

bigoted *ADJECTIVE***bigoted views**

prejudiced, biased, partial, intolerant, narrow-minded

 USAGENote that *bigoted* is a much stronger word than the alternatives given here.**bill** *NOUN***1 a telephone bill**

account, invoice, statement, list of charges

2 a bill in parliament

draft law, proposed law

bin *NOUN***a row of storage bins**

container, canister, receptacle, drum

bind *VERB***1 to bind things together**

fasten, tie, secure, attach, clamp, stick, connect, join, lash, link, rope, strap, truss, hitch

2 A nurse bound their wounds.

bandage, dress, cover, wrap, swathe

3 They were bound by a solemn oath.

oblige, require, compel, constrain, force, necessitate

bird *NOUN* **WORD WEB**
KINDS OF BIRD**wild birds:** sparrow, thrush, blackbird, robin, starling, tit, bluetit, finch, chaffinch, greenfinch, swallow, wren, martin, jay, swift, lark, skylark, crow, rook, raven, magpie, pigeon, dove, jackdaw, linnet, nightingale, woodpecker**water birds:** duck, swan, goose, heron, flamingo, stork, pelican, kingfisher, mallard, moorhen, coot, plover, peewit, crane**sea birds:** seagull, gull, guillemot, tern, albatross, gannet, cormorant, auk, penguin, puffin**cage birds:** canary, budgerigar ((informal) budgie), lovebird, parrot, parakeet, cockatoo, cockatiel, myna bird, macaw, toucan, bird of paradise, kookaburra**birds of prey:** eagle, hawk, owl, falcon, kestrel, buzzard, vulture, condor**large running birds:** emu, ostrich, kiwi**fowl:** chicken, turkey, hen**game birds:** pheasant, grouse, quail**birth** *NOUN***1 the birth of a child**
delivery, childbirth, (technical) parturition**2 of noble birth**
ancestry, descent, origin, parentage, lineage, pedigree, breeding, background, blood, extraction, family, genealogy, line, race, stock, strain**3 the birth of socialism**
beginning, origin, emergence, advent, dawn**bit** *NOUN* **OVERUSED WORD****a bit of chocolate**
a bit of stone
piece, portion, chunk, lump, hunk, fragment, morsel, particle, slice

- **a bit** *That was a bit hard.*
rather, fairly, slightly, somewhat, a little, ((more informal) pretty
- **a bit of** *a bit of a shame*
rather
- **bit by bit** *Bit by bit I began to understand.*
gradually, slowly, little by little

bite *NOUN***1 a bite on the arm**

nip, sting, pinch, wound

2 a bite to eat

mouthful, snack, morsel, bit, nibble, piece, taste

bite *VERB***1 He bit an apple.**

munch, nibble, chew, crunch, gnaw, nip, champ, ((formal) masticate

2 She had been bitten by an insect.

sting, pierce

3 Tax increases have begun to bite.

take effect, have an effect, take hold

• bite into *Acid starts to bite into the metal.*

eat into, corrode, erode, wear away

biting *ADJECTIVE***1 a biting wind**

bitterly cold, bitter, freezing, icy, raw, piercing, perishing, arctic

2 a biting remark

caustic, harsh, cutting, incisive, bitter, penetrating, stinging, hurtful, cruel, sharp

bitter *ADJECTIVE***1 a bitter taste**

sour, sharp, acid, acrid, tart, harsh

OPPOSITES mild, sweet**2 a bitter disappointment**

cruel, distressing, painful, unpleasant

3 bitter remarks

harsh, cutting, caustic, incisive, biting, penetrating, stinging, hurtful, cruel, sharp

4 to feel felt bitter

resentful, embittered, cynical, aggrieved, disgruntled

5 a bitter quarrel

acrimonious, rancorous, angry, vitriolic

6 a bitter wind

biting, freezing, icy, raw, piercing, perishing, bitterly cold, arctic

OPPOSITE gentle**bizarre** *ADJECTIVE***a bizarre story**

strange, weird, odd, extraordinary, eccentric, peculiar, curious, queer, unusual, grotesque

OPPOSITE ordinary**black** *ADJECTIVE***1 black ink**

jet-black, coal-black

2 a black night

dark, unlit, moonless, starless, gloomy

3 hands black from mending the mower

filthy, dirty, grimy, grubby, soiled

OPPOSITE spotless