

Dictionary and Thesaurus

This is an extract from a combined dictionary and thesaurus. The top half of the page is the dictionary; the bottom half is the thesaurus.

emotion → **emotion**
emotion NOUN emotions a strong feeling in the mind, such as love or hate
emotional Adjective **emotionally** Adverb
emperor NOUN emperors a man who rules an empire
emphasis (em-fa-sis) NOUN emphases
1 special importance given to something
2 stress put on a word or part of a word
 > **emphasize** Verb
emphatic (im-fat-ik) ADJECTIVE using emphasis
 > **emphatically** ADVERB
empire NOUN empires **1** a group of countries controlled by one person or government **2** a large business organization controlled by one person or group
employ VERB employs, employing, employed
1 pay a person to work for you **2** make use of

enable VERB enables, enabling, enabled the means or ability to do something
enamel NOUN enamels **1** a shiny substance coating metal **2** paint that dries hard and smooth **3** the hard shiny surface of teeth
encamp VERB encamps, encamping, encamped settle in a camp
encampment NOUN encampments a camp
enchant VERB enchants, enchanting, enchanted **1** put someone under a magic spell **2** fill someone with intense delight
 > **enchanter NOUN** enchantment NOUN
 enchantress NOUN
encircle VERB encircles, encircling, encircled surround
 > **encirclement NOUN**
enclose VERB encloses, enclosing, enclosed
1 put a wall or fence round; shut in on all sides **2** put something into a box or envelope etc.

enclosure NOUN enclosures **1** enclosing **2** an enclosed area **3** something enclosed with a letter or parcel
encore (on-kor) NOUN encores an extra item performed at a concert etc. after previous items have been applauded
encounter VERB encounters, encountering, encountered **1** meet someone unexpectedly **2** experience
 • We encountered some difficulties.
encounter NOUN encounters **1** an unexpected meeting **2** a battle
encourage VERB encourages, encouraging, encouraged **1** give confidence or hope; hearten **2** try to persuade; urge **3** stimulate; help to develop • We need to encourage healthy eating
 > **encouragement NOUN**

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empty VERB **1** No one had troubled to empty the washing machine. > unload, unpack, clear OPPOSITES ARE fill, load **2** He emptied the glass for a second time. > drain, exhaust, drink up AN OPPOSITE IS fill
enable VERB **1** The new laws will enable individuals to own shares in these companies. > authorise, permit, allow, qualify, empower, equip, aid assist **2** Wells took time off to enable him to train twice a day. > allow, permit, let, help, make it possible for, provide the means for AN OPPOSITE IS prevent
enchant VERB The scenery never ceased to enchant me > delight, please, captivate, bewitch, charm, entrance, enthral, mesmerize OPPOSITES ARE repel, disgust
enclose VERB A tall fence enclosed the garden. > surround, circle, encircle, bound, border, skirt, encompass, shut in, fence in, confine, contain **2** Please enclose payment with your order. **2** include, insert, put in
encounter VERB **1** One day they encountered their friends > meet, run into, come across, chance on, (more informal) bump into **2** You may encounter a few problems.

emotion NOUN He spoke with a voice full of emotion. > feeling, passion, sentiment, intensity, warmth, agitation, excitement, fervour AN OPPOSITE IS indifference
emotional ADJECTIVE **1** an emotional tribute
 > poignant, passionate, impassioned, intense, moving, touching, warm-hearted
2 an emotional woman > passionate, demonstrative, fervent, sensitive, temperamental, excitable, romantic
emphasis NOUN This year there is a special emphasis given to creative writing.
 > importance, significance, prominence, priority, urgency, weight, stress, attention
emphasize VERB The spokesman emphasized the need to remain calm. > stress, underline, focus on, highlight, point up, draw attention to, play up, make a point of OPPOSITES ARE understate, play down
emphatic ADJECTIVE an emphatic refusal
 > absolute, firm, forceful, vehement, vigorous, definite, unequivocal, direct, positive, energetic, out-and-out
employ VERB **1** The business employs over a hundred people. > engage, hire, pay, take on, retain, use the services of, give work to,

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have on the payroll **2** This medical practice employs the most modern techniques.
 > use, utilize, apply
employee NOUN He was an employee of his own brother's bank > worker, member of staff, member of the workforce
employees measures to improve work conditions for the employees > staff, workforce
employer NOUN **1** His employer was younger than he was. > boss, manager, manageress, proprietor, chief executive, head **2** The Health Service is the country's largest employer. > business, management company, organization
employment NOUN She found employment as a bank clerk. > work, a job, a position, a situation, a livelihood
empty ADJECTIVE **1** The house had been empty for years. > vacant, unoccupied, uninhabited, abandoned, deserted **2** Without him her life was empty > aimless, futile, worthless, purposeless, unimportant, hollow **3** These warnings were not just empty threats. > idle, meaningless, ineffectual

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1 What are the first and last entries in the dictionary section on page 228?

2 What are the first and last entries in the thesaurus section on page 228?

In the dictionary section, find the word “emphasis”.

3 How many different meanings are given for the word “*emphasis*”?

4 What is the plural of the word “*emphasis*”?

5 What job is done by the letters in brackets (*em-fa-sis*)?

6 Which verb can you make from the word “*emphasis*”?

In the thesaurus section, find the entry for “emphasis”.

7 What job is the sentence in italics doing?

8 Write out the sentence, replacing the word “*emphasis*” with an appropriate synonym from the words provided.

9 Having looked at these pages, explain the difference between a dictionary and a thesaurus. Use the following sentence models to help you.

a) A dictionary tells you ...

b) A thesaurus gives you ...

10 A dictionary and a thesaurus are usually two separate reference books. Can you see an advantage in putting them together like this?
