

favouring a course of action that most people would agree with

middle school /'mɪdl̩skʊl/ *n* school for children a *BrE* between 8 and 12 years old b *AmE* between 11 and 14 years old

mid-dling /'mɪdəlɪŋ/ *adj* average

midge /mɪdʒ/ *n* small winged insect that bites

midg-et /'mɪdʒət/ *adj, n* very small (person)

Mid-lands /'mɪdlənz/ *n* [*the+P*] central parts of England, between the North and the South

mid-life crisis /, · ' · / *n* feeling of unhappiness, etc. suffered by a MIDDLE-AGED person

mid-night /'mɪdnaɪt/ *n* [U] 12 o'clock at night

mid-ribs /'mɪdrɪf/ *n* front of the body below the chest

midst /mɪdst/ *n* in the midst of in the middle of; among

mid-summer /,mɪd'sʌmə/ *n* [U] middle of the summer

mid-way /,mɪd'weɪ/ *adj, adv* halfway

mid-wife /'mɪdwaɪf/ *n* -wives /-waɪvz/ nurse who helps women giving birth -wifery /'mɪd,wɪfəri/ *n* [U]

miffed /mɪft/ *adj* *informal* slightly angry

might¹ /maɪt/ *v aux* 1 (used for expressing slight possibility): *He might come, but it's unlikely.* 2 *past t. of MAY:* *I thought it might rain.* 3 ought; should: *You might have offered to help!* 4 **might well** be likely to 5 **might as well** have no strong reason not to

might² *n* [U] power; strength -y *adj* very great: *a mighty blow*

mi-graine /'mɪ:greɪn/ *n* [*C;U*] very severe headache

mi-grant /'maɪgrənt/ *n* migrating person or bird: *migrant workers*

mi-grate /maɪ'greɪt/ *vi* 1 (of birds or fish) travel regularly from one part of the world to another, according to the season 2 move from one place to another, esp. for a limited period -gration /maɪ'greɪʃən/ *n* [*C;U*] -gratory /maɪ'greɪtəri/ *n* [*C;U*] -gratory /maɪ'greɪtəri/ *adj*

mike /maɪk/ *n* *sl* for MICROPHONE

mild /maɪld/ *adj* not strong, forceful, or severe; gentle -ly *adv* -ness *n* [U]

mil-dew /'mɪldju: -du:/ *n* [U] whitish growth on plants and on things kept a long time in slightly wet conditions -*ed adj*

mile /maɪl/ *n* 1 a measure of length equal to 1.609 kilometres 2 also **miles pl.** — *informal* a lot: *I feel miles better now.*

mile-age /'maɪldʒ/ *n* [*C;U*] 1 distance travelled, measured in miles 2 fixed amount of money paid for each mile travelled 3 amount of use: *The press were getting a lot of mileage out of the affair.*

mile-om-e-ter /maɪ'lɒmətə/ *n* [*BrE*] instrument that tells how far a car, etc. has travelled

mile-stone /'maɪlstəʊn/ *n* 1 stone beside the road, saying how far to the next town 2 important event

mi-lieu /'mi:lju: -liju: / *n* -s or -x /-lɜ:z, -lɜ:z/ *n* -lɜ:z, -lɜ:z, -lɜ:z, -lɜ:z, -lɜ:z/ person's social surroundings

mi-li-tant /'mɪlɪtənt/ *n, adj* (person) taking a strong active part in a struggle -ly *adv* -tancy *n* [U]

mi-li-ta-ris-m /'mɪlɪtərɪzəm/ *n* [U] *derog* belief in the use of armed force -rist *n* -ristic /,mɪlɪtərɪstɪk/ *adj*

mi-li-ta-ry /'mɪlɪtəri/ *n* -terɪ/ *adj* of, for, or by soldiers, armies, or war ♦ *n* [*the+P*] the army

mi-li-tate /'mɪlɪteɪt/ *v* militate against *phr vt* act, serve, or have importance as a reason against

mi-li-tia /mɪ'lɪʃə/ *n* force trained to be soldiers in time of special need

milk /mɪlk/ *n* [U] 1 white liquid produced by human or animal females to feed their young 2 white liquid produced by certain plants: *coconut milk* ♦ *v* 1 *vt* take milk from (a cow, etc.) 2 *vi* (of a cow, etc.) give milk 3 *vt* get money or advantages from (someone or something) -y *adj*

milk-man /'mɪlkmən/ *n* -men /-mən/ person who delivers milk to houses

milk shake /, · ' · / *n* drink of milk with an added taste of fruit, chocolate, etc.

milk tooth /' · ' · / *n* one of a child's early teeth that fall out when the permanent teeth appear

mill¹ /mɪl/ *n* 1 (building containing) a machine for crushing grain to flour 2 factory: *a cotton mill* 3 small machine for crushing: *a coffee mill* 4 **put someone through/go through the mill** (cause

someone to pass through (a time of) hard training, hard experience, etc. ♦ *vt* crush or produce in a mill

mill² *v* mill about/around *phr vi* move purposelessly in large numbers

mil-len-ni-um /'mɪlɪniəm/ *n* -nia /-niə/ 1 [C] 1000 years 2 [*the+S*] time when a new 1000-year period begins

mil-let /'mɪlət/ *n* [U] small seeds of a grasslike plant, used as food

mil-li-gram, -gramme /'mɪlɪgræm/ *n* measure of weight equal to 0.001 GRAMS

mil-li-li-tre *BrE* || **ter** *AmE* *n* /'mɪlɪ,li:tə/ *n* -ə/ measure of liquid equal to 0.001 LITRES

mil-li-me-tre *BrE* || **-ter** *AmE* /'mɪlɪ,mi:tə/ *n* -ə/ *n* measure of length equal to 0.001 METRES

mil-li-ner /'mɪlɪnə/ *n* -ə/ *n* maker of women's hats -y *n* [U] (making of) women's hats

mil-lion /'mɪljən/ *determiner, n, pron* million or millions 1 1,000,000 2 also millions of — very large number -th *determiner, n, pron, adv*

mil-lion-aire /,mɪljə'neɪə/ *n* -ner/ *n* -lionaire *fem.* — *n* person who has a million or more pounds or dollars; very wealthy person

mil-li-pede /'mɪlɪpi:d/ *n* small wormlike creature with many legs

mill-stone /'mɪlstəʊn/ *n* 1 circular crushing stone in a flourmill 2 cause of great trouble and anxiety

mime /maɪm/ *n* [*C;U*] use of actions without language to show meaning, esp. as a performance ♦ *n* actor who does this ♦ *vi/t* act in mime

mim-ic /'mɪmɪk/ *vt -ck-* 1 copy (someone or something) amusingly 2 appear very like (something else) ♦ *n* person who mimics others ♦ *adj* not real

min-a-ret /,mɪnə'ret, 'mɪnəret/ *n* tall thin tower in a MOSQUE

mince /mɪns/ *v* 1 *vt* cut (esp. meat) into very small pieces 2 *vi* walk in a silly unnatural way 3 **not mince one's words** speak of something sad or unpleasant using plain direct language ♦ *n* [U] 1 *BrE* meat that has been cut into very small pieces 2 *AmE* MINCEMEAT

mince-meat /'mɪns-mi:t/ *n* [U] 1 mixture of dried fruit used as a filling for pastry 2 **make mincemeat of** defeat or

destroy (a person, belief, etc.) completely

mince pie /, · ' · / *n* small pastry case filled with mincemeat

mind¹ /maɪnd/ *n* 1 [*C;U*] person's (way of) thinking or feeling; thoughts: *She has a very quick mind.* 2 [U] memory: *I'll bear/keep it in mind.* (=not forget it) | *I can't call it to mind.* (=remember it) | *You put me in mind of* (=remind me of) *my brother.* 3 [C] attention: **Keep your mind on your work.** | *You need something to take your mind off the problem.* 4 [*C;U*] intention: *Nothing was further from my mind.* | *I've got a good mind to* (=I think I may) *report you.* 5 [*C;U*] opinion: *We are of one/of the same mind on this matter.* | **To my mind** (=in my opinion) *you're quite wrong.* 6 [C] person considered for his/her ability to think well: *She's one of the finest minds in the country.* 7 **be in two minds (about something)** be unable to reach a decision 8 **change one's mind** change one's intentions or opinions 9 **have half a mind** have a desire or intention that is not firmly formed 10 **in one's right mind** not mad 11 **know one's own mind** know what one wants 12 **make up one's mind** reach a decision 13 **mind over matter** control over events or material objects by the power of the mind 14 **on one's mind** causing anxiety 15 **out of one's mind** mad 16 **speak one's mind** express plainly one's thoughts and opinions

-ful *adj* giving attention -less *adj* not needing or using thought; stupid -lessly *adv* -lessness *n* [U]

mind² *v* 1 *vi/t* be opposed to (a particular thing): *'Coffee or tea?' 'I don't mind.'* (=I'd like either) | *Would you mind opening* (=please open) *the window?* 2 *vi/t* be careful (of): *Mind the step!* 3 *vt* take care of; look after 4 **Do you mind!** I am offended and annoyed 5 **mind one's own business** not INTERFERE 6 **mind you also mind** — take this into account also 7 **never mind:** a don't worry b it doesn't matter 8 **never you mind** it is not your business -er *n* person who looks after someone or something: *a childminder*

mind-bog-gling /, · ' · / *adj* *sl* very surprising

mind-set /'maɪndset/ *n* way a person thinks, esp. if unlikely to change

mind's eye /, · ' · / *n* [U] imagination;