

over-the-counter /ˌəʊvəðəˈkaʊntə/ *adjective* [always before noun] Over-the-counter medicines can be bought in a shop without first visiting a doctor. • **over-the-counter** *adverb* Most of these tablets can be **bought over-the-counter**.

overthrow /ˌəʊvəˈθrəʊ/ *verb* [T] *past tense* **overthrew**, *past participle* **overthrown** to remove someone from power by using force *They were accused of plotting to overthrow the government.* • **overthrow** /ˌəʊvəˈθrəʊ/ *noun* [no plural]

overtime /ˌəʊvətəɪm/ *noun* [U] extra time that you work after your usual working hours *unpaid overtime* • **overtime** *adverb*

overtones /ˌəʊvətəʊnz/ *noun* [plural] ideas that seem to be expressed but that are not stated directly *His speech had political overtones.*

overtake /ˌəʊvəˈteɪk/ *past tense* of overtake

overture /ˌəʊvətʃʊə/ *noun* [C] a piece of classical music that introduces another longer piece such as an opera

overturn /ˌəʊvəˈtɜːn/ *verb* **1** **overturn a conviction/ruling/verdict, etc** to officially change a legal decision **2** [I, T] If something overturns or if you overturn something, it turns over onto its top or onto its side. *She overturned her car in the accident.*

WORD PARTNERS FOR overview

give/provide an overview • a brief/broad/comprehensive/general overview • an overview of sth

overview /ˌəʊvəvjuː/ *noun* [C] a short description giving the most important facts about something *I'll just give you an overview of the job.*

overweight /ˌəʊvəˈweɪt/ *adjective* too heavy or too fat *He's still a few pounds overweight.* ◊ Opposite **underweight**.

overwhelm /ˌəʊvəˈwelɪm/ *verb* [T] If a feeling or situation overwhelms someone, it has an effect that is too strong or extreme. [often passive] *She was overwhelmed by the excitement of it all.*

overwhelming /ˌəʊvəˈwelɪmɪŋ/ *adjective* very strong in effect or large in amount *an overwhelming feeling of sadness* ◊ *They won by an overwhelming majority.* • **overwhelmingly** *adverb*

overworked /ˌəʊvəˈwɜːkt/ *adjective* Someone who is overworked has to work too much. *We're overworked and underpaid.*

ovulate /ˈɒvjələt/ *verb* [I] When a woman ovulates, her body produces eggs.

◦ **owe** /əʊ/ *verb* [T] **1** to have to pay money back to someone [+ two objects] *You still owe me money.* ◊ *He owes about £5000 to the bank.* **2** **owe sb an apology/favour/drink, etc** to have to give something to someone because they deserve it *I think I owe you an apology.* **3** **owe your existence/success, etc to sb/sth** to have something or achieve something because of someone or something else *The museum owes much of its success to the present generation of young British artists.*

owing to /əʊɪŋ tuː/ *preposition* because of *The concert has been cancelled owing to lack of support.*

owl /əʊl/ *noun* [C] a bird that has large eyes and hunts small animals at night

owl



◦ **own**¹ /əʊn/ *adjective, pronoun, determiner*

1 belonging to or done by a particular person or thing *Each student has their own dictionary.* ◊ *Petra makes all her own clothes.* ◊ *"Is that your mum's car?"* "No, it's my own (= it belongs to me)." **2** **of your own** belonging to someone or something *I'll have a home of my own (= home belonging only to me) someday.* **3** **(all) on your own** **a** alone *Jessica lives on her own.* **b** If you do something on your own, you do it without any help from other people. *She's raised three kids on her own.* **4** **come into your/its own** to be very useful or successful *By the 1970s, Abrams was starting to come into his own as a soloist.* **5** **get your own back (on sb)** UK to do something unpleasant to someone because they have done something unpleasant to you **6** **hold your own** to be as successful as other people or things *Alison could always hold her own in political debates.*

◦ **own**² /əʊn/ *verb* [T] to have something that legally belongs to you *The University owns a lot of the land around here.*

own up to admit that you have done something wrong [+ to + doing sth] *No one has owned up to breaking that window.*

WORD PARTNERS FOR owner

the **current/original/previous owner** • the owner of sth

◦ **owner** /əʊnə/ *noun* [C] someone who legally owns something *a property owner* • **ownership** *noun* [U] when you own something

ox /ɒks/ *noun* [C] plural **oxen** a large, male cow, used especially in the past to pull farm vehicles

oxygen /ˈɒksɪdʒən/ *noun* [U] a gas that is in the air and that animals need to live

oxymoron /ˌɒksɪˈmɔːrɒn/ *noun* [C] two words used together, which mean two different or opposite things, such as 'bitter-sweet' or 'smart casual'

oyster /ˈɔɪstə/ *noun* [C] a sea creature that lives in a flat shell and is eaten as food

oz *written abbreviation for ounce* (= a unit for measuring weight) *an 8 oz steak*

ozone /ˈəʊzəʊn/ *noun* [U] a form of oxygen that has a powerful smell

the 'ozone layer *noun* the layer of ozone high above the Earth's surface that prevents the sun from harming the Earth