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part exchange

part ex change *noun* [C] UK a way of paying for a new object that involves giving your old one as part of the payment: *I might offer them my old camera in/as part exchange for a new one.*

parthenogenesis /paɪ.θə.nəʊ'dʒen.ə.sɪs/ (U) /paɪr.θə.nəʊ'dʒen-/ *noun* [U] SPECIALIZED a type of reproduction in which the young develop from eggs which have not been FERTILIZED (= united with the male sexual cells)

partial [NOT COMPLETE] /paɪ.ʃiəl/ (U) /paɪr-/ *adj* not complete: *The general has ordered a partial withdrawal of troops from the area.* **partially** /paɪ.ʃi.əl.i/ (U) /paɪr-/ *adv*: *The meat was only partially cooked.*

partial [UNFAIR] /paɪ.ʃiəl/ (U) /paɪr-/ *adj* influenced by your personal preference for or approval of something, so that you do not judge fairly: *The reporting in the papers is entirely partial and makes no attempt to be objective.* * NOTE: The opposite is impartial. **partiality** /paɪ.ʃi.əl.ə.ti/ (U) /paɪr.ʃi.əl.ə.ti/ *noun* [U] *The judges have been heavily criticized for their partiality in the whole affair.* * NOTE: The opposite is impartiality.

partial [LIKING] /paɪ.ʃiəl/ (U) /paɪr-/ *adj* [after v] OLD-FASHIONED OR FORMAL having a liking for something: *I'm rather partial to red wine.* **partiality** /paɪ.ʃi.əl.ə.ti/ (U) /paɪr.ʃi.əl.ə.ti/ *noun* [U] *He has a partiality for expensive suits.*

partially sighted *adj* People who are partially sighted are not completely blind but are able to see very little.

participate /paɪ'tɪs.i.peɪt/ (U) /paɪr'tɪs.ə-/ *verb* [I] to take part in or become involved in an activity: *She never participates in any of our discussions, does she?*

participation /paɪ'tɪs.i'peɪ.tʃən/ (U) /paɪr'tɪs.ə-/ *noun* [U] when you take part or become involved in something

participant /paɪ'tɪs.i.pənt/ (U) /paɪr'tɪs.ə-/ *noun* [C] a person who takes part in or becomes involved in a particular activity **participatory** /paɪ'tɪs.i'peɪ.tɪr.i/ (U) /paɪr'tɪs.ə.pə'tɪr.i-/ *adj*: *Participatory sports are becoming more popular.*

participle /paɪ'tɪs.i.pəl/ (U) /paɪr'tɪ.sɪ-/ *noun* [C] the form of a verb that usually ends in 'ed' or 'ing' and is used to form some tenses and as an adjective: *In the sentences 'He's sleeping' and 'I've already eaten', the words 'sleeping' and 'eaten' are both participles.*

particle [SMALL PIECE] /paɪ.tɪ.kl/ (U) /paɪr.tɪ-/ *noun* [C] an extremely small piece of matter: *Dust particles must have got into the motor, which is why it isn't working properly.* ◦ *Electrons and protons are atomic particles.*

particle [GRAMMAR] /paɪ.tɪ.kl/ (U) /paɪr.tɪ-/ *noun* [C] a word or a part of a word which has a grammatical purpose but often has little or no meaning: *In the sentence 'I tidied up the room', the adverb 'up' is a particle.*

'particle accelerator *noun* [C] in physics, a machine which makes extremely small pieces of matter travel at very high speeds, so that scientists can study the way they behave

particular [SPECIAL] /pə'tɪk.ju.lə/ (U) /pə'tɪk.jə.lə/ *adj* [before n] 1 special, or this and not any other: *She wanted a particular type of cactus.* ◦ *He wouldn't take just any book - he had to have this particular one!* ◦ "Why did you ask?" "Oh, no particular reason, just making conversation." 2 FORMAL the particular If you are considering the particular, you are considering single examples rather than general matters or ideas: *The report focuses on the particular rather than the general and so doesn't draw any overall conclusions.*

• in particular especially: *What in particular did you like about the last apartment that we saw?* ◦ *Are you looking for anything in particular?*

particularly /pə'tɪk.ju.lə.li/ (U) /pə'tɪk.jə.lə.li/ *adv* especially, or more than usual: *We're particularly interested to hear from people who speak two or more European languages.* ◦ *I didn't particularly want to go*

particularities /pə'tɪk.ju'lær.ə.tɪz/ (U) /pə'tɪk.jə'lær.ə.tɪz/ *plural noun* FORMAL details: *The particularities of the case have not been revealed.*

particulars /pə'tɪk.ju.ləz/ (U) /pə'tɪk.jə.ləz/ *plural noun* details or information about a person or an event, especially when officially recorded: *There's a form for you to note down all your particulars.*

particular [NOT EASILY SATISFIED] /pə'tɪk.ju.lə/ (U) /pə'tɪk.jə.lə/ *adj* [after v] not easily satisfied and demanding that close attention should be given to every detail: *He's very particular about the kitchen - everything has to be perfectly clean and in its place.* ◦ *She's very particular about what she eats.*

particulate /pə'tɪ.kju:lət/ *noun* [C usually pl] SPECIALIZED an extremely small piece of dirt, especially one produced by road vehicles, which causes serious pollution

'parting shot *noun* [C] a remark which you do not make until you are leaving, so that it has a stronger effect: *"And the dress that you bought me doesn't fit either!" was her parting shot.*

partisan [UNFAIR] **partizan** /paɪ.tɪ'zæn/ /'---/ (U) /paɪr.tɪ.zən/ *adj* strongly supporting a person, principle or political party, often without considering or judging the matter very carefully: *The audience was very partisan, and refused to listen to her speech.* ◦ *partisan politics* ◦ See also **bipartisan**. **partisanship**, **partizanship** /paɪ.tɪ'zæn.ʃɪp/ /'---/ (U) /paɪr.tɪ.zən-/ *noun* [U] *There was a certain partisanship about the way that votes were cast.*

partisan [PERSON] **partizan** /paɪ.tɪ'zæn/ /'---/ (U) /paɪr.tɪ.zən/ *noun* [C] 1 (in a country which has been defeated) a member of a secret armed force whose aim is to fight against the enemy which is controlling the country 2 someone who supports a person, principle or political party

partition [DIVIDING STRUCTURE] /paɪ'tɪf.ən/ (U) /paɪr-/ *noun* [C] a vertical structure like a thin wall which separates one part of a room or building from another: *The partitions between the toilets were very thin.* ◦ See picture **In the Office** on page Centre 15 **partition** /paɪ'tɪf.ən/ (U) /paɪr-/ *verb* [T] *Why don't you partition that large room into a lounge and a dining-room?*

partition [NATIONAL DIVISION] /paɪ'tɪf.ən/ (U) /paɪr-/ *noun* [U] the dividing of a country into separate countries or areas of government: *The partition of India occurred in 1948.* **partition** /paɪ'tɪf.ən/ (U) /paɪr-/ *verb* [T] *Ireland was partitioned in 1921.*

partly /paɪt.li/ (U) /paɪr.tɪ-/ *adv*: ◦ See at **part** SOME.

partner /paɪt.nə/ (U) /paɪr.tən-/ *noun* [C] 1 a person you are closely involved with in some way: *He gave up his job as a police officer after his partner was killed.* ◦ *The two companies are partners in a contract to build a new power station.* 2 one of the owners of a company: *He's a partner in an insurance company/a law firm.* 3 the person you are married to or living with as if you were married to them, or the person you are having a sexual relationship with 4 one of a pair of dancers or one of a pair who are playing a sport or a game together, especially when the pair are playing as a team

partner /paɪt.nə/ (U) /paɪr.tən-/ *verb* [T] If you partner someone in a sport, a game or a dance, you act as their partner.

partnership /paɪt.nə.ʃɪp/ (U) /paɪr.tən.ʃɪp/ *noun* 1 [C or U] the state of being a partner 2 [C] a company which is owned by two or more people: *the John Lewis Partnership*

'part of speech *noun* [C] (SPECIALIZED word class) one of the grammatical groups, such as noun, verb and adjective, into which words are divided depending on their use

partook /paɪ'tu:k/ (U) /paɪr-/ *past simple of partake*

partridge /paɪ.trɪdʒ/ (U) /paɪr-/ *noun* [C] plural partridge or partridges a bird with a round body and a short tail which is sometimes hunted for food or for sport

