

clang

clang clangs clanging clanged

VERB When something made of metal **clangs**, or when you **clang** it, it makes a loud, ringing sound.

clank clanks clanking clanked

VERB When something **clanks**, it makes a loud, metallic sound.

clap claps clapping clapped

VERB 1 When you **clap**, you hit your hands together loudly to show that you have enjoyed something or that you approve of something.
NOUN 2 a sudden loud noise of thunder.

clarify clarifies clarifying clarified

VERB If you **clarify** something, you make it clear and easier to understand.

clarification NOUN

clarinet clarinets

NOUN a woodwind instrument with a straight tube and a single reed in its mouthpiece.

clarity

NOUN The **clarity** of something is its clearness. *The clarity of the water made me think it was very clean.*

clash clashes clashing clashed

VERB 1 Colours or ideas that **clash** are so different that they do not go together. *Debbie's red shirt clashed with her green shorts.*

2 If one event **clashes** with another, they happen at the same time, so you cannot go to both.

3 If people **clash** with each other, they fight or argue.

clasp clasps clasping clasped

VERB 1 If you **clasp** something, you hold it tightly.

NOUN 2 a fastening such as a hook or a catch.

class classes

NOUN 1 a group of pupils or students taught together, or a lesson that they have together.

2 A **class** of people or things is a group of them of a particular type. *Beetles and ants belong to different classes of insect.*

Synonyms: (sense 2) group, kind, type

classic

ADJECTIVE Something described as **classic** is considered a high quality example of something. *He has a classic car.*

classical

ADJECTIVE 1 traditional in style and content. *classical ballet.*
2 Classical music is serious music thought to be of lasting value.

classify classifies classifying classified

VERB to arrange things into groups with something in common. *We classified the fruits into three groups: fruits, vegetables and nuts.*

classification NOUN

classroom classrooms

NOUN a room in a school where lessons take place.

clatter clatters clattering clattered

VERB 1 When things **clatter**, they hit each other with a loud, rattling noise.
NOUN 2 a loud noise made by hard things hitting against each other. *There was a great clatter when the waitress dropped the tray.*

clause clauses

NOUN In grammar, a **clause** is a group of words with a subject and a verb, which may be a complete sentence or part of a sentence.

claw claws clawing clawed

NOUN 1 An animal's **claws** are the hard, curved nails at the end of its feet.

2 The **claws** of a crab or a lobster are the two jointed parts at the end of the leg, used for holding things.



claw

VERB 3 If an animal **claws** something, it digs its claws into it.

clay

NOUN a type of earth that is soft and sticky when wet and hard when baked dry. It is used to make pottery and bricks.

cloakroom

cliffhanger cliffhangers

NOUN a very exciting or frightening situation, usually in a television or radio serial, where you are left not knowing what is going to happen next.

climate climates

NOUN the general weather conditions that are typical of a place.

climax climaxes

NOUN the most exciting moment of something, usually near the end.

climb climbs climbing climbed

VERB 1 If you **climb** something, such as a tree, mountain or ladder, you move towards the top of it.

2 If you **climb** somewhere, you move there with difficulty. *We climbed over the high wall.*

NOUN 3 a movement upwards. *I was tired after the long climb to the top of the hill.*

climber NOUN

cling clings clinging clung

VERB If you **cling** to something, you hold on to it tightly.

clinic clinics

NOUN a place where people go for medical advice or treatment.

clip clips clipping clipped

NOUN 1 a small metal or plastic object used for holding things together.

2 a short piece of a film shown by itself.

VERB 3 If you **clip** something, you cut bits from it to shape it.

clipboard clipboards

NOUN a stiff piece of board or plastic, with a clip at the top to keep papers in place.

clippers

PLURAL NOUN a tool used for cutting: *hedge clippers.*

cloak cloaks cloaking cloaked

NOUN 1 a wide, loose coat without sleeves.

VERB 2 If something **cloaks** something else, it covers or hides it. *The mist cloaked the land.*

cloakroom cloakrooms

NOUN 1 a room where you can leave coats and luggage for a while.

2 a room with toilets and washbasins in a public building.

clean cleaner cleanest; cleans cleaning

cleaned
ADJECTIVE 1 free from dirt or unwanted marks.
VERB 2 to remove dirt from something.

clear clearer clearest; clears clearing

cleared
ADJECTIVE 1 easy to understand, see or hear. *The instructions on the packet were very clear.*
2 easy to see through: *a clear liquid.*
VERB 3 To **clear** unwanted things from a place is to remove them. *We cleared the dirty dishes from the table.*

4 If you **clear** a fence or other obstacle, you jump over it without touching it.
clear up VERB 5 When you **clear up** a place, you tidy it and put things away.
clearly ADVERB

clench clenches clenching clenched

VERB 1 When you **clench** your fist, you curl your fingers up tightly.

2 When you **clench** your teeth, you squeeze them together tightly, either in pain or in anger.

clerk clerks

NOUN a person who keeps records or accounts in an office, bank or law court.

clever cleverer cleverest

ADJECTIVE 1 intelligent and quick to understand things.

2 very effective or skilful. *We came up with a clever plan.*

Synonyms: (sense 1) bright, intelligent, smart

cliché clichés

NOUN an idea or phrase that is no longer effective because it has been used so much. For example, "in this day and age" and "over the moon".

click clicks clicking clicked

VERB 1 When something **clicks** or when you **click** it, it makes a short snapping sound.

NOUN 2 a sound of something clicking.

client clients

NOUN someone who pays a professional person or company for a service.

cliff cliffs

NOUN a high area of land with a very steep side, usually next to the sea.

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