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Preface

The *Oxford American Large Print Thesaurus* is intended as a helpful, easy-to-read thesaurus for the home, school, or office. The thesaurus, in a simple A-Z format, includes many compound terms and idiomatic expressions in American English. Special sections at the back of the book provide clear and helpful information on punctuation, capitalization, and clichés to avoid.

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Aa

abandon ▶ *n.* **recklessness**, lack of restraint/inhibition, unrestraint, carelessness, wildness, impulse, impetuosity, immoderation, wantonness.

abandoned *adj.* **1 deserted**, forsaken, cast aside, vacated, evacuated, unoccupied, empty, unused. **2 reckless**, unrestrained, uninhibited, impetuous, wild, careless, wanton, dissipated, debauched, profligate, dissolute, immoral, corrupt, depraved, reprobate, wild, reckless.

abashed *adj.* **embarrassed**, ashamed, shamefaced, mortified, humiliated, taken aback, disconcerted, nonplussed, discomfited, perturbed, confounded, dismayed, dumbfounded.

abbreviate *v.* **shorten**, reduce, cut, cut short/down, contract, condense, compress, abridge, truncate, clip, crop, shrink, constrict, summarize, abstract, synopsisize. *Ant.* lengthen; expand; elongate.

abdicate *v.* **1 resign**, stand down, retire, quit, give up, renounce, resign from, relinquish, abjure,

cede, *Law* disclaim. **2 give up**, renounce, relinquish, abjure, repudiate, reject, disown, waive, yield, forgo, refuse, abandon, surrender, cast aside, drop, turn one's back on, wash one's hands of.

abduct *v.* **kidnap**, carry off, run away/off with, make off with, seize, hold as hostage, hold for ransom, *inf.* snatch.

abhorrent *adj.* **detestable**, loathsome, hated, abominable, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, disgusting, distasteful, horrible, horrid, heinous, obnoxious, odious, offensive, *inf.* yucky.

abide *v.* **1 keep to**, comply with, observe, follow, obey, agree to, hold to, conform to, adhere to, stick to, stand by. **2 stand**, tolerate, bear, put up with, endure, stomach, suffer, accept, brook.

ability *n.* **1 talent**, competence, competency, proficiency, skill, expertise, expertness, adeptness, aptitude, dexterity, adroitness, qualification, cleverness, flair,

ablaze

gift, knack, savoir faire, *inf.* know-how. **2 capacity**, capability, potential, potentiality, power, aptness, facility, faculty, propensity. **Ant.** inability; incapacity.

ablaze *adj.* **1 on fire**, burning, blazing, alight, flaming, *lit.* afire, aflame. **2 lit up**, alight, gleaming, glowing, aglow, illuminated, brilliant, radiant, shimmering, sparkling, flashing, incandescent. **3 passionate**, aroused, excited, stimulated, animated, impassioned, ardent, fervent, frenzied.

able *adj.* **competent**, capable, talented, skillful, skilled, clever, intelligent, accomplished, gifted, proficient, apt, fit, expert, adept, efficient, effective, qualified, adroit. **Ant.** incompetent; incapable; inept.

abnormal *adj.* **unusual**, strange, odd, peculiar, uncommon, curious, queer, weird, eccentric, extraordinary, unexpected, exceptional, irregular, unnatural, erratic, singular, atypical, nontypical, anomalous, deviant, deviating, divergent, aberrant, *inf.* oddball, off the wall, wacko. **Ant.** normal; regular; typical.

abolish *v.* **do away with**, put an end to, end, stop, terminate, eliminate, eradicate, exterminate,

destroy, annihilate, stamp out, obliterate, wipe out, extinguish, quash, expunge, extirpate, annul, cancel, invalidate, nullify, void, rescind, repeal, revoke, vitiate, abrogate, *inf.* ax. **Ant.** keep; retain; maintain.

abominable *adj.* **hateful**, loathsome, detestable, odious, obnoxious, base, despicable, contemptible, damnable, cursed, disgusting, revolting, repellent, repulsive, offensive, repugnant, abhorrent, reprehensible, foul, vile, wretched, horrible, nasty, disagreeable, unpleasant, execrable, *inf.* yucky, god-awful.

aboriginal *adj.* **indigenous**, native, original, earliest, first, ancient, primitive, primeval, primordial.

abortive *adj.* **failed**, unsuccessful, nonsuccessful, vain, futile, useless, worthless, ineffective, ineffectual, fruitless, unproductive, unavailing. **Ant.** successful; productive; fruitful.

abound *v.* **be plentiful**, proliferate, superabound, thrive, flourish.

abrasive *adj.* **1 erosive**, eroding, corrosive, chafing, rubbing, coarse, harsh. **2 caustic**, cutting, grating, biting, rough, harsh, irritating, sharp, nasty.

abridge *v.* **shorten**, cut down, condense, contract, compress,

abbreviate, reduce, decrease, diminish, curtail, truncate, lessen, trim, summarize, abstract, epitomize, synopsise, digest.

abrupt *adj.* **1 sudden**, quick, hurried, hasty, swift, rapid, headlong, instantaneous, surprising, unexpected, unanticipated, unforeseen. **2 curt**, blunt, brusque, short, terse, brisk, crisp, gruff, snappish, unceremonious, rough, rude. **3 steep**, sheer, precipitous, sudden, sharp. **4 jerky**, uneven, irregular, disconnected, discontinuous, broken, rough, inelegant. *Ant.* gradual; unhurried; smooth.

abscond *v.* **run away**, bolt, clear out, flee, make off, escape, take flight, fly, decamp, disappear, slip/steal/sneak away, take to one's heels, make a quick getaway, beat a hasty retreat, run for it, *inf.* cut and run, skedaddle, skip, beat it.

absent *adj.* **1 away**, off, out, gone, missing, truant, lacking, unavailable, nonexistent, nonattendant. **2 absentminded**, distracted, preoccupied, daydreaming, dreaming, faraway, blank, empty, vacant, inattentive, vague, absorbed.

absentminded *adj.* **distracted**, preoccupied, absorbed,

abstracted, inattentive, forgetful, oblivious.

absolute *adj.* **1 complete**, total, utter, out and out, outright, perfect, entire, undivided, unqualified, unadulterated, unalloyed, downright, undiluted, solid, consummate, unmitigated. **2 certain**, positive, definite, unquestionable, undoubted, unequivocal, decisive, unconditional, categorical, conclusive, confirmed, infallible. **3 fixed**, independent, nonrelative, nonvariable, rigid, established, set, definite. **4 unlimited**, unrestricted, unrestrained, unbounded, boundless, infinite, ultimate, total, supreme, unconditional, full, utter, sovereign, omnipotent. **5 despotic**, dictatorial, autocratic, tyrannical, authoritarian, arbitrary, autonomous, sovereign. *Ant.* qualified; conditional; limited.

absolve *v.* **1 acquit**, exonerate, discharge, release, free, deliver, liberate, let off, clear, exempt, exculpate. **2 forgive**, pardon, excuse, reprieve, give amnesty to, give dispensation/indulgence to, clear, set free, vindicate. *Ant.* blame; charge; condemn.

absorb *v.* **1 soak up**, suck up, draw up/in, take up/in, blot up,

mop, sponge up, sop up.

2 consume, devour, eat up, swallow, assimilate, digest, ingest.

3 take in, incorporate, assimilate, appropriate, co-opt, *derog.* swallow up. **4 occupy**, engage, preoccupy, captivate, engross, monopolize, rivet.

absorbent *adj.* spongelike, spongy, porous, permeable, pervious, penetrable, assimilative, receptive, blotting.

absorbing *adj.* fascinating, gripping, interesting, captivating, engrossing, riveting, spellbinding, intriguing. *Ant.* boring; uninteresting; dull.

abstain *v.* **1 refrain**, decline, forbear, desist, hold back, keep from, refuse, renounce, avoid, shun, eschew. **2 decline/refuse to vote**. **3 be teetotal**, be/stay sober, refrain, take the pledge, *inf.* be on the wagon. *Ant.* join in (see join); vote; indulge.

abstemious *adj.* moderate, temperate, abstinent, self-denying, austere, sober, self-restrained, ascetic, puritanical, nonindulgent, self-abnegating.

abstract *adj.* **1 theoretical**, conceptual, notional, intellectual, metaphysical, philosophical.

2 nonrepresentational, nonrealistic, unrealistic.

3 complex, abstruse, recondite,

obscure, deep. *Ant.* actual; concrete.

► *n.* **summary**, synopsis, précis, résumé, outline, abridgment, condensation, digest.

abstruse *adj.* **obscure**, deep, profound, complex, hidden, esoteric, mysterious, incomprehensible, unfathomable, inscrutable, enigmatic, perplexing, puzzling, recondite, arcane.

absurd *adj.* **ridiculous**, foolish, silly, idiotic, stupid, nonsensical, senseless, inane, crazy, ludicrous, funny, laughable, comical, preposterous, farcical, harebrained, asinine, *inf.* daft.

abundance *n.* **plenty**, plentifulness, profusion, copiousness, amplitude, affluence, lavishness, bountifulness, *inf.* heaps, lots, stacks, loads, tons, oodles. *Ant.* lack; scarcity.

abundant *adj.* **plentiful**, large, great, huge, ample, well-supplied, well-provided, profuse, copious, lavish, bountiful, teeming, overflowing, *inf.* galore.

abuse *v.* **1 misuse**, misapply, misemploy, mishandle, exploit. **2 mistreat**, maltreat, ill-use, ill-treat, manhandle, injure, hurt, harm, beat, damage, wrong,

oppress, torture. **3 assault sexually.** **4 insult**, swear at, curse, scold, rebuke, upbraid, reprove, castigate, revile, vilify, slander.

► *n.* **1 misuse**, misapplication, misemployment, mishandling, exploitation. **2 mistreatment**, maltreatment, ill-use, ill-treatment, manhandling, injury, hurt, harm, beating, damage, oppression, torture. **3 sexual assault.** **4 corruption**,

wrongdoing, wrong, misconduct, misdeeds, offense, crime, fault, sin. **5 swearing**, cursing, scolding, rebuke, upbraiding, reproval, invective, castigation, revilement, vilification, vituperation, defamation, slander, insults, curses, expletives, swearwords.

abusive *adj.* **1 insulting**, rude, blasphemous, offensive, vulgar, vituperative, reproachful, reproving, derisive, scornful, castigating, slanderous, defamatory, calumniating.

2 violent, cruel.

abysmal *adj.* **extreme**, utter, complete, thorough, profound, deep, endless, immeasurable, boundless, incalculable, unfathomable, bottomless.

abyss *n.* **1 chasm**, gorge, cavity, void, pit, bottomless pit, hole, gulf, depth, ravine, canyon, crevasse. **2 chasm**, void,

bottomless pit, hell, hellhole, depths.

academic *adj.* **1 educational**, scholastic, instructional, pedagogical. **2 scholarly**, studious, literary, well-read, intellectual, erudite, learned, cultured, bookish, highbrow, pedantic, professorial, cerebral, *inf.* brainy. **3 theoretical**, hypothetical, abstract, conjectural, notional, impractical, unrealistic, speculative, ivory-towerish.

► *n.* **scholar**, lecturer, teacher, tutor, professor, fellow, pedant, pedagogue, *inf.* bookworm, egghead.

accelerate *v.* **speed up**, go faster, pick up speed, hasten, hurry, quicken, advance rapidly, expedite, step up, advance, forward, further, spur on, facilitate, precipitate, stimulate, *inf.* open up. **Ant.** decelerate; slow down (see slow); delay.

accent *n.* **1 pronunciation**, intonation, enunciation, articulation, inflection, tone, modulation, utterance. **2 stress**, emphasis, accentuation, force, beat, prominence, primary stress, secondary stress. **3 emphasis**, stress, prominence, importance, accentuation, priority, underlining, underscoring. **4 accent mark**, mark, diacritic,

diacritical (mark), sign, circumflex, acute accent, grave accent, cedilla, umlaut, tilde.

► **v. 1 stress**, put/lay the stress on, emphasize, put/lay the emphasis on, accentuate. **2 accentuate**, emphasize, highlight, underline, draw attention to.

accentuate *v.* **1 emphasize**, stress, highlight, underline, draw attention to, give prominence to, heighten, point up, underscore, accent. **2 stress**, put the stress/emphasis on, emphasize, accent.

accept *v.* **1 receive**, take, take receipt of, get, gain, obtain, acquire, come by. **2 accede to**, agree to, consent to, acquiesce in, concur with, endorse, comply with, go along with, defer to, put up with, recognize, acknowledge, cooperate with, adopt, admit.

3 take on, undertake, assume, bear, tackle, be responsible for.

4 believe, trust, credit, be convinced of, have faith in, count/rely on. **5 welcome**, receive, receive favorably, embrace, offer friendship to, integrate. **6 say yes to**, reply in the affirmative, comply with. **Ant.** refuse; reject; deny.

accepted *adj.* **1 approved**, recognized, sanctioned, authorized, received, allowable,

acceptable. **2 usual**, customary, normal, expected, standard, conventional, recognized, acknowledged, established, traditional, confirmed.

access *n.* **1 entry**, entrance, way in, means of entry/entrance, admittance, admission, approachability, accessibility, approach, means of approach, gateway, driveway, road, path, avenue, passage. **2 admission**, admittance, entrée, right of entry, permission/opportunity to enter/reach/use, accessibility, attainability.

► **v. gain access to**, retrieve, gain, acquire.

accessible *n.* **1 attainable**, reachable, available, approachable, obtainable, achievable. **2 approachable (by)**, available, easygoing, informal, friendly, pleasant, agreeable, obliging, congenial, affable, cordial. **3 understandable**, comprehensible, intelligible, penetrable, fathomable. **Ant.** inaccessible; unapproachable.

accessory *n.* **1 accomplice**, associate, confederate, abettor, helper, assistant, partner. **2 attachment**, extra, addition, adjunct, appendage, supplement. **3 adornment**, trimming, ornament, ornamentation,

embellishment, trappings, handbag, shoes, gloves, hat, belt, ribbon, jewelry.

► *adj.* **additional**, extra, supplementary, contributory, subsidiary, ancillary, auxiliary, secondary, assisting.

accident *n.* **1 mishap**, casualty, misfortune, misadventure, injury, disaster, tragedy, blow, catastrophe, calamity. **2 crash**, collision, *inf.* pile-up. **3 chance**, mere chance, fate, twist of fate, fortune, good fortune, luck, good luck, fortuity, hazard, *inf.* fluke.

accidental *adj.* **1 chance**, occurring by chance/accident, unintentional, unintended, inadvertent, unexpected, unforeseen, unlooked-for, fortuitous, unanticipated, unplanned, uncalculated, unpremeditated, unwitting, adventitious. **2 nonessential**, inessential, incidental, extraneous, extrinsic, supplementary, subsidiary, subordinate, secondary, accessory, irrelevant. **Ant.** intentional; calculated.

acclaim *v.* **1 applaud**, cheer, celebrate, salute, welcome, approve, honor, praise, commend, hail, extol, laud, eulogize, exalt. **2 declare**, announce, proclaim, hail.

► *n.* **applause**, ovation, praise, commendation, approval, approbation, homage, tribute, extolment, laudation, cheers, congratulations, plaudits, bouquets.

acclimatize *v.* **acclimate**, adjust, adapt, accustom, get used, accommodate, accustom/habituate oneself, become seasoned, familiarize oneself, become inured, become naturalized.

accommodate *v.* **1 put up**, house, cater for, board, lodge, provide shelter for, shelter, harbor, billet. **2 adapt**, adjust, modify, reconcile, fit, harmonize, conform. **3 provide**, supply, furnish, serve, grant. **4 help**, assist, aid, lend a hand to, oblige, meet the needs/wants of, do a favor for, indulge.

accommodating *adj.* **obliging**, cooperative, helpful, adaptable, pliable, compliant, complaisant, considerate, unselfish, willing, polite, kindly, hospitable, kind, friendly, agreeable.

accommodation *n.*

1 adaptation, adjustment, modification, reconciliation, fitting, harmonization.

2 provision, supply, supplying, furnishing, serving. **3 help**,

assistance, aid, obliging, indulgence.

accompany *v.* **1 escort**, go with, go along with, keep company, squire, usher, conduct, convoy, chaperon. **2 go with**, go along with, go together with, coexist/occur/coincide with, supplement. **3 play a musical accompaniment with**, play with/for, back up, support.

accomplice *n.* **confederate**, accessory, collaborator, abettor, associate, partner, ally, assistant, helper, aider, henchman, right hand, right-hand man, fellow conspirator, partner in crime, friend, *inf.* sidekick.

accomplish *v.* **1 achieve**, carry out, fulfill, perform, attain, realize, succeed in, bring off, bring about, effect, execute, effectuate. **2 finish**, complete, carry through, do, perform, conclude, effect, execute, consummate. **Ant.** fail; give up (see give).

accomplished *adj.* **1 skilled**, skillful, expert, gifted, talented, proficient, adept, masterly, polished, practiced, capable, able, competent, experienced, professional, deft, consummate. **2 achieved**, fulfilled, realized. **3 finished**, completed, executed.

accomplishment *n.* **1 ability**, skill, talent, gift, attainment, achievement, capability, proficiency. **2 achievement**, act, deed, exploit, performance, attainment, feat, coup, triumph. **3 achievement**, fulfillment, attainment, realization, success, effecting, execution. **4 finishing**, completion, performance, conclusion, execution, consummation.

accord *v.* **1 agree**, concur, fit, correspond, match, conform, harmonize, be in tune. **2 give**, grant, confer, bestow, tender, offer, present, award, vouchsafe, concede. **Ant.** disagree; contrast; withhold.

► *n.* **agreement**, harmony, rapport, unison, concord, amity, sympathy, unanimity, accordance.

account *n.* **1 statement**, report, description, record, narration, narrative, story, recital, explanation, tale, chronicle, history, relation, version. **2 bill**, invoice, charges, debts. **3 bank account**, checking account, savings account. **4 ledger**, balance sheet, financial statement, books. **5 importance**, consequence, significance.

► *v.* **consider**, regard, reckon, believe, think, look upon, view as, judge, count, deem.

accumulate *v.* gather, pile/build up, collect, amass, stockpile, store, hoard, increase, augment, accrue.

accumulation *n.* stockpile, pile, heap, mass, collection, buildup, gathering, stock, store, hoard, stack, cumulation, aggregation, amassing, building up, stockpiling, accrual.

accurate *adj.* correct, precise, exact, right, errorless, without error, valid, close, faithful, true, truthful, authentic, factual, literal, veracious, strict, careful, meticulous, painstaking. **Ant.** inaccurate; inexact.

accusation *n.* charge, allegation, attribution, incrimination, imputation, denouncement, indictment, arraignment, impeachment, citation, inculcation, blame.

accuse *v.* blame, condemn, arraign, impeach, charge, indict, censure, attack, denounce. **Ant.** absolve; exonerate; defend.

accustomed *adj.* usual, normal, customary, habitual, regular, routine, ordinary, fixed, set, typical, established, common, general.

ache *n.* 1 pain, dull pain, soreness, pang, throb, twinge, smarting, gnawing, stabbing, spasm, suffering. 2 suffering,

sorrow, misery, distress, grief, anguish, affliction, woe, mourning. 3 longing, yearning, craving, desire, hunger, hungering, pining, hankering. ▶ *v.* 1 hurt, be sore, be painful, be in pain, pain, throb, pound, twinge, smart. 2 grieve, be sorrowful, be distressed, be in distress, be miserable, mourn, agonize, suffer.

achieve *v.* 1 attain, reach, arrive at, gain, earn, realize, win, acquire, obtain, procure, get, wrest. 2 complete, finish, accomplish, carry through, fulfill, execute, conclude, perform, effect, consummate.

acid *adj.* 1 sour, tart, bitter, sharp, biting, acrid, pungent, acerbic, vinegary, vinegarish, acetic, acetous, acidulous. 2 acerbic, sarcastic, sharp, caustic, trenchant, vitriolic, mordant.

acknowledge *v.* 1 admit, grant, allow, recognize, accept, subscribe to, approve, agree to, acquiesce in, concede. 2 greet, salute, address, hail, recognize, notice. 3 answer, reply to, respond to, react to. 4 show appreciation for/of, express gratitude for, give thanks for, thank.

acquaint *v.* familiarize, make familiar/conversant, make known to, make aware of, advise of,

inform, apprise of, enlighten, let know.

acquaintance *n.* **1** associate, colleague, contact. **2** association, relationship, contact, social contact, fellowship, companionship. **3** familiarity, knowledge, awareness, understanding, cognizance.

acquire *v.* **obtain**, come by, get, receive, gain, procure, earn, win, secure, take possession of, gather, collect, pick up, achieve, attain, appropriate, amass.

acquisition *n.* **gain**, purchase, buy, possession, accession, addition, accretion, property, obtaining, procurement, collecting, collection, attainment, appropriation.

acquit *v.* **clear (of charges)**, absolve, exonerate, discharge, release, vindicate, liberate, free, deliver, *fml.* exculpate. **Ant.** convict; find guilty; blame.

acrid *adj.* **1** pungent, sharp, sour, bitter, tart, harsh, acid, stinging, burning, irritating, vinegary, acerbic, acetic. **2** acerbic, sarcastic, sharp, stinging, caustic, astringent, trenchant, vitriolic, virulent.

acrimonious *adj.* **bitter**, caustic, cutting, sarcastic, harsh, sharp, acid, acerbic, virulent, trenchant,

stringent, spiteful, crabbed, vitriolic, venomous, irascible.

act *n.* **1** deed, action, feat, performance, undertaking, operation, execution, exploit, enterprise, achievement, accomplishment. **2** bill, law, decree, statute, edict, dictum, enactment, resolution, ruling, judgment, ordinance, measure, ukase. **3** division, part, section, segment. **4** performance, turn, routine, show, sketch, skit. **5** pretense, sham, fake, make-believe, show, feigning, affectation, counterfeit, front, posture, pose.

► *v.* **1** take action, do, move, be active, perform, function, react, behave, be employed, be busy, work, take effect, operate, function, be efficacious.

2 perform, play, play a part, be an actor/actress, be one of the cast, portray, enact, represent, characterize, personify, stage, *inf.* tread the boards. **3** pretend, fake, feign, pose.

acting *n.* **1** the theater, drama, the performing arts, dramatics, stagecraft, theatricals, performing, portraying. **2** taking action, moving, functioning, reacting, action, working, taking effect. **3** performance, playing, portrayal, enacting. **4** pretending,

pretense, faking, feigning, play-acting, posturing.

► *adj.* **deputy**, substitute, temporary, interim, provisional, pro tem, pro tempore, *inf.* fill-in.

action *n.* **1 act**, deed, move, effort, operation, performance, undertaking, maneuver, endeavor, exertion, exploit, acting, activity, doing, movement, motion, operating, work, working, functioning. **2 activity**, energy, vitality, vigor, forcefulness, spirit, liveliness, vim, *inf.* get-up-and-go. **3 effect**, influence, power, result, consequence. **4 activity**, events, happenings, incidents, episodes, excitement, bustle, *inf.* goings-on. **5 conflict**, combat, warfare, fighting, battle, engagement, clash, encounter, skirmish, affray. **6 lawsuit**, case, prosecution, litigation, legal proceedings.

activate *v.* **switch on**, turn on, start, set going, trigger (off), set in motion, energize, actuate, motivate, stimulate, move, drive, rouse, prompt.

active *adj.* **1 working**, functioning, operating, operative, in action, in operation, in force, effective, effectual, operational, powerful, potent, nonpassive, noninert. **2 mobile**, energetic, vigorous, vital, sprightly, lively,

spry, busy, bustling, occupied, involved, *inf.* on the go/move. **Ant.** inactive; dormant; inert.

activity *n.* **1 action**, bustle, hustle and bustle, liveliness, movement, life, stir, animation, commotion, flurry, tumult, functioning, mobility, effectiveness, vigor, strength, potency, *inf.* comings and goings. **2 interest**, hobby, business, pastime, pursuit, occupation, venture, undertaking, enterprise, project, scheme.

actual *adj.* **real**, true, factual, genuine, authentic, verified, confirmed, veritable, existing.

acute *adj.* **1 sharp**, keen, penetrating, discerning, sensitive, incisive, astute, shrewd, clever, smart, discerning, perceptive, perspicacious, piercing, discriminating, sagacious, judicious. **2 severe**, critical, crucial, grave, serious, urgent, pressing, vital, dangerous, precarious. **3 sharp**, shooting, piercing, keen, penetrating, stabbing, intense, excruciating, fierce, racking, *fml.* exquisite. **4 intense**, severe, short and sharp, short-lasting. **Ant.** dull; chronic.

adapt *v.* **1 adjust**, tailor, convert, change, alter, modify, transform, remodel, reshape. **2 adjust**, conform, acclimatize,

accommodate, familiarize oneself with, habituate oneself.

add *v.* **1 include**, put on/in, attach, append, affix, *fml.* adjoin. **2 add up**, add together, total, count, count up, compute. **3 go on to say**, state further, *inf.* tack on. **Ant.** deduct; remove; subtract.

addict *n.* **1 abuser**, user, *inf.* junkie, head, fiend. **2 fan**, enthusiast, devotee, follower, adherent, *inf.* buff, freak, nut.

addiction *n.* **dependency**, craving, devotion, obsession, dedication, enslavement, habit.

addition *n.* **1 inclusion**, adding on, attachment, appendage.

2 adding up, counting, totaling, computation, calculation.

3 increase, increment, extension, augmentation, gain, supplement, appendage.

additional *adj.* **extra**, supplementary, further, more, other, over and above, fresh, supplemental.

address *n.* **1 inscription**, label, superscription, directions.

2 house, home, location, place, residence, abode, domicile, dwelling, situation, whereabouts.

3 speech, lecture, talk, dissertation, discourse, oration, sermon, harangue, diatribe.

► *v.* **1 direct**, label, inscribe, superscribe, send, communicate,

convey, forward, remit. **2 talk to**, speak to, give a talk to, make a speech to, lecture, give a discourse/dissertation/oration to, preach to, declaim to, harangue, greet, hail, salute. **3 name**, call, speak to, write, describe, designate, *fml.* denominate. **4 take aim at**, aim at, face.

adept *adj.* **expert**, clever, proficient, skillful, accomplished, brilliant, talented, first-rate, masterly, *inf.* top-notch, A-1.

adequate *adj.* **1 sufficient**, enough, ample, reasonable, satisfactory, requisite. **2 passable**, tolerable, acceptable, fair, middle-of-the-road, mediocre, unexceptional, indifferent, average, so-so, minimal, *inf.* nothing to write home about, no great shakes. **Ant.** inadequate; insufficient.

adhere *v.* **stick**, cling, hold fast, be fixed, be pasted/glued.

adherent *n.* **supporter**, follower, upholder, advocate, disciple, votary, partisan, sectary, member, fan, admirer, follower, enthusiast, devotee, lover, addict, aficionado, *inf.* hanger-on, buff, freak, fiend.

► *adj.* **sticky**, sticking, adhering, clinging, viscous, adhesive.

adjacent *adj.* **adjoining**, neighboring, next door, abutting, close, near, bordering, alongside,