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| **stand out**   lwod-audio-pron-red/ˈstænd ˈaʊt/   ***phrasal verb*** |

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| lwod-clear |
| **1 :** to be easily seen or noticed |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | His bright tie made him *stand out* (in the crowd). |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | The trees' red leaves *stood out* against the gray sky. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| **2 :** to be better or more important than the other people or things in a group in a way that is easily seen or noticed |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | As a student, she *stood out* above/from the rest.  |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | Only one contestant really *stands out* [=*sticks out*] in my mind. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | Two facts *stand out* from her testimony. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | His performance really *stood out*. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| **3 :** to extend out from a surface |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | The hat made her ears *stand out* [=*stick out*].

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  *The boy is flattering the girls with compliments.*

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| **flatter**   lwod-audio-pron-red/ˈflætɚ/   ***verb*** |

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| lwod-clear |
| [+ object] |
| lwod-clear |
| **1 :** to praise (someone) in a way that is not sincere |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | He *flattered* her with comments about her youthful appearance. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | His comments *flattered* her. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | You're just *flattering* me. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| **2 :** to cause (someone) to feel pleased by showing respect, affection, or admiration |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | It *flattered* her to be asked to sing at their wedding. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| — usually used as *(be) flattered* |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | She *was flattered* when they asked her to sing. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | I'm *flattered* that he asked me out, but he isn't my type. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| **3 a :** to show or describe (someone or something) in a way that is very favorable or too favorable |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | That portrait *flatters* him. [=that portrait makes him look better than he really does] |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| **b :** to cause (someone or something) to look as attractive as possible |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | That dress really *flatters* your figure. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| **flatter yourself** |
| lwod-clear |
| **:** to believe something about yourself that makes you feel pleased or proud |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | Don't *flatter yourself*—you don't sing any better than we do. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | I *flatter myself* on my skill in dancing. = I *flatter myself* that I'm a good dancer. |

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 learners word of the day image *Plugging an electric cord in a wall socket*

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| **plug in**   lwod-audio-pron-red/ˈplʌg ɪn/   ***phrasal verb*** |

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| lwod-clear |
| **1** ***plug (something) in*** *or* ***plug in (something)*** **:** to connect (something, such as a lamp or television) to an electrical source or to another device by using a plug |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | Don't *plug* the stereo *in* yet. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | He *plugged in* the lamp. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | The microphone isn't *plugged in*. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| **2 :** to put (information, such as a word or number) in something |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | The form has spaces where you just *plug in* [=*insert*] your name and address. |

 lwod-share-line

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  *Trees in bloom*

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| **blossom**   lwod-audio-pron-red/ˈblɑːsəm/   ***verb*** |

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| lwod-clear |
| **1 :** to produce flowers |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | he trees have finished blossoming. [=blooming, flowering] |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| **2 :** to change, grow, and develop full |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | Their friendship began to *blossom* [=*bloom*, *flower*, *flourish*] during the summer. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | Their friendship *blossomed* into romance. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | heir business seemed to *blossom* [=take off] overnight. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | a *blossoming* romance |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | a *blossoming* talent |

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 learners word of the day image *A table full of bric-a-brac*

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| **bric-a-brac**   lwod-audio-pron-red/ˈbrɪkəˌbræk/   ***noun*** |

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| lwod-clear |
| [noncount]  |
| lwod-clear |
| **:** small objects that are used for decoration and are not usually valuable  |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | shelves full of *bric-a-brac* [=*knickknacks*] |

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  *An error in addition*

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| **error**   lwod-audio-pron-red/ˈerɚ/   ***noun***  |

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| 1 : something that is not correct : a wrong action or statement : [MISTAKE](http://www.learnersdictionary.com/definition/mistake) |
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| [count] |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | I made an *error* in my calculations. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | They uncovered several *errors* in his report to the committee. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | The paper contains numerous spelling *errors*. |
| lwod-clear |
| [noncount] |
| lwod-clear |
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| lwod-bullet | horrifying cases of hospital *error* |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | The accident was caused by **human error**. [=by a mistake made by a person] |
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| — see also *trial and error* at [TRIAL](http://www.learnersdictionary.com/definition/trial%5B1%5D) |
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| **2** [count] **:** a mistake made by a person who is playing a sport (such as baseball or tennis)  |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | The shortstop was charged with an *error*. |
| lwod-clear |
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| **in error** |
| lwod-clear |
| **1 :** not correct |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | I believe your conclusion is *in error*. [=*incorrect, mistaken*] |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | The judge was *in error* when she allowed the evidence to be admitted. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| **2 :** in a way that is not correct |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | My earlier statement was made *in error*. [=my earlier statement was incorrect] |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | The evidence was admitted *in error*. [=incorrectly, mistakenly] |
| lwod-clear |
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| **margin of/for error** |
| lwod-clear |
| — see [MARGIN](http://www.learnersdictionary.com/definition/margin) |
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| **the error of your ways** |
| lwod-clear |
| ◊ To see, recognize, acknowledge, etc., *the error of your ways* is to admit that you have been doing something wrong or behaving badly and to stop doing it.  |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | Congress recognized *the error of its ways* and repealed the law. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | He publicly acknowledged *the error of his ways* and asked for forgiveness. |

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| lwod-clear |
| [count] *US, informal* |
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| **:** a silly or stupid person **:** [GOOF](http://www.learnersdictionary.com/definition/goof) |
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  *Plugging an electric cord in a wall socket*

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| **plug in**   lwod-audio-pron-red/ˈplʌg ɪn/   ***phrasal verb*** |

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| lwod-clear |
| **1** ***plug (something) in*** *or* ***plug in (something)*** **:** to connect (something, such as a lamp or television) to an electrical source or to another device by using a plug |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | Don't *plug* the stereo *in* yet. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | He *plugged in* the lamp. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | The microphone isn't *plugged in*. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| **2 :** to put (information, such as a word or number) in something |
| lwod-clear |
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| lwod-bullet | The form has spaces where you just *plug in* [=*insert*] your name and address. |

 lwod-share-line

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| **knot**   lwod-audio-pron-red/ˈnɑːt/   ***noun*** |

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| lwod-clear |
| [count] |
| lwod-clear |
| **1 a :** a part that forms when you tie a piece of rope, string, fabric, etc., to itself or to something else |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | She tied the rope in a *knot*. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | He made/tied a *knot* in the rope. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | untie a *knot* |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | loosen/tighten a *knot* |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| **1 b :** a part where something has become twisted or wrapped around itself |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | The electrical cord was tangled in *knots*. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | She tried to untangle the *knots* [=*tangles*] in the child's hair. |
| lwod-clear |
| — often used figuratively |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | The project has been tied up in political and legal *knots* for years. [=nothing has happened with the project for years because of political and legal problems] |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| **2 :** a painful or uncomfortable feeling of tightness in part of your body |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | a *knot* in a muscle |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | massaging the *knots* out of my back |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | I was so nervous that my stomach was ***in knots***. [=I had an unpleasant and tight feeling in my stomach] |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| **3 :** a dark round mark on a piece of wood that shows where a branch grew |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | a board full of *knots* |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| **4 :** a way of arranging long hair by twisting it into a round shape at the sides or back of the head |
| lwod-clear |
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| lwod-bullet | She pulled her hair into a *knot* [=*bun*] at the back of her neck. |
| lwod-clear |
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| **5 :** a group of people who are standing or sitting close together |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | A *knot* [=*cluster*] of people blocked the door. |
| lwod-clear |
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| **6 :** a unit of speed equal to one nautical mile per hour |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | Wind is from the north at 12 *knots*. |
| lwod-clear |
| lwod-bullet | sailing at six *knots* |

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