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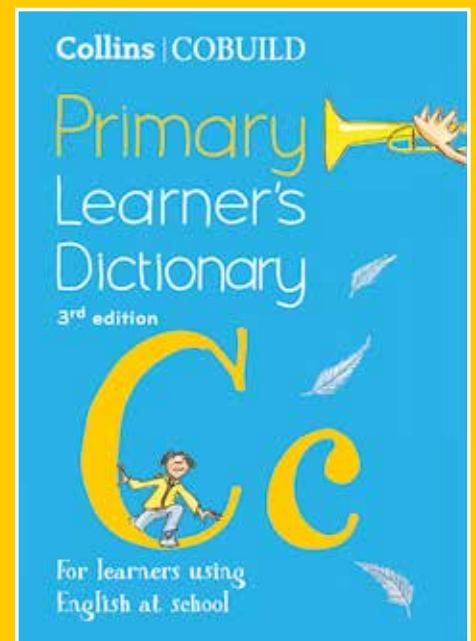
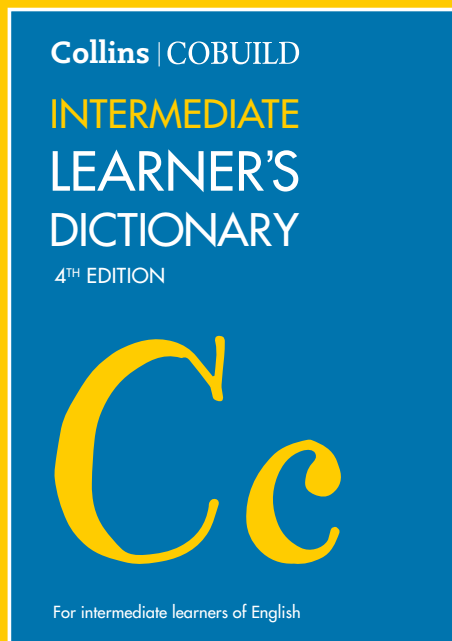
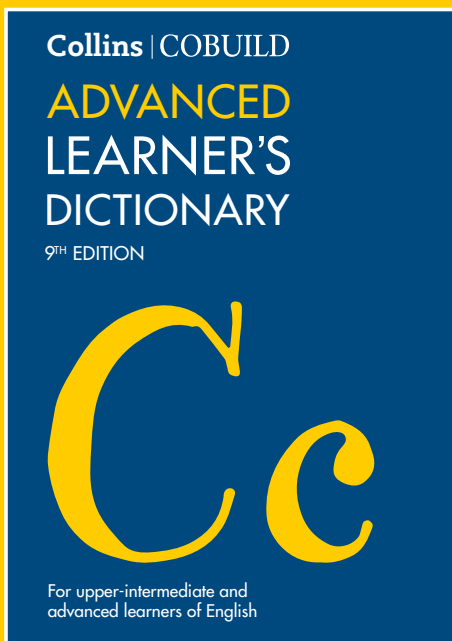
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**diving bell**

**diving** N-UNCOUNT Diving is the sport or activity in which you jump into water head first with your arms held straight above your head, usually from a diving board.

**diving bell (diving bells)** N-COUNT A diving bell is a container shaped like a bell, in which people can breathe air while they work under water.

**diving board (diving boards)** N-COUNT A diving board is a board high above a swimming pool from which people can dive into the water.

**divinity** /divɪnɪti/ (divinities) N-UNCOUNT Divinity is the study of religion. N-UNCOUNT [oft with poss] Divinity is the quality of being divine. □ ...a lasting faith in the divinity of Christ's word. N-COUNT A divinity is a god or goddess. □ The three statues above are probably Roman divinities.

**divisible** /dɪvɪzəbəl/ ADJ If one number is divisible by another number, the second number can be divided into the first exactly, with nothing left over. □ [ + by ] Twenty-eight is divisible by seven.

**division** ♦♦ /dɪvɪʒn/ (divisions) N-UNCOUNT [oft with poss] The division of a large unit into two or more distinct parts is the act of separating it into these parts. □ [ + into ] ...Czechoslovakia's division into the Czech Republic and Slovakia. N-UNCOUNT The division of something among people or things is its separation into parts which are distributed among the people or things. □ The current division of labor between workers and management will alter. N-UNCOUNT Division is the arithmetical process of dividing one number into another number. □ I taught my daughter how to do division at the age of six. N-VAR A division is a significant distinction or argument between two groups, which causes the two groups to be considered as very different and separate. □ [ + between / among ] The division between the prosperous west and the impoverished east remains. N-COUNT In a large organization, a division is a group of departments whose work is done in the same place or is connected with similar tasks. □ ...the bank's Latin American division. N-COUNT A division is a group of military units which fight as a single unit. □ Several armoured divisions are being moved from Germany. N-COUNT In some sports, such as football, baseball, and basketball, a division is one of the groups of teams which make up a league. The teams in each division are considered to be approximately the same standard, and they all play against each other during the season.

**SYNONYMS**

**division** NOUN

**rift:** The serious rifts within the country could lead to civil war.

**disagreement:** There was a disagreement over who should be invited to the conference.

**split:** They were accused of trying to provoke a split in the party.

**feud:** ...a long and bitter feud between the state government and the villagers.

**schism:** The church seems to be on the brink of schism.

**COLLOCATIONS**

**divorce** NOUN

adjective + **divorce:** acrimonious, bitter, messy, painful; amicable

verb + **divorce:** finalize, obtain, seek, want; grant

**divorced** /dɪvɔːst/ ADJ Someone who is divorced from their former husband or wife has separated from them and is no longer legally married to them. □ He is divorced, with a young son. ADJ If you say that one thing is divorced from another, you mean that the two things are very different and separate from each other. □ [ + from ] ...speculative theories divorced from political reality. ADJ If you say that someone is divorced from a situation, you mean that they act as if they are not affected by it in any way. □ [ + from ] This just shows how divorced from reality she's become.

**divorcee** /dɪvɔːsi/ (divorcees) N-COUNT A divorcee is a person, especially a woman, who is divorced.

**divorcee** /dɪvɔːsi/ (divorcees) N-COUNT A divorcee is a woman who is divorced. [mainly AM]

**divot** /dɪvɒt/ (divots) N-COUNT A divot is a small piece of grass and earth which is dug out accidentally, for example by a golf club.

**DIY toolkit**

**hammer** **nuts and bolts** **pliers** **saw**

**spanner** **spirit level** **Stanley knife®** **tape measure** **wrench**

Frequency information indicates which words are the most common

Important grammatical structures are shown in bold within definitions

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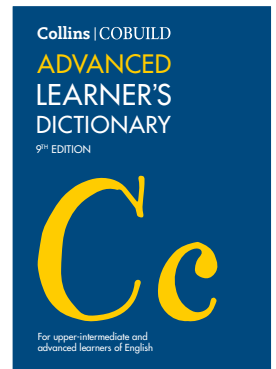
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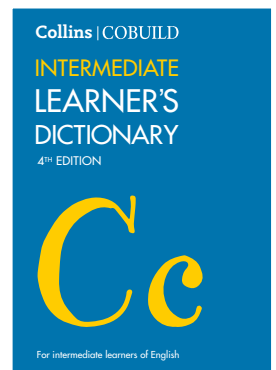
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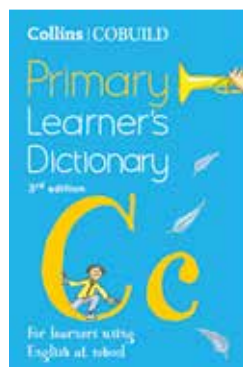
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**outsirts – overlook**

**building** was recently painted. • **outside adjective** The outside wall is painted white.

**outsirts** /'aʊtsɜːts/ **plural noun** the parts of a town or a city that are furthest away from its centre: I live on the outsirts of the city.

**outstanding** /aʊt'stændɪŋ/ **adjective** much better than other people or things of a similar type: She is an outstanding athlete.

**oval** /'əʊvəl/ **adjective** having a shape like an egg: She had an oval face with large, dark eyes. • **oval noun** Draw an oval with two eyes, a nose and a mouth. → Look at picture on P2

**oven** /'ɒvən/ **noun** a piece of equipment for cooking that is like a large metal box with a door

**over** /'əʊvəl/ **preposition**

- 1 directly above or higher than another thing: There was a gold mirror over the fireplace. □ I heard some planes flying over the house.
- 2 covering part or all of something: He lay down and pulled the blanket over himself. □ Pour the sauce over the mushrooms.
- 3 across to the other side of something: They jumped over the wall.
- 4 more than a particular amount: The house cost over €1 million.

**over** /'əʊvəl/ **adjective, adverb**

- 1 used for talking about a short distance: Come over here! □ The café is just over there.
- 2 in a different position so that the part that was facing up is now facing down: His car rolled over on an icy road.
- 3 completely finished: The war is over. □ I am glad it's all over.

**overcame** /'əʊvə'keɪm/ → see **overcome**

**overcast** /'əʊvə'kɑːst/ **adjective** completely covered with cloud: He looked up at the grey, overcast sky.

**overcome** /'əʊvə'kʌm/ **verb** (overcomes, overcoming, overcome, overcome)

- 1 to successfully deal with or control a problem or a feeling: Molly finally overcame her fear of flying.
- 2 if you are overcome by a feeling, you feel it very strongly: The night before the test I was overcome by fear.

**overcrowded** /'əʊvə'kraʊdɪd/ **adjective** with too many people: We sat on the overcrowded beach.

**overdue** /'əʊvə'djuː/ **adjective** late or delayed: Your tax payment is overdue. □ Mr Giuliani said the changes were long overdue.

**overflow** /'əʊvə'flaʊ/ **verb** (overflows, overflowing, overflowed)

- 1 to have liquid flowing over the edges: The sink overflowed.
- 2 to flow over the edges: During the heavy rains, the river overflowed.

**overflow**

**overhead** **adjective, adverb**

**PRONUNCIATION HELP**  
adjective /'əʊvə'hed/, adverb /'əʊvə'hed/

above you: She turned on the overhead light. □ Planes passed overhead.

**overhear** /'əʊvə'hɪə/ **verb** (overhears, overhearing, overheard)  
to hear what someone says when they are not talking to you: I overheard two doctors discussing me.

**overheat** /'əʊvə'hɪt/ **verb** (overheats, overheating, overheated)  
to become too hot: The car's engine was overheating.

**overlap** /'əʊvə'læp/ **verb** (overlaps, overlapping, overlapped)  
to cover a part of another thing: The two circles overlap.

**overlook** /'əʊvə'lʊk/ **verb** (overlooks, overlooking, overlooked)

- 1 to not notice something: We cannot overlook this important fact.
- 2 if a building or window overlooks a place, you can see the place clearly from the building or window: The hotel's rooms overlook a beautiful garden.

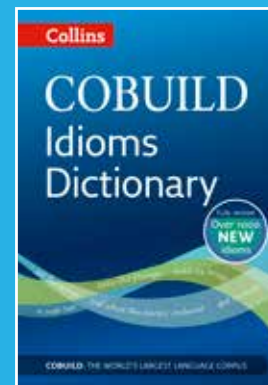
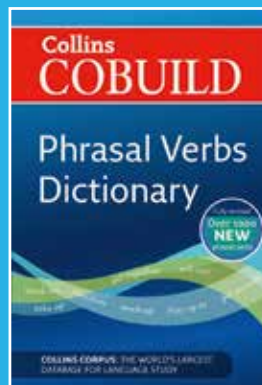
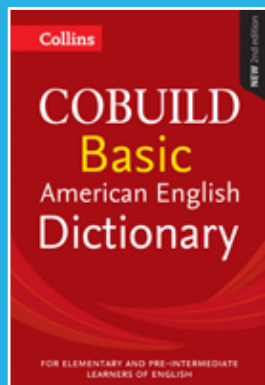
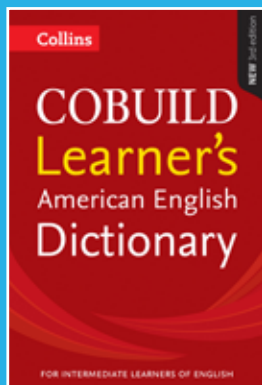
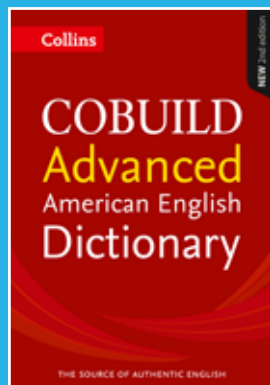
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