

THE BODY:

A TREASURE

TROVE OF

MEANINGS IN

ENGLISH

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Indo-European Languages

Germanic

North Germanic

East Norse

Danish Swedish

West Norse

Icelandic Norwegian

Germanic

East Germanic

Gothic

Germanic

West Germanic

High German

German

Low German

Low German

Old Frisian Old English
Frisian Middle English

***Modern English**

*Although English is a **Germanic** Language, it has been strongly influenced by **Classical Greek** and **Latin**, **Vulgar Latin** as well as **Norman** and **Parisian French** (especially after the Norman Invasion of 1066).

Italic

Latin **(Romance)**

French Italian Spanish Portuguese Romanian Catalan
Provençal

Other Languages in the Indo-European Family of Languages

Hellenic Greek

Celtic (Keltic) Languages
Breton Irish Scots Gaelic Welsh

Slavic
Bulgarian Czech Macedonian Polish Russian Slovak
Slovenian Ukrainian Serbo-Croatian

Indo-Iranian
Sanskrit
Bengali Hindi Punjabi Urdu

Old Persian
Persian

The English Language

Old English

(Anglo-Saxon, Frisian, and Old Norse)
Germanic Invasions until after the dislocation as a result of
the Norman Invasion in 1066
450-1150*

Middle English

(strongly influenced by **Norman** French)
11th century – 14th century (Chaucer)

Early Modern English

(influenced by **Parisian** French)
Chaucer – Shakespeare

Modern English

Shakespeare – until the present

*included in this period were the Scandinavian invasions
between 850- 1042

Countries where English is spoken as the First language:

Great Britain and Europe

England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Gibraltar

North America

United States and Canada

Africa

Botswana, Brunei, Cameroon, Cayman Islands, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Latin America and Caribbean

Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica, The Bahamas, Bermuda, Belize, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Dominica

Asia and Pacific Islands

Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka

Australia

Australia, New Zealand

Did you know that the vocabulary describing the body contains a *treasure trove of information*? Many of the words utilized to describe parts of the body usually have several grammatical functions. The word **hand**, for example, can be a noun, (I hurt my **hand**. Can you give me a **hand**?) or a verb (**Hand** me the tool). The richness of the vocabulary utilized to describe the body, however, does not stop at the level of structure. In fact, it goes hand in hand with the other with what can be another problematic aspect of not just English, but with any language. The literal versus the metaphorical meaning of a word. The body term **mind** is a prime example. The **mind** is only literal as a noun (its first and primary definition, the secondary definitions are figurative); as a verb **mind** is only figurative or metaphorical:

mind

1. intellect, intellectual faculty, cognitive function
His **mind** is something magnificent to observe.
2. psyche, ego, subconscious
3. soul, spirit, inner being
4. (slang) genius, mental giant, brain, Einstein, wizard, whiz
He is a **mind** that I would love to explore.
5. brain power, brains, wit, quickness, wittiness
He has a sharp **mind**; nothing escapes his attention.
6. (slang) gray matter, smarts, **good head on his shoulder**,
noggin, noodle

7. sanity, saneness, senses
8. (slang) marbles
He has lost his **mind**.
9. rationality, sense of reason, judgment, common sense
How his **mind** works is beyond me.
10. disposition, humor, temperament
11. bent, tendency, propensity
His **mind** tends to focus on the morbid.
12. feeling, partiality, bias, liking, belief
13. notion, whim, idea
14. intention aim, purpose, design

to mind

1. to attend, give one's attention to, pay attention to
Mind my words; it's not over.
2. to watch, to see, to observe, to pay heed to
3. to obey, follow, adhere to, to respect
If you do not **mind** me, you will pay the consequences.

4. to attend, to watch, to look after
Can you **mind** the children while I run to the store.

5. to guard, to be careful, to be wary, to think twice of, to weigh
Mind him; he can't be trusted.

6. to care about, to be concerned about
I do **mind** where and how you live.

7. to remember, to recall, to recollect
I **mind** the day when I first came here.

The body term **mind** is by no means unique. Many of the meanings of different body parts have been greatly stretched beyond the literal. Do you know what it is to be a **second-hand Rose**? Are you a **brain**? What's a **no brainer**? What does it mean to **press the flesh**? Have you ever had anyone **sweep you off your feet** or to **pull your leg**?

In the following sentences, can you determine the part of speech, (noun, verb, adjective, or adverb), of the words of the body? Does that information have anything to do with your understanding the meaning of the sentences? If so, why? Does, for example, the definition of the word '**head**' changes depending on whether it is a verb or noun? Are there sentences which you understand while others you have absolutely no idea of their meaning? Do you know why? Do you think that the literal versus figurative meaning has anything to do with your ability to understand a word? You probably know the literal meaning of each part of the body. That is a matter of study and memorization. However, do you have any idea what words such as '**heart**', '**head**', '**face**', and

'**stomach**' mean culturally in English? In other words, figuratively or metaphorically speaking, what do you know what the above words mean?

The Body

1. Whatever you decide to do, it **is no skin off my teeth**.
2. It's not true that one can not be too thin. She's only **skin and bones** and she looks horrible.
3. They **dropped to their knees** and prayed.
4. When the other car hit me from behind. I hit my **head**.
5. I'll **scratch your back** if you scratch mine; therefore, if you **back** my bill, I'll support yours.
6. It was not easy for him to **face** the child that he had abandoned.
7. He **shouldered** his way through the crowd.
8. I was able to do it because I **figured** that I could not lose.
9. He is always **throwing out his chest** and bragging about his accomplishments.
10. He had to **pay an arm and a leg** for the house.
11. After living abroad, I have a **cast-iron stomach**. I can eat anything with no problem of getting sick.

12. Despite my arguments and pleas, he **turned a deaf ear**.
13. That dress with its very long neckline is definitely **eye-catching**.
14. The child **mouthed** his response.
15. My God, they sure must be in lust. They are always **necking**.
16. His guilt is **as plain as the nose on his face**.
17. I'll **keep my fingers crossed** that everything goes according to plan.
18. He can't help you; he **is all thumb**.
19. She is always putting her life **on the back burner**. Everything and everyone come before her.
20. He has such a **big head** that I doubt he even knows that you exist.
21. Ever since she married, she has been living in the **lap of luxury**.
22. The reason that he was able to be promoted so quickly and easily was that he **got a leg up**.
23. I can't **stomach** not only her but anyone in her family.
24. She fought her attacker **tooth and nail**.
25. He **fingered** the man who robbed him.

26. They **handed around** the cigarettes.
27. You have the worst **handwriting** in the world.
28. The way that he was **eying** her was an embarrassment.
29. His guilt is **written all over his face**.
30. As he is the president of the company, he will **head** the meeting.
31. His method is **cutthroat**. Expect no mercy from him.
32. He only **pays lip service to** respecting the law.

From what has been written above, it is obvious the vocabulary describing the body contains a treasure trove of information. Much of the vocabulary utilized to describe body usually have several grammatical functions as well as metaphorical meanings.

Clarifyingit.com has created and published **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF MEANING** to help you to begin to understand the most creative, illuminating, and culturally specific area of English: **The Body**.

What do you know about the body and the words that describe it?

1) With the exception of the **jaw**, **face**, **penis**, **vagina**, **testicles** and the **figure**, the words which describe the external body come from the Germanic rather than Latin side of English. Therefore, English-, Dutch-, German-, Swedish-, and Norwegian-speakers share, or at least at one time had shared, many of the same words to name different parts of the body. The reason for this is simple. Most of words to describe the body in English are some of the oldest in the language. Many have been in the language before 900: **neck**, **mouth**, **tongue**, **tooth**, **ear**, **throat**, **chest**, **finger**, **eye**, **nose**, **toe**, **nail**, and **foot**. Others have been present since 1000: **lips**, **chin**, **breast**, **bosom**, **elbow**, **back**, **buttock**, **hip**, and **ankle**.

2) Although most of the words to describe the external body are Germanic, the vocabulary to describe the internal organs are much more balanced between the two areas of English, the Latin-based and Germanic-based. However, it should be noted that the most important organs in English are Germanic-based: **heart**, **mind**, **liver**, **bone** and **gut**. All these words became a part of English during the language earliest period; except for the **gut**, which entered the language before 1000, all entered into the language before 900.

3) The Latin-based names for internal organs, for example the **skeleton**, the **spleen**, the **stomach**, and the **spine**, are all relatively new to the language. **Skeleton** came into the language in the late 16th century, **spleen** in the late 13th to early 14th century, **stomach** in the early 16th century, and **spine** in the early to mid-15th century.

It should also be noted that those Latin-based words used to describe the outer-body are also relatively recent entries. **Face** came into

the language in mid 13th to early 14th century, **figure** in 12th century, and **vagina** and **penis** in the late 17th century.

4) There are a number of words in English, which may appear to come from the same source but do not. The word '**arm**' is a primary example. When referring to the part of the body, the word is one of the oldest in the language. It came into English before 900. It is of Germanic origin (Old English **earm**; Old Norse **armr**; Old Frisian **erm**; Old Swede, Old High German, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Frisian, African, Dutch **arm**, German and Swiss German **Arm**, Icelandic **armur** **handleggur**, Latin **brachium** **bracchium**, French **bras**, Spanish **brazo**, Italian **braccio**, Portuguese **braço**)

'Arm,' when it refers to weapons, as in a firearm, originated from Latin. It came into English through Old French. Its entrance into the vocabulary is relatively recent. As a verb, 'arm' came into the language from the early to mid 13th century (**to arm: Middle English and Anglo-French armen, Old French armer, Latin armare**). As a noun, it came into the language a hundred years later (Middle English *armes*, Latin *arma*).

The word for '**butt**' is also very interesting. When the word refers to the **buttock**, **derriere**, **backside**, or **rear end**, its origin is from the Dutch '**bot**', which means 'stumpy' and the Swedish and Danish 'but' which means 'stubby.' When '**butt**' means to strike or push with the head or horns, the origin of the word is the Anglo-French or Old French for 'to thrust or to strike' (**Anglo-French butter, Old French boter**). When '**butt**' refers to a target or a person who is the object of ridicule or contempt its origin is Middle French.

In British English, the term **marrow** has two very distinct meanings and, although it may not appear, two very different roots. As a body term, **marrow** is one of the oldest words in the English language. The root is Germanic. In British and Scottish English, the word **marrow** has another meaning which has nothing to do with any part of the body. It is a term used in northern England and Scotland for a partner, spouse or close friend. This makes sense ONLY if one understands that **marrow** used in the sense of fellow worker, helpmate or companion does not have the same root as the body term **marrow**. **Marrow**, meaning friend, although also Germanic in origin, did not come from the Old English **mearg** or **mearth**; rather, it came from the Middle English **marwe** which meant fellow worker and partner. The origins of **marwe** is Old Norse; it meant friendly. **Marrow**, as a body term, is one of the oldest words in the English language however as friend it is not. It entered in English during the late Medieval period or early Modern period, 1400-1450.

The Body, figuratively speaking

Do you know what the **cheeks** symbolize? If I tell you to not give me any **cheek**, what am I saying? (*Don't talk back to me*). Did you know that the **shoulder** is both a noun and a verb? Did you also know that the figurative meaning of **shoulder**, as a verb, is to push, shove, bear, support, or assume responsibility? When **the cat has your tongue**, what does he have? (*your power to speak*) If you shout out to me, just before going out to do a performance, **break a leg**, are you wishing me harm? No. To shout '**break a leg**' means good luck or 'knock them dead.' If you '**lose your heart**' is it as bad as to '**lose your mind**.' No. '**To lose one's mind**' is not at all good. It only means 'to go crazy.' '**To lose one's heart**' can either be good or bad. It all depends on to whom you lose it. If it is to someone who does not feel the same way, it is bad and very painful. However, if the other person feels the same, it is not only good; it is fantastic. '**To lose one's heart**' is to fall madly in love or '**to fall head over heels**.' Does '**to not have teeth**' have anything to do with '**not having the stomach for something**.' No. It also has nothing to do with '**not having a heart**' or '**not having the heart**', '**the gall**', '**the nose**', '**the eye**', or '**the ear for**'. If something does not **teeth**, it has no power or force. A law or regulation only has **teeth** if it has the power to make people obey. If it does not, **it has no teeth**. **To not have the stomach for something** is not to have the desire to do something. If I don't have the **stomach** for a fight, it means that I do not want to fight. '**To not have a heart**' means that you are not a very nice person. '**To not have the heart**' means that you are unable to, not able to or not will to do something. If you **have gall**, it means that you are very audacious, bold, **cheeky** or imprudent. '**To have the nose for**' is to be good at finding and recognizing something or to have the talent for something. '**To have the nose for news**' means that you are either a good reporter or gossip. If you **have the eye for someone** it means

that you like that person; that you find that person attractive. '**To have the ear for something**' means that you have a natural or innate ability to learn music or languages.

Almost each part of the body symbolizes at least one characteristic or trait. At times, a body part represents more than one attribute. The **heart**, for example, does not only stand for love. In the expression, **to get to the heart of the matter**, **heart** is synonymous to the core, kernel, seed, and germ. In the expression **to learn something by heart** is to memorize or know something word for word. '**To eat one's heart out**' has nothing to do with the core of something, memorizing something, or being in love. In this expression the **heart** represents sorrow, mourning, pining for or agonizing over.

The attributes or qualities which a culture gives to different parts of the body reveal a great deal about how that culture sees itself and its members. **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE** is an extensive dictionary which not only aids you in learning how different parts of the body are used both grammatically and semantically but it is also a *cultural text* whose main goal is to help you to understand how different parts of the English-speaking world see its reality.

How one sees the **mind**, the **heart**, the **liver**, the **gall-bladder**, the **penis**, the **eyes**, or **ears** has a lot to do with the culture in which one lives. In Spanish, for example, the digits on one's **hands** and one's **feet** have the same name (*dedos* and *dedos de pie*). In English, that is not the case. As odd as it might sound, English-speakers have much more of a relationship with the digits on their **hands**, (**fingers**), than on those on their **feet**, (**toes**). Did you know that in English each **finger** has a name? The finger in English which is associated with insulting someone is **the**

middle finger). It is **the ring finger** which is associated with both getting engaged and married. It is **the thumb** which is used to hitch-hike or get a free ride.

Fingers are used to express a variety of things in society. It is associated with controlling someone, (**to wrap someone around one's little finger**), with hoping for the best (**to cross one's fingers**) and with having a bad experience (**to get one's fingers burned**). Either individually or as a group, toes have no such associations. It should not be surprising, therefore, that, relatively speaking, there are almost no expressions which **toes**.

How can THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE help you?

Understanding how the body is seen in English allows you to go beyond the superficial. It helps you to get more than just a glimpse of how persons who speak English conceive and create their reality. Instead of consulting a vast number of dictionaries and language books of expressions, finally, there is a book which contains the overwhelming majority, if not all, the different meaning of words used to represent the body.

With **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE**, you can finally begin to **make heads or tails** (learn) of the metaphorical and cultural meanings of some of the most fundamental words of English. You will find that many jokes, puns, double-entendres and riddles will no longer **go over your head** (be outside your realm of understanding). At last you

will **have your feet firmly set on the path of** understanding and using English as it is actually understood and used.

As mentioned previously, the majority of the vocabulary used for the body are in Germanic in origin. However, English contains a number of Latin and Greek based affixes (prefixes and suffixes) which also mean parts of the body. **BODY LANGUAGE OR THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE** contains some of the different Greek and Latin affixes which are in English. (See the example below) This section is especially important to the native speakers of English who is not familiar with the more formal or collegiate aspect of their vocabulary. This is the aspect of the language which must be mastered to pass the many standardized tests given throughout primary and secondary school. These are also the words that one must know to do well in the SAT's, ACT's or GRE's. In this work, the affixes will be presented with the definition; however, no examples will be given. To get a more detail explanation, including vocabulary, please consult the companion book, **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE: PREFIXES, SUFFIXES AND ROOTS.**

Also included in **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE** are some of those verbs which naturally go with a particular body part. For example, in the section on the **'blood'**, a section on the verb **'to bleed'** will also be included. Another example would in the section on 'the mind,' a number of verbs, such as 'to think', 'to know' and 'to remember' will be examined from different perspective.

How THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE is structured:

There are quite a few of books on body idioms; however, there is no book on the market which is as complete as the one which you are now reading. Most books normally give the expression and a one sentence explanation. **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE** gives the reader more, much more. Not only are you presented with an explanation of what a particular word means both literally and metaphorically, the different meanings are subdivided into categories: **standard, more stylized or formal, informal or idiomatic and slang.** Whenever possible, other expressions are also given. Therefore, with **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE** you not only learn how, for example, the **head** or **eyes** are used in English but other frequently used expressions are also given. The following is a sample of how **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE** is structured:

Skin

(entered into English before 1000)

Old English **scinn**, Middle English Old Norse **skinn**, Dutch **schinden**, Danish **hud skind**, Frisian **fel hûd**, Icelandic and Norwegian **hud**, Swedish **hud skinn skinna päls**, German **Schinden**, Latin **cutis**, French **peau**, Spanish **piel**

Prefixes and/or suffixes which mean **skin**:

dermato-, **dermat-**, **dermo-**, **derm-** (from Greek *derma*, skin)
combining forms meaning skin, hide or covering

-dermis combining forms meaning skin, in general, or the layer of skin
just below the epidermis (known as the *derma*)

-dermatous combining forms meaning skin meaning possessing skin or
skinned

pell- (from Latin: *pell pellis* Greek: *pelz* a skin Latin: *pellicius* made
of skins) combining forms meaning skin

skin

1. epidermis, cuticle, derma, cutis, pellicle
2. (animal) hide, pelt, jacket, fleece, fell, fur, leather, vellum, integument
3. (fruit) rind, peel, hull, shell, husk, cover, covering, pod, case
4. overlay, coating, coat, layer, lamina, film
5. wineskin, pouch, container

to skin

1. to peel, scale, bark, strip, scalp, unwrap, remove, shed
It was not unusual **to skin** one's enemies in Ancient Mesoamerica.
2. (more stylized) to flay, exfoliate, scale, denude, excorticate, excoriate
3. (informal) to throw off, shed, strip off, cast off, peel off
4. (fruit or vegetables) to shell, husk, shuck, hull, rind, pare

skin and bones

1. on the decline, very skinny, unhealthy, corpse-like, frail, underfed, undernourished, wasted, **skeletal**, too lean, deathly thin

I don't know what happened to her but she's nothing but **skin and bones**.

2. (more stylized) gaunt, emaciated, wasted, **fleshless, hollow-eyed**, shrunken, pinched, frail, haggard, **raw boned, hollow cheeked**, spare, drawn, **hollowed cheeks**
3. (informal) thin as a rail, gangly, **bare-boned**, wasted, gangling, throw a shadow, thin as a reed, half-starved, half-famished
4. (slang) scrawny, twiggy, **boney**, like a plucked chicken or skinny as a railing

skin deep

1. superficial, on the surface, not very profound, not deep
What she feels for you is only **skin deep**. She doesn't love you.
2. (more stylized) shallow, outermost, outside, external. outward, exterior
It is true that beauty is only **skin deep**.
3. unreal, artificial, plastic, fake, fraud, delusion, phony

Can't you tell that that is she is only crying crocodile tears. Her feeling of sorrow is only **skin deep**.
4. (informal) hoax, make-believe, two-dollar bill, ruse, sham
5. empty, devoid, slight, meaningless, unimportant, signifying nothing, vacuous

His feelings for you are only **skin deep**. Can't you see that?
6. (more stylized) of little or no import, inconsequential, hollow negligible, insubstantial, inconsequential matter, inconsiderable, inappreciable, inane
7. (informal) petty, paltry, trivial, not worth mentioning, frivolous

8. (slang) no-account, picayune, penny-ante, fiddling, trifling, not worth a hill a beans, plug nickel, not worth the paper it is printed on, straw, red cent

skin flick

1. adult films, films dominated by sex, pornographic, obscene, lewd, vulgar or coarse, x-rated films, sexploitation

Another name for **skin flick** is pornography.

2. (more stylistic) films which are suggestive, prurient, indecent, profane, salacious, fulsome or erotic
3. (informal) films which are vile, nasty, filthy, raunchy, risqué, off-color, hard-core, soft-core or bawdy, peep shows, blue movies, pornography
4. (slang) films which are smutty, gross or blue, stag films, nudies, cheesecake, porn, **leg art**

skin flint

1. to be extraordinarily cheap, frugal, economical or thrifty

My aunt was a real **skin flint**. She would not lend a penny without asking for interest.

2. (more formal) brummagem, parsimonious, miserly,
3. (informal) **closed-fisted**, stingy, penny pincher, tight, **tightfisted**, cheapskate, tightwad, money-grubber, miserly, petty

What a **skin flint**!

to be wet to the skin

1. to be wet, very wet or soaked

He got caught in the rain and **was wet to the bone**.

2. (more stylized/formal) to be imbrued, immersed saturated, immersed, infused, penetrated, impregnated, imbued, inundated
3. (informal) to be wringing wet, soggy, **soaked to the bone**, soak and wet, doused, drenched, wet down, soaked through, drowned, sopping, dripping, wet through, sippy, **wet to the bone** or soused

**THE BODY AND ITS
TWISTED HISTORY IN
THE ENGLISH**

The study of the language of the body in English is the study of the long, twisted, and, at times, incredulous development of one of most rigid, flexible, irregular, simplified and widely studied and spoken, languages to ever develop.

English is like an onion, each layer representing a period of great change. Although wrapped in an outer layer of Latin and French, this covering is somewhat a roost. Although the overwhelming majority of English words draw their origin from Old French, Anglo-French, Parisian French, Latin, and Greek, English is not a Romance language; it never has been. Even during the period of Roman domination, the period when many of the Romance languages in Western and Southern Europe were being developed, the Latin influence on the language and culture of what was then Britain was superficial, at best. With the exception of persons at the very highest level of society, most of the British remained Celtic, linguistically and culturally speaking.

Perhaps if the Romans had not been forced to withdraw, Roman culture and language would have slowly spread throughout Britain. And, as a result, Britain would have eventually developed the type of language and culture which had been flourishing across the channel in France. However, in 450 Britain's ties to the dying Roman Empire and its colonies were cut. It was in that year when factions of the western branch of the Germanic groups (Angles, Saxons, Jutes, and Frisians) crossed the North Sea to conquer and colonize what would eventually become England.

The invasion and colonization of England was unlike what had happened in other parts of the former Roman Empire. Across the Channel in France, for example, the Franks did not destroy the different peoples whom they encountered; nor did the different Germanic peoples

who invaded Spain and Italian. One of the main reasons for the non-annihilation was that what the Gauls, Visigoths and Goths found were highly Romanized hybrids. Rather than destroy, the victor assimilated with the vanquish. It is for this reason that France, Spain, Italy and Portugal remained culturally and linguistically an extension of the Roman Empire, long after its destruction. As a result, these countries developed closely related languages which belong to the Roman or Latin branch of the Indo-European Family of Languages.

England's fate was radically different. By the time the different Germanic groups invaded Britain, the little bit of Latin culture which had been adopted had been almost completely replaced by the native Celtic ones. The different Germanic groups were quite familiar, and as mentioned previously, greatly respectful of the Romans, their culture and language. They felt no such reverence toward the Celts. They either killed or drove westward most of the Celtic inhabitants of England. Prior to the Germanic invasions, Britain had belonged to Celtic language group. After, as a result of the almost complete destruction of the native population, the language, and culture, which developed and flourished in England firmly belonged in the Germanic camp. With the exception of a few place names, Celtic influence in English ceased.

Old English

The language which developed as a result of the Germanic invasion was purely Germanic. It is true that the different Germanic groups had, before, and especially after the conquest, had come in contact with Latin. However, the Latin adopted did not come from every area of the language. Most of the words were religious; which was only natural since most of the contact between the Germans and Romans was through the Church in the form of Roman missionaries. The English

also borrowed from Latin to express new ideas in the area of clothing, and food. All together, during this time, approximately 450 words from Latin were adopted into English. (see appendix 1)

Despite, the incorporation of Latin into English, the culture and language which developed in England, up until the twelfth century, were almost purely Germanic in nature. The Jutes and Saxons formed the basis of the Kentish and the Southern English dialects. The Anglians settled in two areas, the northern and center areas. They were responsible for the Midland and Northumbrian form of English. It was also during this period, as a result of the ascendancy of the West-Saxon kingdom, the written dialect of Wessex became, for a time, the written standard language of England. During that period, works were either written in West Saxon or works written in other dialects were translated into it.

For the first three centuries after the destruction of the Roman Empire, the western branch of the Germanic language formed the basis of the English language. It from this period that one hundred of the most common words in English come. (appendix 2)

The following are the words of the body which entered into English during its first three hundred years. This period of the English language is called, *Old English* or *Anglo-Saxon*:

Body Language

(entered into the language before 900)

Body

Old English **bodig**, Old High German **botah**

Flesh

Old English **flask**, Middle English **flask**, Old Frisian **flask**, Old High German **fleisk**, Old Norse **flesk**, German **Fleisch**, Dutch **vless**

Limb

Old and Middle English **lim**, Old Norse **lim**

Head

Old English **heafod**, Middle English **he(v)ed**, Old High German **houbit**, Old Norse **hofuth**, Dutch **hoofd**

Hair

Old English **hær hære**, Middle English **here haire**, Dutch **haar**, German **Haar**, Old Norse **har hæra**, Old High German **haria**

Eye

Old English **ege** (**eage**), Middle English **eie ie**, German **Auge**, Dutch **oog**

Ear

Old English **eare ear æhher**, Middle English **ere**, Old Norse **eyra ax**, German **Ohr Ähre**, Dutch **oor aar**

Nose

Old English **nosu nasu næse**, Frisian **noas**, Icelandic **nōs**, Danish **næse**, Norwegian **nese**, Dutch **neus**, German **Nase**, Swedish **näsa**, Latin **nasus**, French **nez**, Spanish **nariz**

Mouth

Old and Middle English **muth**, Old Norse **munnr**, German **Mund**, Dutch **mond**

Tongue

Old and Middle English **tunge tungen**, Old Norse **tunga**, Dutch **tong**, German **Zunge**

Tooth/Teeth

Old and Middle English **toth**, Old Norse **tonn**, Dutch **tand**, German **Zahn**

Cheek

Old English **ce(a)ce ceoce**, Middle English **cheke**, Dutch **kaak**, Middle Lower German **kake**

Neck

Old English **hnecca**, Middle English **nekke**, Old Norse **hnakki**, Dutch **nek**, German **Nacken**

Shoulder

Old English **sculdor**, Middle English **sholder schulder shulderen**, Dutch **schouder**, German **Schulter**

Hand

Old and Middle English **hand hond**, Old Norse **hond**, Dutch **hand**, German **Hand**, Goth **handus**

Arm

Old and Middle English **earm**, Old Frisian **erm**, Goth **arms**, Old Norse **armr**, Old High German Old Swedish Dutch **arm**, German **Arm**

Finger

Old and Middle English **finger**, Old Norse **fingr**, Dutch **vinger**, German **Finger**, Gothic **figgers**

Thumb

Old and Middle English **thuma**, Old Norse **thumall**, Dutch **duim**, German **Daumen**, Old Swede and Old High German **dumo**

Nail

Old English **nægel næglan**, Middle English **nayl naille**, Old Frisian **neil**, Old Swede and Old High German **nagal**, Old Norse **nagl**, Germanic **naglaz**, Dutch **nagel**, German **Nagel**

Quick

Old English **cuic cwicu**, Middle English **quik**, Old Norse **kvikr**, Old Swede **quik**, German **queck keck**, Latin **vivus**, French **vif**, Spanish **carne viva**

Fist

Old English **fyst**, German **Faust**, Dutch **vuist**

Lap

Old English **læppa**, Middle English **lappe**, Old Norse **lappr**, Dutch **lap**, German **Lappen**

Knee

Old English **cneo**, Middle English **cneo(w)**, Old Norse **kne**, German **Knie**, Dutch **knie**, Latin **genu**, French **genou**, Spanish **rodillas**

Foot

Old and Middle English **fot**, German **Fuss**, Dutch **voet**, Greek **πούς pod**, Latin **pes ped**, French **pied**, Spanish **pie**

Toe

Old and Middle English **ta**, Old Norse **ta**, German **Zeh Zehe**, Dutch **teen**, Latin **digitus**, French **doigit**, Spanish **dedo de pie**

Heel

(entered into English before 850)

Old and Middle English **hela**, Old Norse **hæll**, Dutch **hiel**

Behind

Old English **behindan**, Middle English **behinden**

Bone

Old English **ban**, Middle English **bon**, Germanic
bainan, Old Frisian and Old Swede **ben**, Old Norse
bein, Dutch **been**, German **Bein**, Latin **os ossis**,
French **os**, Spanish **hueso**

Marrow

Old English **mearg**, Middle English **marowe**, Old Norse
mergr, Dutch **merg**, German **Mark**, Latin **medulla**,
Spanish **médula**, French **moelle**

Brain

Old and Middle English **brægen gregen**, Low German
brägen, Dutch **brein**, Latin **cerebrum**, French **cerveau**,
Spanish **cerebro**

Breath

Old English **bræth**, Middle English **breth breeth**, Frisian
sike, German **Atem**, Swedish **andas pust**, Dutch
andem, Norwegian **pust ånde**, Latin **halitus spiritus**
flatus anima aura respiro, French **haleine souffle**
respiration, Spanish **aliento respiración**

Late Old English (Early Middle English)

The **northern branch of the Germanic language** did not begin to influence English until the latter part of the eighth and ninth century. From almost three hundred years, until the eleventh century, England was bombarded by invading groups from Scandinavia. The Scandinavians, depending on their nationality, settled in the urban as well as the rural areas of England. While the Norwegians colonized Ireland, the Scottish Island, the Isle of Man, and parts of England's north-west, the Danes settled mostly in the north and east part of England.

Unlike the first Germanic invasion of the Celtic Britain, the Scandinavian overrun of England did not lead to the elimination the English. The fundamental reason was simple. They were the same people; therefore, the racial and linguistic animosity which had marked the first invasion was absent. Destruction was replaced by absorption and assimilation. The language which the invaders spoke, Old Norse, helped to form the basis of what is now standard English.

At the core, Anglo-Saxon and Old Norse were the same language. Despite the differences in grammar, persons who communicated in Old English and Old Norse were mutually intelligible. In the area of vocabulary, many words were either identical or very similar. As a result, the type of influence that Old Norse had in English was not destructive. Although there were cases where Old Norse terms did replace Anglo-Saxons ones, the norm was that the borrowing of Old Norse words took place when there were no Old English equivalent. In the area of vocabulary, two of the most distinctive borrowings of Old Norse into English were words with 'sk' or the 'sk' sound, (sky or scrub), and those with the hard 'g' sound, (get or egg).

Old Norse words which entered into the language were not only content words (**open class words**). People from one language group are constantly borrowing words from this area of the lexicon (nouns, verbs, adjective and adverbs). Although it should be mentioned that many of the **content words** borrowed from Old Norse were core words; that is, words which either have no synonyms or those which are used to name things in a language which do not have synonyms. What was extremely unusual about the influence of Old Norse on English was that **functions words** were also borrowed. Function words are structural or grammatical and, therefore, belong to **closed class words**. Very rarely, if ever, are new words added to this category.

Words from Old Norse did not begin to be used in English until after the 11th century, once the Vikings had invaded, and sacked, both south-west and south-east England.

Body Language (entered into English before 1000)

Skin

Old English **scinn**, Middle English Old Norse **skinn**, Dutch **schinden**, German **Schinden**

Brow/ lash

Old English **bru**, Middle English **browe**, Old Norse **brun**, German **braue**

Lip

Old English **lippa**, Middle English **lippe**, Dutch **lip**, German **Lippe**, Norwegian **lepe**

Chin

Old and Middle English **cin cinn**, Old Norse **kinn**, Dutch **kin**, German **Kinn chin**

Elbow

Old English **elnboga elboga**, Middle English **elbowe**, Old Norse **olnbogi**, Middle Dutch **ellenboghe elleboog**, Old High German **ellinbogo**, German **Ellenbogen**

Knuckles

Middle English **knokel**, Middle Low German Middle Dutch **knökel**, Dutch **kneukel (knok)**, German **Knöchel (Knochen)**

Back

Old English **bak**, Middle English **bæc**, Old Frisian **bek**, Old Norse Old Swede **bak**

Leg

Middle English and Old Norse **leggr**, Danish **læg**

Buttock

Old English **buttuc**, Middle English **buttok**

Blood

Old English **blod**, Middle English **blod**, Germanic **bloda**, Old Norse and Goth **bloth**, Old Frisian and Old Swede **blod**, Old High German **bluot**, German **Blut**, African, Danish, Norwegian or Swedish **blod**, Dutch **bloed**, Latin **sanguis**, French **sang**,

Spanish **sangre**

Ass (*vulgar*)

Old English **ærs ears**, *Middle English* **ars**, *Old Frisian* **ers**,
Old Norse, *Middle Low German*, *Old Swedish*, and *Old High*
German **ars**, *Dutch* **aars**

Although many of the words spoken during this period were later eliminated, according to some accounts eighty-five percent, the importance of Old English in Modern English can not be exaggerated. The fact is that Old English forms the backbone of the English which is spoken today. It is for this reason that, despite all the subsequent influence that Latin, (both the classical and vulgar version); Classical Greek; and French, (both the Norman and Parisian version); may have had, English is not a Romance language. At its core, English is a Germanic language. Because of Old English, the basic structure of English is Germanic. The bulk of the prepositions, pronouns, auxiliaries, conjunction as well as words of fundamental concept come to English from the old English period. Most of the most frequently used words in English trace their origin back to Old English. Therefore, to find the cognates of most, if not all, of the most basic, fundamental, and frequently used words of English, one must go to the different Germanic languages of both branches of the language tree. (appendix 4)

Middle English

The Norman Invasion took place in 1066. However, although the Normans greatly influenced the English language, for the first century or

so Old English remained, in general, unchanged. For the student of the history of the English language, even fifty years or so after the Norman invasion, English had remained being a language which most English speakers would not easily recognize. Although inflections for both nouns and adjectives were becoming obsolete, inflections in other areas of the grammar were still important.

Old English started transitioning into Middle English around the mid point of the 12th century. Although not a language that most speakers of modern English would recognize, Middle English most definitely was a language much more recognizable. In every area, English was changing. In the areas of pronunciation, the pronunciation of vowels was becoming more like their pronunciation in modern English. For example, long vowels became short when they were before two or more consonants: sleep vs. slept/ deep vs. depth . Another example would be the elimination of diphthongs as in the word 'deop' to the simple vowel and the replacement of the 'y' in words such as 'hyll' or 'fyr' to the 'i' as in 'hill' and 'fire'. In the area of orthography the transition from Old to Middle English was nothing to sneeze at: 1) the elimination of the 'æ' to, depending on the word, the short 'a' or long 'e', 2) the replacement of the 'c' with the 'ch' as in 'child', 3) the replacement of 'cw' with 'qu' as in 'queen', 4) the elimination of þ and ð with the 'th' and 5) the replacement of the 'c' for the 'k' before front vowels as in the word 'keep' . In the area of grammar the changes were quite dramatic. In a nutshell, English ceased being a synthetic or inflected language in which some words indicate such grammatical relationship such as number, case, gender or tense. English became an analytical language in which particles, rather than inflections, are used to express grammatical relationships (*handsomer* vs *more* handsome). In the area of verbs, English began to have only two cases, strong and weak, now known as regular and irregular.

Ironically enough, even a century after the Norman conquest, the influence of French in English was kept at a minimum. The reasons for this are numerous. For one, English was considered the language of the socially inferior; therefore, as a rule, it was treated by elites of the society, many of whom did not speak or understand English, with indifference. As a result, the language was, for almost two centuries, considered a dialect spoken by those who had no power. Norman French remained in its position as the official language until the forced separation of Normandy from England. Although during this period a great number of words from French enter into English, the number was no where near the amount that would be borrowed later.

French imported more than ten thousand words into English. As a result, hundreds of words from Old and Middle English were forced out of the language. (appendix 5) However, it must never be forgotten that despite tremendous influence that French had in English, it never had the impact that Old Norse had. Old Norse actually changed the very essence of English; French did not. The reasons are not hard to understand. By 1066, English was too well established in both its written and spoken form to be easily eliminated or changed. Norman French never became a natural language of England as a whole; it was only a means of communication to the tiny elite of the country. Also, intermarriage can not be ignored. The Normans did not remain separate from the population which they conquered. Many times the offspring of such unions spoke either both Norman French and English or only English.

English remained English; French was incorporated within the existing structure to make it stronger and richer. In no area of structure did French change English. This fact can be easily demonstrated. For

example, in the area of syntax (word order) only in very few cases do adjectives follow the noun (attorney general or court martial). In all other cases, the norm is that the adjective precedes the noun. Another example would be in the area of verbs. When French verbs entered into English, their grammatical structures remained outside. That is to say, only the essence of the verb was incorporated; all of their grammatical endings were eliminated. They generally came into the language as regular rather than irregular verbs. As a result, the 'weak' past inflection 'ed', became much more dominant, eventually becoming the normal ending of most verbs in English in the past tense. It is for this reason that the overwhelming majority of irregular verbs in the past are from the Germanic, rather than the French or Latin, area of English. (appendix 6) French did not enter the language English all at once. It did so in stages:

1. first one hundred years ---- no increase of French in English
2. last one half of the 12th century ---- slight increase
3. 1200-1250 ---- increase
4. post 1250 ---- greater increase
5. 1300-1400 ---- period of the greatest borrowing
6. 1400 ---- sharp drop and eventual tapering off

Words of the body which came into English prior to 1250

Figure

(1175-1225)

Old French and Middle English **figure**, Latin **figura**, French **forme**, Spanish **figura**

Skull

(1175-1225)

Middle English **scolle**, Old Norse **skalli skoltr**, Latin **calvaria calva**, French **crâne**, Spanish **calavera**

Words of the body which came into English post 1250

Face

(1250-1300)

Middle English, Anglo-French, Old French **facia**, Latin **facies**, Late Middle English **facen**, French **visage face**, Spanish **cara**

Whiskers (whisk + er)

(1325-1375)

whisk

Middle English (Scots) **wysk**, Scots **wisk quhisk**, Old Norse **visk**, Swedish **viska**, Danish **vishe**, Old High German **wisken**

Jaw

(1325-1375)

Middle English **jawe jowe**, Latin **maxilla mala fauces**, Old French **joue joe**, French **mâchoire**, Spanish **mandibula**

Palm

(1300-1350)

Old English **folm**, Middle English **paume**, Middle French and Latin **palma**, French **paume**, Spanish **palma**

Stomach

(1300-1350)

Middle English **stomack**, Old French **stomaque estomac**,
Greek **stomakhos**, Latin **stomachus venter**, French
estomac, Spanish **estómago**

Testicles

(1375-1425)

Latin **testiculus**, French **testicules**, Spanish **testiculos**

to breathe

(1250-1300 (*derived from breath*))

Old English **bræth**, Middle English **brethen**, Frisian **sykhelje**,
German **atmen**, Afrikaans **asem**, Dutch **andemen**
ademhalen, Danish **ånde**, Latin **duco spiro respiro**,
French **respirer**, Spanish **respirar**

The late Middle Ages was one of great changes in England. The growth of towns, the death of feudalism, hastened by the Black Death, and the rise of the middle class and free, self-governing communities all led to the growing domination and self-assuredness of the English language and culture. Slowly, all levels of the population began to see that the language in which they communicated was more than a dialect that only the peasantry spoke.

The new attitude led to the growing importance of English in all areas of society. The fourteenth century witnessed the resurgence of English in the official and governmental spheres. In 1349, English began to replace French as the language of instruction; by 1382, it was rare to find a school where French, rather than English, was the language of

instruction. In 1362, Parliament opened, for the first time, in English rather than French. It was also in that year that law courts were ordered to be conducted in English rather than Norman French.

The new growing self-awareness of English continued into fifteenth century. It was the period that the first monarchs who were completely fluent in English reigned, Richard II and Henry IV. It was also in that period that Geoffrey Chaucer wrote *Canterbury Tales*, William Langland wrote *Piers Plowman*, and John Wycliffe for the first time, successfully translated the entire bible into English.

As Englishmen became more confident in the language which they spoke, they opened up to possibilities which had once been rejected. As was shown in the table above, it was not until the fourteenth and fifteenth century that thousands of French words were allowed to enter into English. It was also during these centuries that a large number of Latin words entered English.

Throughout the history of English, Latin has, on and off, entered English. However, it was not until the period immediately prior to and during the Renaissance, did the English begin to borrow Latin in any great quantity. Although there were scholars such as Sr. John Cheke, who believed that English could be used to express any idea, there were those who believed that English was a language which could, without any problem, put into words less sophisticated, more concrete ideas. It was ideal to express blunt, straightforward and plain-spoken ideas. However, Latin and Greek were considered much better suited to verbalize the more abstract, nuance, subtle and conceptual areas of life.

Originally, much of the Latin which had come into English had done so indirectly French. That changed, however, once original Latin

text became available. Latin, and eventually Greek, began to be borrowed directly.

By the time the early modern period, all the vocabulary used to describe the body was already well established. The only new words of the body which came into the language were those of the internal organs. The body parts which were discovered during the early modern and modern period have either Latin or Greek origin, languages which doctor and scientist continued utilizing long after the world had ceased. Of these parts of the body, almost none is rich in metaphors or symbolism.

THE BODY:

*A TREASURE TROVE OF
MEANINGS IN ENGLISH*

*VOLUME 3: BREATH, TO
BREATHE, MIND, TO THINK,
TO FORGET, TO KNOW,
SOUL*

Breath

(entered into the English language before 900)

Old English **bræth**, Middle English **breth breath**, Frisian **sike**, German **Atem**, Swedish **andas pust**, Dutch **andem**, Norwegian **pust ånde**, Latin **halitus spiritus flatus anima aura respiro**, French **haleine souffle respiration**, Spanish **aliento respiración**

Prefixes and/or suffixes which mean **breath/breathe:**

anima-, **anim-** (L: animus life, breath, soul, mind spirit)

spir-, **spir-**, **spira-**, **spirat-**, **spire-**, **-spiring**, **-spiration**, **-spiration**
(breath, soul, breathing, mind, spirit, courage/ L: *spirare* : breathe
respiration, inspiration, inspire)

vita-, **vito-**, **vit-** (L: life, living, pertaining to life, essential to life)

physo-, **phys-** (Gr: breath/ pertaining to air or gas/ bladder/ swollen)

pneo-, **-pnea**, **-pneic**, **-pnoea**, **-pnoeic**, **-pneo** (Gr: air, wind, breathing)
(Gr: *psyche* breath, spirit *psychein* to breathe, blow live)

breath

1. the air inhaled and exhaled in respiration
2. respiration, breathing, wind, inhalation, inspiration, exhalation, expiration
3. pant, wheeze, gasp, gulp
4. life, vitality, life-force, lifeblood, vital spark, soul, anima
5. pause, respite, break, breather, spell, rest, recess, time-out
6. murmur, whisper, sigh, undertone
7. light current of air, breeze, puff, whiff
8. slight suggestion, hint, whisper, suggestion, idea
9. (slang) flea or bug in one's ear

a breath of wind

slight, gentle or light wind, whiff, breeze, slight breeze, draft, gust

At last, **a breath of wind!**

a breath of suspicion

slightly suspected, under suspicion, creditability gap, lack

of confidence, no longer have the complete confidence of
I don't want even **a breath of suspicion** to blow my way.

all in one breath

to speak rapidly without taking a breath

Normally in English, you say a sentence **all in one breath**. You don't pause so much.

below one's breath

to murmur, mumble, whisper, speak in an undertone, speak softly

Stop talking **below your breath!** Say what you want to say in a clear audible voice.

breath of air

a slight movement of air

This room smells funny. Open the window to get a **breath of air** in here.

breath of fresh air

refreshing change

His intervention in the discussion was a **breath of fresh air**.

a breath of spring in the air

feeling the beginning of springtime, beginning of change of weather from cold to warm

I love this time of year. There is **a breath of spring in the air**.

to breathalyze

to evaluate the level of alcohol in one's system

You are to be **breathalyzed** next.

breathalyzer

instrument which sample a driver's breath to see if he or she has been drinking

She could not deny what the **breathalyzer** said.

brehtaking

1. extraordinary, astonishing, amazing, overwhelming, overpowering, staggering, surpassing, stunning

What he did was so **brehtaking** that all I could do was cry.

2. (more stylized/formal) stupendous, stupefying, striking, awe-inspiring, wondrous, awe-striking, phenomenal cataclysmic
3. (less formal to informal) mind-blowing, awesome, awful, mind-boggling

hairs breath

1. fraction of an inch, only barely, **skin of one's teeth**, within a hair or eyelash

She came within a **hair's breath** of succeeding.

2. narrow, almost no space, no room, tight, close

This place is only a **hairs breath**; I don't know how you survive here.

in the next breath

in the next, ensuing or subsequent moment

He declared him innocent but **in the next breath** he condemned him to death.

in the same breath

virtually or almost at the same time or moment

He declared him innocent **in the same breath** that he declared that his innocence was irrelevant.

like a breath of fresh air

revitalizing, thirst quenching, reanimating, renewing, refreshing, reviving, exhilarating, invigorating

I love her because she is **like a breath of fresh air**.

not a breath of scandal

not, in any way, shape or form, be associated with any kind of misconduct or unethical conduct or behavior, not associate one's name or reputation with slander, libel or blemish

Not a breath of scandal is allowed touch you or your family.

out of breath

short-windedness, panting, wheezing, breathless, huffing, gasping, huffing and puffing, laboring to breathe

Give me a minute. I am **out of breath**.

the breath of life

what one needs in order to live, what is required or necessary to survive

Love was **the breath of life** which kept her alive.

shortness of breath

wheezing, breathless, huffing, gasping, laboring to breath, short-windedness, panting, huffing and puffing, labored breathing

Because you smoke, you suffer with **shortness of breath**.

the first breath of Spring

the beginning of Spring, first days of Spring weather

I always look forward to **the first breath of Spring**.

the length and breath

total, totality, entirety, all, **from head to toe**, from to stem to stern, alpha and omega, wholeness, completeness

Before doing any work, he covered **the length and breath** of the situation.

the least breath of scandal

the least hint or suggestion of wrongdoing or disgrace

As the wife of the president, you can not have **the least breath of scandal** around you.

under one's breath

to murmur, mumble, whisper, speak in an undertone, speak softly

Stop talking **under your breath**! Say what you want to say in a clear audible voice.

with bated breath

on tenterhooks, anxiously, excitedly, nervously, on pins and needles, apprehensively, **with one's heart in one's mouth**

I waited for her phone call **with bated breath**.

with every other breath

to say day-in and day-out, continually frequently, regularly, from dusk to dawn and repeatedly

With every other breath, he cursed his leader's very unwise choices.

with one's dying breath

at the last moment of one's life, with one's last breath, while one is dying, on one's deathbed, on one's last leg

With his dying breath, he confessed his role in the murder.

with one's last breath

while one is dying, on one's deathbed, on one's last leg, the last moment of one's life, on one's last leg, with one's dying breath

With his last breath, he told me everything.

to be a breath of fresh air

to be reanimating, renewing, refreshing, reviving, revitalizing, thirst quenching

All the students love her; she **is a breath of fresh air**.

to be a breath of life to one

to invigorate, liven up, animate, stimulate, inspire, motivate, arouse

His presence in her life **was a breath of life to her**.

to be a breath of spring

to be new, innovative or different, be a breath of fresh air

The moment I saw her walking into the building, I knew that she would **be a breath of spring**.

to be breathtaking

1. to be overwhelming, overpowering, staggering, magnificent, astonishing, amazing, surpassing, stunning, extraordinary

His proposal **was breathtaking**.

2. (more stylized/formal) awe-striking, phenomenal, cataclysmic, stupendous, stupefying, striking, awe-inspiring, wondrous
3. (less formal to informal) mind-boggling awesome, awful, mind-blowing,

to be out of breath

to be panting, breathless, huffing, gasping, or laboring to breath

I've run so hard that I **am out of breath**.

to be short of breath

to be panting, breathless, huffing, gasping or laboring to breathe

I've run so hard that I **am short of breath**.

to be the (characteristic/ description) **person that ever drew a breath**
to be the (characteristic/ description) that has ever lived

I have never seen such a person. She **is the meanest woman that ever drew a breath**.

to be touch by even a breath of scandal

to be accused of wrongdoing, misconduct or unethical conduct, be disgraced, dishonored, reproached

If you **are touched by even a breath of scandal**, you will have to resign.

to bring a breath of fresh air to one

to invigorate, liven up, animate, stimulate, inspire, motivate, arouse

His presence in her life **brought a breath of fresh air to her**.

to catch one's breath

1. to cease breathing for a moment as a result of being surprised or out of fear

I barely was able to **catch my breath** after what he told me.

2. to restore normal breathing after a physical activity

Wait. Give me a minute so I can **catch my breath** again.

to come out in one breath

to say what one has to say without stopping, pausing or hesitating, not stop to breathe between words

What she had to say **came out in one breath**.

to complain under one's breath

to murmur, whisper, sigh, mutter, mumble, talk under one's breath, grumble, not speak clearly and audibly, speak or complain softly

Why are you always **complaining under your breath**.

to do with a breath of fresh air

to get a breathe of fresh air, leave from where one is for a moment or two, take a breather

I sure can **do with a breath of fresh air**.

to draw a deep breath

to breathe or exhale deeply or profoundly

I **drew a deep breath** when he asked to speak to me.

to draw one's last breath

1. to die, expire, decease

Last night he **drew his last breath**.

2. (informal) to kick the bucket, push up daisies, be six-feet under, bite the dust, turn up one's toes

to gasp for breath

to be unable to catch or get one's breath

After I ran five miles, I was **gasping for air**.

to get one's breath back

to catch one's breath, breath normal again stop panting and wheezing

Give me a moment so that I can **get my breath back**.

to get out of breath

to be gasping, laboring to breath panting, breathless or huffing

I've run so hard that I **got out of breath**.

to go out for a breath of fresh air

to take a break, take a moment to relax or think, take five or ten

I feel like I'm going to explode if I don't **go out for a breath of fresh air**.

to great a breath of fresh air

to go outside to breathe clean air, take a breather or a break, relax

I got to get out of her. I got to **get a breath of fresh air**.

to have one's breath come with difficulty

to not be able to breathe, have problems breathing

Something is wrong with this building, **my breath comes with** great **difficulty**.

to have time to catch one's breath

1. to have enough time to relax after strenuous activity

I haven't even **had time to catch my breath**.

2. to recover from a surprise or from being caught off guard

I'm okay; I've **had time to catch my breath**.

to hold one's breath

1. to not breathe, not to exhale or expel one's breath, pause in one's breathing

I **held my breath** while he told me what had happened.

2. to wait to see what is going to happen, anticipate anxiously and nervously

He **held his breath** when she walked in.

to laugh under one's breath

1. to quietly deride, mock, jeer, or laugh at

Be a man and don't **laugh under your breath**. Do so in my face.

2. (slang) to roast, banter, rib, kid, or razz one secretly or in an underhand or sly manner

to make one catch one's breath

to astound, confound, amaze, leave one dumbfounded, floor

What he wants, to be honest, **makes me catch my breath.**

to mention in the same breath

to put in the same class, grouping or category

How dare you **mention** my father and that horrible man **in the same breath.**

to not have a breath of air stirring

to be stagnate, flat, stale, or flat air; to not have air move about

to say something under one's breath

to murmur, whisper, sigh, mutter, mumble, talk under one's breath, grumble, not speak clearly and audibly, speak or complain softly

I hate when you **say something under your breath.** Why can't you just say what you need to say.

to save one's breath

to refrain from talking, not talk because the situation is useless, talk without effect or an upshot, save one's breath

Save your breath; he won't change his mind.

to sigh a breath of relief

to no longer be worried, anxious or nervous

The moment that she saw him walking through the door, she **sighed a breath of relief.**

to take one's breath away

1. to astonish, astound, amaze, stagger, startle

What he said **took my breath away**.

2. to thrill, excite, galvanize

That ride **took my breath away**.

to talk under one's breath

to grumble, not speak clearly and audibly, speak or complain softly
murmur, whisper, sigh, mutter, mumble, talk under one's breath

I don't listen to her because she is always **talking under her breath**.

to waste one's breath

to talk without effect or an upshot, save one's breath, refrain
from talking, not talk because the situation is useless

My mind is made up; therefore, you're only **wasting your breath**.

as long as I draw breath

as long as I am still alive, while I am still breathing

As long as I draw breath, you will not harm my children.

I wouldn't hold my breath!

Don't be fooled; this is going to take a long time.

I know what he said but if I were you, **I wouldn't hold my breath!**

Don't hold your breath!

(used to indicate that a particular action is going to take a long time)

This is going to take a very long time; therefore, **don't hold your breath!**

Don't waste your breath!

Don't waste your time (I'm not going to change my mind)

Save your breath!

Don't waste your time (I'm not going to change my mind)

The best to ever draw breath

(said of a person who has died to say that he/she was a good and descent person)

breathless

1. to be without breath
2. to breathe with difficulty
3. to be panting, choking, wheezing, gasping, gulping, out of breath
4. to be winded, exhausted, spent
5. to hold one's breath in astonishment or suspense
6. to be amazed, astonished, astounded, thunderstruck, awestruck

7. to lose one's breath because of excitement, anticipation, or tension
8. to be eager or anxious
9. (slang) to be flabbergasted, all agog, agog
10. to be dead, lifeless, inanimate
11. to be motionless, calm, still as air

to be at a breathless pace

to be at an extraordinary fast or quick speed

He worked me at a **breathless** pace.

to be breathless with excitement

to be so excited one feels that one can't breathe

She **was breathless with excitement**.

to be left breathless

to be flabbergasted, astounded, dumbfounded, taken aback, floor, shocked, bowled over or caught up short

I **was left breathless** by her decision.

to leave one breathless

to astound, flabbergast, dumbfound, paralyze, blow one off guard, dumbfound, amaze, render speechless

All I can is that you have **left me breathless**.

to make one breathless

to work so hard, excite or exasperate to the point that one is panting or can not catch one's breath

Her mere presence has always **made me breathless**.

to smell alcohol on one's breath

to detect the odor or scent of alcohol, get a whiff of alcohol

I knew that he was drunk because I **smelled alcohol on his breath**.

to take a deep breath and relax

to relax, take a break, take it easy, take a breather

It's time that you **take a deep breath and relax**.

to wait with breathless expectation

to anticipate or wait with anxiety, great uneasiness or inquietude, have butterflies in one's stomach or the heebie-jeebies

I **am waiting with breathless** expectation his arrival.

breathless wonder

surprise, awe, wonder, astonishment, amazement

No man has more contempt than I of **breath**.

-Dryden

He smiles and he frowns in a **breath**.

-Dryden

Calm and unruffled as a summer's sea.
When not a **breath** of wind flies o'er its surface.
-Addison

A breath can make them, as a **breath**, has made.
-Goldsmith

to breathe

(entered into the English language 1250-1300 (derived from breath))

Old English **bræth**, Middle English **brethen**, Frisian **sykhelje**,
German **atmen**, Afrikaans **asem**, Dutch **andemen ademhalen**,
Danish **ånde**, Latin **duco spiro respiro**, French **respirer** ,
Spanish **respirar**

Prefixes and/or suffixes which mean **breath/breathe:**

anima-, **anim-** (L: animus life, breath, soul, mind spirit)

spir-, **spir-**, **spira-**, **spirat-**, **spire-**, **-spiring**, **-spiration**, **-spiration**
(breath, soul, breathing, mind, spirit, courage/ L: *spirare* : breathe
respiration, inspiration, inspire)

vita-, **vito-**, **vit-** (L: life, living, pertaining to life, essential to life)

physo-, **phys-** (Gr: breath/ pertaining to air or gas/ bladder/ swollen)

pneo-, **-pnea**, **-pneic**, **-pnoea**, **-pnoeic**, **-pneo** (Gr: air, wind, breathing)
(Gr: *psyche* breath, spirit *psychein* to breathe, blow live)

to breathe

1. to inhale and exhale, take air in one's lungs
When there is a lot of smoke, one can not **breathe**.
2. (more stylized/formal) to respire
3. to pant, wheeze, puff, gasp
When I get overexcited, I can barely **breathe**.
4. to blow air out of one's mouth
It was so cold that I had to keep **breathing** on my hand.
5. to utter, say, voice, verbalize, express, articulate, enunciate, pronounce, vocalize
6. to divulge, disclose, reveal, inform, tell, talk , make known
You are not to **breathe** a word of what happened in this meeting.
7. (less formal/informal) to let the cat out of the bag, not keep one's mouth close, spill the beans or one's guts, give away the whole show, blow the lid
8. to murmur, whisper, sigh, mutter, mumble, talk under one's breath, aspirate
9. to infuse, inspire, imbue, breathe into, inject, insert, impregnate

10. to take a recess, break, pause or rest, take ten

I'm going to leave for a moment or two to **breathe**.

to be breathing down one's neck

to harass, press hard, beset, harry, plague, worry

I hated working there; the boss **was** always **breathing down my neck**.

to be laboring to breathe

to be panting, breathless, short of breath, huffing, gasping or labor breathing

After running a mile, I **was laboring to breathe**.

to breathe a sigh of relief

to no longer be worried or anxious about a problem or situation

Once my parents went back home, I **breathed a sigh of relief**.

to breathe again

to relax or calm down after surviving a danger or frightening experience

Now that I'm home again, I feel that I can **breathe again**.

to breathe down one's neck

1. to closely supervise or watch

I can't make a move without him knowing. He's always **breathing down my neck**.

2. (more stylized/informal) to preside over, wield one's power over, closely govern, administer, manage, administrate or regulate

3. (less formal to informal) to hold in view, be on top of, oversee, keep in sight, watch over, ride herd on, closely look after, keep tabs on, **keep an eye on, keep an wary eye on**

4. to track, pursue, trace, chase, hunt, follow

The police was **breathing down his neck.**

5. (less formal to informal) to hunt down, cling to, tread behind of, harry, follow the scent of, tail, tread closely behind, run after, search for, close on one's trail, heel, follow in the steps of

6. (slang) to bedog, dog, hound

to breathe a sigh of relief

to no longer be worried, anxious or nervous

The moment that she saw him walking through the door, she **breathed a sigh of relief.**

to breathe again

to be relieved, pacified or alleviated after a frightening situation

Now that I know that he is okay, I feel that I can **breathe again.**

to breathe easily

to relax , be relieved, no longer worry or be nervous, **breathe a sigh of relief**

Now that you are home, I can **breathe easily.**

to breathe easy

to calm or quiet down, ease up, let up, let oneself go, no longer worry or fret about

Now that he's left, you can **breathe easy**.

to breathe enthusiasm into

to change a situation which is boring into one which is **spine-tingling**, stimulating or invigorating

If we do not **breathe enthusiasm into** this relationship, we are going to have to leave each other.

to breathe excitement into

to make a boring situation exciting, thrilling or electrifying

I need your help to **breathe** some **excitement** into the party.

to breathe life into

to bring back to life, stimulate, breathe life or excitement into, make electrifying

He is the kind of person who can **breathe life into** anything.

to breathe fire

to be very angry, furious, beside oneself, red or white with anger or hot under the collar

Stay away from him; he **is breathing fire**.

to breathe freely again

to relax or be relieved after being frightened or worried

Now that you are home, I can **breathe freely again**.

to breathe in

to inhale, draw, suck or take in, gulp

The moment he saw her, he **breathed in**.

to breathe in the ear of

1. to tell, confess, whisper, make known, open up

He **breathed in the ear of** the higher ups so that he was not satisfied.

2. (more stylistic/formal) to confide, reveal, impart, disclose, intimate, disbosom, unbosom, unburden, bring out to the open
3. (informal) to **get something off one's chest**, breathe a word, bring to light, spill the beans, **spill one's guts**, let out, leak, let the cat out of the bag, blow the lid, **make a clean breast of**

to breathe one's last breath

to die, be dying or drawing one's last breath

I was with her when she **breathed her last breath**.

to breathe out

to expel, exhale, blow out or off, expire, sigh, puff or huff out

Before he began speaking, he **breathed out** and shook his head.

to breathe new life into

to change or invigorate a situation so that it is made more tantalizing, exciting, fascinating, enchanting or interesting

His presence **breathed new life into** my and my family's life.

to breathe in

1. to inhale something into one's lungs, draw in, inspire

The reason that I almost died was that I **breathed a lot of smoke in**.

2. (drugs) to snort, take in, take a drag

When he smoked grass, he never **breathed in**.

to give one breathing room

to allow one the space or room necessary to accomplish something

I do wish that he would **give me** some **breathing room** so that I figure what to do.

to give one breathing space

to allow one the space or room necessary to accomplish something, **allow one breathing space** or **room**

I do wish that he would **give me** some **breathing space** so that I figure what to do.

to hardly have time to breathe

to be extremely busy, very occupied, work from sun up to sundown

Since the birth of my third child, I **hardly have time to breathe**.

to let the wine breathe

before drinking, to open a bottle of wine to let air get to it

It is always good to **let the wine breathe** for a couple of minutes.

to live and breathe

to spend one's entire time doing something

Of course he is wants to be a judge; he **lives and breathes** the law.

to make one breathe easier

1. to unburden, **set one's mind at ease**, take the load off, set at ease, relieve, give news so that one is no longer worrying, calm one down, to settle one down

His presence **makes me breathe easier**.

2. (more stylized/formal) disencumber, unbosom, disburden

to not breathe a word

to not say a word, not speak, remain silent, not spill the beans or let the cat out of the bag, keep a secret

You know that you can trust me; I will **not breathe a word**.

to scarcely have time to breathe

to be extremely busy, very occupied, work from sun up to sundown

Since the birth of my third child, I **scarcely have time to breathe**.

to still be breathing

to still be alive, not be dead, hanging on to life

After being shot a number of time, I don't understand how he **still is breathing**.

as I live and breathe

(said in exasperation to show disbelief, surprise or astoundment)

did you ever, well I'll be a monkey's uncle, I declare

breathed

use only the breath to speak or make sound, unvoiced, voiceless

breather

pause

breathing

breathing room

short time of relaxation before thinking about or doing something about a difficult or trying situation

All I am asking for is a little **breathing room**.

breathing space

short time of relaxation before thinking about or doing something about a difficult or trying situation

All I am asking for is a little **breathing space**.

heavy breathing

panting, breathing heavily, huffing and puffing, shortness of breath

The **heavy breathing** told me that he had been running.

labored breathing

out of breath, wheezing, breathless, winded, huffing, gasping, laboring to breath, short-windedness, exhausted, panting, spent

Although she has **labored breathing** right now, She will be alright in a moment or two.

Other articles **breathe** the same severe spirit.
-Gen. ii 7

Mind

(entered into the English language before 900)

Old English **gemynd**, Middle English **myndle** (e), Goth **gamunds**,

Latin **mens**, Greek, **mania**, French **esprit**, Spanish **mente**

Prefixes and/or suffixes which mean **mind**:

anima- (Latin: *animadvertere* to turn the mind to criticize censure)

-mania, **-maniac**, **-manical**, **-manic**, **-manically**, **-maniacally** (Greek:
mental disorder)

mente- (Latin: *mens* mind mental related to the mind)

noe- (Greek: *noesis* thought, intelligence *noein* to think)

nous- (Greek: *nous* *noos* mind intelligence perception)

-phrenia (Greek: *phren* mind)

fren-, **phren-**, **phreno-** (Greek: *phren* mind schizophrenic)

psycho-, **psych-**, **-psyche**, **-psychic**, **-psychical**, **-psychically** (Greek:
mind/mental process)

mind

1. intellect, intellectual faculty, cognitive function

His **mind** is something magnificent to observe.

2. psyche, ego, subconscious

3. soul, spirit, inner being

4. (slang) genius, mental giant, brain, Einstein, wizard, whiz

He is a **mind** that I would love to explore.

5. brain power, brains, wit, quickness, wittiness

He has a sharp **mind**; nothing escapes his attention.

6. (slang) gray matter, smarts, **good head on his shoulder**, noggin, noodle

7. soundness or presence of mind, sanity, saneness, senses

8. (slang) marbles

He has lost his **mind**.

9. rationality, sense of reason, judgment, common sense

How his **mind** works is beyond me.

10. disposition, humor, temperament

11. bent, tendency, propensity

His **mind** tends to focus on the morbid.

12. feeling, partiality, bias, liking, belief

13. notion, whim, idea

14. intention aim, purpose, design

a weight off one's mind

no longer a care, worry, problem, of importance, regard, consideration or concern

Now that the votes are over, it is **a weight off my mind**.

frame of mind

the way that one thinks or feel at the moment, posture, **mind set**, sentiments, mentality

My **frame of mind** is not very good right now.

having one's mind on

1. speculation, thinking, thinking about, wondering about, considering

Having one's mind on one's work at this moment is very difficult.

2. (more stylized/formal) rumination, cerebrating, ruminating, cerebration, musing, pondering, brooding over, cogitation
3. (informal) chewing over, **having one's mind on**, chewing the cud, **putting on one's thinking cap, brainwork**, chewing over an idea, mulling over, wondering about, **headwork**

healthy mind

saneness, sanity, mental normality, rationality, presence of mind, normal, equilibrium, fit, of sound mind

I don't understand what is the problem; it has a very **healthy mind**.

in one's mind's eye

in one's imagination or thoughts, imaging, fancy, mental image, concept, conceptualization, notion idea

In my mind's eye, everything is possible.

in one's right mind

1. stable, lucid, normal, balance, sane, rational, sound or right minded

Anyone **in his right mind** would understand the situation.

2. (more stylized/formal) of sound mind, possessing one's faculties, sound, mentally competent, of sound judgement, in possession of all one's senses
3. (less formal to informal) all there, having all one's marbles, right

4. (Latin) compos mentis

making up one's mind

selection, opting for, setting on options for, setting on, choosing, choice, deciding, determining

Making up one's mind can be extremely difficult.

mastermind

1. intellect, intellect, genius

2. (slang) think tank, brains

3. planner, designer, architect

4. originator, founder, father, creator, author, generator

5. prime mover, engineer, executive, guide, leader, master

mind altering

a drug or experience which, either biologically or emotionally, has caused marked changes in one's mood or behavior.

What happened during the war was **mind-altering** experience.

mind-bender

an experience or person who forces one to reassess one's way of thinking

That experience was a **mind-bender**.

mind-bending (slang)

something which is shocking, astounding, strange, or surprising

That experience was **mind-bending**.

mind-blower (slang)

1. hallucinogenic drug, hallucinogen

LSD is a **mind-blower**.

2. that which shocks, astounds, floors, amazes or surprises

What she did was a **mind-blower**.

mind-blowing (slang)

that which is shocking, astounding, strange or surprising

That experience was **mind-blowing**.

mind-body problem

eternal philosophical problem concerning the relation of the mind to the body

The **mind-body problem** has existed for a very long time.

mind-boggler

1. brain teaser, riddle, puzzle, cryptogram, word game, not understandable, not easily understandable, mysterious persons, mystery
2. (more stylized/formal) enigma, sealed book, obscure, cul-de-sac, riddle of the Sphinx

3. (less formal to informal) hard nut to crack, brain teaser, stumper

4. *(Latin) terra incognita*

mind-boggling

1. totally confusing, illogical, puzzling, enigmatic, baffling, perplexing, confounding, unexplainable, inexplicable

All he has been making are **mind boggling** decisions.

2. overwhelming, overpowering, dazzling, bewildering, astonishing, astounding, stunning, intellectually overwhelming

Sometimes English grammar can be **mind-boggling**.

mind-expanding (slang)

1. hallucinogenic drug, hallucinogen

LSD is a **mind-expanding**.

2. that which floors, amazes shocks, astounds or surprises

What she did was a **mind-expanding**.

mind games

a way of confusing through words and actions

He loves to play **mind games**.

mind-numbing

1. to be boring to the extreme, , dry, flat dull or very boring
I'm leaving. This movie is **mind-numbing**.

2. (more stylized/formal) uninteresting, prosaic, barren, sapless insipid, jejune, unanimated, arid, banal, tedious, vapid
3. (less formal to informal) dry-as-dust, dead, yawn-making, blah, humdrum

mind-numbingly boring

1. boring to the extreme, dull, very boring, dry, flat
I have to drop this class; it is too **mind-numbingly boring**.
2. (more stylized/formal) insipid, jejune, unanimated, arid, banal, tedious, vapid, uninteresting, prosaic, barren, sapless
3. (less formal to informal) yawn-making, dry-as-dust, dead, blah, humdrum

mind-reader

a person who is able to read the thoughts of another

I swear to you that my mother is a **mind-reader**.

mind reading

the ability to discern the thoughts of others without either speaking

How am I supposed to know? I am not in the business of **mind reading**.

mind-set

1. bent, attitude, outlook

His **mind-set** is a mystery to me.

2. (more stylized/formal) tendency, disposition, proclivity, propensity

no one in one's right mind would do (something)

no one who is sound, rational, of sound mind or balance would act or do (something)

No one in one's right mind would go jogging at 3 o'clock in the morning.

not in one's right mind

1. unbalanced, not possessing all of one's faculties, not rational, sane or balanced,

Lower your criticism. Can't you see that he is **not in your right mind**.

2. (more stylized/formal) mentally competent or lucid, **not sound of mind**, unable to reason, not sound
3. (less formal to informal) not to have, all one's marbles, **of unsound mind** clearheaded, not all there

of a mind to

partial, prone, inclined, apt, disposed, predisposed, having the intention to

I think that I am **of a mind to** go abroad for awhile.

of like mind

like minded, in total agreement with, in a manner which is similar, alike or the same or in accord, in a similar manner

We can not be **of like mind** on this matter. To keep talking is to

waste time.

of one mind

concur, comport, conform, in total agreement or in accord, alike, in unison with

Why are you still here discussing what can not be changed. My parents and I are **of one mind**. It is better that you leave.

of sound mind

1. not possessing all of one's faculties, unbalanced, not rational, sane or balanced

Because you are **of sound mind**, they must respect your decision.

2. (more stylized/formal) not sound, mentally competent or lucid, being unable to reason
3. (less formal to informal) not having all one's marbles, not being clearheaded, not all there or **in one's right mind**

of unsound mind

1. not rational, sane or balanced, unbalanced, not possessing all of one's faculties

He did what he did because his is **of unsound mind**.

2. (more stylized/formal) unable to reason, not sound, mentally competent or lucid
3. (less formal to informal) clearheaded, not all there, not to have all one's marbles, **not in one's right mind**

of sound mind and body

physically and mentally healthy having a healthy, fit and cogent mind

Being **of sound mind and body**, I do not have to explain myself to you or to anyone.

of the same mind

agree, be in accord, having an understanding, in total agreement, concur,

It took quite a long time but we are now **of the same mind** on what needs to be done.

of two minds

1. undecided, **not knowing one's own mind**, not being able to make a decision or **make up one's mind**

Being of two minds means that one minute, yes and the next, no.

2. to be indecisive, vacillating, uncertain, ambivalent or unresolved
3. to blow hot and cold, straddle the fence, have feet in both camps, shilly-shally, sit on the fence

on one's mind

thinking, worrying, ruminating or engrossed about one's problems

Right now I have a lot **on my mind**.

one of the great minds

1. genius, mastermind, great thinker, master
She is **one of the great minds** of the twentieth century.
2. (slang) crackerjack, brain, an Einstein, wizard, whiz,

mental giant

out of one's mind

1. beside oneself, not rational, rabid, frantic, irate, ranting, crazed out of control

Because she was **out of her mind**, she can not be held responsible for her behavior..

2. (more stylized/formal) distraught, overwrought, rabid, mad, uncontrollable, incensed, frenetic, enraged, wrathful, ireful, infuriated
3. (less formal to informal) wild, berserk **out of one's head**, crazy, storming, red-hot, **foaming at the mouth**

presence of mind

1. self-possession, discretion, alertness, prudence

Because of our situation, you need to have a **presence of mind**.

2. steadiness, **steady hand**, self-control, stability, self-restraint, equilibrium, balance, level-headedness, aplomb

Please control yourself, I need your **presence of mind**.

3. coolness, rationality, dispassion, cool under fire, unflappability
4. assurance, self-control, assurance, confidence or command, confidence
5. (French) *sang-froid*

soundness of mind

1. balance, saneness, equilibrium, sanity, stability, presence of mind, wits, senses, coherence, healthy mind, mental health

One's **soundness of mind** determines one's behavior.

2. rationality, judgment, clear-headedness, level headedness, common sense, logical, sense of reason, street sense

Because of her **soundness of mind**, she is able to act rationally.

3. (more stylized/formal) judiciousness, sagacity, sagesness, prudence, polity

state of mind

condition of one's mind during a particular period of time, the way that one thinks or feels at the moment

In the **state of mind** I'm in, anything is possible.

to one's mind

in one's opinion, judgment or estimation, in one's way of seeing things or thinking

In **my mind**, the whole thing was a mistake.

time out of mind

to not think about, not have in mind

unmindful

1. acting in a hasty, rash, frantic, hasty, impulsive, unrestrained, reckless, or impatient manner, acting without thinking, acting in a manner which is thoughtless, foolish, abrupt, impatient, irresponsible or impulsive, impulsively, wildly, carelessly, heedlessly, blindly or recklessly

She has lost her mind; she's **head over heels** in love.

2. (more stylized/formal) acting in an unpremeditated, imprudent, thoughtless, incautious, unduly, impetuous, no circumspect, unheeding, indiscreet, unwary or unbridled manner, acting rashly, irrationally, quixotically or in an ill-advised manner

3. (less formal to informal) acting in a madcap, mad brained, short-sighted, unruly, brash, hellbent, **breakneck** or foolhardy way, acting in a devil-may-care, death defying, **harebrained**, heedless, helter-skelter, brash, **unmindful**, punch drunk, **mad brained** or foolhardy manner, not think before acting, acting before thinking

without a mind of one's own

1. easily persuaded or lead, too flexible

Without a mind of his own, he can easily be controlled.

2. (more stylized/formal) malleable, pliable, susceptible, pliant, compliant, gullible, governable

3. (less formal to informal) wishy-washy, likely to be taken in, be born yesterday

to be a load off one's mind

to be a load off one's mind, be no longer a worry, of importance, regard, consideration or concern

Now that he's home, that **is a load off my mind**.

to be a mind blower

1. that which is a wonder, marvel or phenomenon, that which is astounding, amazing, baffling, confusing or staggering

The results **were**, to say the least, **a mind blower**.

2. (informal) to be flooring, one in a thousand, rare gem, paralyzing, flabbergasting, one in a million, find, one of a kind, something to write home about, mystifying

to be a mind boggler

1. to be that which is miracle, jarring, wonder, perplexing, marvel, surprising or phenomenon
2. (informal) that which is a rare bird, **mind blower**, really something, quite a thing, one, **mind boggler**, something to shout about, one of a kind

to be a mind reader

to be able to discern or guess the thoughts, ideas, sentiments or feelings of others

I do believe that my mother **is a mind reader**.

to be a weight off one's mind

to be no longer a worry, of importance, regard, consideration or concern

Now that he's home, that **is a weight off my mind**.

to be able to put one's mind to rest

to stop worrying, be a load or weight off one's mind, be no longer a worry, of importance, regard, consideration or concern

Because you gave it your best, you **can put your mind to rest**.

to be able to read one's mind

to be able to discern the thoughts of others without either speaking

We know each other so well that we **are able to read each other's mind**.

to be able to put (something) right out of one's mind

to be able to stop worrying over or thinking about something

You **can put it right out of your mind**; everything is okay.

to be all in one's mind

to believe or feel something that only exists in one's imagination

What I thought happened, didn't happen. It **was all in my head**.

to be at the back of one's mind

to be in one's thoughts but not an immediate or top priority

She's **been in the back of my mind** for awhile now.

I think I'll call her.

to be bored out of one's mind

to be very or extremely bored, bored stiff, to tears or to death, be tedious, dry-as-dust

I **am bored out of my mind**.

to be clear in one's own mind

to be sure of, not to be confused about

I **am clear in my own mind** who is wrong in this situation.

to be driven out of one's mind

1. to cause someone to go crazy or insane

What he was saying **was driving me out of my mind.**

2. (slang) to drive one stark raving mad or **out of one's head**, make one become mad as a hatter or a March hare

to be drunk out of one's mind

1. to be so drunk or intoxicated that one does not know what one is doing

Friday night I **was drunk out of my mind.**

2. (more stylized/formal) to be inebriated, inebriate, sodden, intoxicated, besotted
3. (less formal to slang) to be under the table, stupefied, lit up, three sheets to the wind, blind, stinking or dead drunk, out of it, loaded, plastered, fried, stewed, smashed, blitzed, canned

to be easy in one's mind about

to be at peace or comfortable with, come to terms with

I **am easy in my mind about** what happened.

to be just in one's mind

to believe or feel something that only exists in one's imagination, be a figment of one's imagination

Our relationship **was just in my mind.** It never really existed.

to be in good mind

to be full of confidence, self-confidence or self-assurance

In area of the business, I **am in good mind**.

to be in one's right mind

1. to be stable, lucid, normal, balance, sane, rational, sound or right minded

I **am** now **in my right mind** so it would be better if you leave.

2. (more stylized/formal) to be of sound mind, possessing one's faculties, sound, mentally competent, of sound judgement or in possession of all one's senses
3. (less formal to informal) to be all there, have all one's marbles, be right

to be mind-deadening

1. to be dull, boring, dry-as-dust, deadening or **mind-numbing**

This movie **is mind-numbing**.

2. (more stylized/formal) monotonous, prosaic, barren, sapless insipid, jejune, unanimated, arid, banal, uninteresting, tedious or vapid
3. (less formal to informal) dry-as-dust, dead, colorless, yawn-making, blah or humdrum

to be mind-numbing

1. to be boring to the extreme, dry, flat dull or very boring
I'm leaving. This movie **is mind-numbing**.
2. (more stylized/formal) to be uninteresting, prosaic, barren, sapless insipid, jejune, unanimated, arid, banal, tedious or vapid
3. (less formal to informal) to be dry-as-dust, dead, yawn-making,

blah or humdrum

to be mind-numbingly boring

1. to be boring to the extreme, dull, very boring, dry or flat
I have to drop this class; it **is** too **mind-numbingly boring**.
2. (more stylized/formal) to be insipid, jejune, unanimated, arid, banal, tedious, vapid, uninteresting, prosaic, barren or sapless
3. (less formal to informal) to be yawn-making, dry-as-dust, dead, blah or humdrum

to be no doubt in one's mind

to totally and completely believe, not be in doubt at all about, not doubt or question, not entertain any doubts, have no uncertainty

There **is no doubt in my mind** that she will be back.

to be no question in one's mind

to not be in doubt at all about, have no uncertainty, doubt or question, not entertain any doubts, totally and completely believe

There **is no question in my mind** that he is guilty.

to be of a mind to

to be partial, prone, inclined, apt, disposed or predisposed to, have the intention to

I **am of a mind to** call my mother tonight.

to be of like mind

to be in total agreement with or in accord, think or act in a manner which is similar, alike or the same, be like minded

My husband and I **are of like mind** on this matter. There's nothing

more to discuss.

to be of one mind

to be in total agreement or in accord, think alike, concur, comport conform, or be in unison with

My husband and I **are of one mind** on this matter.
There's nothing more to discuss.

to be of sound mind

1. to be unbalanced, not possessing, all of one's faculties not rational, sane or balanced,

If you **are of sound mind**, there is nothing you can't do.

2. (more stylized/formal) to not be sound, mentally competent or lucid be unable to reason
3. (less formal to informal) to not be all there, **not in one's right mind**, not to have all one's marbles, be clearheaded

to be of sound mind and body

to have a healthy, fit, cogent mind, be physically and mentally healthy

I **am of sound mind and body**; therefore, I can make my own decisions.

to be on one's mind

to be unable to forget someone almost to the point of obsession, be in the grips of, **be in one's blood**, be bedeviled or bewitched

When she is out playing, she **is** always **on my mind**.

(to be) one's view in mind

to be one's goal, intent, aim, intention, object, objective or end

My view in mind is to get out of here alive.

to be one of the great minds

1. to be a genius, great thinker, master, mastermind
She **is one of the great minds** of the twentieth century.
2. (slang) to be a wizard, whiz, crackerjack, brain, an Einstein, mental giant

to be of the same mind

to be in total agreement, concur, agree, be in accord, have an understanding

It took quite a long time but we **are** now **of the same mind** on what needs to be done.

to be of two minds

1. to not be able to make a decision or **make up one's mind**, be undecided, **not know one's own mind**, am

Frankly, I'm of both minds; therefore, I don't know what to do.
2. to be uncertain, ambivalent, indecisive, vacillating or unresolved
3. to have feet in both camps, blow hot and cold, shilly-shally, straddling the fence

to be on someone's mind

1. to be in one's thoughts, be thinking about

My mother has **been on my mind all day**. I wonder if something is wrong?

2. to be thinking and worrying about, be preoccupied with

You've **been on my mind** all day. We have to get this problem between us solved.

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to be out of one's mind

1. to be irate, ranting, crazed, beside oneself, not rational, frantic, rabid or out of control

As a result of him winning the election, I **am out of mind** with worry.

2. (more stylized/formal) to be incensed, enraged, wrathful, ireful, infuriated, distraught, overwrought, rabid, mad, uncontrollable or frenetic
3. (less formal to informal) to be **out of one's head**, **foaming at the mouth**, wild or berserk

to be still of the same mind

to not have changed one's ideas, opinions, or way of thinking

Despite all of his experience, he **is still of the same mind**.

to be stoned out of one's mind

1. to be so high on drugs or drug-affected

You can not drive right now. You **are stoned out of your mind.**

2. (more stylized/ formal) to be intoxicated
3. (less formal to informal) to be high as a kite, feeling no pain, out of it, mellow, feeling good

to be sure in one's own mind

1. to be confident, have no doubts or questions, be sure or positive, convinced, free from doubt or decided

It is not always good to **be so sure in one's own mind.**

2. (more stylized/ formal) presumptuous, dogmatic, undoubting, unquestioning, resolute, absolute or unwavering
3. to be sure of oneself, cocksure, pretty damned sure or sold

to be the furthest thing on one's mind

not to be what was thinking about when something was said or done, not to be thinking about, not be one's intention

Insulting you **was the furthest thing on my mind.**

to be the last thing on one's own mind

to not be what one would normally think about, be the furthest thing on one's mind

Asking you for help **was the last thing on my mind.**

to be unable to make up one's mind

1. to be undecided, **not know one's own mind, be of two minds,**

not be able to make a decision, be still be open

I don't know when and how but right now I haven't **been able to make up my mind.**

2. to be unsettled, uncertain, ambivalent, indecisive, vacillating, unresolved, fluctuating, diffident, infirm of purpose or irresolute
3. to blow hot and cold, shilly-shally, straddling the fence, be wishy-washy, be fickle, have feet in both camps

to be uneasy in one's mind about

1. to be anxious uncomfortable, rattled, troubled, or restless with

I **am uneasy in my mind about** everything that has happened.

2. (more stylized/ formal) to be unquiet, flustered, apprehensive, discomposed, perturbed or restive
3. (less formal to informal) to be queasy, disquieted, ill-at-ease, fidgety, edgy, ruffled, jumpy or jittery about

to be uppermost in one's mind

to not be able to forget, be ruled, gripped or monopolized by an idea or thought, be uppermost in one's thoughts, **not be able get out of one's mind**

Ever since I met him, he has **been uppermost in my mind.**

to be without a mind of one's own

1. to be easily persuaded or lead, too flexible

He can not be depended on, he **is without a mind of his own**.

2. (more stylized/formal) to be malleable, pliable, susceptible, pliant, compliant, gullible or governable
3. (less formal to informal) to be wishy-washy, likely to be taken in, be born yesterday

to bear in mind

to be aware, conscious or cognizant of, remember, not forget, keep in mind, be mindful of

You must always **bear in mind** that you determine how you are treated.

to block out of one's mind

to force oneself to stop thinking about, purposely not think about, **push out of one's mind**, not think about, force one to forget, **push** or **get out of one's mind**

I am desperately looking for a way to **block** him **out of my mind**.

to blow one's mind

1. to astound, overwhelm, daze, stagger, take back

His behavior always **blow my mind**.

2. (less formal to informal) to bowl over, knock for a loop, jar, give one a turn

to boggle one's mind

1. to astound, stun, shake, overwhelm, stagger, astonish, flabbergast

So much money does indeed **boggle one's mind**.

2. (less formal to informal) to blow away, snow, dumbfound, flummox, **blow one's mind**

to boggle the mind

1. to astound, stun, shake, overwhelm, stagger, astonish, flabbergast

So much money does indeed **boggle the mind**.

2. to blow away, snow, dumbfound, flummox, blow one's mind

to bore out of one's mind

1. to be lifeless, boring to the extreme, dull, very boring, dry or flat

I have to drop this class; it **is** too **mind-numbingly boring**.

2. (more stylized/formal) to be monotonous, banal, tedious, vapid, uninteresting, insipid, jejune, unanimated, arid, prosaic, barren or sapless

3. (less formal to informal) to be yawn-making, dry-as-dust, ho-hum, dead, blah or humdrum

to bring one's mind to bear on

to make one think about, meditate, deliberate, reflect, concentrate or ponder on

I **brought my mind to bear on** the problem at hand.

to bring to mind

to rekindle, remember, refresh memory, fan the embers, call or conjure up, recall

This story **brings to minds** so many different aspects of my life.

to broaden the mind

to widen or open up one's way of thinking, develop new interest, become intellectually curious, expand or open up one's mind

It is important to **broaden the mind** when one is living abroad.

to broaden one's mind

to develop intellectual curiosity, develop new interest, become intellectually curious, widen or open up one's way of thinking

Reading these works has helped to **broaden my mind**.

to call to mind

to remember, recall, recollect, make one think about or remember

Seeing you **calls to mind** so many things.

to cast one's mind back

to make one remember or recollect, think about, meditate or ponder on the past

Every so often I like to **cast my mind back** to when I was a child.

to change minds

to work to convince people to think differently, successfully modify, alter or switch ideas, opinions or assumptions

To **change minds**, one must also change.

to change one's mind

1. to change one's opinion, idea or way of thinking, make a 180 degree turn, alter or modify one's view, viewpoint, point of view or assumptions

I've **changed my mind**. I can't go.

2. (more stylized/ formal) to renounce, renege, retract, falter, shift, vacillate, oscillate
3. (less formal to informal) to **do an about face**, **make an about about face**, **change one's side**, flip-flop, pull a 180 degree, do a flip flop

to close one's mind to

to **turn a blind eye to**, **turn a deaf ear to**, **shut one's eyes to**, pay no heed to, ignore, snub, **turn one's back on**

I know that you do not agree but you can not **close your mind to** what has happened.

to come into one's mind

to suddenly begin thinking about, **bring** or **come to mind**

I don't know but when I entered the room, Lena **came into my mind**.

to come to mind

1. to suddenly remember or think of someone, just remember, or recall, have one's memory triggered, occur to, realize, dawn on one

The minute that I smelled the perfume, my mother **came to mind**.

2. (more stylistic/ formal) to return to thoughts to the past, review, recall, recollect, **recall to mind**, reminisce, retrospect
3. (informal) to **flash upon the inner eye**, **come to mind**, **pop into one's mind**, **enter one's head**, strike, **flash across one's mind**, **pass through one's mind**, **come into one's head**, **bring to mind**, **cross one's mind**

to come to mind

come to, hit, strike, **cross one's mind**, come into one's consciousness, to occur to one, occur to one, **enter one's head** or thoughts, think about, suggest itself to

Frankly, doing it that way, it didn't **come to mind**.

to cross one's mind

to occur to one, think about, suggest itself to, come to, hit, strike, **come to mind**, come into one's consciousness, occur to one, **enter one's head** or thoughts

It just **crossed my mind** that he doesn't know anything. Is that possible?

to develop one's mind

to learn, develop one's intelligent, become intellectually curious, widen or open up one's way of thinking

What I want to do is to **develop my mind** as much as possible.

to develop the mind

to broaden or stretch one's way of thinking, learn, develop one's intelligent, become intellectually curious

The job of the schools is to **develop the mind** of their students.

to direct one's mind

to think about, **trouble one's head about, mind**, see or attend to, concentrate on, give a thought to

When are you going to **direct your mind** to the problem at hand.

to direct the mind

to see or attend to, concentrate on, give a thought to, think

about, **trouble one's head about, mind**

It is time to **direct the mind** to what is important.

(to do) with something in mind

to do while taking in consideration something or someone else

She **spoke** softly **with the children in mind**.

to ease one's mind

to help one from worrying about, put or set at ease, sooth, settle one's doubt, put one's doubts or fears to rest, assure, reassure

I stayed with her to **ease her mind**. She worries much too much.

to enter one's mind

to come into one's consciousness, occur to one, **enter one's head** or thoughts, **come to mind**, suddenly begin thinking about

Guess what? It just **entered my mind** that he is probably unaware of anything that is happening.

to expand one's mind

to become intellectually curious, develop new interest, widen or open up one's way of thinking, develop intellectual curiosity

Reading these works has helped to **expand my mind**.

to be fixed in one's mind

to stay, not be able to forget, **not be able to get out of one's mind**, **stick in one's mind**, stay with one, **be anchored or in one's mind**

What happened has **been fixed in my mind** since that day.

to get one's mind off of

to purposely look for ways to not think about something, divert one's thoughts, distract or occupy oneself to not think

I'm listening to music to **get my mind off of** what's waiting for home.

to get out of one's mind

to force or obligate oneself to stop thinking about, divert one's thoughts, distract oneself from recalling an experience or person

I am desperately looking for a way to **get him out of my mind**.

to give one a piece of one's mind

to let one's dissatisfaction, anger, irritation, rage or fury be known, not bite one's tongue, give what for, lambaste, let one have it

I **gave her a piece of my mind** so that she would know what I thought.

to give one's mind to

1. to think about, think over, ruminate, consider

Once she **gave her mind to** the project, I knew that everything was going to alright.

2. to commit, dedicate or devote oneself to

He has yet to **give his mind to** work.

to go clear out of one's mind

to escape one, completely and totally forget, no longer or cease to remember, fail to recall, have slip one's mind

It **went clear out of my mind**. Something like that has never happened before.

to go over in one's mind

to think about or over something; reflect, ponder, meditate on

She keeps **going over** the incident **in her mind**.

to go out of one's mind

1. to be crazy, insane, mentally unbalance, no longer sane

She **went out of her mind** when she found out what he had done.

2. to be distraught, out of control, bewildered, worked up, at one's wit's end, raving, hysterical, go berserk

She **went out of her mind** and ran out of the house when she saw them together.

to go out of one's mind with

to be distraught, frantic, at one's wit's end, maniacal, beside oneself or overwhelm with

I've been **going out of my mind with** worry. Where are you?

to go quite out of one's mind

to completely forget, **have slipped one's mind**, **no longer remember**, draw a blank, have escape one, **go right out of one's mind**

It **went quite of my mind**. Sorry!

to go right out of one's mind

to **have slipped one's mind**, no longer remember, draw a blank, have escape one, **go right out of one's mind**, completely forget

It **went right out of my mind**. I mean that I completely and totally forgot.

to grip the mind

to engage, absorb, captivate, arrest preoccupation, occupy the mind, enwrap, hold spellbound

When an idea **grips the mind**, you can forget everything else.

to haunt one's mind

to be obsessed, haunted, preoccupied, bedeviled, plagued, gripped or controlled by an idea, person or thought, haunt one's thoughts

From the day he left me, he has haunted my mind.

to have a broad mind

to be open to suggestions or receptive, be willing to hear, and may be even accept, other views and other perspectives, broad, thinking, amendable or open-minded

One of the reasons that I like him so much is that he **has a broad mind**.

to have a closed mind

to not be opened to other perspective or viewpoints, have a narrow mind, be closed or narrow minded, be biased, intolerant or locked-in

You're wasting your time because he **has a closed mind**.

to have a devious mind

to be a person who is devious, scheming, plotting, sneaky, deceitful, disingenuous or underhanded

I don't know why you trust him. Can't you see that he **has a devious mind**.

to have a first-rate mind

1. to be very intelligent, well-endowed, smart, quick, quick-witted, sharp, sharp-witted

He might not be the nicest person but no one can deny that **he has a first-rate mind.**

2. (less formal/informal) be sharp as a tack, top flight, first-rate, topnotch, top drawer, crack or second to none

to have a good mind to

1. to not be very serious about doing, make an empty threat to show one's disapproval or objection

I **have a good mind to** ask him to leave.

2. to be inclined, partial, apt or **of a mind to**
I **have a good mind to** leave the U.S. and go live in Europe.

to have a lot on one's mind

to be thinking, worrying, ruminating or engrossed about

I'm really not in any mood to go out to celebrate; I **have a lot on my mind** right now.

to have a mean mind

to be bigoted, partial or insular, **be closed** or **narrow minded**, be closed, biased, intolerant or locked-in, **be small, narrow** or **little minded**

If you really want to know, I think that your problem is that you **have a mean mind.**

to have a meeting of the minds

1. to be in agreement, accordance, concurrence or concordance with one another

We finally **had a meeting of the minds**.

2. to have a consensus, unanimity or unison

We will never adjourn if we do not **have a meeting of the minds**.

to have a mind as sharp as a razor

1. to be intelligent, discerning, penetrating, perceptive, percipient, insightful

One of the reasons that I like him is that he **has a mind as sharp as a razor**.

2. (more stylized/formal) to be astute, shrewd, savvy or keen
3. (less formal/ informal) to be top drawer, topnotch, crackerjack, on the ball or whiz
4. (slang) to be sharp witted, sharp as a tack, sharp or quick witted

to have a mind like a cesspit

to be pornographic, raunchy or lewd, **have a mind like a cesspool**

I wouldn't trust him with my grandmother, let alone my children. He **has a mind like a cesspit**.

to have a mind like a cesspool

to be dirty, obscene, off-color or bawdy, **have a mind like a sewer**

I don't trust anyone who **has a mind like a cesspool**.

to have a mind like a sewer

to be perverted, dirty, lecherous or obscene, **have a mind like a cesspit** or **cesspool**

Why do you **have a mind like a sewer**?

to have a mind like a steel-trap

1. to be intelligent, discerning, penetrating, perceptive, percipient or insightful

Don't even try it; she **has a mind like a steel trap**.
She'll chew you up and spit you out.

2. (less formal/informal) to be adroit, deft, smart or wide-awake

to have a mind of one's own

1. to make one's own decision without being overly influenced by others, follow one's own advice, hold one's own, depend on oneself rather than others

I **have a mind of my own** so you can save your breath.

2. a subordinate or thing which is not easily controlled or dominated, be in the driver's seat, be the master of the situation

This computer seems to **have a mind of one's own**.

to have a mind to do

to be apt, inclined, disposed, tending or leaning toward or prone to

I **have a mind to** call him and quit.

to have a narrow mind

to be prejudiced, be closed or narrow minded, be closed, biased, intolerant or locked-in, be small, mean or little minded

Because he **has a narrow mind**, he won't change his vote.

to have a one-track mind

to think about one thing to the exclusion of all other things, not being able or willing to cope with more than one idea at a time

As always, you are only thinking about sex; you **have** such a **one-track mind**.

to have a mind for

to have a knack, talent, proclivity, turn, tendency, flair, gift, endowment or bent

Ever since I can remember, he has **had a mind for** the sciences.

to have a presence of mind

to be composed, level-headed, calm, self-controlled, collect, cool-headed, have one's wits together

Because he **has a presence of mind**, he can face any situation calmly.

to have a quick mind

to be very intelligent or smart, to be able to **think on one's feet**

If I were you, I wouldn't try to challenge him. He **has a quick mind**.

to have a razor-sharp mind

1. to be intelligent, discerning, penetrating, perceptive, percipient or insightful

She's going to give you a fight because she **has a razor-sharp mind.**

2. to be astute, shrewd, savvy or keen
3. (informal to slang) to be top drawer, topnotch, crackerjack, on the ball, sharp witted, sharp as a tack, sharp or quick wit

to have a well tuned mind

1. to be discerning, penetrating, insightful, perceptive, intelligent or percipient

One of the reasons that I like him is that he **has a well-tuned mind.**

2. (more stylized/formal) to be savvy, keen, astute or shrewd
3. (less formal/ informal) to be a crackerjack, on the ball, top drawer or topnotch, be a whiz
4. (slang) to be sharp as a tack, sharp, sharp or quick witted

to have already someone in mind

to already be considering someone for something, already be considering a candidate

I **already have someone in mind** for the job.
I'll let you know if it works out.

to have an evil minded

to be bad, malignant, corrupt, unscrupulous, malevolent depraved, degenerate, malicious, evil-intentioned, disposed or base

She has an **evil-mind**; therefore, I don't know what you expect.

to have an open mind

to be willing to hear, and may be even accept, other views and other perspectives, be open to suggestions, receptive, broad-minded, amendable or open

You should always **have an open mind**. You never know but you maybe wrong.

to have half mind to

1. to not be very serious about doing, make an empty threat to show one's disapproval or objection

I have **half a mind to** get revenge on him for this.

2. to consider, weigh, contemplate or turn one's mind over doing
I have **half a mind to** investigate the charges of fraud.

to have imprinted on one's mind

to not be able to forget or wipe out of one's mind

Her birth has been imprinted on my mind.

to have it in mind to do something

to consider look into, see to, pay mind to, give a thought to or think about doing something

Because I still don't understand her reasoning, I **have it in mind to talk** to her about concern.

to have no mind to

to not have in mind, not intend to do, not have in view, not to aim or drive at

I'm very sorry because I **had no mind to** hurt him the way that I did.

(to have) one's mind go blank

1. to lose one's train of thought, no longer remember what one was doing or saying

I just forgot what I was saying but **my mind went blank**.

2. to completely forget, **slip one's mind**, have escape one, draw a blank

When I went to take my history exam, **my mind went totally blank**.

(to have) one's mind going

1. to think, think about, mull over, concentrate or focus on

Now that he understand, his mind is really going.

2. (less formal to informal) to brew, hatch, cudgel one's brain, put on one's thinking cap, **use one's head**

(to have) **no doubt in one's mind**

to have no doubt about, be sold on, be certain, positive, absolute or beyond question, be without a doubt, be indisputable or undisputable

There's **no doubt in one's mind** that he is guilty.

to have one's mind on

1. to be immersed or engrossed in, think about, deliberate, reflect, dwell or focus on, be preoccupied or worried about

I **have my mind on** my family and how they are faring in the war.

2. (more stylistic/ formal) to ruminate, deliberate, muse on
contemplate, ponder, give thought to, mull over, cogitate, weigh,
mediate on, cerebration, brood or mull over
3. (less formal/ informal) **put one's mind to, turn over in one's
mind**, get lost in thought, to chew over, kick over, put on one's
thinking cap, **have one's mind on**

to have one's mind on many things

to be thinking about, mulling, brooding or ruminating over, ponder
or kicking around a number of things

I **have my mind on** so **many things** that I can't
concentrate on anything.

to have peace of mind

to not be worried or concerned, be at peace or contented with,
resign or reconcile oneself to

Now that I know, I **have peace of mind**.

to have slipped one's mind

to forget, have escaped one, fail to or not remember

The fact that you are not an American **has** completely **slipped
my mind**.

to have someone or something in mind

to be considering, thinking about, giving thought to a particular person
or plan for a particular purpose

I don't want to audition anyone. I already **have someone in mind**
for the part.

to have something on one's mind

to be worried, disturbed, bothered, irritated or perplexed

It is obvious that you **have something on your mind**. What do you want to say to me?

to have the presence of mind

1. to be sane, rational, lucid, clear minded, all there or right minded

Right now I don't **have the presence of mind** to do anything.

2. to have the intelligence, quickness, wits about oneself

Thank God that I **had the presence of mind** not to fall into his trap.

to keep an open mind

to not jump to conclusions, not jump the gun, remain open, receptive, broad or **broad-minded**

You should always **keep an open mind**.

to keep in mind

to bear in mind, be aware of, keep alive, conscious or present in one's mind, never forget,

Keep in mind that I will always be by your side.

to keep one's mind off of

to purposely look for ways to not think about, distract or deflect one's mind, keep out of one's head

I'm listening to music to **keep my mind off of** what's waiting

for home.

to keep one's mind on

to continuing thinking about, pondering or concentrating one's attention on

I'm going to **keep my mind on** this until I solve the problem.

to know one's own mind

to be certain, confident, self-assured, secure, in touch with oneself, be free from doubt

It doesn't matter what you say, I **know my own mind**.

to leap to mind

to suddenly think about, all of a sudden remember or recall

John suddenly **leaped to mind**. How strange.

to let one's mind run on

to kick around an idea or ideas, think about, toy or flirt with an idea or ideas, **let one's mind wander**, not control one's thoughts

When I am walking by myself, I **let my mind run on**.

to lose one's mind

1. to go crazy or insane, become mentally unbalance, demented, mad, lunatic or deranged

She **lost her mind** when she found out what he did.

2. (slang) to go off one's rocker or off one's trolley, become daffy or screwy, have a few loose screws or few buttons missing

3. *(Latin) non compos mentis*
4. to be distraught, hysterical, out of one's head or out of control

She **lost her mind** and ran out of the house when she saw them together.

to love to watch how one's mind works

To be pulled, fascinated, captured or intrigued by one's way of thinking.

John is so different that I love to watch **how his mind works**.

to maintain an open mind

to be willing to hear or consider, and may be even accept, other views and other perspectives, keep an open mind, remain open

You should always **maintain an open mind**.

to make one's mind go back

to have an experience or person make one remember, recall, reminisce, muse, look back on, think back to

Seeing you in that dress **makes my mind go back** to another time.

to make up one's mind's

1. to decide, reach a decision, come to a decision, make one's choice, opt for, decide upon

I **made up my mind** and the answer is no.

2. to become purposeful, unwavering, determined, deliberate, intent, resolute, resolved or fixed to do

I **made up my mind** that you're not going to leave here

and you're not!

3. (less formal/ informal)to become earnest, hellbent, dogged or bent on to do, do or die

to mastermind

1. to contrive, think up, come up with

Although he never got the credit, he **masterminded** the idea.

2. to have a bright idea, hatch or dream up
3. to mold, develop, design, frame, devise, innovate
4. to originate, innovate, found, instigate, inaugurate, launch
5. to create, author, invent, generate, make
6. to execute, carry out, engineer, direct, guide, lead
7. to take charge, oversee, run the show, administer, call the plays, quarterback

to mind

1. to attend, give one's attention to, pay attention to, listen to, see, observe, watch

Mind my words; it's not over.

2. to obey, follow, adhere to, respect, heed

If you do not **mind** me, you will pay the consequences.

3. to attend, watch, look after, take care of, care for, **keep an eye on**

Can you **mind** the children while I run to the store.

4. guard, watch, **keep a wary eye on**, guard or watch over, police, keep under surveillance

Mind him; he can't be trusted.

5. to care, care about, be concerned or preoccupied about

I do **mind** where and how you live.

6. to remember, recall, recollect

I **mind** the day when I first came here.

to mind one's own beeswax

to not investigate or ask questions about others' life not, not be preoccupied or involved in other's affairs, not be busy or with what others are or are not doing

It's about time that you **mind your own beeswax**.

to mind one's own business

1. to not concern oneself with other's affairs, not involve oneself

in what others are doing, not investigate or ask questions about others' life

2. (informal to slang) **to keep one's nose out of, to butt out of, mind one's own beeswax**

to mind one's manners

to behave oneself, conduct or deport oneself in an acceptable manner, toe the line or the mark

When we go out with your grandmother, I want you to **mind your manners**.

to mind one's p's and q's

to comport, behave or acquit oneself, **toe the line** or **the mark**, conduct or deport oneself in an acceptable manner

It is time that you **mind your p's and q's**.

to mind the store

to take care or be in charge of while the owner or caretaker is gone, be responsible for, be in custody or in safe-keeping of

While I am in Europe, I hope that you will **mind the store** until I get back.

to not be able to call to mind

to not be able to remember, recall or recollect

I **can not call to mind** his name.

to not be able to get out of one's mind

to not be able to forget, be ruled, gripped or monopolized by an idea or thought, **be uppermost in one's mind** or thoughts

I have tried but I **can't get him out of mind.**

to not be able to make up one's mind

to be indecisive, hem and haw, hesitate, waver, not know one's own mind, **be of two minds**, hedge, quibble, go back and forth

Call me later. Right now, I **am not able to make up my mind.**

to not be in one's right mind

1. to be touched, crazy, deranged, of unsound mind, unbalanced, not quite right or insane

He does not know what he's doing; he **is not in his right mind.**

2. (less formal to slang) to be off one's rocker or chump, have a few buttons missing or a few loose screws, off the wall, not all there, not right upstairs
3. to be emotionally, physically, or mentally overwhelmed, hysterical, be beside oneself, out of control

She hasn't slept for days; she **is not in her right mind.**

(to not have) **one's mind on**

to not be thinking about, heeding or paying attention to what one is doing, be distracted or oblivious

I can't concentrate on this right now. **My mind is on** my sons and his problems.

to not know one's own mind

to be of two minds, not be sure, confident, decided or unhesitating, be undecided, irresolute or ambivalent

Your problem is that you **do not know your own mind.**

to not mind ...

1. to not be bothered or annoyed doing something

You are my best friend. Of course I **don't mind** watching your dog for the afternoon.

2. to not care, be indifferent, apathetic or unconcerned

I **don't mind** what they say; I believe that I'm right.

to not mind that ...

to not be bothered, annoyed or irritated that, not care that

I **don't mind that** you don't arrive until problem.

to occupy one's mind

to engage, absorb, captivate, arrest preoccupy, grip the mind, enwrap, hold, spellbound

So that the children will not get in trouble, you have to **occupy their mind**.

to occupy the mind

to absorb, consume, engage wholly or seize the mind

The election completely **occupied the mind** like nothing this country has experienced before.

to pass through one's mind

to **enter one's head**, occur, think about, **come into one's head**, **cross one's mind**, hit or strike on

It never **passed through my mind** to kill her.

to pay no mind to

1. to ignore, pay no attention to, act like one is not present, overlook, take no notice of, neglect, dismiss

The best thing you can do is to **pay no mind to** her.

2. (more stylized/ formal) disregard, pay no heed to, slight, be inattentive to
3. (less formal/informal) to snub, pretend not to see, give the cold shoulder to, **close the eyes to**

to pick someone's mind

to get, obtain or procure information from someone by getting inside one's head or mind

I would love to **pick your mind** on what you know about expressions in languages.

to picture in the mind's eye

to imagine, picture, envision, visualize, conjure or dream up

It is difficult to **picture in the mind's eye** a time when there is no longer war.

to prey on one's mind

to **not be able to get out of one's mind**, **weigh on one's mind**, be obsessed, fixated or caught up in, **be uppermost in one's mind** or thoughts

What happened to me **preys on my mind**.

to preoccupy the mind

to grip, consume, hold, engross, captivate seize, arrest or rivet the mind

This election has **preoccupied the mind** like nothing ever has.

to push out of one's mind

to force oneself to stop thinking about, not think about, force one to forget, **block** or **get out of one's mind**

I am desperately looking for a way to **push him out of my mind**.

to put it in one's mind's

to start or make one think about

He **put it in her mind** that she can not live without him.

to put one in mind of

to remind one of, make one remember or recall

Seeing him enjoy life so much puts me in mind of when I was younger.

to put one's mind at ease

to quiet, calm, lead one to believe, sooth, settle one's doubt, put one's doubts or fears to rest, assure

His words **put her mind at ease**.

to put one's mind at rest

to tranquilize, lighten, quiet, disencumber, alleviate, console, relieve, calm, sooth, unburden

After talking to him, I was able to **put my mind at rest**.

to put one's mind to

to brood over, muse or deliberate on, ruminate, think about, **have one's mind on**, give thought to, give attention to

You need to **put your mind to** this. Nothing will do.

to read one's mind

to be able to know, decipher or figure out the thoughts, ideas, sentiments or feelings of others

I do believe that my mother can **read my mind**.

to remain fixed in one's mind

to stay, not be able to forget, **not be able to get out of one's mind**, **stick in one's mind**, stay with one, **be anchored or in one's mind**

What happened has **remained fixed in my mind**.

to seize the mind

to engage, absorb, captivate, arrest preoccupation, grip the mind, enwrap, hold spellbound

Once an idea **seizes the mind**, there is nothing that can change it. Forget logic.

to set one's mind at ease

to relieve, disburden, ease, alleviate, lighten, mollify, disencumber, console, set at ease, smooth

Now that she knows, it is my goal to **set her mind at ease**.

to set one's mind at rest

to unburden, pacify, calm, mitigate, assure, solace, lighten, lessen, assure, lessen the load, disburden, make one breathe easier

Thank you, I'm feeling much better. You have helped **set my mind at rest**.

to set one's mind to something

to be determined, fixed, pinpointed or zeroed in to do something

Because I've already set my mind to this, it's only a matter of time until I solve this problem.

to slip one's mind

to fail to or not remember, forget, have escaped one

It totally **slipped my mind** that we had a date tonight.

to speak one's mind

to say what one really thinks, not bite one's tongue, be frank, candid or plain-spoken

It's about that stands up and **speaks his mind**.

to spring to mind

to suddenly or abruptly begin thinking about, all of sudden remember or recall

John suddenly **sprang to mind**. How strange.

to stick in one's mind

to stay, not be able to forget, **not be able to get out of one's mind**, stay with one, be **anchored or fixed in one's mind**

The picture of the body of the little girl **sticks in my mind**.

to stretch the mind

to increase one's knowledge base, become intellectually curious, widen or open up one's way of thinking, develop new interest, expand or **open up one's mind**

It is not easy to **stretch the mind** when one feels threaten.

to stretch one's mind

to develop intellectual curiosity, develop new interest, increase or

enlarge one's knowledge base, become intellectually curious, widen or open up one's way of thinking

My goal in life is to **stretch my mind**.

to take a load off one's mind

to be a relief, alleviate, make one breathe easier, unburden, disburden, relieve, relax, stop worrying

When I told her the truth, it took a **load off my mind**.

to take one's mind off of

to purposely look for ways to not think of or about, to stop thinking about, **put out of one's mind**

I'm listening to music to **take my mind off of** what's waiting for home.

to try to put one out of one's mind

to try stop worrying or thinking about, try to forget or not recall

Try to put it out of your mind. It's not worth worrying about.

to turn over in one's mind

1. to think about, consider, think over, entertain the idea of

I have been **turning over in my mind** what you've been saying.

2. (more stylistic/ formal) to give thought to, mull over, cogitate, weigh, ruminate, deliberate, muse, contemplate, ponder, mediate on, cerebration

3. (less formal/informal) to chew over, kick over, **put one's mind to, turn over in one's mind**, get lost in thought, put on one's thinking cap, **have one's mind on**

to weigh on one's mind

to trouble, burden, worry, torment, disturb, make one get gray hair, fret, lose sleep over

What we did **weighs on my mind**. I don't think that I will ever stop worrying.

to widen the mind

to **expand** or **open up one's mind**, broaden, widen or open up one's way of thinking, develop new interest, become intellectually curious

It is important to **widen the mind** when one is living abroad.

to widen one's mind

to develop intellectual curiosity, develop new interest, become intellectually curious, widen or open up one's way of thinking

Reading these works has helped to **widen my mind**.

to win the hearts and minds of

to gain or get the support, sympathy, endorsement or sanction of, come out for you

The US failed to **win the hearts and minds of** the people that they conquered.

Do you got something particular in mind? (usually asked in the form of a question)

Do you already have an idea or plan?

Do you already have someone in mind? (usually asked in the form of a question)

Are you already thinking about someone for ...?

Do you mind?!

(said when one is annoyed about something one is doing)

Do you mind ?! I was talking to her.

Do you mind ...?

Does it bother or annoy you to do something ...

Do you mind helping me with my homework?

Do you mind if...?

Does it bother or annoy you if ...

Do you mind if Billy also comes with us?

Don't mind if I do.

Humorous way of saying 'yes'

Would you like a drink?

Don't mind if I do.

Don't mind me.

Ignore me. (I'm just being silly)

Don't mind me. What were you saying.

Great minds think alike

(said jokingly to say that one and someone else must be intelligent because they agree)

I don't mind if I do (humorous)

Humorous way of saying 'yes'

Would you like another cup of coffee.

I don't mind if I do.

I don't mind telling you ...

I would like to tell you that ..., It does not bother or annoy me to tell you that ...

I don't mind telling you that you are wrong.

I would not mind a cup of coffee, thank you.

I would like a cup of coffee, thank you.

If you are so minded...

If you are willing to ...

If you are so minded to help me, I would be very grateful.

If you don't mind!

(said in indignation) Excuse me! Please!

If you don't mind me saying that ...

If you would allow me saying that ...

If you don't mind me saying that you could have done a better job.

If you don't mind my saying that ...

If you would allow me saying that ...

If you don't mind my saying that you could have done a better job.

Make up your mind!

1. Decide! Pick!
2. (informal) Fish or cut bait!
3. (*vulgar*) *Shit or get off the pot!*

Mind my words!

Listen!

Listen to what I say (you will see that I'm right)

Mind my words. He will be back in less than a week.

Mind over matter

to do what is necessary despite how hard

It's a thing of **mind over matter**. I can do this.

Mind the store!

Watch over or look after something while I'm gone

I would really appreciate if you could **mind the store** until I get back.

Mind you call her.

Be sure to call her.

Mind you, I didn't know!

Listen, I didn't know!

Mind your behavior!

Behave!

Mind your language!

1. Watch or be careful how you speak!
2. No cursing!

Mind your own business!

Don't worry about what's not your concern or business!

Mind your P's and Q's!

Be careful and behave!

Never mind

1. It's not important

What did you say? **Never mind.** It wasn't something of life and death.

2. Don't pay attention to me.

Never mind. I'm just thinking like a crazy person.

3. It does not matter.

Never mind that your hair is wind-blown. You're still beautiful.

Never mind that!

Don't worry about that! That's not important!

Never you mind!

Don't you worry!

Never you mind that!

Don't worry about that! That's not important!

Out of sight, out of your mind!

the opposite of the expression: Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

She can't speak French never mind Spanish.

She can't speak Spanish; therefore, don't even think about her speaking French (a much more difficult language)

The mind boggles ...

the mind can not comprehend, is shocked, or flabbergasted by something

The mind boggles at so much death and destruction.

The triumph of mind over matter

to successfully control one's fears and doubts

Only with **the triumph of mind over matter** can one progress.

What's on your mind?

1. What's the matter? What's the problem?
2. What do you want to talk about?

Would you mind ...?

Would it bother or annoy you to do something ...

Would you mind helping me with my homework?

You're out of your mind!

You're crazy!

You must be out of your mind!

You're crazy!

minded

be inclined or disposed to think in a particular way

1. **business-minded**
2. **industrially-minded nation**
3. **romantically-minded**
4. **strong-minded**
5. **weak-minded**

6. **scientifically minded**
7. **liberal-minded**
8. **commercially-minded**

absent-minded

1. forgetful

The reason that she didn't come is that she is so **absent-minded**.

2. abstracted, immersed, distracted, lost in thought, daydreaming or in a trance

Because she is **absent-minded**, I doubt that she has heard you. Tell her again.

3. oblivious, unaware, unconscious, unmindful, blind, unobservant

What can I say? I am **absent-minded**.

broad-minded

1. even, even handed, impartial, disinterested, unbiased, unbigoted, fair, just, unprejudiced, equitable, objective, square

Because she is **broad-minded**, you don't have to worry about her not giving you a chance.

2. tolerant, magnanimous, comprehensive, all-inclusive, big, benevolent, liberal, compassionate, humanitarian

One of the reasons that she is willing to help is that she is **broad-minded**.

clear-minded

1. rational, lucid, **right minded**, sound, **clear** or **level headed**, sober, mentally cable, **healthy-minded**, stable

Although everyone else was hysterical, he was **clear-minded**.

2. (more stylized/ formal) competent, perceptive, prudent, cogent, discerning, in possession of one's faculties
3. (less formal/informal) right, all there, with all one's marbles
4. (*Latin*) *compos mentis*

evil minded

bad, malignant, corrupt, unscrupulous, malevolent depraved, degenerate, malicious, evil-intentioned or disposed, base, evil

She is a very **evil-minded** person.

feeble-minded

1. **weak in the head**, unsound, deficient, subnormal, impaired, unintelligent, slow-witted, dull-witted, dull

I don't know what you are expecting from such a **feeble-minded** person.

2. (less formal to slang) backward, stupid, dumb, slow, **empty** or **thick headed**, blank, nobody home, empty upstairs, thick

healthy minded

up to par, sound, sound minded, intact, being a mind which is intact, unimpaired, solid, fit, wholesome or normal, capable, up to snuff

I am happy to say that the people that I met last night were all **healthy-minded**.

high-minded

1. upstanding, lofty, noble, admirable, honorable, pure upright, worthy, good, honest, truthful, above-board, moral, **right-minded**

Because he is considered a **high-minded** person, no one will ever suspect him of anything.

2. (more stylized/ formal) conscientious, exalted, scrupulous, principled, ethical, elevated, admirable, laudable, preeminent

light-minded

1. free and easy, trivial, frivolous, airy, trifling, happy-go-lucky, feather headed, thoughtless, superficial, careless, **hare** or **rattle-brained**, bird-witted, carefree

2. (more stylized/ formal) insouciant, unconcerned, heedless

like minded

in harmony, of the same mind, think alike, of one mind, in accordance, accord, concurrence or concordance

Our relationship was doomed in that we were not at all **like-minded**.

little-minded

warped, intolerant, partial, **narrow-minded**, twisted, biased, jaundiced, narrow, blind, opinionated, parochial, dogmatic, little-person

She won't give you a chance; she is a person who is very **little-minded**.

mean minded

1. small-mind, biased, intolerant, locked-in, small, selfish, bigoted, closed, narrow minded, prejudiced, partial, insular, be closed-minded, narrow, little minded

I have never met a person who **is** so **mean minded**.

2. (more stylized/ formal) illiberal, unreasonable, ignoble, mean spirited, petty, ungenerous, disgraceful, unforgiving, invidious, malicious

narrow-minded

1. prejudiced, biased, warped, jaundiced, opinionated, sexist, racist, anti-Semitic, discriminative

I have never in my life met such a **narrow-minded** person.

2. closed-minded, closed, intolerant, unreasonable

3. insular, parochial, provincial

4. **not be able to see beyond one's own nose**

5. conservative, oppose to change, authoritarian

6. set in one's way, traditional, conventional, fundamentalist

7. (slang) strait-laced, stuffy, straight, prudish, self-righteous

8. super patriotic, chauvinistic, jingoistic, super nationalistic

noble-minded

1. good, noble, generous, idealistic, high-minded, honorable, righteous, honest, principled, reputable, ethical, admirable

I have never met a person who is **noble-minded**.

2. (more stylized/ formal) scrupulous, principled, high principled, reputable, virtuous, magnanimous, veracious, meritorious
3. (less formal/ informal) square-shooting, honest as the day is long, square, true blue

right-minded

1. right, scrupulous, honorable, principled, noble, ethical, moral, conscionable, upstanding, descent, **high-minded**

I respect him quite a bit; he is a **right-minded** person.

2. **level-headed**, lucid, cogent, stable, clearheaded, sound, **clear-minded**, balanced, normal, of sound judgement

Despite all that he has suffered, he is **right-minded** man who could always be depended on.

simple-minded

1. foolish, simple, idiotic, silly, **muddleheaded**, slow, imbecile, slow dull, half or dim witted, witless

I do not like to be around such **simple-minded** people.

2. (more stylized/ formal) witless, senseless, imbecilic, inane

3. (informal to slang) **featherbrained, crackbrained, rattlebrained,** stupid, dumb, not all there, wacky, asinine, **empty-headed**

single-minded

inflexible, unrelenting, bulldogged, not malleable, not persuadable, unswayable, tenacious, preserving, unbending, dogged, unflinching

It can be positive, but also negative, to be so **single-minded**.

small-minded

1. tight, stingy, miserly, mean, selfish, begrudging, tight or close fisted

Because she is such a **small-minded** person, she will never help you.

2. provincial, partial, arbitrary, discriminative, sexist, myopic, deaf, dumb, and blind, wearing blinkers, one-sided, close-minded

He was a **small minded** man who only thought about himself.

3. rigorous, stiff-backed, rigid, locked-in, fixed, unchanging, hard and fast, steadfast, unswerving, absolute, implacable

A **small minded** person will not change. He will keep his head in the sand.

sound minded

1. **clearheaded, level-headed,** balance, rational, **right minded, healthy-minded,** wholesome, sane, sound

You did a very good job; your son is a **sound minded** individual.

2. (more stylized/ formal) judicious, prudent, sage, discreet, thoughtful, sober, circumspect, cogent, right

weak-minded

1. **weak in the head**, deficient, subnormal, slow-witted, dull-witted, dull, **feeble minded**, weak

A **weak-minded** person will always have problems.

2. (less formal/ informal) stupid, dumb, **empty-headed**, blank, nobody home, empty upstairs, **simple-headed**, simple,

to be absent-minded

1. to be forgetful or be apt to forget

The reason that she didn't come is that she **is** so **absent-minded**.

2. to be abstracted, immersed, distracted, lost in thought, daydreaming or in a trance

Because she **is absent-minded**, I doubt that she has heard you. Tell her again.

3. oblivious, unaware, unconscious, unmindful, blind or unobservant
What can I say? I **am absent-minded**.

to be broad-minded

1. to be impartial, disinterested, unbiased, unbigoted, fair, just, unprejudiced, even, square, equitable, objective or **even handed**

To **be a broad-minded**, you don't have to worry about her not giving you a chance.

2. to be benevolent, liberal, compassionate or humanitarian, tolerant, magnanimous, comprehensive, all-inclusive or big

She **is broad-minded**; therefore, you can count on her.

to be clear-minded

1. to be **right minded**, sound, **clear** or **level headed**, sober, mentally cable, rational, lucid, **healthy-minded** or stable

At this moment I need for you to **be clear-minded**.

2. (more stylized/ formal) to be discerning, in possession of one's faculties competent, perceptive, prudent or cogent
3. (less formal/informal) to be all there, right or with all one's marbles
4. (*Latin*) *compos mentis*

to be evil minded

to be bad, malicious, evil-intentioned or disposed, base, malignant, corrupt, unscrupulous, malevolent depraved, degenerate or evil

To **be evil-minded** is to be untrustworthy.

to be fair minded

to be fair, **even handed**, unbiased, impartial, equitable, square, objective or just

It is always important that one **is fair minded**.

to be feeble-minded

1. to be dull, deficient, subnormal, impaired, **weak in the head**, unsound, unintelligent, slow-witted or dull-witted

Don't talk to me like I **am** a **feeble-minded** person.

2. (less formal to slang) nobody home, empty upstairs, thick, backward, stupid, dumb, slow, **empty** or **thick headed** or blank

to be healthy minded

to be intact, being a mind which is intact, unimpaired, up to par or snuff, sound, **sound minded**, solid, fit, wholesome or normal or capable

I really like your friends; they all seem to **be healthy-minded**.

to be high-minded

1. to be admirable, honorable, pure upright, worthy, good, honest, truthful, upstanding, lofty, noble, above-board or moral

He is a **high-minded** man who can not be bribed.

2. (more stylized/ formal) to be elevated, admirable, laudable, preeminent conscientious, exalted, scrupulous, principled or ethical

to be light minded

1. to be thoughtless, superficial, careless, **hare** or **rattle-brained**, bird-witted, carefree, free and easy, trivial, frivolous, airy, trifling, happy-go-lucky or **feather headed**

She **is** too **light minded** for my taste. I like someone more serious.

2. (more stylized/ formal) insouciant, unconcerned, heedless

to be like minded

to think alike, be **of one mind**, in accordance, accord, concurrence in harmony, **of the same mind** or concordance

I am looking for a man who **is like-minded**.

to be little-minded

to be partial, **narrow-minded**, twisted, biased, jaundiced, narrow, blind, opinionated, warped, intolerant, parochial, dogmatic

I don't understand how a person who is **little-minded** can ever succeed.

to be mean minded

1. to be locked-in, small, selfish, bigoted, closed, narrow, **little** or **narrow minded**, prejudiced, **small-mind**, biased, intolerant, partial, insular, or **closed-minded**

Forget it; she **is mean minded**; therefore, she will not help you.

2. (more stylized/ formal) ignoble, mean spirited, petty, malicious, ungenerous, disgraceful, unforgiving, illiberal, unreasonable or invidious

to be narrow-minded

1. to be sexist, racist, anti-Semitic, discriminative, prejudiced, biased, warped, jaundiced or opinionated

I understand and sympathize with you; I **am** not as **narrow-minded** as you think.

2. to be intolerant, unreasonable, **closed-minded** or closed

3. to be insular, parochial or provincial

4. (slang) **not be able to see beyond one's own nose**

5. to be oppose to change, conservative or authoritarian

6. to be traditional, conventional, fundamentalist or set in one's way

7. (slang) to be stuffy, self-righteous, straight, prudish or

strait-laced

8. to be chauvinistic, super nationalistic, jingoistic or super patriotic

to be noble-minded

1. to be idealistic, high-minded, honorable, righteous, honest, principled, reputable, generous, ethical, admirable, good or noble

All I, and need to, say is that he **is noble-minded**.

2. (more stylized/ formal) to be reputable, virtuous, magnanimous, veracious, meritorious, scrupulous, principled or high principled
3. (less formal/ informal) to be square, true blue, square-shooting, honest as the day is long

to be right-minded

1. to be honorable, principled, noble, ethical, moral, conscionable, upstanding, descent, **high-minded**, right or scrupulous

He can be trusted and believe as he is a **right-minded** person.

2. to be sound, **clear-minded**, balanced, normal, of sound judgement, **level-headed**, lucid, cogent, stable or **clearheaded**

In this business, there **are** no **sound minded** persons.

to be simple-minded

1. to be silly, **muddleheaded**, slow, imbecile, slow dull , half or dim witted, witless foolish, simple or idiotic

You have no idea of what you talking about; you are too **simple minded**.

2. (more stylized/ formal) to be inane, witless, senseless or imbecilic
3. (informal to slang) to be stupid, dumb, not all there, wacky, asinine, **empty-headed**, **featherbrained**, **crackbrained** or **rattlebrained**

to be single-minded

to be tenacious, bulldogged, not malleable, not persuadable, unswayable, preserving, unbending, dogged, unflinching inflexible or unrelenting

He thinks **being single-minded** is a positive; in his case, I would say that it was not an asset.

to be small-minded

1. to be selfish, begrudging, tight or close fisted, tight, stingy, miserly or mean

She **is** such a **small-minded** woman!

2. to be partial, sexist, myopic, deaf, dumb and blind, wearing blinkers, arbitrary, discriminative, one-sided, **close-minded** or provincial

It is easy to **be small minded** .

3. to be rigid, locked-in, fixed, unchanging, absolute, implacable, hard and fast, steadfast, unswerving, rigorous or stiff-backed

I'm not going to work with him anymore; he **is small-minded**.

to be sound minded

1. to be wholesome, **clearheaded**, **level-headed**, balance, rational, **right minded**, sane, sound or **healthy-minded**

He **is** so **sound minded** that it is sort of scary.

2. (more stylized/ formal) to be thoughtful, sober, circumspect, cogent, right, judicious, prudent, sage or discreet

to be weak-minded

1. to be dull-witted, dull, **feeble minded**, weak, **weak in the head**, deficient, subnormal or slow-witted

If you **are weak-minded**, you can be easily misled.

2. (less formal/ informal) empty upstairs, **simple-headed**, simple, stupid, dumb, **empty-headed**, blank or nobody home

narrow-mindedness

1. narrowness, jaundice, **jaundiced-eye**; colored or slanted view
2. intolerance, pettiness, meanness, lack of scope
3. myopia, blindness, short-sightedness, narrow-view
4. conservatism, dogmatism, stiffness,
5. stubbornness, obstinacy, intractability, mulishness
6. orthodoxy, fundamentalism, unprogressive ideas
7. (slang) holier-than-thou attitude

8. provincialism, chauvinism, jingoism, partisanship

mindful

1. attentive, observant, wide-awake, alive or keen to, aware, judicious, prudent, considerate, shrewd, wise, heedful

You must always be **mindful** of what other person need.

2. (less formal/ informal) in tune, on the job, all-ears, quick on the uptake, quick-witted, sharp as a tack, clearheaded, **on one's toes**

minder (British)

someone who cares for someone who can not care for oneself,
baby minder, baby sitter, adult sitter

Many persons hire adult **minders** to take care of their aging parents.

to be mindful of

1. to be observant, careful, cautious, wary, regardful, awake, thoughtful

You need to **be** always **mindful of** your behavior.

2. to be judicious, chary, politic, circumspect, vigilant, apprehensive

to be mindful that ...

to be aware, conscious, wise, awake or wide- awake to that ...

You and I must always **be mindful that** our action has consequences.

to be ever mindful of ...

to always be conscious, cognizant, aware or sensible of ...

I **am ever mindful of** his role in the war.

to be mindful of what ...

to take note or into consideration what one says

Before doing anything, please, **be mindful of what** I'm saying.
It's important.

mindless

1. senseless, brainless, **empty-headed**, dull-witted, dull, slow, slow-witted

I am afraid that he is **mindless**; therefore, he can not be held responsible.

2. (slang) dopey, moronic, dumb, retarded, stupid
3. mentally unsound, unstable, insane, mad, crazy
4. inattentive, unobservant, heedless, unaware, undiscerning
5. (less formal/ informal) caught, napping, asleep on the job, not on the job, asleep at the switch

double-mindedness

fickleness, indecisiveness, vacillation, unsettledness, uncertainty, wavering, irresolution, indecision, open to doubt, fluctuating

His **double-mindedness** is maddening.

**Verbs primarily
associated with
the 'mind'**

to think

(entered into the English language before 900)

Old English **thencan**, Middle English **thinken**, Goth **thagkjann**, Old Norse **thekkja**, Dutch **denken**, German **thenken**, Swedish **tro tänka anse mena tycka**, African **dink oorweeg**, Danish **synes om tænke**, Norwegian **tenke**, Greek **axiōma axiōsis**, Latin **cōgitō cōgitatiō**, French **penser reflêchir**, Spanish **pensar**

Prefixes and/or suffixes which mean **think:**

cog, cogi (L: think, thought)

noe- (Greek: *noesis* thought, intelligence *noein* to think)

pens (L: *pensare pensus pendere* to weigh to consider, Old French and Middle English *penser* to think to reflect)

saga sav (L: **sagaci sagax** foreseeing wise **sagire** to perceive readily **sapius sapiens** to be wise know to taste to have taste)

to think

1. to speculate, assume, believe, hypothesize, theorize, suppose, have the opinion of, deduce, conclude

Yes, I do **think** that he is a person who can not be trusted.

2. to mean, **have in mind**, view or at heart, intend, plan

After all these years, I am **thinking** about calling my cousin.

3. to gauge, value, evaluate, reckon, appraise, judge, measure

4. to deliberate, brood or mull over, mull, kick around, chew one's cud, flirt with the idea, wander about

Right now I don't have an answer for you. I **am** still **thinking**.

5. to fancy, **rack** or **cudgel one's brain**, **use one's head**, cogitate, weigh, tinker or toy with, consider, turn over, **turn over in one's mind**

6. to imagine, conceive, envision, conjure up, picture, visualize, form an image, conjure or brew up

7. to reminisce, **carry one's thought back**, recall, **call to mind**, **think** or **look back**, dwell upon the past, be nostalgic, sentimentalize

When I **think** back on my life, I shake my head in disgust.

8. to retrace, review, reconsider, hash over, look over again

I keep **thinking** and thinking about what happened.

to act without thinking

to act impulsively, spontaneously, recklessly, foolhardily, not carefully or in a devil-may-care manner, **shoot from the hip**

The reason that you always fail but you are always **acting without thinking**. You must contemplate before.

to be a thought reader

to be able to discern or guess the thoughts, ideas, sentiments or feelings of others

I do believe that my mother **is a thought reader**.

to be thinking of ...

to be intending to or have the intention to

I **was thinking of** studying at the university this year.

to be thought that

to be believed, deemed, concluded or inferred

It **is thought that** he died as a result of malnutrition.

to give one a lot to think about

to provide one with quite a bit to contemplate, mull over or reflect on

After talking to him, I must admit that he **has given me a lot to think about**.

to hardly have time to think

to be extremely busy, not have any time to do anything

Since I have become a parent, I **hardly have time to think**.

to have a lot to think about

to have a lot to consider, mull over or weigh

I have a lot to think about before I decide what I'm going to do.

to have little thought to see one again

to not expect or anticipate seeing or meeting one again

After she left, I **had little thought to see her again.**

to have (someone/something) **to think about**

to be concerned with, worried, antsy, troubled, apprehensive or uneasy about

I can't go, I have my younger brothers and sisters to think about.

to have been thinking that ...

to have occurred that

I **have been thinking that** this is a racist law.

to keep one in one's thoughts

to pray for or contemplate one's well being

I heard what happen; therefore, I am **keeping you in my thoughts.**

to never think of others

to be self-centered, selfish, self-obsessed

He never thinks of other; he thinks that the world revolves around him.

to no longer think highly of (for doing something)

to think less or badly of, have developed a bad or negative opinion of, no longer hold in high esteem, esteem or respect

I **no longer think highly of** him.

to not be able to think what one means

to not be able to understand or get what was one 's intention

I **can not think what he meant** by that.

to not be able to think why ...

to not be able to understand, comprehend or get

I **can not think why** he wants to leave here.

to not be thinking of

to not be considering, talking about, taking into account or meaning

Frankly, when we were talking, I **was not thinking of** your past.

to not be able to think of one's name

to not remember or recall one's name, have forgotten one's name

See that man over there? I know him but for some reason I **can not think of his name**.

to not be able to think what one means

to not be able to understand what one intends, has in mind or is talking about

You **can not think** what she means?

to not even think about doing ...

to have not even consider or contemplate

I will **not even think about** going out with him.

to not even think of such a thing

to not consider or give thought to a particular matter

You have insulted me because I would **not even think of such a thing**.

to not have thought of

to have not **come into one's head**, suggested itself, occurred to one or **come to mind**

I had not **had thought of** first visiting France before going to Italy.

to not think much about

to consider insignificant, trifling, unimportant, of no consequent or of no importance

Frankly, I do not **think much about** her or her opinions.

to not think much of

to not consider important, be inconsequential or of no account, not be worth mentioning, signify nothing

I heard what you said but I don't **think much of** your words.

to not think about asking if ...

to not even to occur to one, **come to mind** or **come into one's head**

I did **not think about asking if** he wanted to go or not.

to not think it at all likely that ...

to not believe or be of the opinion that something is possible

I do **not think it at all likely that** he will come back.

to not think to ask if ...

to not even to occur to one, **come to mind** or **come into one's head**

I did **not think to ask if** he wanted to go or not.

to not think to do

to not remember or recall to

I did **not think to eat** until after I had left.

to only think of oneself

1. to be self-serving, self-involved, selfish, self-interested, self-concerned, self-absorbed, egoistic

Whatever she does or wherever she goes, she **only thinks of herself**.

2. (more stylized/ formal) to be egocentric, egocentric, narcissistic, introverted
3. (less formal/ informal) to be wrapped up in oneself, looking out for oneself, be in love with oneself
4. (slang) to be looking out for number one

to only think to

to only want or desire to

I **only thought to** give you a hand.

to read one's thoughts

to be able to know, decipher or figure out the thoughts, ideas, sentiments or feelings of others

I do believe that my mother can **read my thoughts**.

to think a lot of

1. to respect, value, esteem, admire, have a high opinion of, pay respect to, revere, venerate, applaud

I must admit that I **think a lot of** him and his family.

2. (less formal/ informal) to set great store in, think the world of, take one's hat off to, look up to

to think about

1. to consider, contemplate, chew over, focus or concentrate on, deliberate, kick around, **think over**

I'm **thinking about** living abroad.

2. (more stylized/ formal) to ruminate, dwell on, mull or brood over, ruminate, ponder, reflect upon, cerebration, cogitation, meditate, muse on

to think aloud

to verbalize, say, express, vocalize, voice, state or mouth what one is thinking audibly or out loud

Please excuse me, I am only **thinking aloud**.

to think again

to reconsider, look again at, take under advisement, **think twice, think better of**, view in a different light, review

If I were you, I would **think again** about leaving your job.

to think away

1. to waste, kill, spend, while, bide, fritter, burn or pass away

He is always **thinking away** his time doing nothing.

2. to take up, fill, use or take up, spend, employ, pass, use

I **think away** my time working hard on my new house.

to think back

1. to look back on, remember, recollect, recall

Ever so often I **think back to** when I was young.

2. (more stylized/ formal) to muse, hark back, ruminate

to think badly of (for doing something)

to no longer hold in high esteem, esteem or respect, have developed a bad or negative opinion of

I **thought badly of** him for lying on the stand.

to think better of

to reexamine, take under advisement, **think twice, think again**, reconsider, hash over, look again at, view in a different light, review

I think it would be better if you **think better of** your decision.

to think big

to not shy away from the difficult, important, in a more complicated or complex manner, not to limit oneself or one's world, not settle or accept

The reason that he was able to succeed and become a billionaire is that he has always **thought big**.

to think fit

to consider fitting, advisable, suitable or appropriate, right, correct

If you **think fit**, go ahead. I won't stop you.

to think for oneself

to be independent, **stand on one's own two feet**, be self-directing, self-reliant or on one's own

It is always important that you think for yourself rather than rely on others.

to think a great deal about

1. to think about, consider, think over, entertain the idea of

I have been **thinking a great deal about** this matter. Right now, we have to sit and wait.

2. (more stylistic) to give thought to, mull over, cogitate, weigh, ruminate, deliberate, muse on, contemplate, ponder, meditate on, cerebration
3. (informal) to chew over, **put on one's thinking cap**, kick over, **put one's mind to**, **turn over in one's mind**, get lost in thought, **have one's mind on**

to think great thoughts

to think big

to think hard about

to **cudgel one's brain**, **rack one's brain**, **beat** or **knock one's head against the wall**, ruminate, chew one's cud or over, **put one's mind to**

I hope that you will **think hard about** what you are going to when you arrive. It's very important.

to think highly of

to admire, revere, venerate, applaud, respect, regard highly, think the world of, hold a high opinion of

I am not ashamed to say that I do **think highly of** him.

to think ill of

to not like, dislike, regard with displeasure, scorn, disdain, hate, loathe, abhor

It is obvious that he **thinks ill of** everyone involved.

to think inside the box

to not be a rebel, revolutionary, innovator or someone who thinks differently, follow or **toe the line**, not march to one's own drum

If you **think inside the box**, you are a company man.

to think less of (for doing something)

to no longer hold in high esteem, esteem or respect, have developed a bad or negative opinion of, **no longer think highly of**

I **thought less of** him for allowing his family fall into poverty.

to think little of

to not think much of, not consider important, vital, significant, be seen as insignificant, of minor importance or of little or no import

The truth is that he **thinks little of** anyone who is not an American.

to think money all the time

to be obsessed, preoccupied or absorb by money, have one's mind engrossed, controlled or dominated by money

He is the type of person who **thinks money all the time**.

to think no harm in

to believe, assume, be under the assumption or of the opinion no

harm in

I had thought no harm in cheating on the exam.

to think nothing of

1. to consider easy, simple, not be difficult, be done with much effort

I **think nothing of** studying at this school. I would like to transfer.

2. (less formal/ informal) to be a snap or as easy as one, two, three, be like taking candy from a baby, be a pushover, be duck soup

to think of

1. to **keep in mind**, have consideration for, **bear in mind**, take into account, **think about**

Whatever you do, you must **think of** not only yourself but your family.

2. to make provision, preparation or arrangement for, lay groundwork, take measures

It is always important that while you are young and healthy, that you **think of** the future and not just the present.

3. to be concerned with or worried about, consider as important

Think of your family first.

to think of (with present participle)
to envision, contempt, imagine, picture, visualize

Think of winning a million dollars one day.

to think of as a

to imagine one in a particular job or position

I can not **think of me as a** parent.

to think of it first

to be the first person to have a particular idea or concept

Wait a minute! I **thought of it first**.

to think of one as

to figure, believe, imagine, envision, picture

I used to **think of him as** being a man of his word.

to think of one in

Imagine one dressed in

Can you **think of me** in a bikini?

to think of the right word

to hit or happen upon, find, come across or upon

Sometimes, it is very difficult to **think of the right word**.

to think one rude

to believe or have the opinion that one is impolite or not courteous

I did not mean what I said; you must **think me rude**.

to think on one's feet

to rise to the occasion be extemporize, improvise, ride with waves, **play it by ear**, ad-lib

When one is a teacher, one must always **think on one's feet**.
to think oneself (someone/something)
to believe, be of the opinion of, see oneself as

He **thinks himself** a poet.

to think out

1. to think about thoroughly, completely or totally from start to finish until the problem or question is both understood and solved, figure or make out

Right now, I am not able to **think it out**.

2. to work out, devise, contrive, plan

Give me time to **think out** how we can make all of this work. I'll have a plan for you in about a week.

to think outside the box

to think differently, in an innovative, creative, unorthodox, unconventional or unusual manner, not walk lock step

If you want to work here, you must learn to **think outside of the box**.

to think over

1. to consider, think about, , entertain the idea of

I strongly suggest that you **think over** your decision.

2. (more stylistic) to muse on contemplate, cogitate, weigh, ruminate, deliberate, ponder, mediate on, cerebrated, give thought to, mull over

3. (informal) to chew over, kick over, get lost in thought, **have one's mind on, put one's mind to, turn over in one's mind**

to think positive

to be optimistic, positive or hopeful, see the glass half full

I like being around her because she always thinks positive.

to think that the revolves around one

to believe that one's own feelings, belief and well-being are the most important

You want what you want because you **think that the world revolves around you**. It doesn't.

to think the best of

to have an high opinion of, admire, respect, esteem, **think the world of**, set great store of

I have always **think the best of** him and his family.

to think the world of

to admire, respect, esteem, **think the best of**, set great store of have an high opinion of

I never really **thought the world of** anyone.

to think to

to remember, not forget to, intend to, have the intention to

Did you **think to** invite Annie to the party?

to think to oneself how ...

to reflect, contemplate, ponder, mull over

I was **thinking to myself how** handsome you look today.

to think twice

to not act in a hasty or unthinking manner, not do precipitancy or quickly without first weighing the consequences

If I were you, I would **think twice**.

to think up

to imagine, make or conjure up, fancy, visualize, envisage, conceive

You are always **thinking up** the weirdest plots.

to think the world of

1. to hold dear, have a high opinion of, admire, revere, venerate, applaud, respect, value, think highly of, esteem

I must admit that I **think a lot of** him and his family.

2. (less formal/ informal) to have a high regard for, look up to, set great store in, take one's hat off to, set on the pedestal

to think the worst of

to believe that one is capable of the most horrendous, dreadful, terrible, awful, scary, harrowing, frightful or appalling

Why are you always **thinking the worst of** every situation.

to think through

1. to think about thoroughly, completely or totally from start to finish until the problem or question is both understood and solved, figure or make out

Right now, I am not able to **think it through**.

2. to work out, devise, contrive, plan

Give me time to **think through** how we can make all of this work.
I'll have a plan for you in about a week.

to think well of

to think or value highly of, admire, esteem, see as the best or number one

He has always **thought well of** British authors.

All you think about is money!

You are obsessed, distracted or engrossed by thoughts of money.

anyone would think that ...

anyone would believe or have the idea that ...

Anyone would think that she were the real author of the book.

Can you think of something better?

Can you come up with or think up something better?

Do you have a better solution or way?

Come to think of it ...

to add, increase, argument, amplify, expand or lengthen what one has been saying as a result of remembering other information

Come to think of it, I no longer feel that I can trust him anymore.

Do you think that ...

Do you believe that ..., Are you of the opinion that ...

Do you think that she will call us back?

... don't you think that ...

... don't you believe ...

We can be anything that we want, **don't you think?**

Don't think badly of me ...

Do not be overly harsh, hypercritical or severe on

I know that you do not agree but, please, **don't think badly of me.**

Don't you think so ?

Don't you agree? No?

We can go to the movies tonight, don't you think so?

Don't you think that ... ?

Don't you agree that ... Don't believe that ...

Don't you think that everyone has the right to enjoy life?

Did you think to ...

Did you remember to ...

Did you think to bring the money that you owe?

I can't think (**who**, **where** or **what**) ...

I can't think who would do such a thing.

I don't think so.

No.

I never thought of telling you

It was never my intention to tell you, never intended to let you know

I should think not!

Of course not!

I should think so!

Of course!

I think not

No

I think not. This would not be the best time to go.

I think so

Yes, I do believe so

Do you think he will call? Yes, **I think so.**

I think so too.

I also agree.

I'll think that you'll find that it's the only way.

You will see or it will become plain that that it's the only way.

I think therefore I am.

I am human and I exist because I am able to reason, be rational, contemplate or reflect.

I'll have to think about it.

(usually said when the answer is no to a request but the person does

not want to say so directly)

I'll think about it.

(usually said when the answer is no to a request but the person does not want to say so directly)

It doesn't bear thinking about.

Don't waste your time; it's not worth it.

It's not worth thinking about.

There is no need to waste your time on this matter.

It's not worth thinking about.

There is no need to waste your time on this matter.

It makes you think, doesn't it?

(an action which makes one stop and reflect)

Just think of ...

try to imagine, picture or envision

Just think of everything that could have happened.

Just thinking of it ...

Only imagining, picturing or envisioning it

Just think of it makes me shivers.

Let me think

before answering or giving you my opinion, allow me a little time to contemplate or reflect on this

Let me think a moment or two.

Sorry, I wasn't thinking

Please accept my apology, I did something heedless, thoughtless, reckless, unthinking, imprudent or careless

That's worth thinking about

That's a good idea. Yes, why not.

What you said about living abroad. **That's worth thinking about.**

So I thought

So I believed. I thought as much.

There's so much to think about

There a lot to weigh, mull over, consider or reflect on

There's so much to think about before I decide one way or another.

Think about a number.

Think of a number. Form an image of a number in your mind.

Think about a number and, afterwards, write it down.

Think about it!

reflect or contemplate on your behavior or answer

Think again !

look or examine again your stand or position

I don't agree with what you said. **Think again!**

Think of a number

Think of a number. Form an image of a number in your mind.

Think of a number and, afterwards, write it down.

Think of it !

Imagine or Picture it!

Think of something !

Do something!

Think of the expenses

Imagine how expensive, costly, exorbitant, or steep (a particular trip or action is going to be)

I know that you want to go to Europe but you must **think of the expenses.**

Think of what we could ...

Imagine, visualize or envision

Think what might have happen

Imagine or picture what could have taken place

She walked all the way to your house. **Think what might have happen.**

Think what you're doing

to reflect on, ponder or consider one's action

This is going to be very dangerous. **Think what you're doing!**

Think what one could do if ...

to imagine or envision the possibilities if ...

Think what one could do if we actually had enough money.

To think that George Washington once slept here!

Imagine that ..., Can you believe that ..., It's exciting to know that ...

Try to think to whom you gave your papers.

Remember to whom you gave your papers.

You have to think big.

One can not provincial; rather, one must think and plan on a grand scale.

You think that you are so smart!

to believe oneself more intelligent, clever, astute or sharp than everyone else so that you can fool, deceive or trick them (but you are not as smart as you believe yourself to be)

You would have thought that ...

you would have deemed, believed or concluded it to have been true (although it had not been)

I would have thought that he would have been happy. Yes, you **would have think so.**

... you would think so

you would deem, believe or conclude it to be true (although it is not)

I thought that he would be happy. Yes, you **would think so**.

... you would think that he owns the place that

... you would conclude, believe, presuppose or assume

The way that he acts, **you would think that he owns the place**.

What are you thinking?

Where is your mind, What can be in your mind, Where's your head

What were you thinking? You know that I can not afford such luxury.

What do you think you are ...

Who do you believe or conceive yourself to be

What do you think you are, the president of the world.

What were you thinking about ?

(said when someone has done or said something stupid or tactless)

What was in your head?

What were you thinking about when you did that? Please tell me.

What will (one) think of next?

What will one invent, devise, come up with next?

When you think about it

said when one realizes, come to understand, grasp or become aware of

When you think about it, you know that you are right.

Who do you think you are ...

Who do you believe or conceive yourself to be

Who do you think you are. You have no right to talk to me in this manner.

Who do you think you are kidding?

Who do you think you are fooling, duping, hoodwinking, deceiving or pulling a fast one (not on me. I know your tricks.)

Who thought that up

(said to criticize an idea because it is considered less than acceptable)

Who thought that up? I know that we are tired but that idea is, frankly, stupid!

Who would have thought?

Who would have believe

Who would have thought that ...

said to express surprise, astonishment or amazement

Who would have thought that he would be the one who would succeed.

Why don't you think before you speak?

(a word of warning to one who is unthinking, indiscreet, rash, thoughtless or unreflecting)

Don't shoot from the hip.

think

reflection, contemplation, contemplating, rumination, mulling over, deliberation

think tank

institution of intellectuals whose role it is to research and work on difficult interdisciplinary problems which affect society

Many of the **think tanks** in the U.S. are political and partisan, most are of the right.

to have a think about it

to think, contemplate or reflect on

I can't tell you right now, I have to **have a think about it**.

to have another think about it

to rethink, reevaluate, reexamine

I do believe what you need to do is to **have another think about it**.

thinkable

1. among the possibilities, probable, believable, plausible, credible, likely, possible, liable to be

It had been only **thinkable** once other things had been created and invented.

2. conceivable, able to be visualized, imagined, pictured or conceived

No only would I not have done it but what he did had not been **thinkable** before.

thinker

scholar, theorist, philosopher, rationalist, guru, theorizer, student of truth, pundit, sage, wise man

thinking

1. belief, view, conviction, way of thinking, **mind**

I have never agreed with your **thinking**.

2. intellectualization, reasoning, thought, rationalization, idea

Your **thinking** has always fascinated me.

3. mulling over, deliberating, conjecturing, deliberation, pondering, brooding, contemplation, musing

way of thinking

conclusion, inference, judgement, mind, belief, opinion, view, view point

I must say that his **way of thinking** is quite unique.

thinking

1. reasonable, rational, sensible, cerebral perceiving, logical

I am not expecting any problems. She is a **thinking** person.

2. mediating, contemplative, meditative, mulling over, pondering, reflecting, cogitating, cogitative

As a **thinking** human person, I try to act not only react.

3. bemused, rapt in thought, absorbed, preoccupied, pensive, thoughtful, immersed, lost in thought

deep thinking

profound, thoughtful, pensive, sober, serious, grave, deep, contemplative, reflecting, pensive, reflective

She is a **deep thinking** person.

thinking pattern

the way or manner of conceiving, formulating, deliberating or reasoning

I have never understood his **thinking pattern**.

thinking piece

a magazine article whose purpose is make one contemplate, imagine and reason

This was written more than anything as a **thinking piece**.

thinking process

thinking pattern, manner of conceiving, formulating, deliberating or reasoning

His **thinking process** has always fascinated me.

thinking time

time on which to reflect, deliberate or ponder

What I need more than anything is **thinking** time.

to any thinking person ...

to every reasonable or rational person ...

To any thinking person, it is obvious that this man is not guilty.

to one's way of thinking

in one's opinion or judgement

To one's way of thinking, this will not work.

to have another thinking

no, to have better change one's mind, rethink

If you think that I'm going to get up early every morning, you **have another thinking**.

to put on one's thinking cap

1. to think about, consider, think over, entertain the idea of

It's time that you **put on your thinking cap**. We have to solve this problem.

2. (more stylistic) to give thought to, mull over, cogitate, weigh, ruminate, deliberate, muse on contemplate, ponder, mediate on, cerebration

3. (informal) to chew over, kick over, **put one's mind to**, **turn over in one's mind**, get lost in thought, **have one's mind on**

thought

1. retrospection, memory, recall, review

2. concept, idea, conception

Your **thoughts** on the matter are important.

3. brain or head work, thinking

It is not easy writing a book, an article or even a simple composition. It requires a lot of **thought**.

4. reflection, mediation, pondering, cogitation

Has something happened. You seemed to be deep in **thought**.

5. consideration, deliberating, deliberation, wondering about, speculation, rumination, brooding

What are your **thoughts**.

6. concern, consideration, compassion, good will, mindfulness, solicitude, regard, respect

Your **thoughts** are greatly appreciated.

7. aim, intention, plan, design

I never had any **thoughts of** resigning.

8. assumption, hypothesis, judgment, conjecture

My **thoughts** in this matter seem to be irrelevant.

A lot of thought went into this decision

Much thinking, intellectualization, headwork or brainwork was used to make this decision

after much thought

(said before one is to give a decision on a weighty matter)
after thinking quite a bit, after much reflection, weighing or pondering

After much thought, I don't think what you want would work.

Don't give it another thought.

Don't think about it anymore (because it is unnecessary or unimportant)

Don't give it another thought. We can do this tomorrow.

further thought needs to be given to these problem

to be a problem which needs or requires more analysis, consideration, thinking, reflection or deliberation

You can ignore this matter; **further thought needs to be given to these problems.**

It's just a thought.

(said when giving a suggestion or an idea/ usually not said with much confidence)

We could go to France. **It's just a thought.**

It's only a thought.

(said when giving a suggestion or an idea/ usually not said with much confidence)

We could go to France. **It's only a thought.**

It's the thought that counts.

(said that even what has been given or done is small, and apparently, not significant)

I appreciate what he has done. **It's the thought that counts.**

more thought needs to be given

more attention or consideration needs to be taken

More thought needs to be given to such ideas.

On second thought...

(said when one is rethinking one's position, opinion or idea) Now that I think about it ...

On second thought, I don't think that this would be a good idea.

That's a thought.

That's an idea or suggestion (which is good or with which I agree).

I was thinking about going to France. Now, **that's an idea**.

That thought occurred to me too

That idea or notion also suggested itself to me

That idea has also crossed my mind

the thought cross one's mind that ...

to have occurred, suggested itself or come to mind that ...

The **thought has crossed my mind that** we can not continue in this relationship.

the thought that ...

the very idea that ...

The thought that he would win again, made me very depress.

thought police

persons whose job, position or role it is to control the thoughts, feelings, ideas or sentiments of another

Who do you think you are, a member of the **thought police**?

train of thought

chain of ideas which develop in the mind

What a brilliant thought!

What a good idea!

What a horrible thought!

Imagine such a terrible or horrifying idea! What a horrifying notion!

What a lovely thought!

That's a good idea! What an excellent idea!

without a second thought

without thinking, worrying or being concerned or about it

Without a second thought, she gave the man a dollar bill.

What a thought!

Imagine!

without a thought for anyone else

to be selfish, self-centered or egotistical

Without a thought for anyone else, she left town to live somewhere else.

with no thought for one's own safety

acting in a high-minded or non-selfish manner

With no thought for his own safety, he ran out to get his friend.

without a thought of for one's own safety

acting in a high-minded or non-selfish manner

Without a thought for his own safety, he ran out to get his friend.

without a thought for oneself

acting unselfishly, altruistically, high-mindedly

It is an extraordinary human being who can **live without thought for him or herself.**

to act without thought

to act or behave impulsively, spontaneously, recklessly, foolhardily, not carefully or in a devil-may-care manner, **shoot from the hip**

The reason that you always fail but you are always **acting without thought.** You must contemplate before.

to be a kind thought

to be nice, sweet, warm-hearted or good

Buying me chocolate **was a** very **kind thought.**

to be deep in thought

to be pensive, pondering, engrossed, lost or rapt in thought, mulling over, thinking

I'm sorry that I didn't hear you; I **was deep in thought.**

to be lost in thought

1. to deliberate on, reflect, meditate, think

I'm sorry that I didn't hear you; I **was lost in thought.**

2. to be absorbed, wrapped up in, lost in or immersed in one's thoughts muse on, contemplate, ponder, mediate on, cerebration

3. to put on one's thinking cap, chew over, **put one's mind to**, turn one's mind to, chew one's cud

(to be) one's first thought

to be one's first and primary aim, goal, objective, intention, object, aim, goal, intention, end in view or intent

My first thought had been to get her away from him.

(to be) one's one thought

to be one's only intent, aim, goal, intention, end in view, object or objective

My one thought was to get out of there.

to be rapt in thought

bemused, absorbed, preoccupied, pensive, thoughtful, immersed, **lost in thought**

I have left him alone; he seems to be **rapt in thought**.

(to be) thought provoking

to be ideas, feelings, beliefs, opinions or views which causes, instigates or motivates one to think or contemplate

I must admit that your book is most definitely **thought provoking**.

to be uppermost in one's thought

to be what one is thinking about the most, be dominate or monopolize one's thoughts, be on one's mind, to haunt one's thoughts

What happened to her **is uppermost in my thoughts**.

to get lost in thought

1. to think about, consider, think over, entertain the idea of

I don't know how he **let that idea enter her head**. It's ridiculous.

2. (more stylistic) to give thought to, mull over, cogitate, weigh, ruminate, deliberate,
3. (informal) to chew over, kick over, **put one's mind to, turn over in one's mind**, get lost in thought, put on one's thinking cap, **have one's mind on**

to give it much thought

to give it much consideration, attention or notice

Frankly, I **have not give it much thought**.

to give thought to

to consider, **turn over in one's mind, think about**, ruminate, mull over, reflect on, **think over**

Why are you always **giving thought to** things which should be forgotten.

to give up all thoughts of

to abandon or no longer entertain any prospect, intention, plan, intent or idea of

Once I realized what kind of person that he was, I **gave up all thoughts of** working with him.

to give up any thought of

to no longer entertain any idea, intention or prospect of

It is not necessary to **give up any thought of** living this country.

to haunt one's thoughts

to bedevil, **monopolize one's thoughts**, **think about a lot**, **grip** or **hold one's mind**, **prey on one's mind**

What happened to her and her family haunt my thoughts.

to have just had a thought

to have suddenly have an idea, notion or concept

I **have just had a thought**. He won't be able to make the deal.

to have one's thoughts else.

to be lost in thought, preoccupied, worried, abstracted, engrossed or distracted

I'm sorry but I didn't hear you. I **have my thoughts elsewhere**.

(to have) one's thoughts turn to

to begin to think about or reflect on

Whenever I smell rain, **my thoughts turn** to when my father and I would talk.

to have second thoughts

to hesitate, doubt, think twice about, equivocate, weigh and consider

Why are you **having second thoughts**? Do you doubt my intentions?

to keep one's thoughts to oneself

to not share or verbalize one's sentiments, feelings, views or opinions

I am the type of person who **keeps my thought to myself**.

to be not be able to bear the thought of

to not be able to stand, endure, support or fare the idea of

I will not ever **be able to bear the thought of** losing more money.

to not give a moment thought

to not think about, not worry or be concerned or preoccupied by

Frankly, when I left, I **did not give a moment thought** about the consequences.

to not give more thought to

to no longer think about, no longer worry, be concerned or preoccupied by, **not give another thought to**

I have done enough. I am **not** going to **give more thought to** the matter.

to not give another thought to

to no longer think about, no longer worry, be concerned or preoccupied by, **not give more thought to**

I **wash my hands** of the matter. I am **not** prepared to **give another thought to** this problem. What happens, happens.

to not give any thoughts to ...

to pay any attention to, not worry about

She does **not give any thoughts to** his grades.

to not give (something) a second thought

to not hesitate, equivocate, waver, doubt or vacillate

I know what you think but I do **not give** his situation **a second thought**.

to not have a thought in one's head

to be not very intelligent, be stupid, dumb, scatterbrain or harebrain

How could you trust him with such a decision. Don't you know that he does **not have a thought in his head**.

to put a lot of thought into ...

to think a lot about, use one's mind or head to, do a lot of thinking about

Please don't dismiss my idea so quickly. I **put a lot of thought into** this.

to spare a thought for

to think about, remember, deliberate, give attention to

If you could **spare a thought for** our grandmother's situation, I would greatly appreciate it.

to take thought for

to consider, think, reflect, contemplate or deliberate on

You must **take thought for** the future and not only the present.

thoughtful

1. pondering, pensive, **lost in thought, rapt in thought**, brooding
mulling over

Why are you so **thoughtful** tonight?

2. meaty, substantial, grave, serious, attentive, concerned
3. kindhearted, tender, considerate, attentive, solicitous, sensitive, regardful

That was very **thoughtful** of you.

How thoughtful!

How nice! How sweet! That is very considerate of you! That is very kindhearted of you!

to be thoughtful of others

to be considerate, attentive, mindful or solicitous of others

He **is** always **thoughtful of** others.

thoughtfulness

state of being thoughtful, pensiveness, preoccupation, wistfulness

thoughtless

1. wacky, crazy, batty, out of one's mind, screwy, screwball

She is **thoughtless**; she never thinks about what she does.

2. empty-headed, out to lunch, with a room to rent, flighty

She has never had a thought in her life; she is **thoughtless**.

3. crash, ill-advised, imprudent, indiscreet, unreflecting, rash, tactless

I do believe that that was a **thoughtless** remark.

4. negligent, careless, inconsiderate, unthinking, incogitant, tactless, inattentive, remiss

I have never met such a **thoughtless** person.

5. dull-witted, foolish, dumb, stupid, witless, not very intelligent, dense

I wouldn't say stupid; let just say that she is somewhat **thoughtless**.

How thoughtless of you!

How insensitive of you! to act in a hardhearted, uncompassionate or heartless manner

to forget

(entered into the English language before 900)

Old English **forġitan forġietan**, Middle English **forġietan foryeten**,
Old High German **firgezzan**, Old Saxon **fargetan**, Frisian **ferjitte**,
Dutch **afleren, vergeten verleren**, German **vergessen**, Swedish
glömma förgäta, African **vergeet**, Danish **glemme**, Norwegian
afleren vergeten verleren, Latin **obliviscor**, French **oublier**
omettre, Spanish **olvidar**

Prefixes and/or suffixes which mean **to forget**:

oblivi (Latin: to forget)

obliviosus (Latin: forgetful)

to forget

1. to no longer remember, fail to think of, slip one's mind, overlook, leave behind unintentionally, omit, pass over

You are always **forgetting** everyone's name.

2. to disregard, let bygones be bygones, never mind, dismiss, turn a deaf ear to, dismiss from one's thoughts, blink at, to willfully neglect, not care about

Forget what happened. It's not worth worrying about.

3. to stop planning something as a result of it no longer being possible

You can **forget** about going to France. We're broke.

to forget oneself

to act in an inappropriate manner, to misbehave, to be indiscreet, to offend, to act in an unseemly manner, to transgress

You need to rethink your behavior; you are always **forgetting** yourself.

to forget about

to no longer consider

You can **forget about** all his promises. He won't ever help you again.

Don't forget ...

Remember, Don't let it slip your mind

Don't forget to take some money with you.

Forget it!

1. Don't worry about it, There's no problem
I know that you did not mean to do it. **Forget it!**

2. used to refuse a request

If you think that I'm going to go out in the rain to buy you some cigarettes, you're crazy. **Forget it!**

Forget that!

1. used to refuse a request

If you think that I'm going to go out in the rain to buy you some cigarettes, you're crazy. **Forget that!**

forgetful

1. apt or tendency to forget, absent minded, absorbed, wrapped up

Don't blame yourself for his action; he has always been **forgetful**.

2. (more informal to slang) out to lunch, not at home, daydreaming

3. (forgetful of) neglectful, unmindful, heedless, disregardful, blind

They say that he is **forgetful**. That's euphemism to say that he is blind to anyone but himself.

forgetfulness

1. lapse of memory, oblivion, amnesia

Your **forgetfulness** is really becoming a problem.

2. unconsciousness, absent-mindedness, unawareness

3. carelessness, heedlessness, negligence

forget-me-not

plant with light-blue flower of the borage family which symbolizes friendship

to know

(entered into the English language before 900)

Old English **gescawan cnawan**, Middle English **knowen knāwen**, Old High German **cnāhan**, Old Norse **knā**, Dutch **denken**, German **thenken**, Swedish **veta känna ha reda på**, Afrikkans **ken weet**, Danish **vide kende**, Norwegian **kunne vite kjenne til**, Greek **gignoskein**, Latin **(g)novi noscere gnoscere cōgitatiō**, French **savoir connaître**, Spanish **saber conocer**

Prefixes and/or suffixes which mean

mind:

cogni- (Latin: know, known)

to know

1. to be conscious or aware of, cognize, be enlightened
2. to have learnt by heart, know inside out, know backward and forth, know from A to Z, have under one's belt
3. to get through one's head, comprehend, understand, catch or latch on, grasp, have the hang of
4. to see the light, get the pictures, perceive, make head and tails of

to be a know-it-all

(this expression is normally used in an insulting or derogatory manner)

1. to be fount or mine of information, be knowledgeable, be in the know

On this subject, he **is a know-it-all**.

2. (insulting) windbag, walking encyclopedia, braggart, blow-hard, mouth, boaster

to be happy to know

(said as an introduction to happy or pleasant news)

to be glad, satisfied or pleased

You will **be happy to know** that your order went through.

to be in the know

1. to be aware, conscious, wise, worldly, worldly-wise, on the ball
2. to know the rope, be savvy, competent, capable or able

to be known for

to be famous, recognized, renowned or prominent for

She **is known for** her cookies.

to be known to

to be famous, recognized, renowned or prominent for an action which is normally unusual or out of the norm

When I was much younger, I was **known to** party for weeks on end.

to be tickled to know

(said as an informal introduction to happy or pleasant news)
to be glad, thrilled, satisfied, delight or pleased

You will **be tickled to know** that John is going to visit.

to be tickled pink to know

(said as an informal introduction to happy or pleasant news)
to be thrilled, glad, satisfied, tickled or pleasantly pleased

You will **be tickled pink to know** that John is going to visit.

to have known one another for

to be acquainted with, be acquaintances or friends

We **have known one another for** many years; therefore, I know that our friendship can withstand this strain.

to have never known (one to do something)

to not be aware or realize that one performed a particular behavior

I **have never known** children to lie without showing any guilt.

to have known both

to have been or have experienced two very different things

I **have known both** success and failure. Success is better.

to know (a language)

to be able to communicate or express oneself in a language

She **knows** Spanish pretty well.

to know (a song)

to have memorized the music and words of a song

I **know** all of his songs.

to know a good thing when one see it

to be able recognize an opportunity or good fortunate when given one

He will be here. He most definitely **knows a good thing when he sees it.**

to know a good thing when one see it

to be able recognize an opportunity or good fortunate when given one

He will be here. He most definitely **knows a good thing when he sees it.**

to know a thing or two

to be well-informed or knowledgeable as a result of vast experience

He may not look like it but he **knows a thing or two.**

to know backward and forward

to comprehend, have a grasp of, understand very well, have under one's belt

I **know** this text **backward and forward**. I will pass the test easily.

to know best

(said to advise one that a person should be obeyed or acknowledged as knowing better)

I don't believe that a parent always **knows best**.

to know better

1. to be sufficiently knowing, mature, battle-scarred or wise to not to do something

I don't understand why he did it. He **knew better**.

2. to have more experience, know-how, knowledge or wisdom than another

He tried to tell her that it was the best computer on the market but she **knew better**.

to know from experience

to learn, apprehend, comprehend as the result of what one has observed or lived in the past, be knowledgeable or conscious as the result of the past or previous incidents or situations

I'm not even going to ask her. I **know** from experience she will say no.

to know full well

to comprehend, know or understand very well

You **know full well** that you can't change the results.

to know how to

1. to have expertise in, have experience in
2. to know what one is doing, have the know-how, have the savior-fair, be sophisticated
3. to be on the ball, be world-wise, be hip
4. to be able to tell day from night or know a hawk from a handsaw

to know inside out

to comprehend, know or grasp totally, completely or thoroughly

I can't fail this exam; I **know** the material **inside out**.

to know no bounds

to accept or recognize no limits, expectations or restrictions on one's behavior or expectation

When it comes to using my mind, I **know no bounds**.

to know one by

to recognize, identify, make out, pet

I was able to **know** her **by** the way that she walks.

to know one from

to be acquainted with one from a prior experience or place

I **know John from** the old neighborhood.

to know one's place

to accept one's inferiority or subordinate role

He wouldn't dare come to the dance. He **knows his place**.

to know one's stuff

to have learnt one's specialty very well, be an expert, be skilled in

I am aware how she looks but believe me **she knows her stuff**.

to know one's way around

to be quite familiar or acquainted with a place or organization

I **know my way around** New York. Tell me where you want to go.

to know (something **from** something)

to be able to distinguish or differentiate or tell the difference of one object from another

I am not stupid. I **know** a good man **from** a bad one.

to know the score

to be aware or conscious of what's what or what is going up, not be innocent, naïve or born yesterday

I'm sorry what happened to her but she **knew the score** before becoming a member.

to know the ropes

to be aware of or acquainted with all the details of a procedure, have it down pat, know one's stuff, know what's what

to know the way

to know, be knowledgeable, or be aware of how to arrive to a particular destination

Why don't you let me drive? I **know the way**.

to know to (do something)

to understand, comprehend, get, **get through one's head**,
figure out

I hope that she will **know to** go to the store before returning home.

to know what one is doing

to have the skill, expertise or know-how, be an expert or master

Of course I **know what I am doing**. I have ten children. Need
I say more?

to know what's what

to be naïve, be aware or cognizant of what is happening, be able
to distinguish or discriminate

to know which fork to use

to be refined, sophisticated, polish, urban or polish

I don't need your help when we go out. I am not a country-bumpkin.
Please understand that I **know which fork to use**.

to know which side one's bread is buttered on

to be adaptable, realistic, hard-headed, practicable, not born yesterday
or nobody's fool

If he wants to remain working here he better learn to know which side
one's bread is buttered.

to know which way the wind blows

to be aware, conscious or knowing of how the world runs, be seasoned,
hard-headed or experience

He is no dummy. He will accept the new reality because he **knows**
which way the wind blows.

to let one know as soon as

to tell or inform one quickly or without delay

I will **let you know as soon as** he arrives.

to not be known to be (something)

(said when one behaves in a manner which is considered unusual or out of the normal)

I am rather surprised because this type of snake **is not known to be** especially aggressive.

to not know for sure

to not be sure or certain, be uncertain or unsure

to not know how

to not understand, comprehend or figure out, be a mystery

I **don't know how** she is able to do it.

to not know if

to not be certain if, be uncertain if, be unsure if

to not know one from Adam

to not know who one is

You are fooling yourself. He won't lend you any money. Why should he? He does **not know you from Adam**.

to know one's strength

to not be conscious or aware how strong or powerful

When you play, you must be careful. The problem is that you

do not know your own strength.

to not know what has hit one

to be taken totally and completely by surprise, be totally unexpected or not anticipated

Because she had thought herself smarter than everyone else, when the police arrested her, she **did not know what hit her.**

to not know whether

to not be certain whether, be uncertain whether, be unsure whether

to not want to know anything

to want or desire to remain ignorant or out of the loop, to wish to remain in the dark

Do what you have to but I **do not want to know anything.**

as we know it

as we are familiar with or knowledgeable in

How did he know

How did he find out? How did he get the information?

... **and you know it**

(to emphasize the fact that the person is very aware of the fact)

I was nowhere near State street yesterday **and you know it.**

and you know what?

used to emphasize what one is about to say

She's going back to Portugal this week. **And you know what?** I don't

even care.

as far as I know

said to demonstrate that one is unsure about what one believes to be true or correct

As far as I know, he isn't coming to the U.S. anytime soon.

As you well know

said when both the speaker and the listener know the information

As you well know, Susan and I are no longer friends.

Do you know what I mean?

to check one's understanding of what is being said

This war is going nowhere. **Do you know what I mean?**

for all I know ...

used to emphasize that one does not know or have any information

He may be part of the enemy **for all I know**.

God only knows ...

used to say that one has no idea, used to say that one does not know

God only knows! I have no idea had been in his head.

Goodness only knows ...

used to say that one has no idea, used to say that one does not know

Goodness only knows! I have no idea had been in his head.

Heaven only knows ...

used to say that one has no idea, used to say that one does not know

Heaven only knows! This war does seem endless.

How could one know?

It's not one's fault, One is not responsible, There was no way for one to know, There was no way to know

How could I know that she would arrive an hour early?

How was one to know?

It's not one's fault, One is not responsible, There was no way for one to know, There was no way to know

How was I to know that she would arrive an hour early?

How would I know?

used to say that I don't know and that it is unreasonable for you to think that I should know

How would I know ? I have no idea if he has or hasn't returned from New York?

How should I know?

used to say that I don't know and that it is unreasonable for you to think that I should know

How should I know ? I have no idea if he has or hasn't returned from New York?

I don't know

1. to not have the answer or solution to a problem

I don't know who he is.

2. used to indirectly say that it is not important or one is not sure

Oh, **I don't know**, we could go today, tomorrow or whenever.

3. used to indirectly disagree or to mildly dissent

Oh, **I don't know**, he proved to be an excellent worker when he worked with me.

I don't know about you ...

I don't know where you stand or what you want (but I do know where I stand or what I want)

I don't know about you but I am not going to accept this decision.

I don't know how to thank you ...

I am so grateful for or thankful

I don't know how to thank you for everything that you have done.

I know

1. I agree, I am in agreement, Yes

I've been so busy this week. **I know**. I can't ever catch you at home.

2. said when an idea has suddenly popped in one's head

Wait. **I know** what we can do. We can get him a computer.

3. said to prevent one from objecting to what one is saying

I know. I know that you don't like it but before you say anything ...

I ought to know

of course I know, if I don't know than no one does

This book will be a best seller. **I ought to know.** I wrote it.

I should know

of course I know, if I don't know than no one does, I ought to know

This cake was made without any sugar or butter. **I ought to know.** I baked it.

I would know that voice anywhere

I would recognize that voice, therefore, that person

I wouldn't know

to say that one does not know and does not appreciate being asked (somewhat insulting)

Do you know if she still works at the office? **I wouldn't know.**

If I had known

If I been aware or conscious of (but I wasn't)

If I had known, I would have gotten here much earlier.

If you know what is good for you

said to warn a person to do something

If you know what is good for you, you will leave now.

knowing (one)

said that a particular behavior is to be expected from a person

Knowing John, I did not expect much.

just let me know

simply tell me, don't hesitate in informing me

Just let me know if you want me to go with you.

nobody knows what happened

no one wants to say what they saw

not that I know

another and less abrupt way to say 'no', polite way to give a negative response

Does he speak German? **Not that I know.**

should have known

should have been aware of or realize the fact, to be expected to have known

He did not do it. I don't know why you're so surprised; you **should have known.**

should have known that

should have been aware of or realize the fact that, to be expected to have known that

I don't know why you're so surprised; you **should have known that** he would not be successful.

What do you know!

said to express surprise, astonishment or amazement

What do you know! You are already here. I'm so glad.

What does (one) know?

said angrily to say that that person has no more information or expertise than anyone else

Why should I listen to JoAna? **What does she know?** I say, nothing!

Who knew!

used to show one's astonishment, astonishment or surprise
Who could have imagined!

Who knew! I never thought that she would actually do it.

Who knows!

used to say that one has no idea, used to say that one does not know

Who knows! This war does seem endless.

Wouldn't you know it!

It's just my (bad) luck

Wouldn't you know it. He did not even recognize me.

you don't know

you have no idea, you can not possibly understand

You don't know how horrible it was.

... **you know**

1. used as a filler (said when one has nothing to say)

You know, I went to the store and **you know** ... we saw John and **you know** ...

2. said when more information is being given while describing or narrating a story

We went to the market, **you know**, the big one downtown.

3. said to begin to talk about a subject (in the form of a question)

You know that Susan is going to visit him in Paris, don't you? I do believe that that will be a mistake.

4. said to check if one is understanding a conversation

I just don't understand what you want, **you know**? Can you explain it?

... **you know!**

Listen!

I'm aware of what you did, you know!

... **you know**

... no?

You can trust him, **you know**.

you know that ...

you are aware or conscious that ...

You know that he is a trustworthy person.

You never know

Anything is possible, Nothing is impossible

They want to overturn the election. **You never know**.

You know what?

used to introduce new or other information to a conversation

You know what? John's just arrived this afternoon.

You know what I'm saying?

(very informal) Do you understand what I am say?, Understood?

He is not ready to take over control of the company. **You know what I'm saying?**

You never know

said to signal or to indirectly say that one is not sure or is hesitating

You never know what is going to happen.

knowable

1. understandable, intelligible, explainable, graspable, recognizable, unambiguous, overt, unhidden, unclouded
2. (more stylize/ formal) cognizable, apprehensible, fathomable, cognoscible, discernible, perceivable, perspicuous, unveiled, explicit, distinct, manifest, translucent, transpicuous, lucid
3. (less formal/informal) crystal clear, plain as the nose on your face, undraped, clear cut, bare

know-how

1. expertise, experience, savior-faire, competence, proficiency, capability
2. skillfulness, adroitness, flair, dexterity, deftness, ableness, hang

knowing

1. shrewd, savvy, wily, sharp, smart
2. (more stylized/formal) sagacious, ingenious, astute, acute

3. profound, learned, lettered, well-educate, well read, learned
4. (more stylized/ formal) perspicacious, perceptive, percipient, judicious, circumspect, erudite
5. on the ball, worldly, hip, wise, wise to the world, worldly, with it
6. deliberate, purposeful, intentional, willful, volitional

knowingly

deliberately, purposefully, meaningfully, determinedly, with intent, mindfully, consciously, with one's eye wide open

know-it-all

1. storehouse, mine or fountain of information,
2. braggart, mouth, egoist, windbag, walking encyclopedia

know-it-all

1. pompous, pretentious, arrogant, vain, inflated, conceited, peacockish, puffed up
2. bragging, crowing, boastful, swaggering, mouthy, ranting, blustering

knowledge

1. learning, letters, erudition, education, schooling
2. understanding, appreciation, intelligence

3. proficiency, expertise, savoir-faire, know how, experience
4. discernment, comprehension, grasp, cognition
5. perception, second sense, foresight, sixth sense
6. intelligence, information, data, news, privity
7. (informal to slang) inside information, low-down, tip-off, hearsay, dope, tip, rumor, gossip, word, scuttlebutt, talk
8. principles, truths, pantology, verities

knowledgeability

sophistication, worldliness, knowledgeableness

knowledgeable

1. versed, well-educated, academic, letter, learned, well-read, well-informed, erudite
2. knowing, conscious, in the know, understanding, cognizant, conversant, enlightened
3. skilled, knowing the ropes, savvy, able, competent, expert, proficient, capable
4. discerning, sage, wise, perspicacious, perceptive, penetrating
5. discreet, judicious, having a good head on one's shoulders, discreet

6. rational, pragmatic, reasonable, commonsensical, logic, practical, sensible, commonsense

in pursuit of knowledge

in the quest or with the aim or object of knowing, with the goal, purpose or point being to learn

I did all this **in pursuit of knowledge**.

not to my knowledge

as far as I know the answer is no, polite and conditional 'no'

Is he coming tonight? **Not to my knowledge**.

to act in full knowledge of the consequences

to be totally aware or conscious of

He **acted in full knowledge of the consequences**; therefore, I do not feel sorry for him.

to be knowledgeable in

to be familiar with, be versed or instructed in

I **am knowledgeable in** the Bible.

to deny any knowledge

to disavow, disclaim or disaffirm any intelligence of, claim ignorance of

You're going to have to fight to get any information from her. She has **denied any knowledge** of everything.

to have come to one's knowledge

to have become known to one, to have come to know

It **has come to my knowledge** that you have been taking steroids.

to the best of one's knowledge

as far as one knows, that is what one believes to be true (although one must admit that I don't have all information)

To the best of my knowledge, she is not coming back here to live.

with full knowledge

with knowing all the information or details of a subject, with one's eyes open

Did you participate **with full knowledge**?

without one's knowledge

without being aware or conscious of, without one be acquainted with the situation

You did all this without my knowledge; therefore, I can not help you.

working knowledge

not an expert but enough knowledge to do what needs to be done

I don't speak French well but I do have **working knowledge** of the language.

known

1. conceived, understood, comprehended, grasped, cognized
2. seen, recognized, realized, perceived, apprehended,

3. committed to memory, possessed, learnt, memorized, learnt by heart, learnt word by word
4. confessed, proclaimed, acknowledged
5. uncovered, undraped, unconcealed, unmasked, exposed, revealed, come to light
6. clear cut, plain as day, translucent, transparent, **plain as the nose on one's face**

know-nothing

1. imbecile, not the most intelligent, ignorant, fool
2. (informal to slang) stupid, **blockhead**, **hammerhead**, dummy, **fathead**, numskull, with nothing upstairs
3. atheist, agnostic, non-believer, disbeliever

known quantity

already known, familiar with, or accepted or seen as fact

to remember

(entered into the English language between 1300-50)

Old English **gemunan gemyndgian**, Middle English **remembren**,
Old French **resembler**, Dutch **zich herinneren onthouden**
gedenken, German **sich erinnern an denken an sich entsinnen**,
Swedish **minas komma ihåg påminna sig erinra sig**, African
onthou, Danish **huske**, Latin **rememorari remorare**, French
rapellez repellent rapeller rapellons, Spanish **recordar**
acordarse

Prefixes and/or suffixes which mean

mind:

mne-, **mnem-**, **mnemon-**, **mnes-**, **-mnesia**, **-mnesiac**, **-mnesitic** (Greek:
memory, to remember)

mem- (Latin: remember)

to remember

1. to call to mind, recall, recollect
2. to nail, recognize, peg, spot, identify, make out
3. to muse, reminisce, look back, retrospect, live in the past
4. commemorate, celebrate, pay homage to, observe
5. to keep or bear in mind
6. to memorize, learn by heart
7. to perform a programmed activity at a later time (i.e. computer, timer, slow cooker)

to be a (day, night, week or year) **to remember**
to be memorable, unforgettable or not soon forgotten

I have never had such a good time. This will always **be a week to remember.**

to be good to remember

1. to be good to know
2. Thanks for the info.

What you've told me **is good to remember.**

to be remembered for

to be known or noted for, be commemorated

She will always **be remembered for** her beauty.

to be something to remember one by

to give one a small gift or present so one is not forgotten

Please don't thank me. It's only something to **remember me by**.

to remember a face

to recall someone upon meeting (usually to say that one remembers one's face but not one's name)

I always **remember a face** but names, no.

to remember one

1. to keep or bear in mind as one deserving of recompense as a reward (i.e. money or gift)

The company only **remembers us** at Christmas.

2. to donate to, tip to, give tip or gratuity to, requite

I gave him and his family special service and attention during their stay. I do hope they **remember me** before leaving.

to remember one as

to recall or recollect one as have been known as (something in the past)

I **remembered him as** an especially nice person.

to remember one in one's prayer

to pray for one

He is in the hospital. Please **remember him in your prayers**.

to remember one's manner

to not forget to act in a socially acceptable manner

When you are out in public, you must always **remember your manners**.

to remember one in one's will

to leave one money or property in one's last will and testament

He never really cared for me; therefore, I don't expect him to **remember me in his will**.

to remember one to

to send greetings or one's best to

Remember me to your family when you see them.

to remember to (do something)

to do, perform or execute an activity

Please tell me that you did **remember to** feed the fish.

remembrance

1. retrospect, recollection, memory, something in the dim memory of the past, glimmering of the past
2. recalling, looking back, summoning up the past, remembering
3. keepsake, commemoration, token of the past or of one's affection

Remembrance Day

similar to Veteran's Day, celebrated on November 11 in Canada to commemorate those soldiers who died in World War I and II.

remembrances

compliments, greetings, best or good wishes, regards

Soul

(entered into the English language before 900)

Old English and Middle English **sawl sawol**, Old Norse **sal**, Goth **saivala**, Frisian **geast siel**, Dutch **ziel**, German **seele**, Afrikkans **gees**, Swedish **själ**, Latin **anima homo**, French **âme**, Spanish **alma**

Prefixes and/or suffixes which mean **soul**:

anima (Latin: *anima* principle soul air breath)

spir-, **spir-**, **spira-**, **spirat-**, **spire-**, **-spiring**, **-spiration**, **-spiration**
(breath, soul, breathing, mind, spirit, courage/ Latin: spirare : breathe
respiration, inspiration, inspire)

soul

1. principle of life, feeling, thought, and action in the human being
2. spirit, animating principle, vital spirit, breath of life, anima, life
3. consciousness, psyche, mind, intellect
4. reason, understanding, intelligence
5. inner self, true being, self ego
6. spiritual part of the human being which survives death

Because of the kind of life that you have led; I will pray for your **soul** when you die.

7. ghost, disembodied spirit, presence, apparition, phantom
8. human being, mortal, life, individual, entity, personality, spirit, anima mundi

I swear that I will not tell a **soul**. Your secret is safe with me.

9. inspirer or moving spirit

The painting was perfect but it had no **soul**. It left me cold.

10. essential part, essence, substance
11. marrow, heart of the matter, crux, gist, meat, nitty gritty

12. core, inner core, center, kernel

I no longer like coming here. This place has lost its **soul**.

13. embodiment, personification

14. shared ethnic awareness i.e. Black Americans

15. type of music that is intense, soulful, emotional

soul cake

(British) small oval cake to celebrate All Souls' Day.

soul destroying

1. life-wearying, boring, wearying, world-wearying, tiring, wearing, hardening

I can't continue doing this type of work. It is **soul-destroying**.

2. heavy-laden, breaking, desolate, despairing, crushing

This relationship is **soul-destroying**.

soul food

traditional African-American food

soul kiss

1. open mouth kiss
2. (more informal/ slang) French kiss, deep kiss

soul mate

the person with whom one fits or to whom one is compatible, one's match or ideal mate

He is my **soul mate** because he understands me like no one else.

soul music

type of music started in the US characterized by emotional or moving songs

soul searching

profound consideration of one's behavior and/or standing

After a lot of **soul-searching**, I have come to the conclusion that I was wrong.

soul stirring

1. something which is rousing, moving, heart-rendering or stimulating

The music was so **soul stirring**.

2. (informal) **heart-stirring, heart-swelling, breath-taking**

every living soul

everyone, every person, everybody, all persons

Every living soul has the right to live free of fear.

not a soul in sight

not to see anyone, anybody, any person, noone, no persons

When I entered the town, there was **not a soul in sight**.

only a few brave souls

only a few courageous, unafraid, heroic or fearless persons or individuals

There will be **only a few brave souls** who will stand up against him.

with all one's soul

categorically, truly, really, unquestionably, genuinely, unequivocally, absolutely

I believe **with all my soul** that what he did had been wrong.

the heart and soul of

the essence, heart, kernel, central, marrow, pith or core of

She is **the heart and soul of** the family.

to bare one's soul

to confess, **unbosom** or **make a clean breast of** one's most intimate feelings and emotions

She couldn't keep it inside anymore. She **bore her soul** to me.

to commend one's soul to God

to entrust one's soul to God (said while one is dying), accept the fact that one is dying, resign oneself to one's impending or imminent death

The moment that he had **commended his soul to God**, I knew that he wasn't going to recuperate.

to do something with all one's soul

to do something with great intensity, devotion, fervency and earnestness

When I studied language, I **did so with all my soul**.

to give one's heart and soul

to give one's everything, to not hold back anything, to give one's all

She **gave her heart and soul**.

to have no soul

to be a person without an inner core, essence or a spiritual center

She will not understand you; she **has no soul**.

to keep body and soul together

1. to continue surviving with the bare minimum, be able to maintain, sustain or feed oneself, provide for oneself

Once she graduates from college, she going to have to learn to **keep body and soul together**.

2. (more informal) to keep intact, take care of, clothe and feed oneself, keep or maintain oneself alive, provide for, continue breathing

While in the university, I could barely **keep body and soul together**.

to know in one's soul

to understand, intuit, know, or **feel in one's bone**

He **knew in his soul** that she was no good.

to lack soul

to have no emotion, feeling or passion

It is an adequate story but it leaves me cold. It **lacks soul**.

to lose one's soul

to no longer have principles, morals or values, become immoral or amoral

Since he has become a millionaire, he **has lost his soul**.

to not be able to call one's soul one's own

to become one's puppet, be puppet-like, have someone else pull one's string, be slavish or servile

Because he sold his soul for money, he **is not able to call his soul his own**.

to not be able to call one's soul one's own

to be controlled, subservient, servile, manipulated, under one's thumb, subordinate, subjugated

So that he would keep his job, he **is no longer able to call his soul his own**.

to not see a living soul

to not see anyone, be totally alone, be no one around

When I entered into the town, I **did not see a living soul**.

to not tell a soul

to not reveal, disclose or divulge to anyone, tell no one, say nothing to no one

I **did not tell a soul** what you told me.

to possess one's soul in patience

to have a lot of patience, have the patience of job, have a great deal of self-possession, self-command or composure

to save one's soul

to help one to heaven, salvation, redemption or deliverance

The missionary saw it as his duty to **save the woman's soul**.

to sell one's soul to the devil

to lose one's soul to the devil, to ignore one's values or morals in exchange for money and/or fame

To become a CEO, he had to **sell his soul to the devil**.

to throw body and soul into

1. to do completely, totally, entirely, thoroughly and fully

She **threw body and soul into** the project.

2. to do without reserve, do utterly, unreservedly or unmitigatedly

She **threw body and soul into** the project.

to throw heart and soul into

1. to do completely, totally, entirely, thoroughly and fully

She **threw heart and soul into** the project.

2. to do without reserve, do utterly, unreservedly or unmitigatedly

She **threw heart and soul into** the project.

Bless my soul!

(an old-fashioned way of expressing surprise)

God rest his soul

Rest in peace

Poor soul!

Poor baby!

Put some soul into it!

Do it with some flavor, intensity and spirit!

soulful

emotional, moving, deep, intense, meaningful, expressive

Soulful music has always moved me.

soulless

without soul or feeling, lacking spirit, expression or courage

He is **soulless**.

Appendix 1

Religious-based words which entered into the English language from the Church as a result of Christianization:

abbot, alms, altar, angel, anthem, ark, candle, canon, chalice, cleric, deacon, disciple, epistle, hymn, litany, manna, martyr, mass, minister, noon, nun, offer, organ, palm, pope, priest, psalm, relic, rule, shrine, stole, synod, temple, tunic, Antichrist, apostle, cantor, cell, cloister, collect, creed, demon, font, idol, nocturne, prime, prophet, Sabbath, synagogue

Non-religious Latin based words which came into English through the Church:

cap, sock, silk, purple, chest, mat, sack, beet, lentil, pear, radish, doe, oyster, lobster, mussel, to cook, box, pine, lily, marshmallow, myrrh, rue, savory, master, school, Latin, grammatical, verse, meter, gloss, notary, anchor, fan, fever, place, sponge, elephant, phoenix, circle, legion, giant, consul, talent, accent, to brief, decline, history, paper, term, title, cucumber, ginger, winkle

Appendix 2

Most Frequently Used Words In English

Agricultural terms

sheep, shepherd, ox, earth, plough, swine, dog, wood, field, corn

Days of the week

Monandæg (day of the moon), Tiwesdæg (day of the god, Tig), Wodnesdæg (day of the god, Woden), Ðunresdæg (day of the god, Thunor), Frigedæg (the day of the goddess, Friga), Sæternesdæg (the day of the Roman god, Saturn), Sunnandæg (the day of the sun)

Other words

the, is, you, man, and, for, for, of, in, on, to, under, æfter, beforan, behindan, bi (by), hwæt (what), hwy (why), ofer (over), æt (at), socc (sock), scoh (shoe), mete (meat), butere (butter), milc (milk), egg, hunig (honey), ceses (cheese), summer, winter, the, is, you, man, house, God, heaven, hell, Holy Ghost, Doomsday, god-spell, Gospel, Easter (from the Anglo-Saxon goddess, Eostre), Yule (from the midwinter god, Geol (pronounced 'Yule')) call, shirt, hat, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, brother, time, corn, night, wood, blood, gold, burg, home, wine, word, book, life, king, sea, water, old

Old English

mann
wif
cild
hūs
benc
mete
gærs
leaf
fugol
god
heah

Modern English

man
wife
child
house
bench
meat, food
grass
leaf
fowl, bird
good
high

strang	strong
etan	eat
drincan	drink
slæpan	sleep
libban	live

Appendix 3

Terms and words from the Old Norse Period

closed class words

Old Norse

Anglo-Saxon

they	hie
their	hiera
them	him
are	aron

other closed class words

both, same, through, till, are

Old Norse word which replace Anglo-Saxons

Old Norse

Anglo-Saxon

egg	ey
sister (syster)	sweostor
loan	læn
weak (wac)	veikr
take	niman
anger	torn, grama, irre

bark
wing
sky
window

rind
fepra
uprodor/wolcen
eagpyrel

Words brought into English from Old Norse which had no equivalent in Old English

call, die, rugged, flat, tight, kid, steak, anger, awe, bait, boon, crooked, saw, wand, wrong, freckle

Old Norse supplied English with useful pair of synonyms

English

shatter

sick

carve

wish

craft

hide

no

whole

rear

from

Norse

scatter

ill

cut

want

skill

skin

nay

hale

raise

fro

Words which entered into English from Old Norse after 1000

nouns

band, booth, bull, dirt, down (feathers), egg, fellow, freckle, kneel, kid, leg, link, reindeer, reef, scab, scales, scrap, seat, sister, skin, skirt, sky, snare, steak, swain, window, birch, boon, gait, gap, guess, loan, race, rift, score, skill, slaughter, snare, stack, swain, thrift, tidings, trust, want, window

verbs

call, crawl, die, get, give, lift, raise, rid, scare, take, cast, clip, crave, droop, gape, kindle, nag, scowl, snub, sprint, thrust

adjectives

flat, loose, low, odd, tight, weak, awkward, ill, meek, sly, rotten, tattered, muggy

pronouns

they, their, them, both, same, though, till

Words which begin with "sk" normally came from Danes

scalp, scrape, scrub, scare, scathe, score, skate, skew, ski, skid, skill, skin, skip, skirt, skull, sky

Appendix 4

Germanic and English Cognates of some of the most common words

English	Frisian	Dutch	German	Swedish	Danish
cheese	tsiis	kaas	Käse	ost	ost
day	dei	dag	Tag	dag	dag
goose	goes	gans	Gans	gås	gås
through	troch	door	durch	igennem	igennem
yesterday	juster	gisteren	gestern	i går	i går
sun	sinne	zon	Sonne	sol	sol
fox	foks	vos	Fuchs	räv	ræv
sit	sitte	zitten	Sitzen	sitta	sidde
book	boek	boek	Buch	bok	bog, bestille
red	read	rood	Rot	röd	rød
sleep	sliepe	slapen	Schlafen	sova	sove søvn
night	natt	nacht	nacht	nat	
snow	snie	sneeuw	schnee	snö	sne
seven	sân	zeven	sieben	sju	syv
foot	foet	voet	fuss	fot	fod, pote
fish	fisk	vis	fisch	fisk	fiske, fisk
heart	hert	hart	herz	hjärta	hjerte
ten		tien	zehn	tio	ti
tooth	tosk	tand	zahn	tand	tand
eat	eat, ite	eten	essen	äta, fört	ära æde

sword	swurd	zwaard	Schwert	svärd, värja	
path	paad	pad	Pfad	stig, bana	sti
hand	han	hand	Hand	hand	hånd
help	helpe	helpen	helfen	hjälp,	hjalpa
three	trije	drie	drei	tre	þrír
heart	hert	hart	Herz	hjärta	hjarta
oak	iik	eik	Eiche	ek	eik

English

cheese

day

goose

yesterday

sun

fox

sit

book

red

sleep

night

snow

seven

Norwegian

ost

dag

gås

i går

sol

rev

sitte

bok

rød

sove, søvn

natt

sne

sju

foot	fot
fish	fisk, fiske
heart	hjerte
ten	ti
tooth	tann
eat	fortære
path	sti
hand	hand
help	hjelp
three	tre
heart	hjerte
oak	eik

Appendix 5

Old English

eam
anda
andig
andian
æþele
æþeling
dryhten/ frea
leod
dema

French (replacement)

uncle
envy
envious
to envy
noble
nobleman
prince
people
judge

dom	judgment
cyphere	witness
firen	crime
scyldig	guilty
here	army
cempa	warrior
sibb	peace
blæd	flower
bleo	color
adl	disease
ieldu	age
lof	praise
lyft	air
hold	gracious
earn	poor
sltpe	cruel
gecynde	natural
wuldor	glory
wlite	beauty
wlitig	beautiful
andettan	confess
beorgan	preserve, defend
bieldan/ elnian	encourage

dihtan	compose
flitan	contend
healsian	implore
herian	praise
leanian	reward
miltsian	pity

Appendix 6

French words which came into English

1066-1250

abbot, canon, cardinal, clergy, countess, empress, duke, court, rent, cell,
 justice, miracle, Baptist, dame, prince, chapel, image, lion, reason,
 pilgrim, saint, virgin, obedience, religion, sermon, prophet, patriarch,
 archangel, circumcision, sacrament, fruit, sepulcher, custom, admiral,
 crown, astronomy, council, journey, rob, large, silence, dangerous,
 jealous, glutton, joy, tempt, witness, chapter, lesson, story, medicine,
 confessor, constable, heir, chair, butler, peace, justice, uncle, aunt,
 cousin, lamp, rose, catch, change, mercy, poor, rich, wait, ,prove, war,
 arrive, pay

1250-1350

action, cost, deceit, dozen, ease, fault, force, grief, labor, number, opinion, pair, piece, season, sound, square, substance, task, use, bucket, calendar, face, gum, , metal, mountain, ocean, people, actual, brief, certain, clear, common, contrary, eager, easy, final, honest, real, second, single, solid, strange, sudden, usual, allow, apply, approach, arrange, carry, close, continue, count, cover, defeat, destroy, excuse, force, form, increase, inform, join, move, please, proceed, push, remember, travel

By 1300 the following French words were already used in English

nouns

action, adventure, affection, age, air, bucket, bushel, calendar, carpenter, cheer, city, coast, comfort, cost, country, courage, courtesy, coward, crocodile, cruelty, damage, debt, deceit, dozen, ease, envy, error, face, faggot, fame, fault, flower, folly, force, hour, joy, malice, manner, marriage, metal, mountain, number ocean, odor, order, pair, person, piece, point, poverty, powder, power, quality, quart, rage, reason, river, scandal, seal, season, sign, sound, sum, tailor, tavern, unity, use, vision, waste

adjectives

able, abundant, active, actual, amiable, amorous, barren, blank, brief, calm, certain, chaste, chief, clear, common, contrary, courteous, cruel, double, eager, easy, faint, feeble, fierce, final, firm, foreign, frail, frank, gay, gentle, gracious, hasty, honest, horrible, innocent, jolly, liberal, malicious, mean, moist, natural, nice, obedient, original, perfect, pliant, poor, principal

verbs

advance, advise, aim, allow, apply, approach, arrange, arrive, betray, butt, carry, change, chase, close, comfort, commence, complain, conceal, consider, continue, count, cry, cull, deceive, declare, defeat, defer, defy, delay, desire, destroy, embrace, enclose, endure, enjoy, enter, err, excuse, flatter, flourish, force, forge, form, furnish, grant, increase, inform, inquire, join, languish, launch, mount, move, murmur, muse, nourish, obey, oblige, observe, pass, pay, pierce, pinch, please, practice, praise, prefer, proceed, propose, prove, purify, pursue, push, quit, receive, refuse, rejoice, relieve, remember, reply, rinse, rob, satisfy, save, scald, serve, spoil, strangle, strive, shun, succeed, summon, suppose, surprise, tax, tempt, trace, travel, tremble, wait, waive, waste, wince

Law

plea, suit, plaintiff, defendant, judge, advocate, attorney, bill, petition, complaint, inquest, summons, hue and cry, indictment, jury, juror, panel, felon, evidence, proof, bail, ransom, judgment, verdict, sentence, decree, award, punishment, prison

Fashion and Social Life

apparel, habit, gown, robe, garment, attire, cape, coat, frock, collar, veil, train, chemise, petticoat, lace, embroidery, buckle, button, to embellish, to adorn

colors

blue, brown, vermilion, scarlet, saffron, russet, tawny

fruit, food, herbs, and etc.

raisin, fig, date, grape, orange, lemon, cherry, peach, confection, pasty, tart, jelly, spice, clove, thyme, herb, mustard, vinegar, cinnamon, nutmeg, to roast, to boil, to stew, to fry, to broach, to blanch, to grate, to mince

Art, Learning, and Medicine

art, painting, sculpture, music, beauty, color, figure, image, tone, title, volume, chapter, parchment, paper, pen

Post 1350

adolescence, appellation, tort, combustion, distribution, immensity,
pacification, representation, sumptuous

Other words from French adopted into English:

fashion, gown, robe, lace, button, boot, satin, fur, ruby, pearl, blue
dinner, supper, taste, feast, tension, beef, veal, mutton, pork, toast,
cream, sugar, salad, lettuce, fruit, cherry, peach, herb, roast, boil, stew,
fry, grate, mince, goblet, saucer, plate, platter, table, palace, mansion,
ceiling, chimney, tower, porch, curtain, lamp, medicine, physician,
surgeon, pain, stomach, place, part, use, city, line, state, sure, change,
close, course, pay, please, face, quit, coat, brown, air, country, flower,
hour, manner, noise, number, people, river, able, large, nice, poor, real,
safe, second, carry, move, pass, wait, to preach, to pray, to change, to
repent, to confess, to adore, to sacrifice, to convert, to anoint, to ordain,
to usurp, to oppress, to repeal

Appendix 7
The etymology of irregular verbs in English

List one

Those verbs which entered into English prior to 900:

to arise

to be

to bear

to beat

to become

to break

to burn

can

to cling

to come

to creep

to deal

to do

to draw

to drink

to drive

to drop

to eat

to fall

to feel

to fly

forbear

to forego

to forget

to forgive

to give

to go

to grow

to hang

to have

to hear

to hide

to hold

to know

to lead

to lean

to leap

to learn

to leave

lend

to let

to lie

to light

to lose

to make

may

to mean

to meet

to read

to ride

to ring

to say

to see

to seek

to sell

to send

to set

to sew

to shake

to shear

to shine

to shoot

to show

shrink

to sing

to sit

to slay

to sleep

to sow

to speak

to spin

to spring

to stand

to steal

to string

to swear

to swell

to swim

to swing

to teach

to tear

to tell

to think

to tread

to understand

to wake

to wear

to weave

to weep

to win

to wind

to wring

to write

List two

Those verbs which entered into English prior to 1150:

to awake

to back

to backbite

to begin

to bend

to bind

to bite

to bleed

to blow

to breed

to bring

to build

to burst

to buy

to choose

to feed

to feel

to fight

to forbid

to grind

to hit

to keep

to kneel

to prove

to put

to rise

to run

to shed

to sink

to slide

to slink

to smell

to spend

to spill

to stick

to sting

to stink

to stride

to strike

to take

to throw

List three

Those verbs which entered into English after 1175:

to backslide (entered into English between 1575 to 1585)

to bet (1585-95)

to browbeat (1575-85/ brow (before 1000))

to catch (from Latin and Norman French/ 1175-1275)

to cost (entered English between 1200 to 1275/ Anglo-French)

to cut (entered English between 1175 to 1225 from Old English 'cyttan'
akin to Old Swedish 'kotta' and Old Norse 'kuti')

to dig (entered English between 1275 to 1375/ derived from Old English
'dic' (ditch) which entered into the language before 900)

to fling (entered English between 1275-1300)

to foretell (entered English between 1250-1300)

to get (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Old Norse 'geta'
(to obtain, to beget)

to hurt (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Old French
'heuter' and Old Norse 'hrutr')

to lay (entered English between 1300-1350 derived from Middle French)

to pay (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Middle French 'payen' which had been derived from Old French paier)

to quit (entered English between 1175-1225 derived from Old French 'quite')

to rid (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Old English 'ryddan' (to trash) which was derived for ryhja (to clear)

to sling (entered English between 1175-1225 derived from Old Norse 'slyngva' (to sling) Old English slingan (to wind or twist)

to slit (entered English between 1175-1225 derived from the Germanic 'schlitzten (to split or slit) Old English 'slite' (a slit), Anglo-Saxon 'slitan' (to tear or break through) Danish 'slide'

to sneak (entered English between 1590-1600 derived from Middle English 'sniken' Old English 'snican'

to spell (entered English between 1250-1300 derived from Old French 'espeller' Old English 'spellian' (to announce) Old High German - spellon Old Norse spjalla

to split (entered English between 1570-1580 derived from Middle English 'splitten' Dutch 'splitten' which is akin to Middle High German 'splizen' German 'spleissen'

to spoil (entered English between 1300-1350 derived from Middle English spoilen Old French espoillier Latin spoliare)

to spread (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Old English sprædan Middle English spreden)

to strive (entered English between 1175-1225 derived from Middle English 'striven' (to quarrel, to strive) Old French 'estriver' Dutch strijven German 'streben' (to strive)

to sweep (entered English between 1125-1275 derived from Middle English 'swepen' Old English 'gesepa' German 'schweifen')

to thrive (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Middle English thriven Old Norse 'thrifast' (to thrive)

to thrust (entered English between 1125-1275 derived from Middle English 'thrusten' Old Norse 'thrysta' (to force or press)

to try (entered English between 1250-1300 derived from Middle English 'trien' (to try a legal case) Anglo-French and Old French 'trier' Late Latin tritare (to separate the corn from the stalk) Latin 'trilus' (to thresh corn)