

need it: *Have you finished with that pen?*

finish² *noun (no plural)*

the end of something: *The meal was horrible from start to finish.* ⇨ opposite START

fir /fɜːr/ *noun*

a tree with leaves shaped like needles that do not fall off in winter

fire¹ /faɪə/ *noun*

1 heat and flames that burn and destroy things: *The building was destroyed by fire.* ⇨ see picture on page 193

2 a pile of burning coal or wood used to make a room warm: *I like to sit in front of the fire.*

3 catch fire to begin to burn: *Mary knocked the candle over and the tablecloth caught fire.*

4 on fire burning: *The house is on fire.*

5 set fire to something to make something burn: *An angry crowd set fire to the shops.*

fire² *verb*

to shoot with a gun: *Someone fired at the President's car.*

fire alarm /faɪə ɔ:lɜ:m/ *noun*

a bell that rings to warn you when a building starts to burn

fire brigade /faɪə brɪˌgeɪd/ *noun*

British a group of people whose job is to stop dangerous fires

fire engine /faɪə ˌɛndʒɪn/ *noun*

a vehicle used by the fire brigade that has water and special equipment for stopping fires ⇨ see picture on page 206

fire escape /faɪə ɪˌskeɪp/ *noun*

a set of stairs on the outside of a building that you use to escape when there is a fire

fire extinguisher /faɪə ɪkˌstɪŋgwɪʃə/ *noun*

a metal container with water or chemicals inside for putting on a fire to stop it burning

fire-fighter /faɪəˌfaɪtə/ *noun*

a person whose job is to stop dangerous fires

fire-man /faɪəˌmæn/ *noun (plural*

firemen /-mæn/)

a man whose job is to stop dangerous fires ⇨ see picture on page 200

fire-place /faɪəpleɪs/ *noun*

the part of the wall of a room where you have a fire

fire station /faɪəˌsteɪʃn/ *noun*

the building where people and equipment stay until they are needed to fight a fire

fire-wood /faɪəwʊd/ *noun (no plural)*

wood for burning on a fire

fireworks**fire-work** /faɪəwɜ:k/ *noun*

a thing that explodes and makes pretty patterns of light and colour in the sky

firm¹ /fɜ:m/ *adjective*

1 not soft: *I need a firm bed to sleep on.* | *Choose the firmest tomatoes.*

2 making sure that people obey you: *The teacher was firm with the children.*

3 a firm grip, a firm hold a strong way of holding something: *He took my arm in a firm grip.*

firm² *noun*

a group of people who work together in a business: *She's worked for the same firm for years.* ⇨ same meaning COMPANY

firm-ly /fɜ:mli/ *adverb*

in a way that shows strong control: *She told him firmly that he must wait.*

first /fɜ:st/ *adjective, adverb*

1 before anyone or anything else: *It's his first year at school.* | *She came first in the competition.* | *It's the first day of the month.* ⇨ opposite LAST

2 happening or done before other similar events or actions: *I first visited America two years ago.* | *Welles made his first film at the age of 25.* ⇨ opposite LAST

3 first of all (a) before doing anything else: *First of all, can you tell me your*

name? **(b)** used when you are talking about something that happened before a lot of other things: *First of all we had dinner, then we went to the cinema, and then we went home.*

4 at first at the start of something: *At first I didn't enjoy school, but now I like it.* ⇨ look at FIRSTLY

first aid**first aid** /fɜ:st 'eɪd/ *noun (no plural)*

simple help that you give to an ill or wounded person before the doctor comes

first-class /fɜ:st 'klɑ:s/ *adjective*

of the best or most expensive type: *He bought a first-class train ticket.*

first floor /fɜ:st 'flɔ:ə/ *noun*

British the floor of a building just above the one that is level with the ground ⇨ compare GROUND FLOOR

first-ly /fɜ:stli/ *adverb*

a word you use when you are making the first of several points: *Firstly, let me thank everyone for coming here this evening.* ⇨ opposite LASTLY

NOTE: **Firstly** does **not** mean 'in the beginning'. Use **at first** instead: *At first I didn't like my job, but then I started to enjoy it.*

first name /fɜ:st neɪm/ *noun*

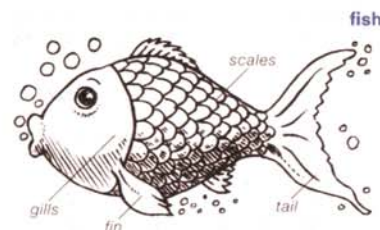
the name or names that come before your family name: *"What is your first name, Mrs James?" "It's Anne. I'm Mrs Anne Jones."* ⇨ compare SURNAME

fish¹ /fɪʃ/ *noun (plural fish or fishes)*

a creature that lives in water and can swim, and which people eat as food

fish² *verb*

1 to try to catch fish: *Dad's fishing for salmon.*



2 go fishing to go to a place to try and catch fish ⇨ see picture on page 193

fish-er-man /fɪʃəmən/ *noun (plural fishermen* /-mən/)

a person who catches fish for sport or as a job ⇨ see picture on page 200

fish-ing rod /fɪʃɪŋ ˌrɒd/ *noun*

a long stick with string at the end used for catching fish

fish-mon-ger /fɪʃmʌŋgə/ *noun*

1 a person who owns or works in a shop that sells fish

2 fishmonger's a shop that sells fish

fit /fɪt/ *noun*

a hand with the fingers closed tightly together: *He hit me with his fist.*

fit¹ /fɪt/ *verb (present participle fitting, past fitted)*

1 to be the right size and shape for someone or something: *The trousers don't fit him; they're too small.* | *This lid doesn't fit very well.*

2 to find space to put someone or something: *We can't fit any more people in the car.*

3 to put a piece of equipment in the place where it will be used: *He fitted a telephone in my office.*

4 fit in to be accepted by other people in a group: *The new student didn't fit in.*

fit² *adjective*

1 suitable and good enough: *This food is not fit for your visitors.*

2 healthy and strong, especially because you exercise a lot: *I want to get fit.* | *Jogging helps her keep fit.* ⇨ opposite UNFIT

five /faɪv/

the number 5

fix /fɪks/ *verb*

1 to repair something: *Can you fix my bicycle?*

2 to arrange an exact time, place, price, or limit: *We haven't fixed a day for the party yet.*