

**E, e /i:/**

the fifth letter of the English alphabet

each /i:tʃ/

1 every one separately: *Each child has an exercise book for their work.* | *The tickets are £10 each.*

2 each other used to show that each of two people do something to the other person: *The two brothers help each other.* | *Karen and Mark kissed each other.*

ea-ger /'i:gə/ adjective

very keen to do something: *The girl was eager to show me her photographs.*

eagerly *adverb*: *"Can I come?" she asked eagerly.*

ea-gle /'i:gl/ noun

a large bird that lives in mountain areas and kills small animals for food



eagle

ear /ɪə/ noun

1 one of the parts of your body with which you hear ⇨ see picture at HEAD

2 the top part of a plant such as wheat, where the seed is

ear-ache /'təreɪk/ noun

pain inside your ear: *She's got earache.*

ear-ly /'ɜ:lɪ/ adjective, adverb

1 before the usual or agreed time: *You're early! It's only five o'clock.* | *The plane landed ten minutes early.*

2 near the beginning of the day or a period of time: *It often rains in the early morning.* | *Do you get up early?*

⇨ opposite LATE ⇨ look at SOON

earn /ɜ:n/ verb

1 to get money for work you do: *He earns a lot of money.*

2 to get something that you deserve because you have worked hard: *You've earned a good rest.*

ear-ring /'i:ərɪŋ/ noun

a piece of jewellery you wear on your ear ⇨ see picture at JEWELLERY

earth /ɜ:θ/ noun (no plural)

1 also **Earth** the world in which we live: *The Earth goes round the sun once a year.* | *I thought it was the most beautiful place on earth.*

2 the substance on the ground in which plants can grow: *She planted the seeds in the wet earth.* ⇨ same meaning SOIL

earth-quake /'ɜ:θ,kweɪk/ noun

a strong and sudden shaking of the ground

ease¹ /'i:z/ noun (no plural)

1 with ease if you do something with ease, it is easy for you: *He passed the examination with ease.*

2 at ease feeling comfortable and sure of yourself: *The other children were friendly and made her feel at ease in her new school.*

ease² verb (present participle easing, past eased)

to make something better: *The medicine eased the pain.*

ea-sel /'i:zl/ noun

a frame used to hold a picture that is being painted ⇨ see pictures at ARTIST and on page 197

ea-si-ly /'i:zɪli/ adverb

without difficulty: *I can easily be there by tomorrow.*

east /i:st/ adjective, adverb

1 the direction from which the sun comes up in the morning: *Our house faces east.* | *She lived on the east coast of the island.*

2 east wind a wind that comes from the east

Eas-ter /'i:stə/ noun

a special Sunday in March or April when Christians remember Christ's death and his return to life

Easter egg /'i:stə ɛg/ noun

a chocolate egg eaten at Easter

east-ern /'i:stən/ adjective

in or of the east: *There will be high temperatures in eastern parts of the country.*

east-wards /'i:stwədz/ adverb

towards the east: *They travelled eastwards.*

ea-s-y /'i:zɪ/ adjective

not difficult: *I can answer all these questions – they're too easy.* | *Jane*

needs a book that is easy to understand. ⇨ opposite DIFFICULT, HARD

eat /i:t/ verb (past tense ate /et, eɪt/, past participle eaten /'i:tɪn/)

1 to put food into your mouth and swallow it: *Have you eaten your breakfast yet?*

2 to have a meal: *What time did you eat?*

ech-o¹ /'ekəʊ/ verb

if a sound echoes, you hear it again: *Our voices echoed in the empty room.*

echo² noun (plural echoes)

a sound that you hear again: *We could hear the echo of our voices in the cave.*

e-clipse /'ɪklɪps/ noun

a short time when you cannot see the light from the sun or moon because it is blocked by the moon or Earth

e-co-nom-ic /'i:kə'nɒmɪk, ɛkə-/ adjective

relating to industry and trade: *The country's economic problems can be solved.*

e-co-nom-i-cal /'i:kə'nɒmɪkl, ɛkə-/ adjective

using time, money, etc without wasting it: *We need an economical way of heating the school.*

e-con-om-y /'ɪkənəmɪ/ noun (plural economies)

the system by which a country's industry and trade are controlled: *The new tax laws will help the economy.*

edge /edʒ/ noun

1 the part which is furthest from the centre: *The edge of the plate is painted red.* | *She was standing at the water's edge.*

2 the sharp cutting part of a knife or tool

3 on edge

nervous and worried: *His exam results are tomorrow so he's a bit on edge.*

e-di-tion /'ɪdɪʃn/ noun

a book, magazine, or newspaper that appears at a particular time

ed-i-tor /'edɪtə/ noun

a person who prepares books or newspapers for printing

ed-u-cate /'edʒukeɪt/ verb (present participle educating, past educated)

to teach someone, especially in a school or a college: *He's well educated.* | *Children should be educated about the dangers of smoking.*

ed-u-ca-tion /'edʒukeɪʃn/ noun (no plural)

teaching and learning: *The government believes in the importance of education.*

ed-u-ca-tion-al /'edʒukeɪʃnəl/ adjective

helping you to learn: *She bought him an educational toy.*

eel /i:l/ noun

a long fish shaped like a snake

ef-fect /'ɪfekt/ noun

a result: *Eating too many sweets can have a bad effect on your teeth.*

ef-fec-tive /'ɪfektɪv/ adjective

getting the result you want: *These pills are an effective cure for a headache.*

ef-fi-cient /'ɪfɪjnt/ adjective

working well, quickly, and without waste: *He is a very efficient worker.* | *We bought the most efficient heating system.*

ef-fort /'ɛfət/ noun

the physical or mental energy that you need to do something: *With a great effort he pushed open the door.* | *Please put more effort into your school work.*

EFL /'i: ɛf 'el/ noun

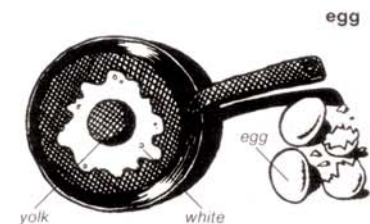
the teaching of English to people who speak a different language

e.g. /'i: dʒi:/

a short way of writing or saying 'for example': *You can try many different sports on this holiday, e.g. sailing, tennis, and swimming.*



climbing on the edge of a cliff



egg

egg /eg/ noun

1 a round object usually with a hard