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ON DESCRIPTIVE PRINCIPLES**

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## VORWORT

Das Verhältnis der preskriptiven zur deskriptiven Grammatik ist auf Tagungen und in Fachzeitschriften des In- und Auslands ausgiebig behandelt worden. Das Ergebnis läßt sich mit A. Towsey wie folgt zusammenfassen: "There is not necessarily any conflict between these two views of grammar. The two kinds of grammar are really *complimentary*".

Die strukturierte preskriptive Grammatik erfaßt in Regeln, was sich an allgemeiner Struktur von Einzelfällen abhebt. Die vokabulare deskriptive Grammatik geht vom Einzelfall aus. Sie erfaßt das Einzelwort in seiner grammatischen Qualität und grenzt sein grammatisches Feld scharf ab. Sie umfaßt nicht nur *general facts*, sondern auch *special facts*. Sie gibt Antwort auf viele Fragen, auf die uns die preskriptive Grammatik die Antwort schuldig bleibt. Sie ist somit die notwendige Ergänzung zur traditionellen Grammatik in Regeln.

Alphabetisch geordnet ergeben die grammatischen Felder ein grammatisches deskriptives Wörterbuch, das schnelle Orientierung ermöglicht.

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### List of Abbreviations

adj.	adjective
adv.	adverb
cl.	clause
colloq.	colloquial
comp.	comparative
compl.	complement
conjunct.	conjunction
connect.	connective
depend.	dependent
equiv.	equivalent
fig.	figuratively
infin.	infinitive
interrogat.	interrogative
intr.	intransitive
n.	noun
obj.	object
obj. compl.	object complement
partic.	participle
pl.	plural
predic.	predicate
predic. compl.	predicate complement
prep.	preposition
pron.	pronoun
prov.	proverb
recipr.	reciprocal
refl.	reflexive
sing.	singular
s.o.	someone
s.th.	something
subj.	subject
subjunct.	subjunctive
superl.	superlative
that-cl.	that-clause
tr.	transitive
v.	verb

## ABANDON—ACCEPT

### A

- abandon** *v.* (tr., ~ s.o. to s.th.): we ~ed him to his fate; (refl., ~ oneself to s.th.): he ~ed himself to despair
- abate** *v.* (tr.): this medicine will ~ the pain; (intr.): the storm ~d
- abdicate** *v.* (tr.): the king ~s his throne; (intr.): the king ~d
- abhor** *v.* (tr.): I ~ lies
- abhor** (+to-infin.): I ~ to tell lies
- abhor** (+ing-form): I ~ telling lies
- abhorrence** *n.* (~ of or for): I have a great ~ of (or for) lies
- abhorrent** *adj.* (~ to): it is ~ to my feelings
- abide** *v.* (tr.): I cannot ~ (=stand) him; we shall ~ (=await) your coming; (intr., ~ by s.th.): he ~s by his plan; (~ with s.o.): " ~ with me, fast falls the eventide" (*hymn*)
- able** *adj.* (comp.): abler, more ~; (superl.): ablest, most able
- able** (+to-infin.): I shall not be ~ to come
- abound** *v.* (intr.): fish ~ in this stream; (~ in s.th.): the town ~s in antiquities; (~ with s.th.): this stream ~s with fish
- about** *prep.* (prep. of time): I'll be back by ~ three o'clock; (prep. of place): a collar goes ~ the neck; (fig.): the story is ~ giants; *adv.*: is the manager ~?
- about** (+to-infin.): he looked like a prisoner ~ to receive his sentence
- about** (+ing-form): what ~ trying to do it this way
- above** *prep.* (prep. of place): the castle towers ~ all the land; (fig.): he is ~ flattery; *adv.*: I have mentioned it ~; *adj.*: the ~ statement
- abreast** *adv.*: they marched four ~; *prep.*: he came ~ of a house with large balconies; he came ~ with us
- absent** *v.* (refl.): he ~ed himself
- absolve** *v.* (tr., ~ s.o. from s.th.): I cannot ~ you from blame
- absorb** *v.* (tr.): a sponge ~s water
- be absorbed**: she was ~ in thought; (~ in+ing-form): the little girl was ~ in reading a tale
- abstain** *v.* (intr.): ~ from alcohol; (~ from+ing-form): ~ from eating sweets
- absurd** *adj.* (comp.): absurder, more ~; (superl.): absurdest, most ~: the ~est (or most ~) mistake I have ever made
- accept** *v.* (tr.): I ~ your offer; (intr.): he only ~ed of a cup of tea

**accommodate** *v.* (tr.): can you ~ me for a night?; (refl.): he ~d himself to the new circumstances

**accord** *v.* (intr.): his speech did not ~ with the sentiments of his audience; (tr.): (=grant) the government ~ed them privileges; (~ s.th. to s.o.): they ~ed privileges to the settlers

*be accorded*: many privileges were ~ to them

*be accorded s.th.*: they were ~ many privileges (*chiefly U.S.A.*)

**according** *prep.* (~ to): ~ to his papers he is a Dutchman; *conjunct.* (~ as): you'll earn ~ as you work; (~ how): you'll earn ~ how you work

**account** *v.* (intr.): I cannot ~ for his refusal; illness ~s for his absence; (tr., ~ s.th. or s.o.+obj.compl.): I ~ it a stroke of good luck; I ~ him innocent

*account* (s.th. or s.o. to be+obj.compl.): I ~ justice to be the most sacred of morality; I ~ him to be innocent

*be accounted* (+subj.compl.): fortune is ~ inconstant; he was ~ innocent

*be accounted for*: his absence is ~ for by his illness

**accumulate** *v.* (tr.): he had ~d a large fortune; (intr.): dirt had ~d in the streets

**accuse** *v.* (tr., ~ s.o. of s.th.): she ~d him of theft

*accuse* (s.o. of+ing-form): she ~d him of stealing a car

*accuse* (s.o.+that-cl.): she ~ him that he had stolen her car

*be accused of*: he was ~ of stealing a car

**accustom** *v.* (tr., ~ s.o. to s.th.): you can ~ the child to almost any kind of food; (refl., ~ oneself to s.th.): you can ~ yourself to any kind of food

*accustom* (s.o. or oneself to+ing-form): I ~ed him (or myself) to get up early

*accustom* (s.o. or oneself to+ing-form): I have ~ed him (or myself) to getting up early

**accustomed** *ad.* (~ to+ing-form): my mother was ~ to use her left hand; (~ to+ing-form): she was ~ to using her left hand

**acknowledge** *v.* (tr.): I ~ the receipt of the letter; (intr.): I don't ~ to any mistake (*rare*)

*acknowledge* (s.o. as+obj.compl.): I ~ him as the best player in our team

*acknowledge* (s.o. to be+obj.compl.): I ~ him to be the best player

*acknowledge* (oneself as+obj.compl.): I ~ myself as the offender

*acknowledge* (oneself to be+obj.compl.): I ~ myself to be wrong

**acknowledge** (+that-cl.): I ~ that I am wrong

**acknowledge** (+ing-form): he ~d firing the shot

**be acknowledged** (as+subj.compl.): he is ~ as the best player

**acoustics** *n.* (pl.): the ~ of the hall are very good

**acquaint** *v.* (tr., ~ s.o.+with): let me ~ you with the facts

**acquiesce** *v.* (intr., ~ in s.th.): I hope he will ~ in our request

**acquit** *v.* (tr.): the Court ~ted the prisoner; (~ s.o. of s.th.): the jury ~ted him of the charge of murder; (refl.): he ~ted himself well of his task

**be acquitted**: he was tried and ~ (of the charge of murder)

**acre** *n.* (pl.): a farm of 400 ~s; a 400 *acre* farm

**across** *prep.*: a black cat ran ~ the road; *adv.*: we could not get ~

**act** *v.* (tr.): she ~ed the part of Ophelia; she ~ed a true mother to the orphan; (intr.): he ~ed wisely; the brakes won't ~

**adapt** *v.* (tr.): he ~ed his lecture to his audience; (refl.): he knew how to ~ himself; we must ~ ourselves to circumstances

**be adapted**: this play is ~ from a French comedy

**add** *v.* (tr.): do you ~ sugar to the tea?; don't ~ insult to injury; (intr.): this will ~ to our troubles; the figures would not ~ up

**be added to**: the building has been ~ to

**address** *v.* (tr.): he ~ed me in the street; (~ s.o. on s.th.): he ~ed the audience on the subject of atomic warfare; (~ s.th. to s.o.): he ~ed a petition to the senate; he ~ed a few words to me; (~ s.o. s.th.): he never seemed to ~ her a civil word (*chiefly U.S.A.*); (~ s.o. as+obj. compl.): she ~ed the boy as my dear, dear brother; (refl., ~ oneself to s.o.): he ~ed himself to me; (~ oneself to s.th.): she ~ed herself to her new task

**adequate** *adj.* (~ to): roads should be ~ to traffic

**adhere** *v.* (intr., ~ to s.o.): he ~s to his former chief; (~ to s.th.): he ~s to his opinion

**be adhered to**: this rule must be ~ to

**adjoin** *v.* (tr.): their garden ~s ours

**adjourn** *v.* (tr.): the chairman ~ed the meeting; (intr.): the court ~ed

**adjudge** *v.* (tr., ~ s.o.+obj.compl.): the court ~d him guilty; (~ s.th. to s.o.): the court ~d the reward to the policeman

**be adjudged**: the case was ~ in the juvenile court; the reward was ~ to the policeman

**be adjudged** (+subj.compl.): he was ~ guilty

**be adjudged s.th.**: can this view be ~ finality?

**adjure** *v.* (tr., ~ s.o.+to-infin.): I ~ you to leave me



*adjure* (s.o. + that-cl.): "I ~ thee by the living God that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ". (Bible)

*administer* *v.* (tr.): they disliked him on account of the strict justice which he ~ed; (~ s.th. to s.o.): the nurse ~ed the medicine to the patient; the judge ~ed an oath to the witness; (~ s.o. s.th.): he ~ed him a blow

*be administered*: an oath was ~ to the witness

*be administered* *s.th.*: he was ~ a blow

*admire* *v.* (tr.): he ~d the picture; (~ s.o. for s.th.): I ~ him for his courage

*admission* *n.* (~ to s.th.): hundreds of people were refused ~ to the hall

*admit* *v.* (tr.): he ~s the mistake; this ticket ~s two persons; (intr., ~ of s.th.): this case ~s of no publicity; (~ of +ing-form): this case does not ~ of being discussed in public; (~ to s.th.): I ~ to a natural fear; (~ to +ing-form): I ~ to feeling proud of it

*admit* (s.th. to be + object.compl.): even optimists ~ the outlook to be poor

*admit* (s.o. or oneself to be + predic.compl.): I ~ him (or myself) to be wrong

*admit* (+that-cl.): he ~s that he is wrong; he ~ted to me that he had made a mistake

*admit* (+ing-form): the thief ~s having stolen the watch

*be admitted*: the error must be ~; he was ~ by the back-door

*admonish* *v.* (tr.): ~ him as a brother!; (~ s.o. of s.th.): I ~ed him of his duty

*admonish* (s.o. + to-infin.): I ~ed him to do his duty

*advance* *v.* (intr.): the troops ~d rapidly; (tr.): she ~d her arm

*be advanced*: a claim has been ~; the season was far ~

*advantage* *n.* (~ of): he has the ~ of a good education; (~ over):

the adult has a great ~ over the child

*advice* *n.* (sing.): good ~ is beyond price (prov.); take a word of ~; let me give you a piece of ~; give me some good ~; (pl.): these ~s

(=informations) from official sources leave no doubt about it

*advisable* *adj.* (it is ~ + that-cl.): it is ~ that he should see the doctor

(*subjunct. equiv.*)

*advisable* (for s.o. + to-infin.): it is ~ for him to go there

*advise* *v.* (tr.): there was no one to ~ her; (~ s.o. of s.th.): I ~ you of the danger; (~ s.o. on s.th.): I ~ him on technical matters; (intr.): I could ~ with no one (*rare*)

*advise* (+ing-form): I ~ reading the letter carefully before answering it

*advise* (s.o. + to-infin.): I should ~ you not to go there

*advise* (s.o. + depend.question): please, ~ me which is the best

*advise* (s.o. + interrogat.connect. + to-infin.): ~ me what to do!

*be advised*: you are ~ not to do it; be ~ by me

*aeroplane* *n.* the ~ has lost one of *its* (or *her*) wings

*affirm* *v.* (tr.): can you ~ it?

*affirm* (+to-infin.): he ~s to have spoken the truth (*rare*)

*affirm* (s.o. or oneself to be + predic.compl.): she ~ed him to be the thief; she ~ed herself to be innocent

*affirm* (+that-cl.): I ~ on oath that he is the thief; it was ~ed that he was the thief

*afford* *v.* (tr.): the tree ~s shelter; (~ s.o. s.th.): the tree ~s us shade; I'll ~ you a chance

*afford* (+to-infin.): I cannot ~ to buy a car

*be afforded*: I hope that life and leisure will be ~ to me

*be afforded* *s.th.*: you will be ~ an opportunity

*afraid* *adj.* (be ~ of s.o. or s.th.): she is ~ of you; are you ~ of death?

*be afraid* (+to-infin.): she is ~ to go through the wood, but she has to

*be afraid* (of +ing-form): I am ~ of going through that wood, I'll take the road

*be afraid* (+that-cl.): I am ~ (that) it is true

*be afraid* (that + future tense): I am ~ (that) the train will be late

*be afraid* (that + subjunct.equiv.): I am ~ (that) it may hurt you; I was ~ it might hurt her

*be afraid* (+ "not" or "so"): you come to our party?—I am ~ not!; will the train be late?—I am ~ so. ("not" or "so" *standing for a clause*)

*after* *prep.* (prep. of time): ~ a sound sleep he went for a swim; (prep. of place): the boy raced ~ the butterfly; (fig.): he inquired ~ your health; *conjunct.*: you may go home ~ I (have) come back; the party broke up ~ the clock struck twelve. (*pedantic*: ~ the clock *had* struck twelve)

*after* (+ing-form): ~ leaving Cambridge we crossed the county of Kent; I dislike him ~ his treating us thus

*against* *prep.* (prep. of place): the rain beats ~ the window-panes; (fig.): the tiger fought ~ the lion; I am ~ it

*ago* *adv.* (end-position): I told you a week ~ that I met her a week before

*agree* *v.* (intr.): youth and age will never ~; (~ to s.th.): I ~ to the

terms; (~ on s.th.): we could not ~ on the price; (~ with s.th.): your report does not ~ with the facts; the verb does not ~ with its subject; (~ about s.th.): we cannot ~ about it; (~ in s.th.): we ~ in everything; (~ with s.o.): I ~ with you; (~ with s.o. on s.th.): I could not ~ with him on the price; (~ with s.o. in s.th.): I ~ with him in all his views

**agree** (+to-infin.): I ~ to pay half the sum

**agree** (to+ing-form): I ~ to paying half the sum; father ~d to my becoming an engineer

**agree** (in+ing-form): we all ~ in liking our new teacher

**agree** (+that-cl.): I ~ (that) it was a mistake

**agree** (+depend.question): they could not ~ (about) who should take the lead

**be agreed**: I am ~ (=I agree); we are ~ on this point

**be agreed to**: the terms have been ~ to

**be agreed** (+to-infin.): we are ~ to accept the offer

**aid** v. (intr.): saints will ~ if men will call; (tr.): I ~ my little sister;

**aid** (~ s.o. in+ing-form): I ~ her in dressing

**aid** (s.o.+infin.): I ~ her dress (or to dress)

**be aided**: she was ~ in her work by her sister

**aim** v. (intr.): he ~ed at me, but missed; (tr.): he ~ed a stone at the dog

**aim** (at+ing-form): he ~s at improving his invention

**aim** (+to-infin.): I shall ~ to be brief (*chiefly* U.S.A.)

**airplane** cf. aeroplane

**alike** *adv.*: all of you will be treated ~; *adj.*: these two words are very much ~ (but: two similar words)

**alive** *adj.*: no man ~ will believe you; (be ~): his parents are still ~; (be ~ to s.th.): they were fully ~ to the danger

**all** n.: rich and poor, ~ must die; so say ~ of us; tell me ~ about it; *adj.*: in the night ~ cats are grey; ~ London, ~ the town, ~ the inhabitants were astir; *adv.*: ~ the better for him; I was ~ alone

**allege** v. (tr.): he ~d the following facts

**allege** (+that-cl.): he ~s that his money has been stolen

**allege** (+to-infin.): this man ~s to have seen you yesterday (*rare*)

**be alleged**: he was ~ to be the thief; the ~ theft never happened

**allocate** v. (tr.): the Government has ~d a sum of money for the reconstruction of the building; they ~d bigger rations; (~ s.o. s.th.): they ~ed them bigger rations

**be allocated**: bigger rations were ~ to them

*be allocated s.th.*: they were ~ bigger rations (*chiefly U.S.A.*)

**allot** *v.* (tr., ~ s.th. to s.o.): the Government ~ted a stretch of land to each settler; (~ s.o. s.th.): the Government ~ted each settler a stretch of land

*be allotted*: a stretch of land was ~ to each settler

*be allotted s.th.*: each settler was ~ a stretch of land

**allow** *v.* (tr.): we ~ no discount; (~ s.o. s.th.): we shall ~ you a discount of three percent; (~ s.th. to s.o.): I ~ a shilling a week to each of the boys; (intr., ~ for s.th.): you must ~ for his youth; (~ of s.th.): the matter ~s of no delay; (refl., ~ oneself s.th.): I ~ myself a fair margin of profit

*allow* (s.th.+to-infin.): our teacher does not ~ cheating to go unpunished

*allow* (s.o.+to-infin.): my father won't ~ me to take the wheel

*allow* (oneself+to-infin.): I won't ~ myself to be cheated

*allow* (+that-cl.): I ~ (=admit) that I am wrong

*be allowed s.th.*: they will be ~ a pint of beer each

*be allowed* (+to-infin.): the children are not ~ to play on this lawn

**almost** *adv.* (mid-position): he ~ succeeded, I have ~ finished

**alms** *n.* (pl.): ~ never *make* poor; where riches are some ~ *are* due

**along** *adv.*: come ~!; *prep.*: a scout patrol was marching ~ the street

**already** *adv.* (mid-position): the plums are ~ ripe; I have ~ done it

**always** *adv.* (mid-position): I ~ park my car here; he is ~ late;

she is ~ speaking of her fine family

**amazed** *adj.* (be ~ at s.th.): she was ~ at her birthday presents; (be ~ by s.th.): she was ~ by the great number of her birthday presents

*amazed* (+to-infin.): I am ~ to see you here

*amazed* (at+ing-form): I am ~ at seeing you here

*amazed* (+that-cl.): I am ~ that you are here

*amazed* (that+subjunct.equiv.): we were ~ that this title should have been conferred upon him (*or ~ at this title being conferred upon him*)

**among** *prep.*: ~ the flowers the rose is queen; divide the money ~ the three persons (but: between the two persons)

**amount** *v.* (intr., ~ to): the bill ~s to ten pounds; it ~s to the same thing

**amuse** *v.* (tr.): the monkeys ~d the children by their tricks; (refl.): the children ~ themselves with their new toys

*amuse* (s.o. or oneself by +ing-form): he ~s his classmates (or himself) by blowing the horn

*be amused* (with or by s.th.): the children were ~d with (or by) the tricks

*be amused* (at s.th.): I am not ~ at it

*anchor* *v.* (intr.): the "Endeavour" ~ed in the Downs; (tr.): the Captain ~ed the "Endeavour" in the Downs

*angry* *adj.* (be ~ with s.o.): I am ~ with you; (be ~ at or about s.th.): he is ~ at (or about) your behaviour

*angry* (at +ing-form): she was ~ at finding the door locked

*angry* (+to-infin.): she was ~ to find the door locked

*angry* (+that-cl.): she was ~ that the door was locked

*announce* *v.* (tr.): the headmaster ~d the result of the examination; the footman ~d the guests; (~ s.th. to s.o.): we have ~d her death to some friends only

*announce* (+that-cl.): he ~d (it was ~d) that all prisoners would be set free; (~ to s.o. +that-cl.): please ~ to your class that there will be a holiday tomorrow

*be announced*: his death has been ~ to some friends only

*annoyed* *adj.* (be ~ at or about s.th.): we were ~ at (or about) the bad weather; (be ~ with s.o. for s.th.): I am ~ with you for what you have done

*answer* *v.* (tr.): ~ my question; this will ~ our purpose: (~ s.o.): ~ me!; (~ s.o. s.th.): nobody could ~ me this question; she ~ed us never a word; (~ s.th. to s.o.): she ~ed never a word to us; (intr., ~ to s.th.): the dog ~ed to the name of Rover; he called for help but nobody ~ed to his call; to this question he ~ed evasively; (~ to s.o. for s.th.): I'll ~ to God alone for my deed; I'll ~ to you for his honesty; (~ for s.o.): I'll ~ for him (for his honesty)

*be answered*: the question has not yet been ~

*be answered* *s.th.*: I was ~ nothing

*anticipate* (intr.): I do not want to ~; (tr.): I ~d trouble

*be anticipated*: the great inventor was ~ by several predecessors

*antipathy* *n.* (~ to): I have an ~ to that fellow

*anxiety* *n.* (~ for s.th.): our ~ for the news of their safe arrival is deep

*anxious* *adj.*: it was an ~ time; (be ~ about s.th.): I am ~ about her health; (be ~ for s.th.): I am ~ for news

*be anxious* (for +ing-form): I am ~ for getting news

*be anxious* (+to-infin.): I am ~ to start early

*be anxious* (for s.o. + to-infin.): I am ~ for them to start early

*be anxious* (that + subjunct. equiv.): I am ~ that she should accept the offer

*be anxious* (lest + subjunct. equiv.): she was ~ lest she should be left alone

*any* *adj. or n.* (*interrog.*): have you got ~ bananas?; I want some milk, is there ~?—There is very little milk if ~; has ~ one the least idea? have ~ of you the least idea?; (*negative*): she could not be angry for ~ length of time; I have not ~ thing to do with it; (*conditional*): give me some tea if there is ~; I'll kick his brains out if he has ~; (*affirmat.*): "let us, then, be up and doing with a heart for ~ fate." (Longfellow); *adv.*: I hope you won't be ~ the worse for it  
*apologise* *v.* (*intr.*): you forget to ~; (~ to s.o.): ~ to her!; (~ to s.o. for s.th.): ~ to her for your rude behaviour!

*apologise* (for + ing-form): I ~ for being late

*appeal* *v.* (*intr.*, ~ to s.o. or s.th.): he ~ed to his father; I ~ed to his honour; (~ to s.o. for s.th.): I shall ~ to him for further information

*appear* *v.* (*intr.*): she ~ed at six o'clock; the airplane ~ed as a small speck in the sky; talk of the devil and he'll ~

*appear* (+ predic. compl.): he ~ed quite well; (~ to s.o. + predic. compl.): I ~ to you rich and fortunate

*appear* (to s.o. to be + predic. compl.): I ~ to you to be rich and fortunate; it ~s to me to be a mistake

*appear* (to s.o. + that-cl.): it ~s to me that he is quite well again

*appear* (+ to-infin.): he ~s to be quite well again

*appear* (+ so): it ~s so; so it ~s ("so" standing for a clause)

*appetite* *n.*: a good ~ is the best sauce; (~ for s.th.): he has an ~ for detective stories

*applaud* *v.* (*tr.*): the audience ~ed the speaker; (*intr.*): they ~ed frantically

*be applauded*: the actor was ~ by the audience

*apply* *v.* (*tr.*): the driver applied the brake; ~ a mustard plaster to your chest; (*intr.*): you must ~ during office hours; (~ to s.o.): this applies to you; this rule applies to all men; (~ to s.o. for s.th.): he applied to me for information; (*refl.*, ~ oneself to s.th.): she applied herself to her new task

*apply* (oneself to + ing-form): she applied herself to learning French

*appoint* *v.* (*tr.*): we ~ed a place for the meeting

*appoint* (s.o. + obj. compl.): we ~ed him president of the club

**appoint** (s.o. as+obj.compl.): I ~ed him as my successor

**appoint** (s.o. to be+obj.compl.): we have ~ed him to be chairman

**be appointed** (+subj.compl.): he has been ~ chairman

**approach** *v.* (tr.): we ~ed the town; he ~ed a stool to the fire;

(intr.): night was ~ing; (~ to s.th.): his spleen ~es to madness

**be approached**: he was ~ by a reporter

**approach** *n.* (~ to s.th.): this is an ~ to the actual facts of the English language

**appropriate** *v.* (tr.): you must not ~ other people's things; Parliament ~d two million pounds for flood control

**be appropriated**: this room is ~ to silent reading; two million pounds were ~ for flood control

**approve** *v.* (tr.): father ~d our plan; (intr., ~ of s.th.): he ~d of our plan (*formal*)

**approve** (of s.o. or s.th.+ing-form): I don't ~ of cousins marrying

**be approved**: the plan has not been ~

**apt** *adj.*: an ~ child; (superlative): the ~est child needs teaching

**apt** (+to-infin.): he is ~ to forget

**apt** (at+ing-form): he is ~ at devising new means

**argue** *v.* (intr.): don't ~ with your mother; they ~d about the best method; (tr.): it is difficult to ~ the matter without hurting her feelings; you can't ~ it away

**argue** (s.o. into+ing-form): she ~d me into complying with her wish

**arrange** *v.* (tr.): she ~d the flowers in the vase; (intr.): I shall ~ about that

**arrange** (+to-infin.): I have ~d to start tomorrow

**arrange** (for s.o. or s.th.+to-infin.): I have ~d for the boy to leave school next Easter; I shall ~ for the meeting to take place on Friday

**arrange** (for s.th. to be done): I have ~d for a search to be made

**arrogate** *v.* (tr., ~ s.th. to s.o. or oneself): don't ~ bad motives to me; the King ~d this power to himself

**as conjunct.** (reason): ~ I was late, I hurried along; (time): ~ he walked along he met an old friend; (comparison): we discussed our profession

~ all medical men do (*or ~ do all medical men*); (relat.): he is the same man ~ he was before; *prep.*: he died ~ a hero

**as** (if+true subjunct.): he treated her ~ if she were his daughter (*colloq.*: ~ *if she was...*); he talks ~ if he knew everything

**as** (if+to-infin.): he raised his hand ~ if to command silence

**ascend** *v.* (intr.): the airplane ~ed higher and higher; we ~ed to the top of the mountain; (tr.): I cannot ~ high mountains

*be ascended*: step after step the ladder is ~. (prov.)

*ascertain* *v.* (tr.): we ~ed the name of the steamer

*ascertain* (s.th. to be+predic.compl.): the doctor ~ed the disease to be diphtheria

*ascertain* (+depend.question): we must first ~ whether the door is locked or not

*be ascertained* (+to-infin.): the disease was ~ to be diphtheria

*ascribe* *v.* (tr., ~ s.th. to s.o. or s.th.): the driver ~s the accident to a puncture in one of the front tyres

*be ascribed*: this play was formerly ~ to Shakespeare

*ash* *n.* (sing.): will you hand me the ~-tray, please; I have dropped some ~ on the floor; (pl.): the house was reduced to ~es; we commit his body to the ground, earth to earth, ~es to ~es

*ashamed* *adj.* (be ~ of s.th.): he is ~ of his foolish behaviour; (be ~ for s.o.): I am ~ for you

*be ashamed* (of+ing-form): I am ~ of having behaved like a fool

*be ashamed* (+to-infin.): I would be ~ to be seen here

*be ashamed* (+that-cl.): I am ~ that it happened

*be ashamed* (that+subjunct.equiv.): I am ~ that it should have happened

*ask* *v.* (tr., ~ s.o.): ~ John!; (~ s.th.): don't ~ questions!; (~ s.th. of s.o.): I ~ed my way of a passer-by; I ~ed several questions of him; (~ s.o. s.th.): I ~ed him several questions; (~ s.o. about s.th.): he ~ed me about my intentions; (intr., ~ for s.th.): I only ~ for justice; (~ for s.o.): there is a gentleman (who) ~s for you; (~ about or after): she ~ed about (or after) your health; (refl.): it never occurred to him to ~ himself what were her feelings

*ask* (s.o.+to-infin.): didn't I ~ you not to do it?

*ask* (that+true subjunct.): I earnestly ~ that my request be granted (*chiefly* U.S.A.)

*ask* (that+subjunct.equiv.): I ~ that my request may be granted

*ask* (for s.th. to be done): she ~ed for the windows to be shut

*ask* (s.o.+depend.question): he ~ed (me) how I had managed to open the safe

*ask* (s.o.+interrogat.connect.+to-infin.): ~ your teacher how to do it

*be asked*: several questions were ~ him; several questions were ~ of us

*be asked* s.th.: I was not ~ any question

*be asked* (+to-infin.): we were ~ to leave the room

*aslant* *adj.*: build the shed with the roof ~ (but: with a slanting roof)

*asleep* *adj.*: baby is ~ (but: a sleeping baby)



**aspire** *v.* (intr., ~ after s.th.): he ~s after knowledge; (~ to s.th.): he ~s to the highest honours

**aspire** (+to-infin.): he ~s to be president of our club

**assemble** *v.* (tr.): he ~d the pupils in the hall; (intr.): the pupils ~d in the playground

**assent** *v.* (intr.): at last he was convinced and ~ed; (~ to s.th.): he ~ed to our proposal

**assert** *v.* (tr.): he ~ed his innocence

**assert** (+that-cl.): he ~s that he is innocent

**assert** (+to-infin.): he ~s to have spoken the truth (*rare*)

**assert** (s.o. or oneself to be+predic.compl.): I ~ him to be the thief; I ~ myself to be innocent

**assign** *v.* (tr.): have you ~ed a day for the meeting? (~ s.th. to s.o.): the law ~s their powers to the different heads; (~ s.o. s.th.): they ~ed me a place at the servants' table

**assign** (s.o.+to-infin.): the teacher ~ed two boys to clean the blackboard

**be assigned**: a place was ~ to him

**be assigned** s.th.: he was assigned a room in the attic (*chiefly U.S.A.*)

**assist** *v.* (intr.): he ~ed at the opening ceremony; (tr.): he ~s me with money

**assist** (s.o. in+ing-form): the police will ~ you in finding her address

**be assisted**: they were ~ in finding their families

**associate** *v.* (tr.): we ~ presents with Christmas time; the Royal Academy ~d him as a member; (intr.): don't ~ with bad companions; (refl.): there was a chilly bareness in the place which ~d itself somehow with getting up by candle-light

**be associated**: they are ~ in business

**assume** *v.* (tr.): she ~d an air of cheerfulness

**assume** (+that-cl.): I ~ that the train will be late; I ~ that this is the best possible translation

**assume** (s.th. or s.o. to be+predic.compl.): I ~ it to be the best possible translation; I ~ him to be the cleverest boy in this class

**be assumed** (+to-infin.): this is ~ to be the best possible translation

**be assumed** (+that-cl.) it is ~ that this is the best possible translation

**assure** *v.* (tr., ~ s.o. of s.th.): I ~ you of my gratitude; this arrangement ~s you of a fixed income (*cf. ensure*)

**assure** (s.o.+that-cl.): we ~ you that we shall give our attention to your orders