

## Exploring a whole dictionary page

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**correlative**

other **2** LINGUISTICS two words that are correlative are often used together but not usually used next to each other. For example, 'either' and 'or' are correlative CONJUNCTIONS.

**correlative<sup>2</sup>** /kə'relətɪv/ noun [C] formal something that is connected with or depends on something else

**correspond** /kɒrɪ'spɒnd/ verb [I] ★★

**1** to be the same as something else, or very much like it: *If their statements correspond, we'll have no trouble.* ♦ **+with** *The statistics do not correspond with our own experience.* ♦ **+to** *In 60% of the patients, all symptoms corresponded to what we expected.* ♦ **closely correspond** *This closely corresponds to the wording of the existing law.* **1a.** used about something in a different country or system that is very much like something in yours: **roughly correspond** (=not be exactly the same) *His first post was as an Associate Professor, which roughly corresponds to Lecturer here.*

**2** to be connected or related to something: **+to** *In machine code, one instruction corresponds directly to one operation of the computer.* ♦ **+with** *The timing of the gift closely corresponded with Robert's return from Italy.* **2a.** used about objects that are put together or attached: **+with** *These metal loops should be spaced to correspond with the curtain hooks.*

**3** formal if two people correspond, they regularly write letters to each other: **+with** *He corresponded with leading European scholars.*

**correspondence** /kɒrɪ'spɒndəns/ noun ★★

**1** [singular/U] the process of writing and receiving letters: **+with** *She kept up a thirty-year correspondence with Mary Hays.* **1a.** [U] the letters that someone sends and receives: *the file where he kept his personal correspondence*

**2** [C] a strong connection between two things: **+between** *There is a definite correspondence between infant mortality and poverty.*

**correspondence course** noun [C] an educational course that you take at home, receiving your work and sending it back by post or by email

**correspondent<sup>1</sup>** /kɒrɪ'spɒndənt/ noun [C] ★★

**1** a newspaper or television reporter, especially one who deals with a particular subject or area = REPORTER: *a special report from our political correspondent John Sergeant*

**2** someone who regularly writes letters or emails to another person

**correspondent<sup>2</sup>** /kɒrɪ'spɒndənt/ adj formal suitable for a particular situation

**corresponding** /kɒrɪ'spɒndɪŋ/ adj [only before noun] ★★

**1** related to or connected with something: *Investment in the railways will bring a corresponding improvement in services.* ♦ **corresponding increase/decrease/decline/fall** *Rising prosperity has not been matched by any corresponding decrease in crime.*

**2** similar to or the same as something = EQUIVALENT: *Income from tourism is five per cent higher than in the corresponding period last year.* ♦ *Nurses smoke as much as corresponding groups in the general population.*

**corresponding 'angles** noun [plural] MATHS the two inside corner angles formed where a straight line crosses two PARALLEL lines

**correspondingly** /kɒrɪ'spɒndɪŋli/ adv used for saying that one thing is related to another, or is caused by another: *The service is better and correspondingly more expensive.*

**corridor** /'kɒrɪdɔ:(r)/ noun [C] ★★

**1** a long passage inside a building with doors on each side: *a hotel/hospital corridor* ♦ *I went along the corridor to her office.* **1a.** a passage on a train

**2** a long narrow area of land that people or animals

that agrees with them = BEAR OUT: *Details of the killings were corroborated by official documents.*

**corroboration** /kə'rɒbə'reɪʃ(ə)n/ noun [U] formal evidence or information that supports what someone has said

**corroborative** /kə'rɒb(ə)rətɪv/ adj formal corroborative evidence supports what someone has said

**corroboree** /kə'rɒbəri/ noun [C] Australian an ABORIGINAL festival of singing and dancing

**corrode** /kə'rəʊd/ verb **1** [I/T] CHEMISTRY if metal or another substance corrodes, or if something corrodes it, it is gradually destroyed by a chemical reaction: *Acid rain poisons fish, destroys forests, and corrodes buildings.* ♦ *The metal structure is corroding badly and needs to be replaced.* **2** [T] formal to make something weak by causing gradual damage: *a society corroded by fear*

**corrosion** /kə'rəʊʒ(ə)n/ noun [U] CHEMISTRY damage caused to metal or stone when it is corroded: *corrosion-resistant metals*

**corrosive** /kə'rəʊsɪv/ adj **1** CHEMISTRY a corrosive substance contains chemicals that can cause damage

**2** formal causing gradual damage to something such as a society, an institution, or a relationship

**corrugated** /'kɒrə'geɪtɪd/ adj corrugated materials have been shaped into parallel folds: *a corrugated iron roof* ♦ *corrugated cardboard*

**corrupt<sup>1</sup>** /kə'rʌpt/ adj ★

**1** doing dishonest, illegal, or immoral things in order to gain money or power: *corrupt politicians/officials/judges* **1a.** used about societies or systems: *a brutal, corrupt, and violent dictatorship*

**2** COMPUTING corrupt computer programs or files are damaged and do not operate correctly

— **corruptly** adv

**corrupt<sup>2</sup>** /kə'rʌpt/ verb [T] [often passive] **1** to encourage someone to start doing dishonest, illegal, or immoral things = LEAD ASTRAY: *In his view, the people have been corrupted by their desire for wealth.* **2** COMPUTING if computer programs or files are corrupted, they have mistakes in them that prevent them from operating correctly **3** to damage or spoil something: *I feared that my taste might have become corrupted.*

**corruptible** /kə'rʌptəb(ə)l/ adj capable of being corrupted

**corruption** /kə'rʌpʃ(ə)n/ noun [U] ★★

**1** dishonest or illegal behaviour by officials or people in positions of power, especially when they accept money in exchange for doing things for someone: *The bank was closed down amid allegations of corruption and fraud.* ♦ *the arrest of a number of officials on corruption charges*

**2** the process of CORRUPTING someone or something: *corruption of the morals of the young* ♦ *corruption of the database*

**3** literary the process of decay, especially in a dead body

**corsage** /kɔ:(r)'sɑ:ʒ/ noun [C] a decoration made of flowers that a woman wears on a dress or suit

**corsair** /'kɔ:(r)'seə(r)/ noun [C] an old word for a 'pirate'

**corset** /'kɔ:(r)'sɪt/ noun [C] **1** a stiff piece of underwear worn by women to make their waists look thin, especially in the past **1a.** a piece of clothing that looks like a corset **2** MEDICAL a special piece of clothing that supports someone's injured back

**corseted** /'kɔ:(r)'sɪtɪd/ adj wearing a corset

**cortège** /kɔ:(r)'teɪʒ/ noun [C] a line of people and cars taking part in a funeral

**cortex** /'kɔ:(r)'teks/ (plural **cortices** /'kɔ:(r)'tɪsɪz/) noun [C] MEDICAL the outer layer of your brain or another organ:

## Introduction

When you use a dictionary it is interesting to spend a few seconds scanning a whole page. You just let your eye move round the page and notice random pieces of information. It is surprising what you can learn this way!

This worksheet will help you to do this quickly and easily.

### ► Activity 1

Look at the excerpt of page 332 above and answer the questions. Try to let your eye move around the page, without reading in detail.

**a** Which of these two adjectives is more frequent in English?

**1** correspondent      **2** corresponding

**b** Which words have both a primary and secondary stress?

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**c** How many red words are there on the page? \_\_\_\_\_

**d** List four nouns that the word *corresponding* often occurs with.

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**e** What is the plural form of the noun *cortex*? \_\_\_\_\_

### ► Activity 2

Turn to page 330 in the dictionary and find the answers to these questions by letting your eye scan quickly up, down and across the page.

**a** Which syllable has the primary stress in these words?

**1** corollary      **2** corona  
**3** coronary      **4** coroner

**b** What is the word for a small crown?

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**c** What is the ceremony at which someone becomes king or queen?

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**d** What types of phrases use the word *corner*?

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**e** What word can refer to both a musical instrument and an ice cream?

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**f** What are cornflakes made from?

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**g** What are two words with different spelling and meanings that have the pronunciation 'kɔ:(r)n,flaʊə(r)?

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**h** What two compound nouns begin with *coronary*?

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**i** In what subject areas are these compound nouns used?

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**j** What is the name of a small typically English meat pie?

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**k** What use of the word *corn* can refer to a hairstyle?

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**l** Which word has the same spelling and pronunciation and can be used as a noun and a verb?

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**m** Find a word on the page that is labelled:

**1** British English \_\_\_\_\_

**2** American English \_\_\_\_\_

**3** formal \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Astronomy \_\_\_\_\_

**5** old-fashioned \_\_\_\_\_

**6** literary \_\_\_\_\_

**7** medical \_\_\_\_\_

### ► Activity 3

Choose any page in the dictionary and design a quiz of ten questions based around the information on that page. When you have finished, write the questions clearly, with the dictionary page number so that you can give your quiz to someone else to answer.