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| **ACCESS** | |
| **Meaning** | 1. Permission, liberty, or ability to enter, approach, or pass to and from a place or to approach or communicate with a person or thing. 2. The right to enter. |
| **Sentence** | We have Internet access at the library |
| **Pronunciation** | ˈak-ˌses also ik-ˈses |
| **Related word Forms** | **R**[ecurrence](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/recurrence), [relapse](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/relapse); [brainstorm](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/brainstorm), [convulsion](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/convulsion), [eclampsia](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/eclampsia), [pang](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/pang), [paroxysm](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/paroxysm), [spasm](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/spasm), [throe](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/throe); [agitation](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/agitation), [frenzy](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/frenzy); [breakdown](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/breakdown), [collapse](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/collapse), [prostration](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/prostration). |
| **Associations** | **Attack, bout, case, fit, seizure, siege, spell, turn** |
| **Collocations** | Restricted access, The best access, access to Internet, granted access |
| **Part of Speech** | Verb: Access  Noun: Access  Adjective: Accessible/accessary/accessable |

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| **CEASE** | |
| **Meaning** | 1. Put an end to a state or an activity. 2. Have an end, in a temporal, spatial, or quantitative sense; either spatial or metaphorical. |
| **Sentence** | They were forced to cease operations |
| **Pronunciation** | ˈsēs |
| **Related word Forms** | [desist](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/desist+%28from%29) , [lay off (of)](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/lay+off+%28of%29), [refrain](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/refrain+%28from%29) , [give over](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/give+over), [knock off](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/knock+off), [pack](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/pack+%28up) , [break down](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/break+down), [conk (out)](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/conk+%28out%29), [cut out](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cut+out), [stall](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/stall); [pause](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/pause), [stay](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/stay), [suspend](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/suspend); [abate](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/abate), [peter (out)](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/peter+%28out%29), [wind down](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/wind+down) |
| **Associations** | Break Off, break up, close, conclude, determine, die, discontinue, elapse, end, expire, finish, go, halt, lapse, leave off, let up, pass, quit, stop, terminate, wind up, wink, Bite The Dust |
| **Collocations** | ceased work, without ceasing, ceased abruptly, cease forthwith |
| **Part of Speech** | Verb: Cease  Noun: Cease  Adjective: Ceaseless |

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| **GLOBE** | |
| **Meaning** | 1. The 3rd planet from the sun; the planet we live on. 2. An object with a spherical shape. 3. A sphere on which a map (especially of the earth) is represented. |
| **Sentence** | She has a globe in her office |
| **Pronunciation** | ˈglōb |
| **Related word Forms** | [Bead](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/bead), [globule](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/globule); [egg](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/egg), [ellipse](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ellipse), [loop](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/loop), [oval](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/oval), [spheroid](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/spheroid); [circle](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/circle), [ring](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ring), [rondure](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/rondure), [round](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/round); [chunk](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/chunk), [clump](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/clump), [gob](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/gob), [hunk](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/hunk), [lump](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/lump), [nugget](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/nugget), [wad](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/wad) |
| **Associations** | [Ball](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ball), [orb](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/orb), [sphere](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/sphere) |
| **Collocations** |  |
| **Part of Speech** | Noun: Globe  Adjective: Global/globular |

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| FEDERAL | |
| **Meaning** | 1. National; especially in reference to the government of the United States as distinct from that of its member units. 2. Of or relating to the central government of a federation. 3. Characterized by or constituting a form of government in which power is divided between one central and several regional authorities. 4. A member of the Union Army during the American Civil War. |
| **Sentence** | We pay federal, state, and local taxes. |
| **Pronunciation** | \ˈfe-d(ə-)rəl\ |
| **Related word Forms** |  |
| **Associations** | Fed, official, federal soldier, union |
| **Collocations** |  |
| **Part of Speech** | Verb: Federalize  Noun: Federal  Adjective: Federal  Adverb: Federally |

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| ELIMINATE | |
| **Meaning** | 1. Terminate, end, or take out. 2. To remove from consideration 3. to cause (as an unknown) to disappear by combining two or more mathematical equations |
| **Sentence** | Doctors seek to eliminate the causes of the epidemic |
| **Pronunciation** | \i-ˈli-mə-ˌnāt\ |
| **Related word Forms** | [blackball](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/blackball), [blacklist](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/blacklist), [excommunicate](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/excommunicate), [ostracize](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ostracize); [banish](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/banish), [exile](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/exile), [expel](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/expel), [preclude](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/preclude), [prohibit](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/prohibit); [block](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/block), [hinder](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/hinder), [impede](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/impede), [obstruct](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/obstruct); [cease](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cease), [discontinue](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/discontinue), [halt](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/halt), [suspend](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/suspend); [deter](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/deter), [stave off](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/stave+off), [check off](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/check+off), [disregard](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/disregard), [weed](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/weed+%28out%29) . |
| **Associations** | Remove, eradicate, ban, close out, count (out), debar, exclude, except, freeze out, rule out, shut out. |
| **Collocations** | Elimination, eliminator |
| **Part of Speech** | Verb: Eliminate  Noun: Eliminator  Adjective: **Eliminative/Eliminatory** |

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| **DECLINE** | |
| **Meaning** | 1. Grow worse. 2. Refuse to accept. 3. To turn from a straight course. |
| **Sentence** | The construction of new houses declined five percent this year. |
| **Pronunciation** | \di-ˈklīn, dē-\ |
| **Related word Forms** | [Recall](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/recall), [renege](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/renege), [revoke](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/revoke), [blow off](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/blow+off), [disdain](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/disdain), [rebuff](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/rebuff), [scorn](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/scorn), [scout](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/scout), [shoot down](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/shoot+down), [forbid](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/forbid), [prohibit](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/prohibit), [proscribe](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/proscribe), [forbear](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/forbear); [deny](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/deny), [disavow](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/disavow), [disclaim](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/disclaim), [abjure](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/abjure), [forswear](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/forswear), [recant](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/recant), [renounce](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/renounce), [retract](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/retract), [take back](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/take+back), [unsay](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/unsay), [withdraw](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/withdraw); [avoid](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/avoid), [bypass](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/bypass), [detour](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/detour); [contradict](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/contradict), [deny](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/deny), [negate](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/negate), [disprove](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/disprove), [dispute](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/dispute), [rebut](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/rebut), [refute](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/refute); [back down](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/back+down), [back off](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/back+off), [backtrack](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/backtrack); [disallow](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/disallow), |
| **Associations** | Balk (at), deselect, disapprove, negative, nix, pass, pass up, refuse, reject, reprobate, repudiate, spurn, throw out, throw over, turn down, turn one's back on. |
| **Collocations** | Declension, declination. |
| **Part of Speech** | Verb: Decline  Noun: Decliner  Adjective: **Declinable** |

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| **LABEL** | |
| **Meaning** | 1. One attached to a document to hold an appended seal. 2. A heraldic charge that consists of a narrow horizontal band with usually three pendants. 3. A slip (as of paper or cloth) inscribed and affixed to something for identification or description |
| **Sentence** | You should read the warning label before you take any medicine. |
| **Pronunciation** | \ˈlā-bəl\ |
| **Related word Forms** | [caption](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/caption), [legend](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/legend); [brand](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/brand), [emblem](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/emblem), [hallmark](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/hallmark), [logo](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/logo), [mark](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/mark), [symbol](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/symbol), [trademark](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/trademark); [badge](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/badge), [decal](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/decal), [plaque](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/plaque), [seal](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/seal), [stamp](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/stamp), [sticker](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/sticker) |
| **Associations** | [Marker](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/marker), [tag](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/tag), [ticket](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ticket) |
| **Collocations** |  |
| **Part of Speech** | Verb:  Noun: label  Adjective: labeled |

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| **IGNORANCE** | |
| **Meaning** | 1. The state or fact of being ignorant**:** lack of knowledge, education, or awareness |
| **Sentence** | His racist attitudes were born out of ignorance |
| **Pronunciation** | \ˈig-n(ə-)rən(t)s\ |
| **Related word Forms** | [Callowness](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/callowness), [greenness](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/greenness), [inexperience](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/inexperience), [naïveté](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/naivete) (also [naivete](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/naivete) or [naiveté](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/naivete)), [rawness](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/rawness), [simpleness](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/simpleness), [unsophistication](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/unsophistication) |
| **Associations** | [Benightedness](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/benightedness), [cluelessness](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cluelessness), [incognizance](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/incognizance), [innocence](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/innocence), [nescience](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/nescience), [obliviousness](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/obliviousness), [unawareness](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/unawareness), [unfamiliarity](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/unfamiliarity) |
| **Collocations** |  |
| **Part of Speech** | Verb: Ignore  Noun: Ignorance  Adverb: Ignorantly  Adjective: ignorant |

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| **HYPOTHESIS** | |
| **Meaning** | 1. An assumption or concession made for the sake of argument. 2. The antecedent clause of a conditional statement. 3. A tentative assumption made in order to draw out and test its logical or empirical consequences. 4. An interpretation of a practical situation or condition taken as the ground for action |
| **Sentence** | Their hypothesis is that watching excessive amounts of television reduces a person's ability to concentrate. |
| **Pronunciation** | \hī-ˈpä-thə-səs\ |
| **Related word Forms** | [Assumption](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/assumption), [concession](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/concession), [premise](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/premise) (also [premiss](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/premiss)), [presumption](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/presumption), [presupposition](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/presupposition), [theorem](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/theorem); [conjecture](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/conjecture), [guess](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/guess), [guesswork](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/guesswork), [speculation](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/speculation), [surmise](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/surmise); [proffer](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/proffer), [proposal](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/proposal), [suggestion](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/suggestion); [feeling](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/feeling), [hunch](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/hunch), [inkling](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/inkling), [notion](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/notion), [suspicion](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/suspicion); [abstraction](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/abstraction), [concept](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/concept), [conception](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/conception), [construct](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/construct). |
| **Associations** | [Theory](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/theory), [proposition](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/proposition), [supposition](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/supposition), [thesis](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/thesis) |
| **Collocations** | Hypothetical situation, a hypothetical |
| **Part of Speech** | Noun: Hypothesis  Adjective: Hypothetical  Adverb: hypothetically |

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| **BOND** | |
| **Meaning** | 1. An electrical force linking atoms. 2. Something that binds or restrains. 3. A band or cord used to tie something. |
| **Sentence** | Recent events have helped to strengthen the bonds between our two countries. |
| **Pronunciation** | \ˈbänd\ |
| **Related word Forms** | [Captivity](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/captivity), [confinement](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/confinement), [constraint](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/constraint), [curb](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/curb), [enchainment](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/enchainment), [enslavement](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/enslavement), [immurement](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/immurement), [imprisonment](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/imprisonment), [incarceration](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/incarceration), [restraint](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/restraint), [restriction](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/restriction); [entanglement](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/entanglement), [net](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/net), [trammel](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/trammel), [trap](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/trap), [straitjacket](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/straitjacket) (also [straightjacket](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/straightjacket)); [fastener](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/fastener), [hobble](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/hobble), [hold](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/hold), [holding](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/holding), [tie](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/tie). |
| **Associations** | [Band](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/band), [bind](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/bind), [bracelet](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/bracelet), [chain](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/chain), [cuff(s)](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cuff%28s%29), [fetter](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/fetter), [handcuff(s)](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/handcuff%28s%29), [irons](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/irons), [ligature](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ligature), [manacle(s)](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/manacle%28s%29), [shackle](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/shackle) |
| **Collocations** | Bondable |
| **Part of Speech** | Verb: Bond  Noun: Bond  Adjective: Bondable |