

can·yon /'kænjən/ *n* [C] a deep valley with very steep sides of rock that usually has a river running through it → see picture at **HOLE**

can·yon·ing /'kænjənɪŋ/ also **can·yon·eer·ing** /,kænjə'nɪəriŋ \$ -nɪr-/ *AmE n* [U] a sport in which you walk and swim along a fast-moving river at the bottom of a canyon

cap¹ [S3] /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; **☐ top:** *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*

4 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 1994.* **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**

7 go cap in hand (to sb) BrE; go hat in hand AmE 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, KNEECAP, MOB CAP, SKULL CAP, TOECAP;** → **a feather in your cap** at **FEATHER**¹ (2); → **if the cap fits (, wear it)** at **FIT**¹ (8); → **put your thinking cap on** at **THINKING**¹ (3)

cap² *v* capped, capping [T]

1 COVER 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 (off) 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 on top etc: *snow-capped mountains*

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

cap. also **caps.** the abbreviation of **capital letter**

ca·pa·bil·i·ty [S3] /,keɪpə'bɪlɪti/ *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*

ca·pa·ble [S2] [W2] /'keɪpəbəl/ *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*

ca·pa·cious /kə'peɪʃəs/ *adj* formal able to contain a lot: *a capacious suitcase* — **capaciousness** *n* [U]

ca·pac·i·tor /kə'pæsɪtə \$ -ər/ *n* [C] a piece of equipment that collects and stores electricity

ca·pac·i·ty [S3] [W2] /kə'pæsɪti/ *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** *Rollins 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 /keɪp/ *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*

ca·per¹ /'keɪpə \$ -ər/ *v* [I always + adv/prep] to jump around and play in a happy excited way

caper² *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

ca·pil·la·ry /kə'pɪləri \$ 'kæpələri/ *n* plural **capillaries** [C] the smallest type of BLOOD VESSEL (=tube carrying blood) in the body

ca·pil·lary 'action / \$,... '... / *n* [U] technical the force that makes a liquid rise up a narrow tube

cap·i·tal¹ [S3] [W1] /'kæpɪtəl/ *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 [S3] [W3] *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 business, industry etc needs a lot of money in order to operate properly; → **labour-intensive**

cap-i-tal-is-m /'kæpɪtl-ɪzəm/ *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 /'kæpɪtl-ɪst/ *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-ta-lis-tic** /,kæpɪtl'ɪstɪk/ *adj* using or supporting capitalism; → **communist, socialist**: *the capitalist system*

cap-i-tal-ize also **-ise** *BrE* /'kæpɪtl-aɪz/ *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** /,kæpɪtl-aɪzɪʃən \$ -tɪ-ə-/ *n* [U]

capitalize on *sth 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 /,kæpɪ'teɪʃən/ *n* [C] a tax or payment of the same amount from each person

Cap-i-tol /'kæpɪtl/ *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

ca-pit-u-late /kə'pɪtʃəleɪt/ *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 car.* **2** *formal* to accept defeat by your enemies in a war; **surrender** — **capitulation** /,kæpɪtʃə'leɪʃən/ *n* [C,U]

cap-let /kæplɪt/ *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-ei-ra /,kæpəu'eərə \$,kɑ:pou'eərə/ *n* [U] an Afro-Brazilian mixture of dance, song, and fighting that is similar to the MARTIAL ARTS

ca-pon /'keɪpən \$ -pɑ:n, -pən/ *n* [C] a male chicken that has had its sex organs removed to make it grow big and fat

capped /kæpt/ *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 /,kæpʊ'tʃɪnəʊ \$ -nəʊ/ *n* plural **cap-puccinos** [C,U] Italian coffee made with hot milk and with chocolate powder on top

ca-price /kə'pri:s/ *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

ca-pri-cious /kə'prɪʃəs/ *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-ri-corn /'kæprɪkɔ:n \$ -kɔ:rn/ *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

cap-si-cum /'kæpsɪkəm/ *n* [C,U] *technical* a kind of PEPPER (=a green, red, or yellow vegetable)

capsize



cap-size /kæp'saɪz \$ 'kæpsaɪz/ *v* [I,T] if a boat capsizes, or if you capsize it, it turns over in the water

caps lock *n* [singular, U] the button that you press on a computer when you want to use capital letters

cap-stan /'kæpstən/ *n* [C] a round machine shaped like a drum, used to wind up a rope that pulls or lifts heavy objects

cap-sule /'kæpsju:l \$ -səl/ *n* [C] **1** a plastic container shaped like a very small tube with medicine inside that you swallow whole; → **tablet** **2** a small plastic container with a substance or liquid inside **3** the part of a spacecraft in which people live and work: *a space capsule orbiting the Earth* → **TIME CAPSULE**

cap-tain¹ [W3] /'kæptɪn/ *n* [C]

1 the sailor in charge of a ship, or the pilot in charge of an aircraft: *The Captain and crew welcome you aboard.*

2 a military officer with a fairly high rank → **GROUP CAPTAIN**

3 someone who leads a team or other group of people: [+of] *Julie's captain of the quiz team.* | *The Blackhawk's team captain was the first to score.*

4 **captain of industry** someone who owns or has an important job in a big company

captain² *v* [T] **1** to lead a group or team of people and be their captain: *The U.S. team, captained by Arthur Ashe, won the Davis Cup in 1981 and 1982.* **2** to be in charge of a ship, aircraft etc

cap-tain-ey /'kæptɪnsi/ *n* plural **captaincies** [C,U] the position of being captain of a team, or the period during which someone is captain

[1] 000, [2] 000, [3] 000, most frequent words in [S]poken and [W]ritten English



cap·tion /'kæpʃən/ *n* [C] words printed above or below a picture in a book or newspaper or on a television screen to explain what the picture is showing; → **subtitle** — **caption** *v* [T usually passive]: *a photograph of the couple captioned 'rebuilding their romance'*

cap·ti·vate /'kæptɪ'veɪt/ *v* [T] to attract someone very much, and hold their attention: **be captivated by sb/sth** *He was captivated by her beauty.*

cap·ti·vat·ing /'kæptɪ'veɪtɪŋ/ *adj* very attractive and interesting, in a way that holds your attention: *a captivating smile*

cap·tive¹ /'kæptɪv/ *adj* **1** kept in prison or in a place that you are not allowed to leave: *captive soldiers* | *captive animals* | *His son had been taken captive (=became a prisoner) during the raid.* | *a pilot who was held captive (=kept as a prisoner) for six years* **2 captive audience** people who listen or watch someone or something because they have to, not because they are interested **3 captive market** the people who must buy a particular product or service, because they need it and there is only one company selling it **4 be captive to sth** to be unable to think or speak freely, because of being influenced too much by something: *Our communities should not be captive to the mistakes of the past.*

captive² *n* [C] someone who is kept as a prisoner, especially in a war

cap·tiv·i·ty /kæp'tɪvɪ'ti/ *n* [U] when a person or animal is kept in a prison, CAGE etc and not allowed to go where they want: *The hostages were released from captivity.* | **in captivity** *animals bred in captivity*

cap·tor /'kæptə \$ -ər/ *n* [C] someone who is keeping another person prisoner; → **captive**: *He managed to escape from his captors.*

cap·ture¹ ^{W3} /'kæptʃə \$ -ər/ *v* [T]

1 PERSON to catch a person and keep them as a prisoner: *Government troops have succeeded in capturing the rebel leader.* | *40 captured French soldiers*

2 PLACE/THING to get control of a place or object that previously belonged to an enemy, during a war: *The town was captured after a siege lasting ten days.* | *The Dutch fleet captured two English ships.*

3 ANIMAL to catch an animal after chasing or following it: *The tiger was finally captured two miles outside the village.*

4 FILM/RECORD/ART to succeed in recording, showing, or describing a situation or feeling, using words or pictures: *These photographs capture the essence of working-class life at the turn of the century.* | *The robbery was captured on police video cameras.*

5 capture sb's imagination/attention etc to make someone feel very interested in something: *His stories of foreign adventure captured my imagination.*

6 capture sb's heart to make someone love you

7 BUSINESS/POLITICS to get something that previously belonged to one of your competitors: *We aim to capture eight percent of the UK wine market.* | *Republicans captured three Senate seats from the Democrats.*

8 capture the headlines to be talked or written about a lot in the newspapers or on television: *Irvine Welsh first captured the headlines with his novel 'Trainspotting'.*

9 COMPUTER *technical* to put something in a form that a computer can use: *The data is captured by an optical scanner.*

10 CHESS to remove one of your opponent's pieces from the board in CHESS

capture² *n* [U] **1** when you catch someone in order to make them a prisoner: *The two soldiers somehow managed to avoid capture.* **2** when soldiers get control of a place that previously belonged to an enemy: [+of] *the capture of Jerusalem in 1099* **3** when you get control of something that previously belonged to one of your competitors **4** when you put information into a form a computer can use

car ^{S1} ^{W1} /kɑ: \$ kɑ:r/ *n* [C]

1 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

police car

company car (=a car you are given to use by your company)

I've left my bag in the car. | I always go to work by car. | Dan got out of the car and locked the door. | He isn't old enough to drive a car. | Cars were parked on both sides of the road. | a line of parked cars | You really ought to walk a bit more, rather than taking the car everywhere. | Coughlan was killed in a car accident. | a high-speed car chase through the streets of London | Car crime is the fastest-growing crime. | Police cars circled the building.

⚠ 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)*

2 sleeping/dining/buffet car a train carriage used for sleeping, eating etc

3 AmE a train carriage

4 the part of a lift, BALLOON, OR AIRSHIP in which people or goods are carried

WORD FOCUS: CAR

big cars: limousine, people carrier BrE, gas-guzzler AmE informal, estate car BrE

small cars: compact AmE, hatchback BrE

other types of car: pickup, van, saloon BrE/sedan AmE, sports car, convertible, SUV AmE, off-roader, four-wheel drive/4x4

where you park your car: garage, car park BrE/parking lot AmE, multi-storey car park BrE, parking space, carport

someone who drives a car: driver, motorist, learner driver

someone who drives a rich or important person's car for them: chauffeur, driver

ca·rafe /kə'reɪf, kə'rɑ:f/ *n* [C] a glass container with a wide neck, used for serving wine or water at meals → see picture at BOTTLE

car a·larm *n* [C] equipment in a car that makes a loud noise if anyone tries to steal or damage the car

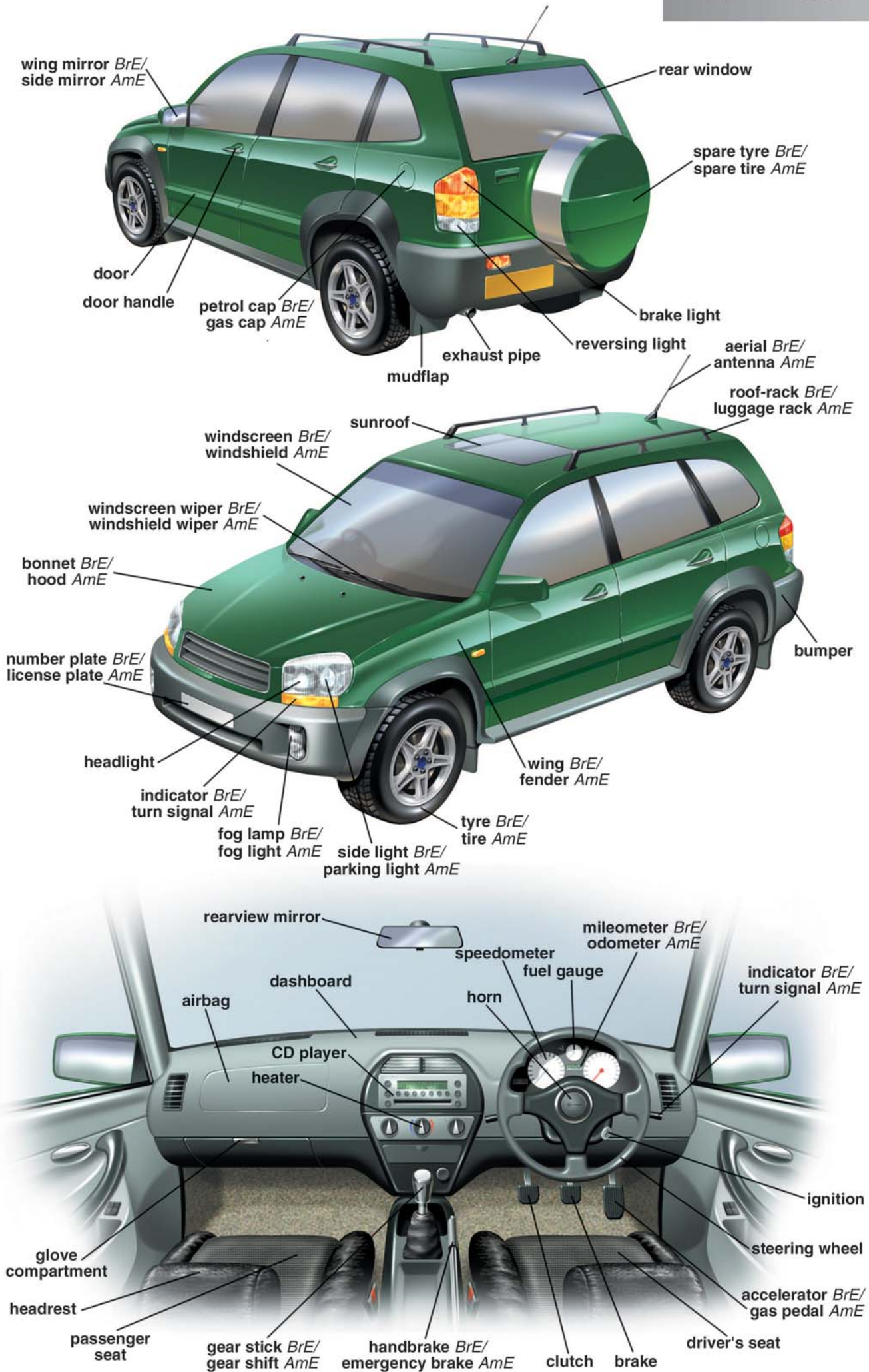
car·a·mel /'kærəməl, -mel/ *n* **1** [C,U] a sticky brown sweet made of boiled sugar, butter, and milk **2** [U] burnt sugar used for giving food a special taste and colour **3** [U] a light yellow-brown colour → CRÈME CARAMEL

car·a·mel·ize also **-ise** BrE /'kærəməlaɪz/ *v* **1** [I] if sugar caramelizes, it becomes brown and hard when it is heated **2** [T] to cook food such as fruit or vegetables with sugar — **caramelized** *adj*: *caramelized onions*

car·a·pace /'kærəpeɪs/ *n* [C] *technical* a hard shell on the outside of some animals such as a CRAB OR TORTOISE; **shell**

car·at /'kærət/ *n* [C] BrE **1** also **karat** AmE a unit for measuring how pure gold is: *9/18/22/24 carat gold a 22 carat gold chain* | *Pure gold is 24 carats.* **2** a unit for measuring the weight of jewels, equal to 200 MILLIGRAMS: *the Orloff diamond, a stone of 194.5 carats*

car·a·van /'kærəvæn/ *n* [C] **1** BrE a vehicle that a car can pull and in which people can live and sleep when they are on holiday; **trailer** AmE: **caravan site/park** (=area of land where people can park their caravans) **2** BrE a covered vehicle that is pulled by a horse, and in which people can live; **wagon** AmE: *a*



gipsy caravan **3** a group of people with animals or vehicles who travel together for safety, especially through a desert

car-a-van-ning /'kærəvæniŋ/ *n* [U] BrE the activity of taking holidays in a caravan: *a caravanning holiday*

car-a-van-se-rai /,kærə'vænsəraɪ/ *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

car-a-way /'kærəweɪ/ *n* [C,U] a plant whose seeds are used in cooking

carb /kɑ:b \$ kɑ:rb/ *n* [C] *informal* **1** BrE a CARBURETOR **2** [usually plural] especially AmE a food such as rice, potatoes, or bread that contains CARBOHYDRATE: *Before a race I eat plenty of carbs.*

car-bine /'kɑ:bain \$ 'kɑ:ɪr-/ *n* [C] a short light RIFLE

car-bo-hy-drate /,kɑ:bəu'haidreit, -drɪt \$,kɑ:rbou-/ *n* **1** [C,U] a substance that is in foods such as sugar, bread, potatoes, which provides your body with heat and energy and which consists of oxygen, HYDROGEN, and CARBON **2** [C usually plural] foods such as rice, bread, and potatoes that contain carbohydrates

car-bol-ic a-cid /kɑ:,bɒlɪk 'æsɪd \$ kɑ:r,bɑ:ɪ-/ *n* [U] a liquid that kills BACTERIA, used for preventing the spread of disease or infection

car-bo-load-ing /'kɑ:bəu ,ləʊdɪŋ \$ 'kɑ:rbou ,lou-/ *n* [U] *informal* when ATHLETES eat food that contains a lot of CARBOHYDRATES as part of their preparation for a race etc, so that their muscles will have extra energy during the event — **carbo load** *v* [I]

car bomb *n* [C] a bomb hidden inside a car

car-bon /'kɑ:bən \$ 'kɑ:ɪr-/ *n* **1** [U] a chemical substance 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 **2** [C,U] CARBON PAPER **3** [C] a CARBON COPY (1)

car-bon-at-ed /'kɑ:bənətɪd \$ 'kɑ:ɪr-/ *adj* carbonated drinks contain small bubbles; → **fizzy**: *carbonated spring water*

carbon 'copy *n* [C] **1** a copy, especially of something that has been TYPED using CARBON PAPER; → **cc** **2** someone or something that is very similar to another person or thing: [+of] *The robbery is a carbon copy of one that took place last year.*

carbon dating *n* [U] a method of finding out the age of very old objects by measuring the amount of carbon in them

carbon di'oxide *n* [U] the gas produced when animals breathe out, when carbon is burned in air, or when animal or vegetable substances decay

car-bon-if-er-ous /,kɑ:bənɪfərəs \$,kɑ:ɪr-/ *adj* *technical* producing or containing carbon or coal: *carboniferous rocks*

car-bon-ize also **ise** BrE /'kɑ:bənaɪz \$ 'kɑ:ɪr-/ *v* [I,T] to change or make something change into CARBON by burning it without air — **carbonized** *adj* — **carbonization** /,kɑ:bənəɪ'zeɪʃən \$,kɑ:rbənə-/ *n* [U]

carbon mo'noxide *n* [U] a poisonous gas produced when CARBON, especially in petrol, burns in a small amount of air

carbon paper *n* [C,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 sink *n* [C] 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 tax *n* [C,U] a tax on businesses and industries which produce substances with a carbon base, that can damage the environment: *carbon taxes on fossil fuels*

car 'boot sale *n* [C] BrE an outdoor sale where people sell things from the back of their cars

car-bun-cle /'kɑ:bʌŋkəl \$ 'kɑ:ɪr-/ *n* [C] **1** a large painful lump under someone's skin **2** a red jewel, especially a GARNET

car-bu-ret-tor BrE; **carburetor** AmE /,kɑ:bjʊ'retə, -bə- \$ 'kɑ:rbəreitəɪr/ *n* [C] a part of an engine, especially in a car, that mixes the petrol with air so that it burns and provides power

car-cass /'kɑ:kəs \$ 'kɑ:ɪr-/ *n* [C] **1** the body of a dead animal **2** the decaying outer structure of a building, vehicle, or other object

car-cin-o-gen /kɑ:'sɪnədʒən \$ kɑ:ɪr-/ *n* [C] *medical* a substance that can cause CANCER

car-cin-o-gen-ic /,kɑ:sɪnə'dʒenɪk \$,kɑ:ɪr-/ *adj* likely to cause CANCER: *a carcinogenic substance*

car-ci-no-ma /,kɑ:sɪ'nəʊmə \$,kɑ:ɪr-sɪ'nou-/ *n* [C] *medical* a CANCER

'car club *n* [C] an organization that owns cars that are shared by its members. People have to arrange in advance when they want to use a car, and pay to use it. The advantage is that members do not have to pay the whole cost of owning a car, but are able to use one when they need to.

car-crash T'V *n* [U] *informal* REALITY TV programmes which people think are of poor quality, but which they cannot stop themselves watching

card¹ ^{S1} ^{W2} /kɑ:d \$ kɑ:ɪrd/ *n*

1 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.* | *I haven't got my membership card yet.*

2 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.* | *a £10 phone card* | *Every time you use your store card, you get air miles.* → **CHARGE CARD**, **CHEQUE CARD**, **CREDIT CARD**, **DEBIT CARD**

3 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** *a Mother's Day card*

4 HOLIDAY [C] a card with a photograph or picture on one side, that you send to someone when you are on holiday; **postcard**: *I sent you a card from Madrid.*

5 STIFF PAPER [U] BrE thick stiff paper; → **card-board**: *Cut a piece of white card 12 × 10cm.*

6 FOR WRITING INFORMATION [C] a small 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**) a small piece of thick stiff paper with numbers and signs or pictures one side. There are 52 cards in a set; **playing card**: **pack/deck of cards** (=a complete set of cards) **b**) game in which these cards are used: *I'm no good at cards.* | *We were having a game of cards.* | *Let's play cards.* | *a book of card games* **c**) a small piece of thick stiff paper with numbers or pictures on them, used to play a particular game: *a set of cards for playing Snap*

8 football/baseball etc card a small piece of thick stiff paper with a picture on one side, that is part of a set which people collect

9 BUSINESS [C] a small piece of thick stiff paper that shows your name, job, and the company you work for;; **business card**; → **visiting card**: *My name's Adam Carver. Here's my card.*

10 COMPUTER [C] the thing inside a computer that the CHIPS are attached to, that allows the computer to do specific things: *a graphics card*

11 be 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 promise 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 [C] *old-fashioned informal* an amusing or unusual person: *Fred's a real card, isn't he!*

20 SPORT [C] 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 [C] 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 [C] 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 [C] *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 **HOLD**¹ (30); → **play the race/nationalist/environmentalist etc card** at **PLAY**¹ (14); → **stack the cards** at **STACK**² (4)

card² *v* [T] **1 especially AmE** to ask someone to show a card proving that they are old enough to do something, especially to buy alcohol **2** to show a red or yellow card to someone playing a sport such as football, to show that they have done something wrong **3** to comb, clean, and prepare wool or cotton, before making cloth

car-da-mom /'kɑ:dəməm \$ 'kɑ:r-/ *n* [C,U] the seeds of an Asian fruit, used to give a special taste to Indian and Middle Eastern food

card-board¹ /'kɑ:dbɔ:d \$ 'kɑ:rdbɔ:rd/ *n* [U] stiff thick brown paper, used especially for making boxes: *a sheet of cardboard* → see picture at **MATERIAL**

cardboard² *adj* **1** made from cardboard: *a cardboard box* **2** [only before noun] seeming silly and not real: *a romantic novel full of cardboard characters*

cardboard city *n* [C] an area in a large town or city where people who have no home sleep outside using cardboard boxes to try to keep warm

cardboard cut-out *n* [C] **1** a picture drawn on cardboard so that it can stand up on a surface **2** a person or character in a book, film etc who does not seem natural or real: *the sort of movie in which the characters are just cardboard cut-outs*

card-carrying *adj* [only before noun] **1 card-carrying member** someone who has paid money to a political organization and is an official and active member of it: *a card-carrying member of the Labour Party* **2** believing very strongly in something – used to show disapproval: *One of them is a card-carrying ecology freak.*

card catalog *n* [C] *AmE* a box of cards that contain information about something and are arranged in order, especially the cards with book information on them in a library; **card index** *BrE*

card-holder /'kɑ:d,həuldə \$ 'kɑ:rd,houldə/ *n* [C] someone who has a CREDIT CARD

car-di-ac /'kɑ:di-æk \$ 'kɑ:r-/ *adj* [only before noun] *medical* relating to the heart: *cardiac surgery* | **cardiac arrest/failure** (=when the heart stops working)

car-die /'kɑ:di \$ 'kɑ:r-/ *n* [C] *BrE informal* a cardigan

car-di-gan /'kɑ:diɡən \$ 'kɑ:r-/ also **cardigan**, **sweater** *AmE n* [C] a SWEATER similar to a short coat, fastened at the front with buttons or a zip

car-di-nal¹ /'kɑ:dənəl \$ 'kɑ:r-/ *n* [C] **1** a priest of high rank in the Roman Catholic Church **2** a North American bird. The male is a bright red colour **3** a

CARDINAL NUMBER
cardinal² *adj* [only before noun] very important or basic: *Having clean hands is one of the cardinal rules when preparing food.* | *an issue of cardinal importance*

cardinal number also **cardinal** *n* [C] a number such as 1, 2, or 3, that shows how many of something there are, but not what order they are in → **ORDINAL NUMBER**

cardinal point *n* [C] *BrE technical* one of the four main points (north, south, east, or west) on a COMPASS

cardinal sin *n* [C] **1 informal** something bad or stupid that you must avoid doing: *politicians who commit the cardinal sin of ignoring public opinion* **2** a serious SIN in the Christian religion

card index *n* [C] *BrE* a box of cards that contain information about something and are arranged in order, especially the cards with book information on them in a library; **card catalog** *AmE*

car-di-o /'kɑ:diəʊ \$ 'kɑ:rdiəʊ/ *n* [U] *informal* any type of exercise that makes the heart stronger and healthier, for example running: *a combination of cardio, weight training, and kung fu*

cardio- /kɑ:diəʊ, -diə \$ kɑ:rdiəʊ, -diə/ *prefix medical* relating to the heart: *a cardiograph* (=machine that measures movements of the heart) | *cardiovascular* (=the heart and the tubes through which blood flows in your body)

car-di-ol-o-gist /,kɑ:di'blədʒɪst \$,kɑ:rdi'ɑ:-/ *n* [C] *medical* a doctor who studies or treats heart diseases

car-di-ol-o-gy /,kɑ:di'blədʒi \$,kɑ:rdi'ɑ:-/ *n* [U] the medical study of the heart

card-shark /'kɑ:dʃɑ:k \$ 'kɑ:rdʃɑ:rk/ **card-sharp** /-ʃɑ:p \$ -ʃɑ:rp/ *BrE n* [C] someone who cheats when playing cards in order to make money

card table *n* [C] a small light table, usually with folding legs, used for playing card games on

card vote *n* [C] *BrE* a way of voting at a TRADE UNION meeting in which your vote represents the votes of all the members of your organization

care¹ [S2] [W2] /keə \$ ker/ *n*

1 LOOKING AFTER SB [U] the process of looking after someone, especially because they are ill, old, or very young: *high standards of medical care* | *They shared the care of the children.* | *Care facilities for the elderly are inadequate.* | **in sb's care** (=being looked after by someone) *The children had been left in the care of a babysitter.* | **be under sb's care** (=be officially looked after or treated by someone) *Mentally ill patients will be under the care of a psychiatrist.* → **DAY CARE**, **HEALTH CARE**, **INTENSIVE CARE**; → **tender loving care** at **TENDER**¹ (5)

2 take care of sb/sth a) to look after someone or something: *Who's taking care of the dog while you're away?* | **take care of yourself** *The children are old enough to take care of themselves.* **b)** to deal with all the necessary work, arrangements etc: *Her secretary always took care of the details.* | *Don't worry about your accommodation – it's all taken care of.* **c)** to pay for something – used when you want to avoid saying this directly: *We'll take care of the fees.*

3 take care a) *spoken* used when saying goodbye to family and friends: *Take care! See you next week!* **b)** to be careful: *Take care when driving in icy conditions.* | **take care to do sth** *Take care to ensure that the ladder is steady before you climb it.* | **take care (that)** *Take care that the meat is cooked properly.*

4 KEEPING STH IN GOOD CONDITION [U] the process of doing things to keep something in good condition



and working correctly: *With proper care, the washing machine should last for years.* | *advice on skin care*

5 CAREFULNESS [U] when you are careful to avoid damage, mistakes etc: *The note on the box said 'Fragile – handle with care'.* | *The picture had been drawn with great care.*

6 take care over/with sth to spend a lot of time and effort making sure that something is perfect: *Paul always takes great care over his appearance.*

7 in care BrE a child who is in care is being looked after by the government, not by their parents: *When he was sent to prison, the children were taken into care.*

8 PROBLEM/WORRY [C,U] literary something that causes problems and makes you anxious or sad: *At last I felt free from my cares.* | *Alex looked as though he didn't have a care in the world* (=had no problems or worries). | *a man with the cares of the world on his shoulders* (=with a lot of problems or worries)

9 care of sb BrE; **in care of sb** AmE used when sending letters to someone at someone else's address; **☐ c/o**: *Send me the letter care of my uncle.*

10 have a care! BrE spoken old-fashioned used to tell someone to be more careful

care² [S1] [W3] v [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 looked angry.'* '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 someone 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 any thing 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.*

ca-reen /kə'ri:n/ v [I always + adv/prep] AmE to move forwards quickly without control, making sudden sideways movements; **☐ career** BrE: [+down/over/along etc] *The car careened around the corner.*

ca-reer¹ [S2] [W2] /kə'riə \$-'ri:/ n [C]

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, not 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.*

career² v [I always + adv/prep] BrE to move forwards quickly without control, making sudden sideways movements; **☐ careen** AmE: [+down/along/towards etc] *The truck careened down the hill and into a tree.*

ca'reer ,break n [C] a short period of time when you do not work in your usual job or profession, for example because you want to look after your children

ca'reer coach n [C] someone whose job is to help people to plan their CAREERS — **career coaching** n [U]

ca'reer ,counselor n [C] AmE a CAREERS OFFICER

ca'reer-ist /kə'riərist \$-'ri:/-/ adj someone who is careerist considers their career to be more important to them than anything else – often used to show disapproval — **careerism** n [U] — **careerist** n [C]

ca'reers ,officer also **ca'reers ad,viser** n [C] BrE someone whose job is to give people advice about what jobs and professional training might be suitable for them; **☐ career counselor** AmE

ca'reer ,woman n [C] a woman whose career is very important to her, so that she may not want to get married or have children: *independent career women*

care-free /'keəfri: \$ 'ker-/ adj having no worries or problems: *He thought back to the carefree days of his childhood.* | *a carefree attitude*

care-ful [S1] [W2] /'keəfəl \$ 'ker-/ adj

1 (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.*

2 trying very hard to avoid doing anything wrong or to avoid damaging or losing something; **☐ careless**: *a careful driver* | **careful to do sth** *Be careful to dispose of your litter properly.* | [+with] *He was being very careful with the coffee so as 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.*

3 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** *Careful consideration has been given to all applications.* | **careful analysis/examination/study etc** *careful analysis of the data*

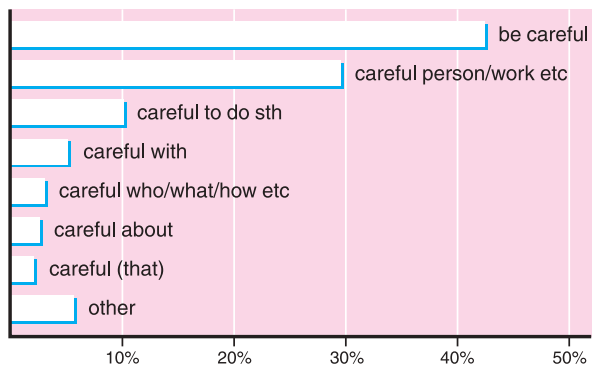
4 careful with money not spending more money than you need to

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]

care-ful-ly [S2] [W2] /'keəfəli \$ 'keəfəli/ adv in a careful way; **☐ carelessly**: *He folded the sheets up carefully.* | **look/listen/think etc carefully** *You need to think very carefully about which course you want to do.* | **carefully planned/chosen/controlled etc** *carefully chosen words*

care-giv-er /'keə,givə \$ 'ker,givə/ n [C] AmE someone who takes care of a child or sick person

This graph shows how common different grammar patterns of the adjective **careful** are.



care home *n* [C] *BrE* a building where people who are old or ill live and are looked after

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 label *n* [C] a small piece of cloth in a piece of clothing that tells you how to wash it

careless /'keələs \$ '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.* | *a careless mistake* | *careless driving* | [+with] *He's careless with his glasses and has lost three pairs.* | **Careless talk** can be disastrous for a business. **2** [usually before noun] natural and not done with any deliberate effort or attention: *He ran a hand through his hair with a careless gesture.* **3** not concerned about something: [+of] *a man careless of his own safety* | *She gave a careless shrug.* **△** Do not use **careless** to mean that someone has no worries. Use **carefree**: *They all felt happy and carefree.* — **carelessly** *adv* — **carelessness** *n* [U]

care package *n* [C] *AmE* a package of food, sweets etc that is sent to someone living away from home, especially a student at college

carer /'keərə \$ 'kerər/ *n* [C] *BrE* someone who looks after an old or ill person at home

caress¹ /kə'res/ *v* [T] **1** especially *literary* to touch someone gently in a way that shows you love them; **☒ stroke**: *His hands gently caressed her body.* **2** *literary* to touch something gently, in a way that seems pleasant or romantic: *Waves caressed the shore.*

caress² *n* [C] especially *literary* a gentle touch or kiss that shows you love someone

care-taker /'keə,teɪkə \$ 'ker,teɪkər/ *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 /'keəwɔ:n \$ 'kerwɔ:rn/ *adj* looking sad, worried, and tired: *a careworn expression*

car-go /'kɑ:gəu \$ 'kɑ:rgou/ *n* plural **cargos** 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.* | *a cargo plane*

Car-ib-be-an /,kærɪ'bi:ən/ *adj* from or relating to the islands in the Caribbean sea — **Caribbean** *n* [C]

car-i-bou /'kærɪ'bu:/ *n* plural **caribou** [C] a North American **REINDEER**

car-i-ca-ture¹ /'kærɪkətʃuə \$ -tʃʊr/ *n* **1** [C] a funny drawing of someone that makes them look silly: [+of] *caricatures of politicians.* **2** [C] a description of someone or something that is only 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

caricature² *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.*

car-i-ca-tur-ist /'kærɪkətʃʊərɪst \$ -tʃʊr-/ *n* [C] someone who draws or writes caricatures

car-ies /'keərɪz \$ 'ker-/ *n* [U] *technical* decay in someone's teeth; **☒ cavity**

car-ill-on /kə'rɪljən, 'kærɪljən, \$ 'kærəljɑ:n, -lən/ *n* [C] a set of bells in a tower that are controlled from a piano **KEYBOARD**, or a tune played on these bells

car-ing /'keərɪŋ \$ 'ker-/ *adj* **1** thinking about what other people need or want and trying to help them; → **care**: *a warm and caring man* | *a caring attitude* | *The school aims to provide a caring environment.* **2** [only before noun] involving the job of looking after other people: *Many of the caring professions are badly paid.* | *More men are taking on a caring role.*

car-jack-ing /'kɑ:dʒækɪŋ \$ 'kɑ:r-/ *n* [C,U] the crime of using a weapon to force the driver of a car to drive you somewhere or give you their car; → **hijacking** — **carjacker** *n* [C] — **carjack** *v* [T]

car-load /'kɑ:ləud \$ 'kɑ:rləud/ *n* [C] the amount of people or things a car can hold: [+of] *A carload of tourists pulled up and asked for directions.*

car-mine /'kɑ:mɪn, -maɪn \$ 'kɑ:r-/ *n* [U] *literary* a dark red colour — **carmine** *adj*

car-nage /'kɑ:nɪdʒ \$ 'kɑ:r-/ *n* [U] when a lot of people are killed and injured, especially in a war: *a scene of terrible carnage*

car-nal /'kɑ:nəl \$ 'kɑ:rnəl/ *adj* *formal* **1** relating to sex or someone's body: *carnal desires* **2** **carnal knowledge/relations** sexual activity — **carnally** *adv*

car-na-tion /kɑ:'neɪʃən \$ kɑ:r-/ *n* [C] a flower that smells sweet. Men often wear a carnation on their jacket on formal occasions → see picture at **FLOWER**

car-net /'kɑ:neɪ \$ 'kɑ:r-/ *n* [C] **1** *BrE* a small book of tickets that you can use on trains, buses etc **2** an official document that allows you to go somewhere, especially to drive across the border into another country for a limited period; → **pass**

car-ni-val /'kɑ:nɪvəl \$ 'kɑ:r-/ *n* **1** [C,U] a public event at which people play music, wear special clothes, and dance in the streets: *preparations for this year's carnival* | *when it's Carnival in Rio* | *a carnival atmosphere in the town* **2** [C] *AmE* a noisy outdoor event at which you can ride on special machines and play games for prizes; **☒ funfair** *BrE* **3** [C] *AmE* a school event at which students play games for prizes **4** **carnival of sth** *literary* an exciting mixture of things: *Shakespeare's carnival of images*

car-ni-vore /'kɑ:nɪvɔ: \$ 'kɑ:rnɪvɔ:r/ *n* [C] **1** an animal that eats flesh; → **herbivore**, **omnivore** **2** *humorous* someone who eats meat; → **vegetarian** — **carnivorous** /kɑ:'nɪvərəs \$ kɑ:r-/ *adj*

car-ob /'kærəb/ *n* [U] the fruit of a Mediterranean tree, which tastes similar to chocolate

car-ol¹ /'kærəl/ also **Christmas carol** *n* [C] a traditional Christmas song

car-ol² *v* **carolled**, **carolling** *BrE*, **caroled**, **caroling** *AmE* [I,T] *literary* to sing or say something in a happy way: *'Goodbye,' carolled Boris happily.*

ca-rot-id ar-te-ry /kə'rɒtɪd,ɑ:təri \$ '-rɑ:tɪd,ɑ:r-/ *n* [C] *medical* one of the two **ARTERIES** in your neck that supply blood to your head

ca-rouse /kə'rauz/ *v* [I] *literary* to drink a lot, be noisy, and have fun — **carousal** *n* [C,U]

car-ou-sel also **carrousel** *AmE* /,kærə'sel/ *n* [C] **1** especially *AmE* a machine with wooden horses on it