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endorse /in'dɔːs/ verb [T] ★★

1 to express support for someone or something, especially in public: *All endorsed the treaty as critically important to achieve peace.* **1a.** if someone famous endorses a product, they say in advertisements that they like it

2 to write your name on the back of a cheque or official document to make it legal

3 *Br E* to record an offence committed by a driver on their DRIVING LICENCE

endorsement /in'dɔːsmənt/ noun **1** [C/U] an occasion when someone gives official or public support to a particular person or thing: *The election result can be seen as an endorsement of the government's record.* **1a.** [C] an occasion when someone famous says in an advertisement that they like a product **2** [C] *Br E* an official record of an offence committed by a driver that is printed in their driving licence

endoscopy /en'dɒskəpi/ noun [C/U] *medical* a medical operation in which an ENDOSCOPE (=a very small camera on a long thin tube) is put into someone's body to examine inside it

endow /in'dəʊ/ verb [T] to give a large amount of money to a school, hospital, or other institution

endow with phrasal vb [T] *formal* to give a particular quality to something, or to say that something has a particular quality: *The General's supporters endow him with an almost godlike status.*

be endowed with sth to have a good ability or quality: *She is endowed with both brains and beauty.*

endowment /in'dəʊmənt/ noun **1** [U] the act of giving money to a school, hospital, or other institution: *the endowment of a Professorship at Oxford* **1a.** [C] an amount of money that someone gives to an institution **2** [C] a good feature or quality that someone has

endowment mortgage noun [C] a MORTGAGE with an ENDOWMENT POLICY that is intended to pay back the loan after a number of years

endowment policy noun [C] a type of insurance policy that you pay money to for an agreed period. At the end of this time, the money you have invested is used for paying back a large amount of money, especially a MORTGAGE.

end product noun [C/U] the thing that is produced at the end of a process

end result noun [C] the result of an activity or process

endurance /in'dʒʊərəns/ noun [U] the ability to continue doing something physically difficult or continue dealing with an unpleasant situation for a long time: *The long journey tested their courage and endurance to the limit.* ♦ **beyond endurance** *There was something about him that irritated Lydia almost beyond endurance.*

endure /in'dʒʊə/ verb ★ [T] to suffer something unpleasant or difficult in a patient way over a long period: *He endured solitude and torture for months at a time.* **a.** [I] to last for a long time: *traditions that endure* — **endurable** adj

enduring /in'dʒʊəriŋ/ adj lasting for a long time: *his enduring popularity*

end user noun [C] a person who buys and uses a product, especially a computer or a piece of software

endways /endweɪz/ adv with one end facing forwards: *If we turn the table endways, it should fit through the door.*

end zone noun [C] the part of an American football field where you have to take the ball to score points — *picture* → C15

enema /'enəmə/ noun [C] a medical treatment in which liquid is forced into a person's INTESTINES to make them go to the toilet to empty their BOWELS **a.** a liquid used in this treatment

enemy /'enəmi/ noun [C] ★★ someone who is opposed to someone else and tries to do them harm: *He must hide from his enemies while he is weak.* ♦ **+of** *They had been labelled enemies of the state.* ♦ **make an enemy of sb** *Worst of all is to make an enemy of the Minister.* ♦ **make enemies** *There was a reign of terror, and he made more and more enemies.* ♦ **a mortal enemy** (=someone who will always be your enemy) *She looked at her husband as if he were her mortal enemy.* ♦ **a political enemy** *They*

searched for information on political enemies. **a.** a country that is fighting another country in a war: can be followed by a singular or plural verb: *We must be ready to resist an assault by sea from this country's enemies.*

♦ **the enemy** *He had to discourage the enemy from attempting to attack his position.* **b.** relating to a country's enemy: **enemy attack/troops/aircraft/forces etc** *The Serbs were determined to halt the enemy attacks.* ♦ *Over three hundred enemy aircraft were destroyed.* **c.** something that harms or threatens someone or something: **+ of** *Cigarette smoke is the undoubted enemy of a clear fresh complexion.* — opposite FRIEND

be your own worst enemy to behave in a way that harms you much more than other people harm you **public enemy number one** someone that other people dislike or consider as harmful: *She was being made to feel like public enemy number one.* → SWORN²

energetic /'enə'dʒetɪk/ adj ★ an energetic person has a lot of energy and is very active: *Her mother, now an energetic 73, was also present.* ♦ **energetic movements** **a.** enthusiastic and determined: *an energetic campaigner for civil rights* — **energetically** /'enə'dʒetɪkli/ adv

energise /'enə'dʒaɪz/ a *Br E* spelling of **energize**

energize /'enə'dʒaɪz/ verb [T] to make someone feel full of energy or enthusiasm **a.** to make electricity or another form of power flow into a machine

energy /'enədʒi/ noun ★★

1 [U] a supply of physical power that you have for doing things that need physical effort: *As children we seemed to have endless energy.* ♦ *She didn't even have the energy to get out of bed.* **1a.** [C/U] enthusiasm and determination: *She could offer youthful energy and talent in abundance.* ♦ **put/devote/throw your energy/energies into sth** *Christine threw her energies into her teaching.*

2 [U] electricity and other forms of power used for making things work: *Insulating your home is a good way to save energy.* ♦ *Environmentally friendly energy sources include water and wind power.* **2a.** science the power that is present in all physical things and can be changed into something such as heat, movement, or light

enervated /'enə'veɪtɪd/ adj *formal* feeling tired and weak

enervating /'enə'veɪtɪŋ/ adj *formal* making you feel tired and weak

enfant terrible /'ɒfɪ̃ tər'iːbl/ noun [C] a person, especially a famous one, who tries to shock people or make them feel embarrassed

enfeebled /in'fiːblɪd/ adj *formal* no longer strong or effective

enfold /in'fəʊld/ verb [T] *formal* to surround or enclose someone or something

enforce /in'fɔːs/ verb [T] ★★ to make sure that a law or rule is obeyed by people: *The main role of the police is to uphold and enforce the law.* ♦ *Troops were sent into the area to enforce the treaty.* **a.** to make sure that something happens or is done: *The only weapon the court has to enforce cooperation is the threat of sanctions.*

enforced /in'fɔːst/ adj happening because of a situation that you cannot control or prevent

enforcement /in'fɔːsmənt/ noun [U] ★★ the process of making sure that something happens, especially that people obey a law: *law enforcement*

enforcer /en'fɔːsə/ noun [C] someone who is given the responsibility to make certain that a particular thing happens or is done, usually in government or business: *the unpopular chief enforcer insisting on economic reforms*

enfranchise /in'fræntʃaɪz/ verb [T] **1** to give someone the right to vote **2** to make a SLAVE free — **enfranchisement** /in'fræntʃɪzmənt/ noun [U]

Eng. abbrev England or English

engage /in'ɡeɪdʒ/ verb ★★

1 [T] *formal* to attract and keep someone's interest or attention: *A good radio script should be able to engage the listener.* **1a.** to start to employ someone or use their services: *The company is to engage a new sales director.* ♦ **engage sb to do sth** *A magician has been engaged to provide entertainment.*

2 [I/T] if a part of a machine engages, or you engage it, it fits into another part so that they work together: *A*



microswitch in the gear stick automatically engages and disengages the clutch. ♦ The mechanism failed to engage, causing a fault. — opposite **disengage**

3 [I/T] **formal** to start to fight with an enemy in battle

engage in phrasal vb [T] **formal** [engage in sth] to take part in a particular activity, especially something that takes a lot of time or effort: *He is currently engaged in a dispute with his former business partner.*

engage sb in conversation to start having a conversation with someone

engage with phrasal vb [T] **formal** **1** [engage with sb/sth] to make an effort to understand and deal with someone or something: *She is accused of failing to engage with the problems of her staff.* **2** [engage with sb] to start to fight an enemy in battle

engaged /in'geɪdʒd/ adj ★★

1 **formal** involved in doing something **1a.** be otherwise engaged to be unable to do something because you have already arranged to do something else

2 if two people are engaged, they have formally agreed to get married: *How long have you been engaged?* ♦ **+to** *She's engaged to someone she met at work.* ♦ **become/get engaged** *We got engaged about this time last year.*

3 **Br E** if a telephone line is engaged, it is already being used when you call: *The number's engaged.* **3a.** if a toilet is engaged, someone is already in it

engagement /in'geɪdʒmənt/ noun ★★

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| 1 marriage agreement | 4 employment |
| 2 arrangement to do sth | 5 in machines |
| 3 battle between armies | 6 involvement |

1 [C] a formal agreement to get married: **break off an engagement** (=end it) *Miranda has not met any other man since she broke off their engagement.* **1a.** the period during which two people are engaged to be married: *a long engagement*

2 [C] a formal arrangement to meet someone or do something, especially as part of your public duties: *Official engagements take up about 50% of his time.* ♦ *I'm afraid I have a previous lunch engagement.*

3 [C/U] **formal** a battle between armies: *Heavy engagements are reported between rebels and government forces.* ♦ *the rules of engagement*

4 [C/U] **formal** an arrangement to employ someone or use their services

5 [U] the action of parts of a machine when they connect with each other

6 [U] **formal** the feeling of being involved in a particular activity: **+with** *Participants assess their level of engagement with their child's feelings.*

engagement ring noun [C] a ring that a man gives to a woman when they become engaged

engaging /in'geɪdʒɪŋ/ adj attractive and pleasant in a way that makes people like you — **engagingly** adv

engender /in'dʒendə/ verb [T] **formal** to cause a feeling or attitude to exist

engine /endʒɪn/ noun [C] ★★★

1 a machine with moving parts that uses a fuel to produce movement, for example in a road vehicle or aircraft: *a jet/petrol/diesel/steam engine*

2 a vehicle that pulls a train: **LOCOMOTIVE**

3 [+of] **literary** something that causes a process to happen: *Industrialization is the most important engine of economic growth.*

engine driver noun [C] **Br E** someone whose job is to drive a train

engineer /endʒɪ'nɪə/ noun [C] ★★★

1 someone who designs or builds things such as roads, railways, bridges, or machines **1a.** someone who controls the engines on a ship or aircraft: *the chief engineer*

1b. **Br E** someone who repairs machines or electrical equipment **1c.** **computing** someone who designs and repairs computer programs **1d.** **Am E** an **ENGINE DRIVER**

2 someone who is responsible for something useful or successful: *Mr Carr had been the engineer of the company's fortunes.*

engineer /endʒɪ'nɪə/ verb [T] to design things such as roads, railways, bridges, or machines **a.** to arrange for something to happen, especially in a useful and skilful way: *Government officials managed to engineer a meeting between the two ambassadors.*

engineering /endʒɪ'nɪərɪŋ/ noun [U] ★★★ the activity of designing things such as roads, railways, bridges, or machines

English /'ɪŋɡlɪʃ/ noun **1** [U] the main language that people speak in the UK, the US, Canada, Australia, and some other countries. There are different varieties of English, for example American English, British English, and South African English. **1a.** this language and its literature as a subject that you study: *I studied English at college.* → **QUEEN'S ENGLISH** **2** **the English** [plural] the people of England. You use **ENGLISHMAN** or **ENGLISHWOMAN** to talk about one English person: *The English are often regarded as being cold and reserved.*

English /'ɪŋɡlɪʃ/ adj **1** someone who is English is from England: *Her mother is English and her father is American.* **2** relating to England or its language or culture: *a traditional English village*

Words that may cause offence: English

Only use **English** to describe people who live in England and whose families come from England. Use **Irish**, **Scottish**, or **Welsh** to describe people who live in Ireland, Scotland, or Wales, or people who originally came from those countries but now live in England. If you do not know which of these countries someone is from, use **British**.

English breakfast noun [C] in the UK, a large breakfast that includes eggs and **BACON** (=thin pieces of meat from a pig)

English Channel, **the** the narrow area of sea between the south coast of England and the north coast of France

English horn noun [C] **Am E** a **COR ANGLAIS**

Englishman /'ɪŋɡlɪʃmən/ (plural **Englishmen** /'ɪŋɡlɪʃmən/) noun [C] a man from England

English rose noun [C] an attractive English woman with an appearance traditionally considered typical of English women

Englishwoman /'ɪŋɡlɪʃwʊmən/ (plural **Englishwomen** /'ɪŋɡlɪʃwɪmɪn/) noun [C] a woman from England

engorged /in'gɔːdʒd/ adj **formal** swollen

engrave /in'ɡreɪv/ verb [T] to cut words or pictures into a hard surface such as stone, metal, or glass: *a trophy engraved with the winner's name*

be engraved on your memory/mind/heart to be impossible to forget — **engraver** noun [C]

engraving /in'ɡreɪvɪŋ/ noun **1** [C] a picture made by cutting a design into a metal plate, putting ink on it, and pressing it onto paper **2** [U] the process or art of engraving things

engross /in'ɡrəʊs/ verb [T] if something engrosses you, you think about nothing else

engrossed /in'ɡrəʊst/ adj so interested or involved in something that you do not think about anything else **+in** *He was so engrossed in his book that he didn't hear her come in.*

engrossing /in'ɡrəʊsɪŋ/ adj extremely interesting: *an engrossing story*

engulf /in'ɡʌlf/ verb [T] **1** to cover or surround something in a way that harms or destroys it: *Several workers died in the landslide that engulfed the old factory.* ♦ **be engulfed in sth** *Within minutes, the car was engulfed in flames.* **2** if a thought or emotion engulfs you, it controls your thoughts or feelings: *A wave of grief engulfed them.* **2a.** if something bad or unpleasant engulfs people, it affects them seriously: *a conflict that threatened to engulf the entire continent*

enhance /in'hɑːns/ verb [T] ★★ to improve something or make it more attractive or more valuable: *The measures taken should considerably enhance the residents' quality of life.*

enhanced /in'hɑːnst/ adj made better, especially by artificial methods: *Digitally enhanced video images might help identify the suspects.*

enhancement /in'hɑːnsmənt/ [U] the process of improving something **a.** [C] an improvement to something that makes it more effective or attractive