

The CASSELL THESAURUS

Cassell
Wellington House
125 Strand
London
WC2R 0BB

First published 1998

© Cassell 1998

xi Chief Abbreviations

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced in any material form (including photocopying or storing it in any

The Cassell Thesaurus

medium by electronic means and whether or not transiently, nor incidentally to some other use of this publication) without the

written permission of the copyright owner, except in accordance

with the provisions of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

or under the terms of a licence issued by the Copyright Licensing

Agency, 90 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0HE. Applications

for the copyright owner's written permission to reproduce any part

of this publication should be addressed to the publisher.

British Library Cataloguing in Publication Data

A catalogue entry for this book is available from the British Library

ISBN 0-304-34913-3

Printed and bound in Great Britain by Mackays of Chatham PLC, Kent



Cassell
Wellington House
125 Strand
London
WC2R 0BB

First published 1998

© Cassell 1998

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced in any material form (including photocopying or storing it in any medium by electronic means and whether or not transiently or incidentally to some other use of this publication) without the written permission of the copyright owner, except in accordance with the provisions of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 or under the terms of a licence issued by the Copyright Licensing Agency, 90 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 9HE. Applications for the copyright owner's written permission to reproduce any part of this publication should be addressed to the publisher.

British Library Cataloguing in Publication Data

A catalogue entry for this book is available from the British Library

ISBN 0-304-34928-3

Printed and bound in Great Britain by Mackays of Chatham PLC, Kent

thing, every thing, lock, stock and barrel, the whole lot. **ANTONYMS:** some.

~*n.* (the whole, the totality) aggregate, entirety, everything, the total amount, the whole amount, totality, whole.

~*adv.* (entirely, completely) altogether, completely, entirely, fully, totally, utterly, wholly. **ANTONYMS:** partially, partly.

allay *v.t.* **1** (to calm (fear); to diminish (suspicion)) calm, diminish, lessen, moderate, pacify, quell, quiet, reduce, soothe. **ANTONYMS:** arouse, increase, intensify. **2** (to alleviate, to relieve (pain)) abate, alleviate, assuage, blunt, ease, mitigate, reduce, relieve, soothe. **ANTONYMS:** aggravate, exacerbate.

allegation *n.* (an assertion without proof, a statement of what one undertakes to prove) accusation, affirmation, assertion, averment, avowal, charge, claim, declaration, deposition, statement.

allege *v.t.* (to affirm positively but without or before proof) affirm, assert, aver, avow, claim, declare, maintain, make an allegation, profess, put forward, state.

alleged *a.* (supposed) claimed, declared, ostensible, professed, so-called, stated, supposed. **ANTONYMS:** genuine, proven.

allegiance *n.* (loyalty, devotion) adherence, devotion, faithfulness, fidelity, loyalty. **ANTONYMS:** disloyalty, infidelity, perfidy.

allegoric *a.* (relating to or consisting of allegory) emblematic, figurative, metaphorical, symbolic.

allegory *n.* **1** (a story, play etc. using symbolic representation) apologue, fable, parable. **2** (the technique of symbolic representation) analogy, metaphor, symbolism.

allergic *a.* **1** (having an allergic response (to)) affected (by), hypersensitive (to), sensitive (to), susceptible (to). **2** (averse (to)) antipathetic (to), averse (to), disinclined (to), hostile (to), loath (to), opposed (to).

allergy *n.* **1** (hypersensitiveness to certain substances inhaled or touched) hypersensitivity, sensitivity, susceptibility. **2** (an aversion, antipathy) antipathy, aversion, disinclination, dislike, hostility, opposition.

alleviate *v.t.* (to lighten, lessen) abate, allay, assuage, calm, diminish, ease, lessen, mitigate, moderate, palliate, quell, quiet, reduce, soothe. **ANTONYMS:** aggravate, exacerbate.

alley *n.* (a passage, esp. between or behind buildings) alleyway, backstreet, lane, passage, passageway.

alliance *n.* **1** (agreement committing two or more states, individuals etc. to act together) agreement, compact, concordat, pact, treaty.

2 (union or connection of interests) affiliation, association, coalition, confederation, federation, league, marriage, partnership, union.

allied *a.* **1** (united, associated) affiliated, amalgamated, confederate, joint, united. **2** (of the same type, related) associated, connected, kindred, linked, related, similar. **ANTONYMS:** dissimilar, unconnected, unrelated.

allocate *v.t.* (to assign, allot) allot, apportion, assign, bestow, dispense, distribute, dole out, give out, grant, mete out, set aside, share out.

allocation *n.* **1** (the act of allocating) allotment, allotting, apportioning, assigning, bestowal, dispensation, distribution, doling out, giving out, granting, meting out, sharing out. **2** (an amount or thing allocated) allowance, grant, lot, measure, portion, quota, ration, share.

allot *v.t.* (to distribute, to assign as one's share) allocate, apportion, assign, bestow, dispense, distribute, dole out, give out, grant, mete out, share out.

allotment *n.* **1** (the act of allotting) allocating, apportioning, assigning, bestowing, dispensation, distribution, doling out, giving out, meting out, sharing out. **2** (the share assigned) allowance, grant, lot, measure, portion, quota, ration, share.

allow *v.t.* **1** (to permit) authorize, give permission to, give the go-ahead to, (coll.) give the green light to, let, permit, sanction. **ANTONYMS:** disallow, forbid, refuse permission, withhold permission. **2** (to assign, set aside for a purpose) allocate, allot, apportion, assign, set aside. **3** (to give or provide (a limited quantity or sum)) bestow, furnish, give, grant, provide. **4** (to acknowledge, concede) acknowledge, concede, confess, give, grant, own. **ANTONYMS:** deny, refute. **to allow for** (to make allowance or deduction for) bear in mind, make allowance for, take into account, take into consideration. **ANTONYMS:** forget about, ignore.

allowable *a.* (that can be allowed) acceptable, admissible, authorized, permissible, sanctioned, tolerable. **ANTONYMS:** forbidden, inadmissible, unacceptable.

allowance *n.* **1** (a fixed quantity or sum allowed to a particular person or for a specific purpose) allocation, apportionment, grant, lot, portion, quota, ration, subsidy. **2** (a deduction or discount, made in consideration of something) concession, deduction, discount, rebate, reduction. **ANTONYMS:** addition, extra. **to make**

assign *v.t.* **1** (*to allot, to apportion*) allocate, allot, apportion, dispense, give, grant. **2** (*to designate for a specific purpose*) appoint, choose, designate, name, nominate, select. **3** (*to name, to fix*) appoint, fix, name, select, set. **4** (*to ascribe, to attribute*) accredit, ascribe, attribute, put down. **5** (*to transfer, to surrender*) convey, make over, transfer.

assignment *n.* (*a meeting, esp. an illicit one between lovers*) clandestine meeting, (*coll.*) date, illicit meeting, meeting, rendezvous, tryst.

assignment *n.* **1** (*the act of assigning; allocation*) allocation, allotment, apportioning, dispensation, giving, granting. **2** (*a specific task or mission*) charge, commission, duty, job, mission, obligation, responsibility, task. **3** (*the act of designating for a specific purpose*) appointment, choice, choosing, designation, naming, nomination, selection. **4** (*a legal transference of right or property*) conveyance, transfer, transference.

assimilate *v.t.* **1** (*to take as nutriment and convert into living tissue*) absorb, digest, ingest. **ANTONYMS:** reject. **2** (*to take in (information) and comprehend*) absorb, comprehend, grasp, take in, understand. **3** (*to incorporate*) absorb, embrace, include, incorporate, subsume, take in. **4** (*to make similar or alike*) adapt, adjust, homogenize, make like, make similar.

~v.i. **1** (*to become absorbed or incorporated*) blend, fit in, fuse, merge, mingle, mix. **2** (*to become similar*) adapt, adjust, become like, become similar, conform.

assist *v.t.* **1** (*to help, to give support to*) abet, aid, back, be of assistance to, collaborate with, give succour to, give support to, help, lend (someone) a hand, lend (someone) a helping hand. **ANTONYMS:** hamper, hinder, impede, thwart. **2** (*to act as a subordinate to*) be an assistant to, be (someone's) girl Friday, be (someone's) Man Friday, be (someone's) right-hand man, be (someone's) right-hand woman, be subordinate to, relieve, second, support. **3** (*to make (a task) easier or quicker*) aid, benefit, expedite, facilitate, further, promote. **ANTONYMS:** hamper, hinder, hold up, retard.

assistance *n.* (*help, support*) a hand, a helping hand, aid, backing, collaboration, furtherance, reinforcement, relief, succour, support. **ANTONYMS:** hindrance, obstruction.

assistant *n.* **1** (*a person who assists another*) abettor, accessory, accomplice, associate, backer, collaborator, confederate, helper, help-mate, partner, supporter. **2** (*an auxiliary*) aide, deputy, girl Friday, henchman, henchwoman, Man Friday, right-hand man, right-hand

woman, second-in-command, subordinate. **ANTONYMS:** boss, chief.

associate¹ *v.t.* **1** (*to connect in the mind or imagination*) connect, link, relate, think of together. **ANTONYMS:** dissociate. **2** (*to unite, to combine*) affiliate, ally, combine, join, link, unite. **ANTONYMS:** dissociate, segregate, separate.

~v.i. (*to keep company or mix (with)*) be friends, consort, fraternize, hang around, hobnob, keep company, (*coll.*) run around, socialize. **ANTONYMS:** avoid, be estranged from, fall out with.

associate² *n.* (*a partner, colleague, esp. in business*) collaborator, colleague, confederate, co-owner, friend, mate.

association *n.* **1** (*the act of combining for a common purpose*) affiliation, alliance, combination, combining, joining, linking, uniting. **ANTONYMS:** dissociation, segregation, separation. **2** (*a society formed for the promotion of some common object*) club, confederation, federation, league, order, organization, society, syndicate, union. **3** (*cooperation, intimacy*) affinity, connection, cooperation, fellowship, friendship, intimacy, liaison, relationship. **ANTONYMS:** animosity, enmity, hostility. **4** (*mental connection of ideas, memories, etc.*) connection, correlation, link.

assorted *a.* (*of various sorts, miscellaneous*) different, diverse, diversified, heterogeneous, miscellaneous, mixed, motley, sundry, varied, variegated. **ANTONYMS:** like, same, similar.

assortment *n.* (*a collection of things of various kinds*) hotchpotch, jumble, medley, mélange, miscellany, mishmash, mixed bag, mixture, pot-pourri, variety.

assuage *v.t.* **1** (*to soothe, to lessen the violence or pain of*) allay, alleviate, calm, ease, lessen, mitigate, moderate, mollify, palliate, relieve, soothe, temper. **ANTONYMS:** aggravate, exacerbate, intensify. **2** (*to appease, satisfy*) appease, blunt, quench, satisfy, slake, take the edge off.

assume *v.t.* **1** (*to take for granted, to accept without proof or as a hypothesis*) believe, expect, fancy, imagine, presume, presuppose, suppose, surmise, take as read, take for granted, think, understand. **ANTONYMS:** know, know for sure. **2** (*to pretend, feign*) fake, feign, pretend, put on, sham, simulate. **3** (*to take upon oneself, to undertake (a task, office)*) begin, embark upon, enter upon, set about, take on, take responsibility for, take up, take upon oneself, undertake. **ANTONYMS:** give up, relinquish. **4** (*to take on, adopt (a quality, characteristic)*) adopt, come to have, put on, take on. **5** (*to arrogate, to claim*) appropriate,