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ouzo /'oʊzoh/ *noun* an unsweetened Greek spirit flavoured with aniseed that is usu drunk with water. [modern Greek *ouzon*, *ouzo*]

ov- or **ovi-** or **ovo-** *comb. form* forming words, denoting: **1** egg: *oviform*. **2** ovum: *oviduct*. [Latin *ov-*, *ovi-*, from *ovum*]

ova /'ohvə/ *noun* pl of OVUM.

oval¹ /'ohvl/ *adj* having the shape of an egg or ellipse. >> **ovality** /'oh'valiti/ *noun*, **ovally** *adv*, **ovalness** *noun*. [late Latin *ovalis* of an egg, from Latin *ovum* egg]

oval² *noun* **1** an oval figure or object. **2a** an oval sports field or track. **b** *Aus* a ground for Australian Rules football.

ovariectomy /oh'veəri'ektəmi, 'ohvəri-/ *noun* (pl **ovariectomies**) the surgical removal of an ovary. [scientific Latin *ovariectomy*, from *ovarium* (see OVARY) + *-ectomy* -ECTOMY]

ovary /'ohvəri/ *noun* (pl **ovaries**) **1** either of the pair of female reproductive organs that produce eggs and female sex hormones in human beings and other animals. **2** the hollow rounded part at the base of a CARPEL (female reproductive organ of a flowering plant) that contains one or more ovules (structures that develop into seeds; see OVULE). >> **ovarian** /oh'veəri-ən, 'oh'va-/ *adj*. [scientific Latin *ovarium* from Latin *ovum* egg]

ovate /'ohvayt/ *adj* shaped like an egg: *an ovate leaf*.

ovation /oh'vaysh(ə)n/ *noun* **1** an expression of popular acclaim, esp sustained and enthusiastic applause. **2** a ceremony, of less importance than a triumph, attending the entrance into ancient Rome of a victorious general. [Latin *ovation-*, *ovatio*, from *ovare* to exult]

oven /'uv(ə)n/ *noun* an enclosed compartment or chamber used for baking, heating, or drying, esp one used in a kitchen for cooking food. [Old English *ofen*]

ovenbird *noun* any of numerous species of small S American songbirds that build dome-shaped nests of mud; family *Furnariidae*. [from the shape of its nest]

oven glove *noun* *Brit* a cloth pad or mitten used for handling hot cooking pots and dishes.

oven-ready *adj* said of food: sold ready to be cooked without further preparation.

ovenware *noun* heat-resistant dishes in which food can be cooked in an oven.

over¹ /'ohvə/ *adv* **1a** across a barrier: *Can you climb over?* **b** across an intervening space: *The whole family went over to the States.* **c** to a particular place: *Let's ask them over for drinks.* **d** downwards from an upright position: *I fell over.* **e** so as to bring the underside up: *He turned his cards over.* **f** so as to be reversed: *We need to change the two pictures over.* **g** from one person or side to another: *Hand it over.* **2** beyond some quantity or limit: *£10 or over; The show ran a minute over.* **3a** in excess; remaining: *There wasn't much over; Three into seven goes twice and one over.* **b** till a later time: *Can you stay over till Monday?* **4a** so as to cover the whole surface: *windows boarded over.* **b** from beginning to end; through: *I read the article over.* **5a** at an end: *The day is over.* **b** used on a two-way radio to indicate that a message is complete and a reply is expected. **6a** used to show repetition: *ten times over; She had to start all over again.* **b** chiefly *NAmE* once more: *Do your sums over.* * **over and over** repeatedly. **over with** finished or completed. [Old English *ofer*]

over² *prep* **1a** higher than (something or somebody): *He towered over his mother.* **b** vertically above but not touching (something or somebody): *A lamp hung over the table.* **c** used to indicate downward movement: *She hit him over the head; He must have fallen over the cliff.* **d** from one side of (a barrier or intervening space) to the other; across (it): *We climbed over the gate; The geese flew over the lake.* **e** so as to cover (something or somebody): *She laid a blanket over the child.* **f** all through or throughout (something): *She showed me all over the house.* **2a** used to indicate authority, power, or jurisdiction: *He never respected those over him.* **b** used to indicate superiority, advantage, or preference: *a big lead over the others.* **3** more than (the specified number or amount): *It shouldn't cost over £5.* **4** by means of (a medium or channel of communication): *over the radio; over the phone.* **5a** during (a period of time): *over the past 25 years; I wrote it over the weekend.* **b** past or beyond (something): *We're over the worst.* **6** used to indicate an object of care or reference: *watching over the children; We all laughed over the incident.* **7** used to indicate an object of occupation or activity: *sitting over their wine.* * **over against** as opposed to; in contrast with. **over and above** besides; in addition to.

over³ *noun* in cricket, any of the divisions of an innings during which one bowler bowls six balls from the same end of the pitch. [from the umpire's cry of *over* (i.e. change to the other end) after the sixth ball]

over- *comb. form* forming words, with the meanings: **1** upper or higher: *overlord*. **2** outer or covering: *overcoat*. **3a** excessive: *overcompensation*. **b** excessively: *overwork*. **4** above: *overarch*. **5** downwards: *overthrow*.

overabundance /'ohvəə'bund(ə)ns/ *noun* an excess or surfeit. >> **overabundant** *adj*.

overact /'ohvə'(r)akt/ *verb trans and intrans* to perform (a part) with undue exaggeration.

overage¹ /'ohvə'reij/ *adj* beyond a specified age limit. [OVER² + AGE¹]

overage² /'ohvəri/ *noun* a surplus or excess. [OVER- + -AGE]

overall¹ /'ohvə'rawl/ *adv* **1** as a whole. **2** from end to end.

overall² /'ohvə'rawl/ *noun* **1** (in pl) a protective garment resembling a boiler suit or dungarees. **2** chiefly *Brit* a usu loose-fitting protective coat worn over other clothing.

overall³ *adj* including everything.

overarch /'ohvə'rahch/ *verb trans* to form an arch over (something).

overarching /'ohvə'rahching/ *adj* **1** forming an arch overhead. **2** dominating or embracing everything else.

overarm /'ohvə'rahm/ *adj and adv* with the hand and arm brought forward and down from above shoulder level.

overate /'ohvə'ret, -rayt/ *verb* past tense of OVEREAT.

overawe /'ohvə'(r)aw/ *verb trans* to fill (somebody) with respect or fear.

overbalance¹ /'ohvə'baləns/ *verb trans* **1** to cause (somebody or something) to lose balance. **2** to outweigh (something). > *verb intrans* to lose balance and fall.

overbalance² /'ohvə'baləns/ *noun* an excess of weight, value, etc.

overbear /'ohvə'beə/ *verb trans* (past tense **overbore** /-'baw/, past part. **overborne** /-'bawn/) **1a** to domineer over (somebody). **b** to surpass (something) in importance or relevance; to outweigh (it). **2** to bring (something or somebody) down by superior weight or force.

overbearing *adj* harshly masterful or domineering. >> **overbearingly** *adv*.

overbid /'ohvə'bid/ *verb* (**overbidding**, past tense and past part. **overbid**) > *verb intrans* **1** in an auction, to bid in excess of value. **2** in bridge, to bid more than the scoring capacity of one's hand. > *verb trans* **1** in an auction, to bid in excess of (another person's bid). **2** in bridge, to bid more than the value of (one's hand). >> **overbid** /'oh-/ *noun*.

overbite /'ohvbiet/ *noun* in dentistry, the projection of the upper front teeth over the lower when the jaws are in contact.

overblown¹ /'ohvə'blohn/ *adj* inflated or pretentious. [BLOW¹]

overblown² *adj* past the prime of bloom: *overblown roses*. [BLOW⁴]

overboard /'ohvə'bawd/ *adv* over the side of a ship or boat into the water. * **go overboard** **1** to be very enthusiastic. **2** to go to extremes. **throw overboard** to abandon (something).

overbook /'ohvə'book/ *verb trans and intrans* to take bookings for (e.g. a hotel or flight) in excess of the space available.

overbore /'ohvə'baw/ *verb* past tense of OVERBEAR.

overborne /'ohvə'bawn/ *verb* past part. of OVERBEAR.

overbuild /'ohvə'bild/ *verb trans* (past tense and past part. **overbuilt** /-'bilt/) **1a** to build (houses) in excess of demand. **b** to put up too many buildings in (an area). **2** to build on top of (something). **3** to build (something) too elaborately.

overburden¹ /'ohvə'buhd(ə)n/ *verb trans* (**overburdened**, **overburdening**) to place an excessive burden on (somebody). >> **overburdensome** *adj*.

overburden² /'ohvə'buhd(ə)n/ *noun* **1** soil, rock, etc overlying a useful geological deposit, e.g. of coal. **2** an excessive burden.

overcall /'ohvə'kaw/ *verb trans and intrans* to make a higher bid than (the previous bid or player) in a card game. >> **overcall** /'oh-/ *noun*.

overcame /'ohvə'kaym/ *verb* past tense of OVERCOME.