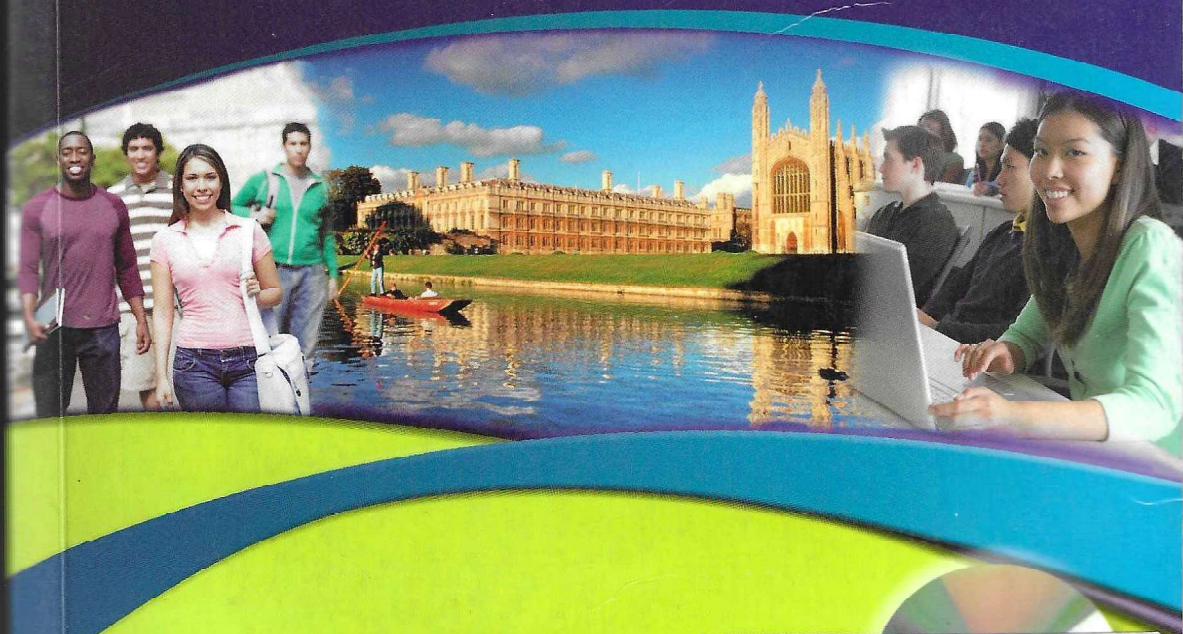


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**consulate** /kən.sju.lət/ (US) /kən.sjə-/ **noun** [C] the office where a CONSUL works: *the Cuban consulate in Mexico City*

**consult** /kən'sʌlt/ **verb** 1 **[T]** to get information or advice from a person, book, etc. with special knowledge on a particular subject: *If the symptoms get worse, consult your doctor.* ○ *I'm not quite sure how to get there - I'd better consult a map.* 2 **[I or T]** to discuss something with someone before you make a decision: *Why didn't you consult me about this?* ○ *This afternoon the Prime Minister was consulting with his advisors and we are expecting an announcement shortly.*

**consultancy** /kən'sʌl.tɪn.tɪ.si/ **noun** 1 [C] a company that gives specialist advice on a particular subject: *a management/financial/recruitment consultancy* 2 [U] the activity of giving advice on a particular subject

**consultant** /kən'sʌl.tɪnt/ **noun** [C] 1 **[I]** someone who advises people on a particular subject: *a management/financial/computer consultant* ○ *a firm of public relations consultants* 2 **UK** a specialist (= doctor with special training and knowledge in a particular area of medicine)

**consultation** /kən.sʌl.tɪ.'ʃjən/ (US) /kən- / **noun** 1 **[C]** a meeting to discuss something or to get advice: *After consultations with our accountants, we've decided how to cut costs within the company.* 2 **[A]** [U] when you discuss something with someone in order to get their advice or opinion about it: *He chose his study course in consultation with his parents and teachers.*

**consultative** /kən'sʌl.tɪ.v/ (US) /-tɪ.v/ **adjective** A consultative group or document gives advice about something: *She works for the firm in a consultative capacity.* ○ *to set up a consultative committee*

**consulting** /kən'sʌl.tɪŋ/ (US) /-tɪŋ/ **adjective** [BEFORE NOUN] giving advice on a particular subject: *a consulting lawyer/engineer*

**consulting room** **noun** [C] an office where a doctor talks to and examines patients

**consumables** /kən'sju:.mə.bəlz/ (US) /-su:- / **plural noun** goods, especially food, or services which people buy regularly because they are quickly used and need to be replaced quite often: *At this hospital we use up bandages, disposable gloves and other consumables at an alarming rate.*

**consume** /kən'sju:m/ (US) /-'su:m/ **verb** [T] **USE RESOURCE** 1 **[I]** to use fuel, energy or time, especially in large amounts: *Our high living standards cause our present population to consume 25 percent of the world's oil.* 2 **FORMAL** to eat or drink, especially a lot of something: *He consumes vast quantities of chips with every meal.* **DESTROY** 3 If a fire consumes something, it destroys it completely. 4 **be consumed by/with sth** to have so much of a feeling that it affects everything you do: *He was consumed with jealousy.*

**consumer** /kən'sju:.mə/ (US) /-'su:.mə/ **noun** [C] **E** a person who buys goods or services for their own use: *The new telephone rates will affect all consumers including businesses.* ○ *consumer rights/advice*

**consumer durables** /kən.sju:.mə'dʒʊə.rə.bəlz/ (US) /-su:-mə'dʒʊə.ə / **plural noun** goods that last a long time and are not intended to be bought very often, such as televisions and cars

**consumerism** /kən'sju:.mə.rɪ.zəm/ (US) /-'su:.mə.ɪ-/ **noun** [U] 1 the state of an advanced industrial society in which a lot of goods are bought and sold 2 **DISAPPROVING** when too much attention is given to buying and owning things: *He disliked Christmas and its rampant (= extreme) consumerism.*

**consumer price index** **noun** [C] **USUALLY SINGULAR** [ABBREVIATION CPI] **US** FOR retail price index

**consumer protection** **noun** [C] the protection of goods and services against defective products and advertisements

**consumer society** **noun** [C] a society in which people often buy new goods, especially consumer goods, not need, and which places a lot of emphasis on many things

**consuming** /kən'sju:.mɪŋ/ (US) /-sju:- / **adjective** an emotion that is very strong: *His consuming passion with him.*

**consummate** **adjective** [BEFORE NOUN] /'kɒn.sə.meɪt/ perfect, or complete in every way: *the consummate happiness* ○ *He's a consummate athlete.*

**consummate** **verb** [T] /'kɒn.sju.meɪt/ (US) /-sju:- / 1 **LEGAL** to make a marriage or romantic relationship complete by having sex: *The marriage was consummated.* **COMPLETE** 2 **FORMAL** to make something complete or perfect

**consummation** /kən.sju:'meɪ.ʃən/ (US) /-sju:- / **noun** 1 **LEGAL** when a marriage or romantic relationship is made complete by having sex **COMPLETE** 2 when something is made complete

**consumption** /kən'sʌmp.'ʃjən/ **noun** [C] the amount used or eaten: *As a nation, our consumption of junk food is horrifying.* ○ *We need to reduce our consumption by having fewer cars on the road.* someone uses, eats, or drinks something: *His consumption is clearly unfit for human consumption (i.e. not safe for people to eat).* ○ *These products are for personal consumption, but for export.* 3 when information, etc. is intended for a particular purpose: *This memo is for internal consumption.* 4 **OLD-FASHIONED** FOR tuberculosis (affecting the lungs)

**consumptive** /kən'sʌmp.tɪv/ **adjective** **OLD-FASHIONED** (a person) suffering from consumption: *He lived very long - she was (a) consumptive.*

**cont. adjective** (ALSO **contd**) **WRITTEN** continuing or continued

#### Word partners for contact

establish/get in/make contact • be in contact • contact • be in/keep in/remain in contact • avoid/break off/lose contact • frequent/regular contact • contact with sb • be in contact with sb

#### Word partners for contact

come in/into contact with sb • sexual contact • close/direct contact with sb/sth

#### Word partners for contact

build up/make contacts • good/valuable contacts • a network of contacts

**contact** /kɒn.tækt/ (US) /'kɑ:n-/

**noun** **COMMUNICATION** 1 **[I or T]** to communicate with someone, especially by speaking or writing: *She contacted them regularly.* "Have you been in contact with her recently?" "Only by telephone." 2 **[I or T]** to have enough contact between teachers and students: *There hasn't been enough contact between teachers and students.* 3 **[I or T]** to have been busy at home and have contact with the outside world. ○ *I'd had contact with my old school friends.* ○ *She first contacted him in Italy.* ○ *Air traffic controllers maintain contact with the pilot of the aircraft ten minutes before take-off.* 4 **[I or T]** to have contact with someone: *The school likes to have a contact number, especially for emergencies.* 5 **[I or T]** to touch school hours. **TOUCH** 2 **[I or T]** to touch things touch each other: *Don't touch the hot surface.*



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