372 alunder pledge plunde 372 pointed pledge NOUN plough vess nlunder NOUN poet work 1 Labour's pledge to spend billions on education 1 Exempt planehod the fields She wrote stories and was a poet. The army was bent on plunder and murder ▶ promise, undertaking, assurance, commitment, ► cultivate, till, work, turn over looting, robbery, pillage, pillaging, marauding writer of verse, rhymester, rhymer, lyricist 2. 4 year had planehad into a shon window versifier bard nlunge vess 2 She gave her rings as a pledge. ▶ plunge, crash, career, smash, bulldoze poetic ADECTIVE ► surety, security, bond, deposit, ball 1 The plane plunged to the emund. PION NOUN poetic language · dive. plummet, fall, hurtle, drop, crash, swoop, pledge vers repressive, lyrical, poetical, emotive, metrical, It was just a play to get rid of Dorcen. They all pledged their loyalty to the Oueen. trick ruse move device stratagem mangesave imaginative 2 I plunged into the lake. nromise, swear, vow, guarantee, undertake AN OPPOSITE IS DITOSAIC pluck NOUN dive, leap, lump, throw yourself, burl yourself plentiful apretty poetry NOUN It must have taken a lot of pluck to walk along a path 3 He plunged the knife into the man's back. a plentiful supply of fruit a book of nortry ► abundant, copious, ample, liberal, profuse, marked 'danger'. thrust, force, stab, shove, stick, push ► poems, verses, rhymes courage, daring, nerve, audacity, boldness. generous, lavish, rich, bountiful, prolific. 4 She plunged a hand in the water. heroism, (more informal) bottle, (more informal) grit, (

pluck viss

plenty NOUN 1 She began to pluck hairs off her skirt. 1 a time of plenty ► pick, pull, take off, snatch prosperity, wealth, affluence, opulence, luxury.

well-being comfort 2 plenty of There is plenty of time before they arrive. a lot of, a great deal of, much, enough, (more

informal) lots of, (more informal) heaps of, (more informal) loads of, (more informal) masses of

nilable warms 1 a pliable material

OPPOSITES ARE SDAPSE. SCAPCE

▶ flexible, bendable, pliant, supple, plastic, springy, (more informal) bendy AN OPPOSITE IS STIFF

2 a pliable mind adaptable, impressionable, responsive, suggestible, compliant, flexible, tractable, biddable, accommodating

AN OFFICIAL IS rigid plight NOUN

Inevhaustible

the plight of the homeless ifficulty, predicament, danger, trouble, extremity quandary straits

plod vrsa 1 Mary pladded up the path. > toudge trame lumber stome

2 It will take hours to plod through the whole book > plough, wade, trawl, labour, persevere, grind on

1 He grew vegetables in a plot behind the house. piece of ground, patch, allotment, smallholding.

2 The novel has a complicated plot. storvine story outline action thread scenario.

narrative 3 A plot was revealed against the government. conspiracy, intrique, plan, scheme, cabal,

machination plot yess

1 The president's brother was plotting his downfall. ▶ plan, scheme, concoct, devise, hatch

2 He was accused of plotting against the government. ➤ conspire, scheme, intrigue

3 They plotted their course on the map. h chart mark man

(more informal) guts

2 He sang and plucked a guitar. > nick twang strum finger 3 The girls stood plucking fruit from the trees.

> pick gather collect harvest garner nlucky sources

a plucky young woman's tale of escape brave, courageous, bold, daring, intrepid, valiant,

OPPOSITES ARE timid, cowardly plug NOUN

1 He put a plug in the top of the bottle. stopper, cork, bung 2 (informal) They put in a plug for their new song. advertisement, piece of publicity, mention.

(informal) puff, (informal) boost plumb areres The arrow hit the target plumb in the middle

▶ exactly, precisely, dead, (more informal) slap nlumb yee They seem to have olumbed the double of demair.

► penetrate, probe, sound, explore, measure plummet was A stone came loose and plummeted to the ground.

► plunge, fall, hurtle, drop, crash, dive plump ADIFCTIVE a plump little boy ► chubby, podgy, tubby, fat, dumpy, rotund, round overweight stout portly pudgy

OPPOSITES ARE thin, slim, skinny nlumn All plumped down on the sofa and fell asleen.

► sink, drop, flop, fall, collapse plump for I'm going to plump for the vegetarian med choose, opt for, go for, pick, decide on

plunder year Pirates plundered towns and villages near the coast. loot, pillage, raid, ransack, ravage, despoil, riffee rob sark steal from

→ dip. immerse, submerge, sink noach vres The new company was poaching staff from its rivals.

 steal, purloin, filch, (more informal) pinch, (more informati nick pocket NOUN

There were some pockets of resistance to the new regime. ▶ area, patch, centre, cluster pocket was

The management was accused of pocketing all the take, steal, appropriate, help yourself to, take for

vourself podgy ADJECTIVE She looked a bit podgy.

plump, chubby, tubby, fat, dumpy, rotund. round, overweight, pudgy OPPOSITES ARE thin, slim, skinny poem sous He read her some of his poems.

▶ verse, rhyme, poetry NAMES FOR TYPES OF POEM longer parrative poems; epic ballad lav poems for singing: chanson, madrigal, lay,

dithyramb (ancient choral hymn), hallad laments: elegy. short pastoral and romantic poems; ecloque.

pastoral, georgic, idyll, short poems and rhymes: lyric, ode, sonnet (of fourteen lines), nursery rhyme, epigram. limerick, clerihew, nonsense verse, lay.

Japanese poems: haiku, tanka NAMES FOR POETIC FEATURES

verse, stanza: rhyme.eniambement.free verse. rhythm, couplet, imagery, metre, alliteration (use of similar sounds at the beginning of a sequence of words), assonance (similarity of syllables in words, e.g. stone and cold), simile, metaphor; blank verse (without end-of-line rhymes), concrete poetry (with the meaning echoed by visual patterns in the words).

poignant ADIECTIVE a poignant moment of farewell

▶ touching, moving, affecting, sad, tender. emotional, pitiful, pathetic, sorrowful point work

1 the point of the needle tip, end, sharp end, spike, extremity 2 points of light ▶ spot, speck, dot, fleck 3 At this point, the door opened.

moment instant time stane 4 I wish they would get to the point. essence, crux, meaning, thrust 5 a few points of detail

▶ detail, item, issue, factor, consideration, particular facet feature 6 She admitted he had some good points ► characteristic, feature, attribute, aspect, peculiarity, side

7 There didn't seem much point in staying ► nurpose reason object aim goal advantage henefit

8 They could get on the train at a point further up the place, position, location, spot, site, locality

point wen 1 point or point to An official pointed the way. He nointed to a nicture on the stairs. indicate, point out, draw attention to, show.

2 She saw the man was pointing a gun at her. aim direct level train

3 I'm noint you in the right direction. direct, guide, lead, steer point-blank sources

1 The gun was fired at point-blank range. ► close

2 Their request met with a point-blank refusal. blunt, direct, straight, plain, frank open explicit

point-blank ADVECT She told him point-blank that it was over. bluntly, directly, straight, straight out, frankly,

openly, plainly, clearly, forthrightly pointed ADICTIVE

1 He used the pointed end of a stick. ▶ sharp, tapered, spiky