [C] a deep valley with very steep sides of rock that usually has a river running through it ➔ see picture at hole

canyon-ing /ˈkænjənɪŋ/ also can·yon·eer·ing /ˈkænjənˈɪrɪŋ/ $ -'n-r- / AmE n [U] a sport in which you walk and swim along a fast-moving river at the bottom of a canyon

cap1 /kæp/ n [C] 1 HAT a) a type of flat hat that has a curved part sticking out at the front, and is often worn as part of a uniform: a baseball cap | old men in flat caps | a chauffeur’s peaked cap b) a covering that fits very closely to your head: a swimming cap | a shower cap c) a type of simple hat that fits very closely to your head, worn especially by women in the past: a white lace cap

2 COVERING a protective covering that you put on the end or top of an object: b) make sure you put the cap back on the pen | a bottle cap ➔ see picture at lid

3 LIMIT an upper limit that is put on the amount of money that someone can earn, spend, or borrow: a cap on local council spending

SPORT BrE a) if a sports person wins a cap or is given a cap, he or she is chosen to play for their country: He won his first England cap against Wales in 1984. b) a sports person who has played for his or her country: Mason is one of two new caps in the team.

5 SMALL EXPLOSIVE a small paper container with explosive inside it, used especially in toy guns

6 SEX a contraceptive made of a round piece of rubber that a woman puts inside her vagina.

diaphragm

go cap in hand (to sb) BrE to ask for money or help in a very respectful way, from someone who has a lot more power than you: Elderly people should receive a heating allowance every winter, instead of having to go cap in hand to the government.

➔ FLAT CAP, ICE CAP, KNEE CAP, MOB CAP, SKULL CAP, TOECAP | a feather in your cap at feathery (2) | if the cap fits, I wear it at pith (2) | put your thinking cap on at thinking (2)

cap² v capped, capping [T]

1 COVER b) be capped with sth to have a particular substance on top: a graceful tower capped with a golden dome | magnificent cliffs capped by lovely wild flowers

2 LIMIT [often passive] to limit the amount of something, especially money, that can be used, allowed, or spent: the only county to have its spending capped by the government

3 GOOD/BAD to say, do, or be something that is better, worse, or more extreme than something that has just happened or been said: Well, we went three nights with no sleep at all. I bet you can’t cap that!

4 be capped by sth to have something very good or very bad at the end of an event: a fabulous weekend, capped by dinner in the Times Square Hotel

5 SPORT [usually passive] BrE to choose someone for a national sports team: He’s been capped three times for England.

6 to cap it all (of) BrE spoken used before a statement to say that something is the last in a series of annoying, unpleasant, or funny events: To cap it all, the phones didn’t work, and there was no hot water.

7 snow-capped, white-capped etc with snow on top, with white or grey on top etc: snow-capped mountains

8 TOOTH a) to cover a tooth with a special hard white substance: He’s had his teeth capped.

cap. also caps, the abbreviation of capital letter

cap·a·bil·i·ty /ˈkæpəˌbilətə/ n plural capabilities [C]

1 the natural ability, skill, or power that makes a machine, person, or organization able to do something, especially something difficult: the country’s manufacturing capability | capability to do sth Does the company have the capability to change to meet market needs? I can speak French, but simultaneous translation is beyond my capabilities (=too difficult)

2 the ability that a country has to take a particular kind of military action: military/nuclear etc capability

America’s nuclear capability

cap·a·ble /ˈkepəˈbəl/ adj 1 capable of (doing) sth having the qualities or ability needed to do something: I don’t think he’s capable of murder. | The company isn’t capable of handling an order that large. I’m perfectly capable of looking after myself, thank you! 2 able to do things well: a strong, capable woman

3 capable hands someone who is able to do something well: Helen was put in the capable hands of hair stylist Daniel Herson. —capably adv

cap·a·ci·ous /ˈkæpəˌsēəs/ adj formal able to contain a lot: a capacious suitcase —capaciously n [U]

4 [C,U] a piece of equipment that collects and stores electricity

cap·ac·i·ty /ˈkæpəˈsətɪ/ n plural capacities [1] [singular] the amount of space a container, room etc has to hold things or people: [→ of] The fuel tank has a capacity of 40 litres. | The room had seating capacity for about 80. | The orchestra played to a capacity crowd (=the largest number of people who can fit into a hall, theatre etc). | All the hotels were filled to capacity. 2 [C,U] someone’s ability to do something: [→ for] a child’s capacity for learning | an infinite capacity for love | capacity to do sth a capacity to think in an original way

3 [singular] formal someone’s job, position, or duty: role: in a professional/official etc capacity Rolls will be working in an advisory capacity on this project. | do sth in your capacity as sth I attended the meeting in my capacity as chairman of the safety committee.

4 [singular, U] the amount of something that a factory, company, machine etc can produce or deal with: The company has the capacity to build 1500 trucks a year. | The factory has been working at full capacity. (=making the most amount of things that it can)

5 [singular, U] the size or power of something such as an engine: The tax on cars is still based on engine capacity.

cape /kept/ n [C] 1 a long loose piece of clothing without sleeves that fastens around your neck and hangs from your shoulders 2 a large piece of land surrounded on three sides by water: Cape Cod

cap·er /ˈkepər/ v [T,L] 1 always adv/prep to jump around and play in a happy excited way

2 n [C] 1 a small dark green part of a flower used in cooking to give a sour taste to food 2 informal a planned activity, especially an illegal or dangerous one: I’m too old for this sort of caper. 3 behaviour or an activity that is amusing or silly and not serious: the comic capers of a cartoon cat and mouse 4 a short jumping or dancing movement

cap·il·la·ry /ˈkepələrɪ/ n plural capillaries [C] the smallest type of blood vessel (=tube carrying blood) in the body

cap·il·lary·ac·tion /ˌkepəˈlærēˌækˈʃən/ $ -‘. . . n [U] technical the force that makes a liquid rise up a narrow tube

cap·i·tal /ˈkepəˈtæl/ n 1 CITY [C] an important city where the main government of a country, state etc is: Washington, D.C., the capital of the United States 2 MONEY [singular, U] money or property, especially when it is used to start a business or to produce more wealth: The government is eager to attract foreign capital. ➔ WORKING CAPITAL, VENTURE CAPITAL

3 LETTER [C] a letter of the alphabet written in its large form as it is, for example, at the beginning of someone’s name: ➔ lower case, upper case

4 CENTRE OF ACTIVITY [C] a place that is a centre for an industry, business, or other activity: Hollywood is the capital of the movie industry.

5 make capital from/out of sth to use a situation or event to help you get an advantage

6 BUILDING [C] technical the top part of a column (=a long stone post used in some buildings)
capital2 [ˈkæpɪtəl] adj
1 a capital letter is one that is written or printed in its large form; → lower case, upper case: capital 'B'
2 relating to money that you use to start a business or to make more money: capital investments
3 capital offence/crime an offence that is punished by death
4 trouble with a capital T, fast with a capital F etc informal used with any word in order to emphasize that you are talking about an extreme type of something
5 old-fashioned excellent
capital assets n [plural] technical machines, buildings, and other property belonging to a company
capital gains n [plural] profits you make by selling your possessions
capital gains tax n [U] a tax that you pay on profits that you make when you sell your possessions
capital goods n [plural] goods such as machines or buildings that are made for the purpose of producing other goods; → consumer goods
capital-intensive adj a capital-intensive industry, etc needs a lot of money in order to operate properly; → labour-intensive
cap-i-tal-ism /ˈkæpɪtəlɪzəm/ n [U] an economic and political system in which businesses belong mostly to private owners, not to the government; → communism, socialism
cap-i-tal-ist1 /ˈkæpɪtəlist/ n [C] 1 someone who supports capitalism; → communist, socialist
2 someone who owns or controls a lot of money and lends it to businesses, banks etc to produce more wealth → venture capitalist at venture capital
capitalist2 also cap-i-tal-ist-ic /ˈkæpɪtəlistɪk/ adj using or supporting capitalism; → communist, socialist: the capitalist system
cap-i-tal-ize also -i-se BrE /ˈkæpɪtəlɪzaɪ/ v [T] 1 to write a letter of the alphabet using a capital letter
2 to supply a business with money so that it can operate
3 technical to calculate the value of a business based on the value of its shares or on the amount of money it makes → capitalization /ˈkæpɪtəlɪzaʃən/ $ -t-1-a-/-n/ [U]
capitalize on 5th phr v to use a situation or something good that you have, in order to get an advantage for yourself: Ecuador has capitalized on its natural beauty to attract tourism.
capital levy n [C] technical a tax on private or industrial wealth that is paid to the government
capital punishment n [U] punishment which involves killing someone who has committed a crime; → death penalty
cap-i-ta-tion /ˈkæpɪtəteɪʃən/ n [C] a tax or payment of the same amount from each person
Cap-i-tol /ˈkæpɪtɔl/ n 1 the Capitol the building in Washington D.C. where the US Congress meets 2 [C] the building in each US state where the people who make the laws for that state meet
Capitol Hill n 1 the US Congress 2 the hill in Washington D.C. where the Capitol building stands
cap-i-tu-late /ˈkæpɪtjʊleɪt/ v [I] 1 formal to accept or agree to something that you have been opposing for a long time; → give in: Helen finally capitulated and let her son have a cat.
2 formal to accept defeat by your enemies in a war; → surrender: → capitulation /ˈkæpɪtjuələʃən/ $ -t-1-a-/-n/ [C,U]
cap-let /ˈkæpəl/ n [C] a small smooth pill (=solid piece of medicine) with a shape that is slightly longer and narrower than a tablet (=a small round pill)
cap-o-e-ri-a /ˌkæpəˈɔɪərəs/ n, -ˈɔɪərəs/ [U] an Afro-Ecuadorian mixture of dance, song, and fighting that is similar to the MARTIAL ARTS
cap-on /ˈkæpən/ $ -pən, -pən/ n [C] a male chicken that has had its sex organs removed to make it grow big and fat
capped /ˈkæpt/ adj [only before noun] if you borrow an amount of money at a capped rate of interest, the rate is not allowed to rise, but it is allowed to come down; → fixed-rate: capped rate mortgage deals
cap-puc-ci-no /ˌkæp(p)ʊˈtʃiːnəʊ/ $ -no/ n plural cappuccinos [C,U] Italian coffee made with hot milk and with chocolate powder on top
cap-price /ˈkæprɪs/ n 1 [C,U] a sudden and unreasonable change of mind or behaviour: the caprices of a spoilt child 2 [U] the tendency to change your mind suddenly or behave in an unexpected way
capri-cious /ˈkæprɪʃəs/ adj 1 likely to change your mind suddenly or behave in an unexpected way: She was as capricious as her mother had been. 2 literary changing quickly and suddenly: a capricious wind → capriciously adv
Cap-rì-corn /ˈkæprɪkɔrn/ $ -kɔrn/-n/ n 1 [U] the tenth sign of the Zodiac, represented by a goat, which some people believe affects the character and life of people born between December 22 and January 20 2 [C] someone born between December 22 and January 20
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The hostages were released from a prison, CAGE etc and not allowed to go to make them a prisoner: The two soldiers somehow managed to avoid capture. He was captivated by her beauty. The two soldiers somehow managed to avoid capture. His son had been taken captive (=became a prisoner) during the raid. He managed to escape from his captors. It is the fastest-growing crime. They were caught in a car accident. He got in/out: She got into her car (NOT went into her car) and drove off. I've left my bag in the car. She was caught in a car crime. The tiger was finally captured two miles outside the village. The hostages were released from captivity. I want to get out! Stop the car. I want to get out!' (NOT go out) She was caught in a car crime. I've left my bag in the car. She got into her car (NOT went into her car) and drove off. I've left my bag in the car. She got into her car (NOT went into her car) and drove off. I've left my bag in the car. She got into her car (NOT went into her car) and drove off.

Car /kær/ n [C] a vehicle with four wheels and an engine, that can carry a small number of passengers by car get in/into a car get out of a car drive a car park a car parked car take the car (=drive it somewhere) car crash/accident car chase car crime company car (=a car you are given to use by your company)

Do not use go in/out with 'car'. Use get in/out: She got into her car (NOT went into her car) and drove off. 'Stop the car. I want to get out!' (NOT go out)
gipsy caravan 3 a group of people with animals or vehicles who travel together for safety, especially through a desert
caravaning /kəˈvrænəŋ/ n [U] BrE the activity of taking holidays in a caravan: a caravanning holiday
caravaning holiday /kəˈvænəniŋ ˈhɒliədi/ n [C] a hotel with a large open central area, used in the past in Eastern countries by groups of people and animals travelling together
caravan 3 /ˈkærəvən/ n [C,U] a large area of forest that is believed to help the environment by taking in carbon from the air so that the effects of global warming are reduced
carbon /ˈkærəbən/ n [C] 1 a carcinogenic substance 2 a material that exists in a pure form as diamonds, graphite, etc, or in an impure form as coal, petrol etc. It is a chemical ELEMENT: symbol C
carbon dioxide /ˈkærəbədəʊˈaɪd/ n [U] the gas produced when animals breathe out, when carbon is burned in air, or when animal or vegetable substances decay
carbon dating /ˈkærəbəndʒɪnɪŋ/ n [U] a method of finding out the age of very old objects by measuring the amount of carbon in them
carbon monoxide /ˈkærəbəmənoʊdaɪd/ n [U] thin paper with a blue or black substance on one side, that you put between sheets of paper when typing on a typewriter in order to make a copy onto the second sheet of paper
carbon paper /ˈkærəbərpər/ n [C,U] a piece of folded thick stiff paper with a picture on the front, that you send to people on special occasions: birthday/Christmas/greetings etc card
birthday card = card
Christmas card = card
birthday/Christmas/greetings etc card = card
A Mother’s Day card = card
2 INFORMATION [C] a small piece of plastic or paper containing information about a person or showing, for example, that they belong to a particular organization, club etc: Employees must show their identity cards at the gate.
3 MONEY [C] a small piece of plastic, especially one that you get from a bank or shop, which you use to pay for goods or to get money: Lost or stolen cards must be reported immediately.
4 GREETINGS [C] a piece of folded thick stiff paper with a picture on the front, that you send to people on special occasions: birthday/Christmas/greetings etc card
football/baseball etc card = card
5 STIFF PAPER [U] BrE thick stiff paper: ➔ card-board
6 FOR WRITING INFORMATION [C] a piece of thick stiff paper that information can be written or printed on: a set of recipe cards = a score card
7 GAMES [C] a small piece of thick stiff paper with numbers and signs or pictures on one side. There are 52 cards in a set: playing cards = pack/deck of cards = a complete set of cards
8 football/baseball etc card = card
9 BUSINESS [C] a small piece of thick stiff paper that shows your name, job, and the company you work for: ➔ business card
10 COMPUTER [C] the thing inside a computer that the cursive is attached to, that allows the computer to do specific things: a graphics card
11 on the cards BrE, be in the cards AmE to seem likely to happen: At 3–1 down, another defeat seemed to be on the cards
12 play your cards right to deal with a situation in the right way, so that you are successful in getting what you want: If he plays his cards right, Tony might get a promotion.
13 put/lay your cards on the table to tell people what your plans and intentions are in a clear, honest way: What I’d like us to do is put our cards on the table and discuss the situation in a rational manner.

14 play/keep your cards close to your chest to keep your plans, thoughts, or feelings secret.

15 get/be given your cards BrE informal to have your job taken away from you.

16 have another card up your sleeve to have another advantage that you can use to be successful in a particular situation.

17 trump/best/strongest card something that gives you a big advantage in a particular situation: The promises of tax cuts proved, as always, to be the Republican Party’s trump card.

18 sb’s card is marked BrE if someone’s card is marked, they have done something that makes people in authority disapprove of them.

19 PERSON BrC old-fashioned informal an amusing or unusual person: Fred’s a real card, isn’t he?

20 SPORT BrC a small piece of stiff red or yellow paper, shown to a player who has done something wrong in a game such as football.

21 LIST AT SPORTS EVENT BrC a list of races or matches at a sports event, especially a horse race: a full card of 120 riders for the Veterans race.

22 TAROT BrC a small piece of thick stiff paper with a special picture on one side, that is put down in a pattern in order to tell someone what will happen in their future.

23 TOOL BrC technical a tool that is similar to a comb and is used for combing, cleaning, and preparing wool or cotton for spinning: hold all the cards at play (30); stack the cards at stack (a).

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1 a job or profession that you have been trained for; and which you do for a long period of your life: [+in] a career in journalism | a teaching career He realized that his acting career was over. | career development/advancement/progression etc Career prospects within the company are excellent. | a physiotherapist who wanted to make a dramatic career change by becoming an author | Nurses want an improved career structure (=better opportunities to move upwards in their jobs).

2 career soldier/teacher etc someone who intends to be a soldier; teacher etc for most of their life, just for a particular period of time: a career diplomat

3 the period of time in your life that you spend doing a particular activity: She had not had a very impressive school career up till then. | My career as an English teacher didn’t last long. | Beating the defending champion has to be the highlight of my career.

care-er' /ˈkærər/ [SE] AmE spoken /ˈkærər/ [C] a man with the cares of the world on his shoulders (=with a lot of problems or worries) | a thing he seems to care about is money . | She didn’t care what her father thought.

care-ful /ˈkærfl/ [S1 W2] [I,T] 1 to think that something is important, so that you are interested in it, worried about it etc: [+about] The only thing he seems to care about is money. | care what/how/whether etc She didn’t care what her father thought. | ‘He didn’t care!’ I don’t care!

2 to be concerned about what happens to someone, because you like or love them: → caring: [+about] I care about him and hate to see him hurt like this. | She felt that nobody cared.

3 who cares? spoken used to say that something does not worry or upset you because it is not important: It’s rather old and scruffy, but who cares?

4 see if I care! spoken used when you are angry or upset, to say that you do not care about what someone will do: Go with William, then – see if I care!

5 sb couldn’t care less spoken used to say that someone does not care at all about something: I really couldn’t care less what you think!

6 what does sb care? spoken used to say that someone does not care at all about something: What do I care? It’s your responsibility now!

7 as if I cared! spoken used to say that something is not important to you at all: As if I cared whether he comes with us or not!

8 for all sb cares spoken used when you are angry that someone does not seem concerned about something or something: We could be starving for all they care!

9 not care to do sth old-fashioned to not like doing something: She doesn’t care to spend much time with her relatives. | I wouldn’t care to meet him in a dark alley! | I’ve experienced more reorganizations than I care to remember (=a lot of them).

10 any ... you care to name/mention anything of a particular kind: Virtually any piece of equipment you care to name can be hired these days.

11 would you care to do sth? spoken formal used to ask someone politely whether they want to do something: Would you care to join us for dinner?

care for sb/sth phr v

1 to look after someone who is not able to look after themselves: Take care of: He thanked the nurses who had cared for him. | The children are well cared for.

2 to do things that keep something in good condition: Instructions on caring for your new sofa are included.

3 would you care for sth? spoken formal used to ask someone politely if they would like something: Would you care for another drink?

4 not care for sb/sth formal to not like someone or something: I don’t much care for his parents.

5 you can’t be too careful spoken used to say that you should do everything you can to avoid problems or danger —carefulness n [U]

6 be careful! spoken used to tell someone to think about what they are doing so that something bad does not happen: Be careful – the floor’s slippery.

7 trying very hard to avoid doing anything wrong or to avoid damaging or losing something: I was careful not to spill it. | careful who/what/how etc I’ll be more careful what I say in the future. | ‘About’ Mara was careful about what she ate. | careful (that) We were very careful that he didn’t find out.

8 paying a lot of attention to details, so that something is done correctly and thoroughly: Any school trip requires careful planning. | careful consideration/attention/thought Career consideration has been given to all applications. | careful survey careful analysis/examination/study etc careful analysis of the data

9 careful with money not spending more money than you need to

10 you can’t be too careful spoken used to say that you should do everything you can to avoid problems or danger —carefulness n [U]

11 carefully AmE spoken /ˈkærfl/ [adv] in a careful way; carefully He folded the sheets up carefully.

12 look/listen/think etc carefully You need to think very carefully about which course you want to do. | carefully planned/choosen/controlled etc carefully chosen words

13 care giver /ˈkærɡəv/ AmE /ˈkeɪərɡəv/ [n] Care someone who takes care of a child or sick person.
Care in the Community n [U] when people with mental illnesses are allowed to live among ordinary people in the community, instead of staying in special hospitals.

care er /'keərər/ $ 'ker- / n [C] BrE someone who looks after an old or ill person at home.

care less /'keəls/ $ 'ker-/ adj 1 not paying enough attention to what you are doing, so that you make mistakes, damage things etc; careful: It was careless of him to leave the door unlocked. 2 a careless mistake 3 careless driving 4 careless of his own safety 5 he gave a careless shrug.

care package /'keəpæk/ $ 'ker- / n [C] AmE a package of food, sweets etc that is sent to someone living away from home, especially a student at college.

care less adv —carelessness n [U]

care taker /'keərteikə/ $ 'ker.teikər/ n [C] 1 BrE someone whose job is to look after a building, especially a school; janitor AmE 2 someone who looks after a house or land while the person who owns it is not there 3 caretaker manager/government/boss etc a manager; government etc that is in charge for a short period of time until another manager or government is chosen. 4 AmE someone who looks after other people, especially a teacher; parent; nurse etc.

care worker n [C] BrE someone whose job is to look after people who need care.

care worn /'keəwɜːn/ $ 'ker-wɜːn/ adj looking sad, worried, and tired; a careworn expression.

car-go /'kɑːɡoʊ/ $ 'kərgoo/ n plural cargoes or cargoes [C,U] the goods that are being carried in a ship or plane; freight: [+of] A ship carrying a cargo of oil has run aground. 1 a cargo plane.

Caribean /'kærɪbɪən/ adj from or relating to the islands in the Caribbean sea —Caribbean n [C]

Caribbean /'kærɪbɪən/ also North American reindeer

Caricature v [T] to draw or describe someone or something in a way that makes them seem silly; caricature sb/sth as sth Scientists are often caricatured as absent-minded professors.

Caricature /'kærɪkʃər/ $ 'ker- / n [C] a description of someone or something that is partly true and makes them seem silly; [of] The report presents a caricature of the true situation. 3 [U] the activity of drawing or writing caricatures.

Caricature /'kærɪkʃər/ also Christmas carol n [C] a traditional Christmas song.

Caricature v carolled, carolling, caroling AmE /lɪtrɪˈæner/ /ˈlɪtrən/ /ˈlɪtrən/ also Christmass carol n [C] a Christmas song.