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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'teɪ·ʃən/ 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,tet·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:mər/ 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·ʃən/ 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 /'kən-tækt/ n [U] the touching of two objects or surfaces ○ *Don't let that glue come into contact with your skin.*

HELPFUL PERSON /'kən-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'teɪ·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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