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gorgeous

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

grace

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

graceful

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

grandpa

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