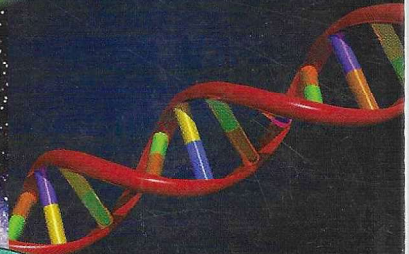
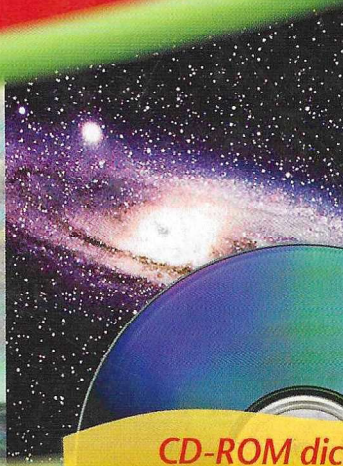


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**consult** **A** /kən'sʌlt/ *v* [T] **1** to get information or advice from a person, esp. an expert, or to look at written material in order to get information *○ [T] If you don't know the meaning of a word, consult a dictionary.* **2** To consult is also to inform someone about a situation, often in order to get approval for an action you plan to take: [T] *The committee will consult people in the neighborhood before making a recommendation.*

**consultant** **A** /kən'sʌlt-ənt/ *n* [C] a person who is a specialist in a particular subject and whose job is to give advice and information to businesses, government organizations, etc. *○ The former general now serves as a consultant to the Pentagon.*

**consultation** **A** /kən-səl'ter-jən/ *n* [C/U] **1** the act of exchanging information and opinions about something in order to reach a better understanding of it or to make a decision, or a meeting for this purpose *○ [U] We hope to work in consultation with Congress on how the law should be interpreted.*

**2** A consultation is also a meeting with a doctor who is specially trained to give advice to you or other doctors about an illness or its treatment: [C] *The consultation with the pathologist convinced me to have surgery right away.*

**consultative** **A** /kən'sʌl-tə-tɪv, 'kən-səl'ter-tɪv/ *adj*

**consume** **A** /kən'su:m/ *v* [T] **1** to use fuel, energy, or time, esp. in large amounts *○ Weekend shopping chores consumed much of her time.* **2** To consume is also to eat or drink: *They consume a lot of candy.* **3** If a fire consumes something, it destroys it completely: *Fire had consumed the whole building.* **4** Someone can be said to be consumed by/with a feeling if that feeling is extremely strong: *We were consumed with joy and relief, as well as profound gratitude.*

**consumer** **A** /kən'su:m-ər/ *n* [C] **social studies** someone who buys goods or services for personal use *○ consumer goods/spending* *○ American consumers are becoming informed about the safety of products made for children.*

**consumerism** *n* [U] **social studies** protection of consumers against harmful products or business methods

**consummate** /'kən-sə-mət, kən'sʌm-ət/ *adj* perfect; complete in every way *○ consummate skill*

**consummate** /'kən-sə-meɪt/ *v* [T] **1** to complete *○ The deal was consummated with a handshake.* **2** To consummate a marriage is to make it complete by having sex.

**consumption** **A** /kən'sʌm-jən/ *n* [U] **1** an amount of something that is used, or the process of using something, esp. so that there is less of it *○ Consumption of electricity is always higher during the summer months because of air-conditioning.* **2** **social studies** Consumption is the using of goods and services in an economy, or the amount of goods and services used.

**contact** **COMMUNICATION** /'kən-tækt/ *n* [U] communication with someone, or with a group or organization *○ Have you kept in contact with your friends from college?* *○ The pilot was always in contact with an air traffic controller.*

**contact** /'kən-tækt/ *v* [T] *○ I tried to contact him at his office but he was out to lunch.*

#### USAGE

##### contact

Remember to use the preposition **with** when you use the phrases **make/be in/keep in/lose contact with** someone.

*When you live abroad it's important not to lose contact with friends and family at home.*

*When you live abroad it's important not to lose contact to friends and family at home.*

**TOUCH** /'kan-tækt/ *n* [U] the touching of two objects or surfaces *○ Don't let that glue come into contact with your skin.*

**HELPFUL PERSON** /'kan-tækt/ *n* [C] **1** a person whom you know and who may be able to help you in a useful way, esp. by influencing other people or by sharing knowledge with you *○ He tried to use his contacts to get a better job in advertising.* **2** A contact is also a person you meet: *My face-to-face contacts outside of the office had been mostly hotel clerks, policemen, and waitresses.*

**contact lens** *n* [C] a small, round, curved piece of transparent material, esp. plastic, that fits on the surface of an eye to improve sight *○ I need new contact lenses.*

**contagious** /kən'ter-dʒəs/ *adj* **1** (of a disease) able to be caught by touching someone with the disease or something the person has touched or worn, or (of a person) having this type of disease *○ a highly contagious strain of flu* **2** *fig.* Contagious also means moving easily from one person to another: *The mood was contagious, and soon everyone was laughing.*

**contain** **HAVE INSIDE** /kən'teɪn/ *v* [T] (of an object or area) to have an amount of something inside or within it *○ How much liquid does this bottle contain?* *○ Each large crate contains 12 boxes.*

**container** /kən'teɪ-nər/ *n* [C] a hollow object, such as a box or a bottle, which can be used for holding something esp. for the purposes of carrying or storing *○ plastic milk containers*

#### USAGE

##### contain or include?

Use **contain** to talk about objects that have something else inside them.

*This folder contains important letters.*

*This soup contains garlic and onions.*

Use **include** to say that something or someone is a part of something else but that there are other parts as well.

*The team includes two new players.*

*The price of the ticket includes insurance and tax.*

**INCLUDE** /kən'teɪn/ *v* [T] to have as a part, or be equal to; include *○ The information contained on forms would be kept strictly confidential.* *○ Each food serving contains 95 calories.* *○ You could retrieve all files that contained certain key words.*



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