Chapter 21 Crossing the Channel

**channel**1 S3 W2 [countable]

**1** **television** a television station and all the programmes that it broadcasts: *the news on Channel 4*

**2** **for getting information/goods etc**a system or method that you use to send or obtain information, goods, permission etc:

*The U.S. is working through* ***diplomatic channels*** *to find a solution.*

**channel of** *It is important that we open* ***channels of communication*** *with the police.*

**3** **sea/river**

**a)** SG an area of water that connects two larger areas of water: *St George's Channel*

**b) the Channel** *British English* the area of water between France and England [= the English Channel]

**c)** TTW the deepest part of a river, harbour, or sea, especially where it is deep enough to allow ships to sail in

**4** **water**DT a passage that water or other liquids flow along: *an irrigation channel*

**5** **radio**TCBa particular range of sound waves which can be used to send and receive radio messages

**6** **in a surface** D a long deep line cut into a surface or a long deep space between two edges

*The sliding doors fit into these plastic channels.*

**7** **way to express yourself** a way of expressing your thoughts, feelings, or physical energy

**channel for** *Art provides a channel for the children's creativity.*

**canal** [countable]TTW a long passage dug into the ground and filled with water, either for boats to travel along, or to take water to a place: *We walked along by the side of the canal* ;*the Panama Canal*

**by canal** *The goods were transported by canal to London.*

**deliver** S2 W2

**1** **take something somewhere** [intransitive and transitive] to take goods, letters, packages etc to a particular place or person: *The morning mail has just been delivered.*

**deliver something to somebody** *They set off to deliver supplies to an isolated village.*

**2** **deliver a speech/lecture/address etc** to make a speech etc to a lot of people:

*The king delivered a televised speech to the nation on Nov 5.*

**3** **do something you should do** [intransitive and transitive] to do or provide the things you are expected to, because you are responsible for them or they are part of your job:

*the costs of delivering adequate nursing care*

**4** **baby** [transitive]MB to help a woman give birth to her baby, or to give birth to a baby:

*They rushed her to hospital where doctors delivered her baby.*

**5** **blow/shock etc** [transitive] to give something such as a blow, shock, or warning to someone or something: *He delivered a strong warning about the dangers facing the government.*

**6** **deliver a judgment/verdict**SCL to officially state a formal decision or judgment:

*The jury delivered a verdict of unlawful killing.*

**7** **person**[transitive] *formal* to put someone into someone else's control

**deliver somebody to somebody** *Sharett had betrayed him and delivered him to the enemy.*

**lined**adj

**1**DC a coat, skirt etc that is lined has a piece of thin material covering the inside:

*a fleece-lined jacket*

**2**TCN paper that is lined has straight lines printed or drawn across it

**3** skin that is lined has wrinkles on it

**line**2 [transitive]

**1**DC to sew a piece of material onto the inside or back of another piece to make it stronger or warmer:

*Are those curtains lined?*

**line something with something** *a leather coat lined with silk*

**2** to form a layer over the inner surface of something: *The birds use small leaves for lining their nests.*

**line something with something** *The cage should be lined with straw.*

**3** to form rows along the sides of something: *Crowds lined the route to the palace.*

**be lined with something** *The street was lined with small shops.*

**4** **line your own pockets** to make yourself richer, especially by doing something dishonest - used to show disapproval

**determined** W3

**1** having a strong desire to do something, so that you will not let anyone stop you:

*Gwen is a very determined woman.*

**determined to do something** *She was determined to win.*

**determined (that)** *He was determined that the same mistakes would not be repeated.*

**2** showing determination, especially in a difficult situation

**determined attempt/effort** *She was making a determined effort to give up smoking.*

**put up the sails**

**5** **raise**
**put something ↔ up** to raise something to a higher position:

*I put up my hand and asked to leave the room.*

**harbour**1 *British English* **; harbor** *American English* [countable]

TTW an area of water next to the land where the water is calm, so that ships are safe when they are inside it: *as they sailed into Portsmouth Harbour*

**port**1 W2

**1** **where ships stop**

[uncountable and countable]TTW a place where ships can be loaded and unloaded

**be in port** *We'll have two days ashore while the ship is in port.*

**come into port/leave port** *The ferry was about to leave port.*

**2** **town**[countable]TTW a town or city with a harbour or docks where ships can be loaded or unloaded: *Britain's largest port*

**3**TD **computer** [countable]TD a part of a computer where you can connect another piece of equipment, such as a printer

**4** **wine**[uncountable]DFD strong sweet Portuguese wine that is usually drunk after a meal:

*a glass of port*

**5** **side of ship** [uncountable]TTW the left side of a ship or aircraft when you are looking towards the front: *on the port side*

**to port** *The plane tilted to port.*

**6** **any port in a storm** *spoken* used to say that you should take whatever help you can when you are in trouble, even if it has some disadvantages

**shipping** [uncountable]

**1**TTW ships considered as a group: *The port is closed to all shipping.*

**2**TT the delivery of goods, especially by ship

**shipping company/industry/agent etc** *a Danish shipping company*

**3** *American English* the amount of money you pay a company to deliver goods to you:

*The jewelry can be yours for $15 plus* ***shipping and handling****.*

**lane** S3 W3 [countable]

**1** a narrow road in the countryside: *a quiet* ***country lane***

**2** a road in a city, often used in road names: *the Hilton Hotel in Park Lane*

**3**TTR one of the two or three parallel areas on a road which are divided by painted lines to keep traffic apart: *That idiot* ***changed lanes*** *without signalling.*

**the inside/middle/outside lane** *Use the outside lane for overtaking only.*

**the fast/slow lane** *Cars in the fast lane were travelling at over 80 miles an hour.*

**three-lane motorway/highway/road**

**4**DS one of the narrow parallel areas marked for each competitor in a running or swimming race

**5**TTWTTA a line or course along which ships or aircraft regularly travel between ports or airports:

*busy* ***shipping lanes***

**container** [countable]

**1** something such as a box or bowl that you use to keep things in: *ice cream in plastic containers*

**2**TT a very large metal box in which goods are packed to make it easy to lift or move them onto a ship or vehicle: *a container ship*

**oil tanker** [countable]TTWTPGa large ship that carries oil

**ferry**1 *plural* **ferries** [countable]

TTW a boat that carries people or goods across a river or a narrow area of water

**steer**1 /stɪə/

**1** **car/boat etc** [intransitive and transitive] to control the direction a vehicle is going, for example by turning a wheel: *He was steering with only one hand.*

**steer for/towards etc** *Steer toward the left.*

**2** **change somebody/something** [transitive] to guide someone's behaviour or the way a situation develops

**steer somebody towards/away from/through etc something**

*Helen tried to* ***steer the conversation*** *away from herself.*

**3** **be in charge of** [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to be in charge of an organization, team etc and make decisions that help it to be successful, especially during a difficult time

**steer something through/to etc something**

*McKinney steered the company through the recession.*

**4** **guide somebody to a place** [transitive] to guide someone to a place, especially while touching them

**steer somebody towards/to etc something** *Joel steered Don and Louise towards the backyard.*

**5** **steer clear (of somebody/something)** *informal* to avoid someone or something unpleasant or difficult: *Jo tried to steer clear of political issues.*

**6** **steer a course** to choose a particular way of doing something:

*The government chose to* ***steer a middle course*** *between the two strategies* (=chose a strategy that was not extreme)*.*

**stir**1 S3 W3 */*stɜːr/*past tense and past participle* **stirred***, present participle* **stirring**

**1** **mix** [transitive] to move a liquid or substance around with a spoon or stick in order to mix it together: *Stir the paint to make sure it is smooth.*

**stir something with something** *She stirred her coffee with a plastic spoon.*

**stir something in/into something** *Stir a cup of cooked brown rice into the mixture.*

**2** **move slightly** [intransitive and transitive] to move slightly or to make something move slightly: *The crowd began to stir as they waited for the band to start.*

**3** **leave a place** [intransitive] to leave or move from a place: *He hadn't stirred from his chair all morning.*

**4** **feelings**

**a)** [transitive] to make someone have a strong feeling or reaction

**stir memories/emotions etc** *The poem succeeds in* ***stirring the imagination****.*

**b)** [intransitive] if a feeling stirs in you, you begin to feel it: *Excitement stirred inside her.*

**5** **do something**[transitive] to make someone start doing something

**stir somebody to do something** *The incident stirred students to protest.*

**6** **cause trouble**

**be stirring (it)** *British English informal* to cause trouble between people by spreading false or secret information: *Ben's always stirring!*

**vacant**/veɪ.kənt/

**1** a vacant seat, building, room or piece of land is empty and available for someone to use:

*Only a few apartments were still vacant.*

**2**BE *formal* a job or position in an organization that is vacant is available for someone to start doing

**fall vacant** *British English* (=become vacant) *He was offered the position of headmaster when it fell vacant.*

**situations vacant** *British English* (=the part of a newspaper where jobs are advertised)

**3** **vacant expression/look/stare etc**

*written* an expression that shows that someone does not seem to be thinking about anything:

*He gazed at me with vacant eyes.*

**—vacantly** *adverb*: *Cindy was staring vacantly into space.*

**vacancy** S3 *plural* **vacancies /**ˈveɪ.kənt .si/

**1** [countable]BE a job that is available for someone to start doing:

*There are still two vacancies on the school board.*

**vacancy for** *We* ***have*** *no* ***vacancies*** *for photographers at the moment.*

**2** [countable]DLT a room in a hotel or building that is not being used and is available for someone to stay in: *Let me see if we* ***have*** *a* ***vacancy*** *for tonight.*

**3** [uncountable] *written* lack of interest or thought:

*His mouth fell open and the look of vacancy returned.*

**fee** S2 W2 [countable]

an amount of money that you pay to do something or that you pay to a professional person for their work: *school fees*

**entrance/entry fee** (=fee to enter a place) *Park entrance fees have gone up to $15.*

**doctor's/lawyer's/accountant's etc fees**

**legal/medical fee** *The insurance company paid all my medical fees.*

*My solicitor charges a* ***flat fee*** (=an amount that does not change) *for handling the sale of a house.*

cost, costs, price, charge, fee, fare

Use cost to talk about paying for services and activities, rather than objects *•* The total cost of the trip was under $500. *•* I worked out the cost of the repairs.

Your costs are the amount of money you have to spend in order to run a business or to do a particular activity *•* The shop was not making enough money to cover its costs.

Use price to mean the amount of money that you must pay for something in a place such as a shop or restaurant *•* We are cutting all our prices (NOT costs) by 50% for one day only! *•* We were shocked by the price of a cup of coffee in London.

A charge is the amount you have to pay to have a particular service or use something *•* For a small charge we will also make your hotel reservations.

A fee is the amount you have to pay to enter or join something *•* The gallery charges no entrance fee. *•* The fee for membership is £25 per year. It is also the amount you have to pay for a professional service *•* The lawyer explained her fees

A fare is the amount you have to pay to travel somewhere by bus, train, plane etc *•* I need some money for my bus fare. *•* His parents paid his fare to Sydney.