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gorgeous *ADJECTIVE* magnificent or beautiful ► **gorgeously** *ADVERB*

gorilla *NOUN* a large powerful ape

> **USAGE**
> Do not confuse this word with *guerrilla*.

gorse *NOUN* a prickly bush with small yellow flowers

gory *ADJECTIVE* **gorier**, **goriest** **1** covered with blood **2** with much bloodshed *a gory battle*

gosh *EXCLAMATION* an exclamation of surprise

gosling *NOUN* a young goose

gospel *NOUN* **1** the teachings of Christ **2** something you can safely believe to be true
• **the Gospels** the first four books of the New Testament

> **WORD HISTORY**
> from Old English *god spel* 'good news'

gossamer *NOUN* **1** fine cobwebs made by small spiders **2** any fine delicate material

gossip *VERB* to talk trivially about other people

gossip *NOUN* **1** trivial talk or rumours about other people **2** a person who enjoys gossip ► **gossipy** *ADJECTIVE*

got *past tense of* **get**
• **have got** to possess *Have you got a car?*
• **have got to** must

gouge (gowj) *VERB* **gouges**, **gouging**, **gouged** to scoop or force out by pressing

goulash (goo-lash) *NOUN* a meat stew seasoned with paprika

gourd (goord) *NOUN* the rounded hard-skinned fruit of a climbing plant

gourmet (goor-may) *NOUN* a person who appreciates good food and drink

gout *NOUN* a disease that causes painful swelling of the toes, knees, and fingers

govern *VERB* **1** to be in charge of the affairs of a country or region **2** to control or determine

governess *NOUN* a woman employed to teach children at their home

government *NOUN* **1** the group of people who are in charge of the affairs of a country **2** the process of governing

governor *NOUN* **1** a person who governs a state or colony **2** a person who runs or helps to run an institution

gown *NOUN* **1** a woman's long dress **2** a loose robe worn by lawyers, members of a university, etc.

GP *ABBREVIATION* general practitioner

grab *VERB* **grabbing**, **grabbed** to take hold of firmly or suddenly

grace *NOUN* **1** beauty of movement **2** goodwill or favour **3** dignity or good manners *He had the grace to apologize.* **4** a short prayer of thanks at a meal **5** the title of a duke, duchess, or archbishop *Your Grace*

grace *VERB* **graces**, **gracing**, **graced** to bring honour or

dignity to someone or something *The mayor graced us with his presence.*

graceful *ADJECTIVE* beautiful and elegant ► **gracefully** *ADVERB*

gracious *ADJECTIVE* kind and honourable ► **graciously** *ADVERB*

grade *NOUN* **1** a step in a scale of quality or rank **2** a mark showing the quality of work

grade *VERB* to sort or divide into grades

gradient (gray-dee-ent) *NOUN* a slope or the steepness of a slope

gradual *ADJECTIVE* happening slowly but steadily ► **gradually** *ADVERB*

graduate (grad-yoo-ayt) *VERB* **1** to be awarded a university or college degree **2** to divide into graded sections ► **graduation** *NOUN*

graduate (grad-yoo-at) *NOUN* a person who has a university or college degree

graffiti *NOUN* words or drawings scribbled or sprayed on a wall

graft *NOUN* **1** a shoot from a plant or tree fitted into another to form a new growth **2** a piece of living tissue transplanted by a surgeon to replace what is diseased or damaged

graft *VERB* to insert or transplant as a graft

grain *NOUN* **1** a small hard seed or similar particle **2** cereal plants **3** a small amount *a grain of truth* **4** the pattern of lines made by the fibres in a piece of wood or paper

gram *NOUN* a unit of mass or weight in the metric system

grammar *NOUN* **1** the rules for using words correctly **2** a book about these rules

grammar school *NOUN* a secondary school for children with academic ability

grammatical *ADJECTIVE* following the rules of grammar ► **grammatically** *ADVERB*

gramophone *NOUN* (*old use*) a record player

granary *NOUN* **granaries** a storehouse for grain

grand *ADJECTIVE* **1** splendid and impressive **2** most important or highest-ranking **3** including everything *a grand total*
► **grandly** *ADVERB*
► **grandness** *NOUN*

grandad *NOUN* (*informal*) grandfather

grandchild *NOUN* **grandchildren** the child of a person's son or daughter
► **granddaughter** *NOUN*
► **grandson** *NOUN*

grandeur (**grand**-yer) *NOUN* impressive beauty

grandfather *NOUN* the father of a person's father or mother

grandiose (**grand**-ee-ohss) *ADJECTIVE* large and impressive

grandma *NOUN* (*informal*) grandmother

grandmother *NOUN* the mother of a person's father or mother

grandpa *NOUN* (*informal*) grandfather