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quack verb **quacks, quacking, quacked**
When a duck quacks, it makes a noise through its beak.

quarrel verb **quarrels, quarrelling, quarrelled**
When people quarrel, they talk angrily and sometimes fight.

queen noun **queens**
1 A queen is a woman who was born to rule a country.
2 A king's wife is also called a queen.



question noun **questions**
A question is something you ask when you want to find something out.

queue noun **queues**
A queue is a line of people waiting for something.

quick adjective **quicker, quickest**
1 Something quick is done in a short time. *Let me have a quick look at your comic.*
2 To be quick means to move fast. *If we're quick, we'll be able to catch the bus.*

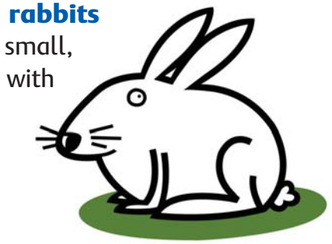
quiet adjective **quieter, quietest**
If someone or something is quiet, they make very little noise, or no noise at all.



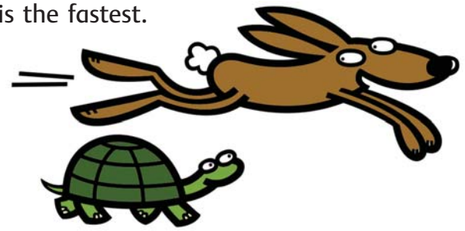
quiz noun **quizzes**
A quiz is a kind of game or test. People try to answer questions to show how much they know.



rabbit noun **rabbits**
A rabbit is a small, furry animal with long ears. Rabbits live in holes in the ground.



race noun **races**
A race is a way of finding out who is the fastest.



radiator noun **radiators**
A radiator is made of metal, and is filled with hot water to heat a room.

radio noun **radios**
A radio is a machine that receives sounds sent through the air. You can listen to music, programmes, or messages on a radio.

rail noun **rails**
1 A rail is a bar joined to posts to make something like a fence.
2 A rail is also a long metal bar that is part of a railway line.

railway noun **railways**
A railway is a set of metal bars for trains to run on.

rain noun
Rain is water that falls from the sky in drops.



rainbow noun **rainbows**
A rainbow is the band of different colours that you can see in the sky when the sun shines through rain.



rainforest noun **rainforests**
A rainforest is a thick forest in a warm part of the world where a lot of rain falls.

ran See **run**.
When it started to rain, we ran home.

rang See **ring** ❷.
Melissa rang the doorbell.