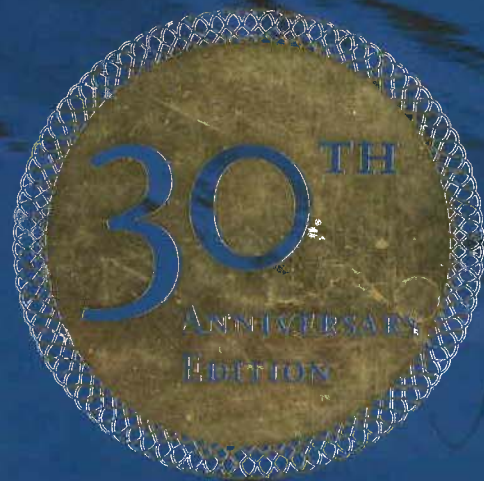


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**outpost** ('aʊt,pəʊst) *n* **1** *military* **a** a position stationed at a distance from the area occupied by a major formation **b** the troops assigned to such a position **2** an outlying settlement or position **3** a limit or frontier

**outpour** *n* ('aʊt,pɔː) **1** the act of flowing or pouring out **2** something that pours out ▷ *vb* ('aʊt,pɔː) **3** to pour or cause to pour out freely or rapidly

**outpouring** ('aʊt,pɔːrɪŋ) *n* **1** a passionate or exaggerated outburst; effusion **2** another word for **outpour** (senses 1, 2)

**output** ('aʊt,pʊt) *n* **1** the act of production or manufacture **2** Also called: **outturn** the amount produced, as in a given period: *a high weekly output* **3** the material produced, manufactured, yielded, etc **4** *electronics* **a** the power, voltage, or current delivered by a circuit or component **b** the point at which the signal is delivered **5** the power, energy, or work produced by an engine or a system **6** *computing* **a** the information produced by a computer **b** the operations and devices involved in producing this information. See also **input/output** **7** (*modifier*) of or relating to electronic, computer, or other output: *output signal; output device; output tax* ▷ *vb* -**puts**, -**putting**, -**put** or -**putted** (*tr*) **8** *computing* to cause (data) to be emitted as output

**outrage** ('aʊt,reɪdʒ) *n* **1** a wantonly vicious or cruel act **2** a gross violation of decency, morality, honour, etc **3** profound indignation, anger, or hurt, caused by such an act ▷ *vb* (*tr*) **4** to cause profound indignation, anger, or resentment in **5** to offend grossly (feelings, decency, human dignity, etc) **6** to commit an act of wanton viciousness, cruelty, or indecency on **7** a euphemistic word for **rape**

● **ETymology** C13 (meaning: excess): via French from *outré* beyond, from Latin *ultrā*

**outrageous** ('aʊt,reɪdʒəs) *adj* **1** being or having the nature of an outrage **2** grossly offensive to decency, authority, etc **3** violent or unrestrained in behaviour or temperament **4** extravagant or immoderate ▷ **outrageously** *adv* ▷ **outrageousness** *n*

**outrank** ('aʊt,ræŋk) *vb* (*tr*) **1** to be of higher rank than **2** to take priority over

**outré** ('uːtreɪ) *adj* deviating from what is usual or proper

● **ETymology** C18: from French past participle of *outrer* to pass beyond

**outreach** *vb* ('aʊt,rɪtʃ) **1** (*tr*) to surpass in reach **2** (*tr*) to go beyond **3** to reach or cause to reach out ▷ *n* ('aʊt,rɪtʃ) **4** the act or process of reaching out **5** the length or extent of reach **6** *social welfare* any systematic effort to provide unsolicited and predefined help to groups or individuals deemed to need it **7** (*modifier*) (of welfare work or workers) propagating take-up of a service by seeking out appropriate people and persuading them to accept what is judged good for them. Compare **detached** (sense 3)

**out-relief** *n* *English history* money given to poor people not living in a workhouse. Also called: **outdoor relief**

**outride** *vb* ('aʊt,rɪd) -**rides**, -**riding**, -**rode**, -**ridden** (*tr*) **1** to outdo by riding faster, farther, or better than **2** (of a vessel) to ride out (a storm) ▷ *n* ('aʊt,rɪd) **3** *prosody* rare an extra unstressed syllable within a metrical foot

**outrider** ('aʊt,rɪdə) *n* **1** a person who goes ahead of a car, group of people, etc, to ensure a clear passage **2** a person who goes in advance to investigate, discover a way, etc; scout **3** a person who rides in front of or beside a carriage, esp as an attendant or guard **4** US a mounted herdsman

**outrigger** ('aʊt,rɪgə) *n* **1** a framework for supporting a pontoon outside and parallel to the hull of a boat to provide stability **2** a boat equipped with such a framework, esp one of the canoes of the South Pacific **3** any projecting framework attached to a boat, aircraft, building, etc, to act as a support **4** *rowing* another name for **rigger** (sense 2)

● **ETymology** C18: from *out-* + *rig* + *-er*!; perhaps influenced by archaic *outligger* outlier

**outright** *adj* ('aʊt,rɪt) (*prepositional*) **1** without

**2** complete; total: *an outright lie* **3** straightforward; direct: *an outright manner* ▷ *adv* ('aʊt,rɪt) **4** without restrictions: *buy outright* **5** without reservation or concealment: *ask outright* **6** instantly: *he was killed outright* **7** *obsolete* straight ahead or out

**outro** ('aʊtrəʊ) *n* (*pl* -**tros**) *music* *informal* an instrumental passage that concludes a piece of music

● **ETymology** C20: modelled on **intro**

**outrun** ('aʊt,rʌn) *vb* -**runs**, -**running**, -**ran**, -**run** (*tr*) **1** to run faster, farther, or better than **2** to escape from by or as if by running **3** to go beyond; exceed

**outrunner** ('aʊt,rʌnə) *n* **1** an attendant who runs in front of a carriage, etc **2** the leading dog in a sled team

**outrush** ('aʊt,rʌʃ) *n* a flowing or rushing out

**outsell** ('aʊt,sel) *vb* -**sells**, -**selling**, -**sold** (*tr*) to sell or be sold in greater quantities than

**outsert** ('aʊt,sɜːt) *n* another word for **wraparound** (sense 5)

● **ETymology** C20: based on **insert**

**outset** ('aʊt,set) *n* a start; beginning (esp in the phrase from (or at) the **outset**)

**outshine** ('aʊtʃaɪn) *vb* -**shines**, -**shining**, -**shone**

**1** (*tr*) to shine more brightly than **2** (*tr*) to surpass in excellence, beauty, wit, etc **3** (*intr*) *rare* to emit light

**outshoot** *vb* ('aʊtʃuːt) -**shoots**, -**shooting**, -**shot**

**1** (*tr*) to surpass or excel in shooting **2** to go or extend beyond (something) ▷ *n* ('aʊtʃuːt) **3** a thing that projects or shoots out **4** the act or state of shooting out or protruding

**outside** *prep* ('aʊt,sɑɪd) **1** (sometimes foll by *of*) on or to the exterior of: *outside the house* **2** beyond the limits of: *outside human comprehension* **3** apart from; other than: *no-one knows outside you and me* ▷ *adj* ('aʊt,sɑɪd)

**4** (*prepositional*) situated on the exterior: *an outside lavatory* **5** remote; unlikely: *an outside chance* **6** not a member of **7** the greatest possible or probable (prices, odds, etc) **8** (of a road lane, esp in a dual carriageway or motorway) situated nearer or nearest to the central reservation, for use by faster or overtaking vehicles ▷ *adv* ('aʊt,sɑɪd) **9** outside a specified thing or place; out of doors **10** *slang* not in prison ▷ *n* ('aʊt,sɑɪd) **11** the external side or surface: *the outside of the garage* **12** the external appearance or aspect **13** the exterior or outer part of something **14** (of a path, pavement, etc) the side nearest the road or away from a wall or building **15** *sport* an outside player, as in football **16** (*plural*) the outer sheets of a ream of paper **17** *Canadian* (in the north) the settled parts of Canada **18** **at the outside** *informal* at the most or at the greatest extent: *two days at the outside* **19** **outside in** another term for **inside out**. See **inside** (sense 5)

● **Usage** The use of *outside of* and *inside of*, although fairly common, is generally thought to be incorrect or non-standard: *she waits outside (not outside of) the school*

**outside broadcast** *n* *radio, television* a broadcast not made from a studio

**outside director** *n* a director of a company who is not employed by that company but is often employed by a holding or associated company

**outside half** *n* *rugby* another term for **stand-off half**. Also called: **out-half**

**outsider** ('aʊt,sɑɪdə) *n* **1** a person or thing excluded from or not a member of a set, group, etc **2** a contestant, esp a horse, thought unlikely to win in a race **3** *Canadian* (in the north) a person who does not live in the Arctic regions

**outsider art** *n* art produced by untutored artists working by themselves and for themselves

> **outsider artist** *n*

**outside work** *n* work done off the premises of a business

**out sister** *n* a member of a community of nuns who performs tasks in the outside world on behalf of the community

**outsized** ('aʊt,sɑɪz) *adj* **1** Also: **outsized** very large or larger than normal: *outsized tomatoes* ▷ **2** something outside, such as a garment or person **3** (*modifier*) relating to or dealing in outside clothes: *an outsized*

**outskirts** ('aʊt,sksɪts) *pl n* (*sometimes singular*)

outlying or bordering areas, districts, etc, as of a city

**outsmart** ('aʊt,sma:t) *vb* (*tr*) *informal* to get the better of; outwit

**outsole** ('aʊt,səʊl) *n* the outermost sole of a shoe

**outsource** ('aʊt,sɔːs) *vb* (*tr*) (of a manufacturer) **1** to subcontract (work) to another company **2** to buy in (components for a product) rather than manufacture them

**outspan** *South African* ▷ *n* ('aʊt,spæn) **1** an area on a farm kept available for travellers to rest and refresh animals **2** the act of unharnessing or unyoking ▷ *vb* ('aʊt,spæn) -**spans**, -**spanning**, -**spanned** **3** (*tr*) to unharness or unyoke (animals) **4** (*intr*) to relax

● **ETymology** C19: partial translation of Afrikaans *uitspan*, from *uit* out + *spannen* to stretch

**outspoken** ('aʊt,spəʊkən) *adj* **1** candid or bold in speech **2** said or expressed with candour or boldness > **outspokenness** *n*

**outspread** *vb* ('aʊt,spred) -**spreads**, -**spreading**, -**spread** **1** to spread out or cause to spread out ▷ *adj* ('aʊt,spred) **2** spread or stretched out **3** scattered or diffused widely ▷ *n* ('aʊt,spred) **4** a spreading out

**outsprint** ('aʊt,sprɪnt) *vb* (*tr*) to run faster than (someone)

**outstand** ('aʊt,stænd) *vb* -**stands**, -**standing**, -**stood** **1** (*intr*) to be outstanding or excel **2** (*intr*) *nautical* to stand out to sea **3** (*tr*) *archaic* to last beyond

**outstanding** ('aʊt,stændɪŋ) *adj* **1** superior; excellent; distinguished **2** prominent, remarkable, or striking **3** still in existence; unsettled, unpaid, or unresolved **4** (of shares, bonds, etc) issued and sold **5** projecting or jutting upwards or outwards > **outstandingly** *adv*

**outstation** ('aʊt,steɪʃən) *n* **1** a station or post in a remote region **2** in a radio network, any station other than the base station **3** *Austral* a station set up independently of the head station of a large sheep or cattle farm **4** **outstation movement** *Austral* the programme to resettle native Australians on their tribal lands ▷ *adv* **5** (in Malaysia) away from (the speaker's) town or area

**outstay** ('aʊt,steɪ) *vb* (*tr*) **1** to stay longer than **2** to stay beyond (a limit) **3** **outstay one's welcome** See **overstay** (sense 4)

**outstretch** ('aʊt,streɪtʃ) *vb* (*tr*) **1** to extend or expand; stretch out **2** to stretch or extend beyond

**outstrip** ('aʊt,stri:p) *vb* -**strips**, -**stripping**, -**stripped** (*tr*) **1** to surpass in a sphere of activity, competition, etc **2** to be or grow greater than **3** to go faster than and leave behind

**outswing** ('aʊt,swɪŋ) *n* *cricket* the movement of a ball from leg to off through the air. Compare **inswing**

**outswinger** ('aʊt,swɪŋə) *n* **1** *cricket* a ball bowled so as to move from leg to off through the air **2** *soccer* a ball kicked, esp from a corner, so as to move through the air in a curve away from the goal or the centre

**outtake** ('aʊt,tetk) *n* an unreleased take from a recording session, film, or television programme

**outtalk** ('aʊt,tɔːk) *vb* (*tr*) to talk more, longer, or louder than (someone)

**out there** *adj* *slang* (**out-there** when *prepositional*) unconventional or eccentric: *he blends sublime pop moments with some real out-there stuff*

**outthink** ('aʊt,θɪŋk) *vb* -**thinks**, -**thinking**, -**thought** (*tr*) **1** to outdo in thinking **2** to outwit

**out-tray** *n* (in an office) a tray for outgoing correspondence, documents, etc

**outturn** ('aʊt,tɜːn) *n* **1** another word for **output** (sense 2) **2** outcome; result

**outvote** ('aʊt,vəʊt) *vb* (*tr*) to defeat by a majority of votes

**outward** ('aʊtwəd) *adj* **1** of or relating to what is apparent or superficial **2** of or relating to the outside of the body **3** belonging or relating to the external, as opposed to the mental, spiritual, or inherent **4** of, relating to, or directed towards the outside or exterior **5** (of a ship, part of a voyage, etc) leaving for a particular destination **6** **the outward man** **a** the body as opposed to the soul **b** *facetious* clothing ▷ *adv* **7** (of a ship) away from port **8** a variant of **outwards** ▷ **9** the outward part; exterior