

washing

washing

NOUN clothes that need to be washed or that have been washed.

washing machine washing machines

NOUN a machine for washing clothes.

washing-up

NOUN the task of washing plates, cutlery and pots after a meal.

wasp wasps

NOUN a flying insect with yellow and black stripes across its body, which can sting.

waste wastes wasting wasted

VERB 1 If you **waste** time, money or energy, you use too much of it on something that is not important or that you do not need.

NOUN 2 using more money or some other resource than you need to.

3 rubbish or other material that is no longer wanted, or that is left over.

watch watches watching watched

NOUN 1 a small clock, usually worn on a strap on a person's wrist.

VERB 2 If you **watch** something, you look at it for some time and pay attention to what is happening.

VERB 3 If you **watch out** for something or someone, you keep alert to see if they are near you.

4 If you tell someone to **watch out**, you are warning them to be careful.

water waters watering watered

NOUN 1 a clear, colourless, tasteless liquid that falls from clouds as rain.

VERB 2 If you **water** a plant, you pour water into the soil around it.

3 If your eyes or mouth **water**, they produce tears or saliva. *My mouth started watering when I smelled Mum's baking.*

watercolour watercolours

NOUN 1 a type of paint that is mixed with water and used for painting pictures.

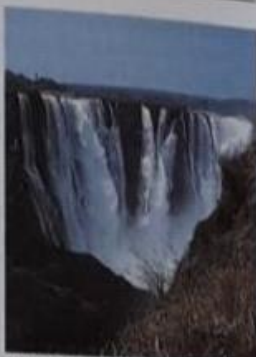
2 a picture that has been painted using watercolours.

watercress

NOUN a small plant that grows in streams and pools. It is often eaten in salads.

waterfall waterfalls

NOUN water from a stream or river as it flows over rocks or the edge of a steep cliff and falls to the ground below.



Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

waterlogged

ADJECTIVE Something that is **waterlogged** is so wet that it cannot soak up any more water.

watermark watermarks

NOUN 1 a mark showing the level of water.

2 a faint design in some types of paper which you can see if you hold it up to the light.

waterproof

ADJECTIVE Something that is **waterproof** does not let water pass through it. *We put on our waterproof jackets as it was raining.*

watertight

ADJECTIVE Something that is **watertight** does not allow water to pass in or out.

waterworks

NOUN the place where the public supply of water is stored and cleaned, and from where it is supplied to our homes.

watt watts

Said "wot" NOUN a unit of measurement of electrical power.

[Named after James Watt (1736-1819) who invented the steam engine]

wave waves waving waved

VERB 1 If you **wave** your hand, you move it from side to side, usually to say hello or goodbye.

2 If you **wave** something, you hold it up and move it from side to side. *People in the crowd were waving flags.*

NOUN 3 a ridge of water on the surface of the sea caused by wind or by tides.

4 the form in which some types of energy, such as heat, light or sound travel.

wax waxes

NOUN 1 a solid, slightly shiny substance made of fat or oil, that melts easily and is used to make candles and polish.

2 the sticky yellow substance in your ears.

way ways

NOUN 1 The **way** of doing something is how you do it.

2 The **way** to a place is how you get there.

WC WCs

NOUN an abbreviation of *water closet*. It is used on plans and signs to show where the toilet is located.

we

PRONOUN **We** refers to the person writing or talking and one or more other people.

weak weaker weakest

ADJECTIVE If someone is **weak**, they do not have much strength or energy.

wealth

NOUN a large amount of money or property that someone owns.

wealthy wealthier wealthiest

ADJECTIVE Someone who is **wealthy** has a lot of money.

weapon weapons

NOUN an object used to hurt or kill people in a fight or war.

wear wears wearing wore worn

VERB 1 When you **wear** something, such as clothes, make-up or jewellery, you have them on your body or face.

VERB 2 When something **wears out**, or when you **wear** it **out**, it is used so much that it becomes thin, weak, and no longer usable.

weary wearier weariest

ADJECTIVE If you are **weary**, you are very tired.

wearily ADVERB weariness NOUN

weasel weasels

NOUN a small wild mammal with a long, thin body and short legs.

weather

NOUN the conditions of sunshine, rain, wind or snow at a particular time in a particular place.

weave weaves weaving wove woven

VERB 1 If you **weave** something like cloth or a basket, you make it by crossing threads or grasses over and under each other. Cloth is often **woven** using a machine called a loom.

2 If you **weave** your way, you move from side to side past people and other obstacles.

web webs

NOUN a fine net of threads that a spider makes from a sticky substance that it produces in its body.

webbed

ADJECTIVE **Webbed** feet have skin joining the toes together, like ducks' feet.

website websites

NOUN a place on the Internet where you can find out about a particular subject or person.

we'd

a contraction of *we had* or *we would*.

wedding weddings

NOUN a marriage ceremony.

wedge wedges wedging wedged

VERB 1 If you **wedge** something somewhere, you make it stay there by holding it tightly, or by fixing something next to it to stop it from moving.

NOUN 2 a piece of something such as wood, metal or rubber with one thin edge and one thick edge, used to hold something still. *I put a wedge under the door to keep it open.*

3 a piece of something that has a thick triangular shape. *I cut a wedge of cheese.*



Wednesday

NOUN the fourth day of the week, coming between Tuesday and Thursday.

[Wednesday was the day the Anglo-Saxons honoured their god *Odin* or *Woden*]

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