

DICTIONARY SKILLS



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Look at the dictionary page. Then write the correct letter next to each sentence.

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came to blows. **3** If you trade something in, such as a car, you give it as part of the payment for something new: [M] He recently traded in his Jeep for a red Mercedes.

trader /'treɪd-ər/ n [C] someone who buys and sells goods or services

<JOB> /treɪd/ n [C/U] **1** a job, esp. one that needs special skill and that involves working with your hands, or the type of work in which such skills are needed [C] the building trades [U] He's an auto mechanic/electrician by trade. **2** A trade is also any business: [C] the book/tourist trade

PHRASAL VERB with trade

*trade on/upon something to use something for your own advantage, esp. unfairly [U] He ran the kind of political campaign that trades on people's fear of crime.

a → **trademark** /'treɪd-mɑːk/ n [C] a symbol, name, design, or phrase on a product that shows it is made by a particular company

tradeoff, trade-off /'treɪd-ɔːf/ n [C] **1** a balancing of two opposing situations or qualities, both of which are desired [U] The tradeoff in a democracy is between individual liberty and an orderly society. **2** A tradeoff is also a situation in which the achieving of something you want involves the loss of something else which is also desirable, but less so: They both had successful careers, but the tradeoff was they seldom saw each other.

b → **trade secret** n [C] a piece of information about a product that is known only to the company that makes it [U] The recipe for their ketchup is a trade secret.

c → **trade union** n [C] a LABOR UNION

***tradition** /trə'dɪʃ-ən/ n [C/U] a way of behaving or a belief that has been established for a long time, or the practice of following behavior and beliefs that have been so established [C] It is a western tradition for brides to wear white. [U] The Dinka people are cattle-farmers by tradition.

***traditional** /trə'dɪʃ-ən-əl/ adj [U] the traditional two-parent family [U] traditional Southern cooking [U] the traditional politeness of Japanese culture

T → **traditionally** /trə'dɪʃ-ən-əl-i/ adv [U] Quaker meetings are traditionally held in silence.

d → **traffic** <MOVING THINGS> /'træf-ɪk/ n [U] the movement of vehicles or people along roads, or the movement of aircraft, trains, or ships along a route [U] heavy/rush-hour traffic [U] Air traffic has increased 30% in the last decade.

<TRADE> /'træf-ɪk/ n [U] illegal trade [U] They're trying to cut down on the traffic in drugs crossing the border.

e → **traffic** /'træf-ɪk/ v [I] pres. part. **trafficking**, past **trafficked** [U] He was charged with trafficking in cocaine.

trafficker /'træf-ɪ-kər/ n [C] someone who is involved in illegal trade [U] cocaine traffickers

traffic circle, rotary n [C] a place where roads meet in a circle that drivers go around to find their next road

traffic jam n [C] a situation of too many vehicles on a road so that they can move only very slowly or not at all [U] Picture: bumper-to-bumper traffic

traffic light, light, stoplight n [C] a set of red, yellow, and green lights that control the movement of vehicles at a point where two or more streets meet [U] Picture: intersection

tragedy /'trædʒ-i-di/ n [C/U] **1** a very sad event or situation, esp. one involving death or suffering [U] Drinking and driving so often lead to tragedy. **2** A tragedy is also a situation or result that is bad: [C] It's a tragedy (that) so many children are unable to get a decent education. **3** In the theater, a tragedy is a serious play that ends with the death or suffering of the main character: [C] Shakespeare's tragedies

tragic /'trædʒ-ɪk/ adj **1** very sad because connected with death and suffering [U] Two men lost their lives in a tragic accident. **2** In the theater, tragic means having to do with a TRAGEDY (= type of play having a sad ending): a tragic actor

tragically /'trædʒ-i-kli/ adv [U] Tragically, the side effects of the drug were not discovered until many people had been seriously hurt by it.

trail <PATH> /treɪl/ n [C] **1** a path through the countryside, often made or used for a particular purpose [U] a bike/mountain/nature trail [U] (fig.) Presidential candidates were on the campaign trail in Mississippi yesterday. **2** A trail is also a series of marks left by a person, animal, or thing as it moves along: A trail of bloody footprints led to the victim.

<FOLLOW> /treɪl/ v [I/T] **1** to follow or come behind [U] Ray trailed Kate up to the porch. [I] always + adv/prep A string of police cars led the president's limousine and others trailed behind. **2** In a competition, to trail is to be losing to someone: [I] Dallas trailed 34-21 with less than seven minutes to play in the football game. [U] Bush trailed the governor by only 4 percentage points. [I] Though trailing in the polls, she predicted victory.

PHRASAL VERB with trail

*trail off to become less in amount or loudness [U] His voice trailed off weakly and we could not hear the rest.

trailblazer /'treɪl-blə-zər/ n [C] a person who is the first to do something that other people do later [U] She was a trailblazer as the only woman in the US Senate.

trailer <VEHICLE> /'treɪ-lər/ n [C] **1** a vehicle without an engine, often in the form of a flat frame or a container, that can be pulled by another vehicle [U] Picture: tractor-trailer **2** A trailer is also a house on wheels that can be moved by pulling it: We bought a trailer for camping trips. **3** A trailer is also a MOBILE HOME.

<ADVERTISEMENT> /'treɪ-lər/ n [C] an advertisement for a movie, often showing a few, brief parts of it

***train** <VEHICLE> /treɪn/ n [C] a railroad engine and the connected, wheeled containers it pulls

