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consulate

Important words to learn: **E** Essential

consulate /kən'sju:lət/ ⑤ /'kʊn.sjə-/ **noun** [C] the office where a CONSUL works: *the Cuban consulate in Mexico City*

consult /kən'salt/ **verb** 1 ① [T] to get information or advice from a person, book, etc. with special knowledge on a particular subject: *If the symptoms get worse, consult your doctor.* ○ *I'm not quite sure how to get there - I'd better consult a map.* 2 ① [I or T] to discuss something with someone before you make a decision: *Why didn't you consult me about this?* ○ *This afternoon the Prime Minister was consulting with his advisors and we are expecting an announcement shortly.*

consultancy /kən'sal.tɪn.tsi/ **noun** 1 [C] a company that gives specialist advice on a particular subject: *a management/financial/recruitment consultancy* 2 [U] the activity of giving advice on a particular subject

consultant /kən'sal.tɪnt/ **noun** [C] 1 ① someone who advises people on a particular subject: *a management/financial/computer consultant* ○ *a firm of public relations consultants* 2 **UK** a specialist (= doctor with special training and knowledge in a particular area of medicine)

consultation /kən'sal.tɪ'fʃn/ ⑤ /,kʌn-/ **noun** 1 ① [C] a meeting to discuss something or to get advice: *After consultations with our accountants, we've decided how to cut costs within the company.* 2 ① [U] when you discuss something with someone in order to get their advice or opinion about it: *He chose his study course in consultation with his parents and teachers.*

consultative /kən'sal.tə.tɪv/ ⑤ /-tə.tɪv/ **adjective** A consultative group or document gives advice about something: *She works for the firm in a consultative capacity.* ○ *to set up a consultative committee*

consulting /kən'sal.tɪŋ/ ⑤ /-tɪŋ/ **adjective** [BEFORE NOUN] giving advice on a particular subject: *a consulting lawyer/engineer*

consulting room **noun** [C] an office where a doctor talks to and examines patients

consumables /kən'sju:.mə.blz/ ⑤ /-su:/ **plural noun** goods, especially food, or services which people buy regularly because they are quickly used and need to be replaced quite often: *At this hospital we use up bandages, disposable gloves and other consumables at an alarming rate.*

consume /kən'sju:m/ ⑤ /-'su:m/ **verb** [T] **USE RESOURCE** 1 ① to use fuel, energy or time, especially in large amounts: *Our high living standards cause our present population to consume 25 percent of the world's oil.* 2 **FORMAL** to eat or drink, especially a lot of something: *He consumes vast quantities of chips with every meal.* **DESTROY** 3 If a fire consumes something, it destroys it completely. 4 **be consumed by/with sth** to have so much of a feeling that it affects everything you do: *He was consumed with jealousy.*

consumer /kən'sju:.mə/ ⑤ /-'su:.mə/ **noun** [C] **E** a person who buys goods or services for their own use: *The new telephone rates will affect all consumers including businesses.* ○ *consumer rights/advice*

consumer durables /kən'sju:.mə'dʒʊə.rə.blz/ ⑤ /-su:-mə'dʒə.ə/ **plural noun** goods that last a long time and are not intended to be bought very often, such as televisions and cars

consumerism /kən'sju:.mə.rɪ.zəm/ ⑤ /-'su:.mə-ri-/ **noun** [U] 1 the state of an advanced industrial society in which a lot of goods are bought and sold 2 **DISAPPROVING** when too much attention is given to buying and owning things: *He disliked Christmas and its rampant (= extreme) consumerism.*

consumer price index **noun** [C] **USUALLY SINGULAR** [ABBREVIATION CPI] **US** FOR retail price index

consumer protection **noun** of goods and services against products and advertisements

consumer society **noun** often buy new goods, especially not need, and which place many things

consuming /kən'sju:.mɪŋ/ ⑤ /-sɪ-/ **adjective** an emotion that is very strong: *passion with him.*

consummate

► **adjective** [BEFORE NOUN] /'kɒn.sə-/ perfect, or complete in every way: *happiness* ○ *He's a consummate athlete.*

► **verb** [T] /kɒn.sju.meɪt/ ⑤ /-sɪ-/ 1 **LEGAL** to make a marriage or romance complete by having sex: *The marriage was consummated.* **COMPLETE** 2 **FORMAL** to make complete or perfect

consummation /kɒn.sju:'meɪ.ʃn/ ⑤ **SEX** 1 **LEGAL** when a marriage or romance is made complete by having sex: *consummation* when something is made complete

consumption /kən'sʌmp.ʃn/ **noun** [U] amount used or eaten: *As a nation, our junk food is horrifying.* ○ *We need to reduce consumption by having fewer cars.* when someone uses, eats, or drinks something: *He has a high consumption of alcohol.* clearly unfit for human consumption (not safe for people to eat). ○ *These products are for consumption, but for export.* 3 when information, etc. is intended for a particular purpose: *This memo is for internal consumption.* was not intended for public consumption 4 **OLD-FASHIONED** FOR tuberculosis (= disease of the lungs)

consumptive /kən'sʌmp.tɪv/ **adjective** **OLD-FASHIONED** (a person) suffering from consumption: *He lived very long - she was (a) consumptive.*

cont. adjective (ALSO **contd**) **WRITTEN** continued

Word partners for contact

establish/get in/make contact • be in contact • be in/keep in/remain in contact • avoid/break off/lose contact • frequent/regular contact • contact sb • be in contact with sb

Word partners for contact

come in/into contact with sb/sth • sexual contact • close/direct contact • sb/sth

Word partners for contact

build up/make contacts • good/valuable contacts • a network of contacts

contact /kɒn.tækt/ ⑤ /'kʌn-/

► **noun** **COMMUNICATION** 1 ① to be in contact with someone, especially by speaking to them regularly: *"Have you been in contact with her recently?" "Only by telephone."* 2 to have enough contact between two people: *There hasn't been enough contact between teachers and parents.* 3 to be in contact with the outside world. ○ *I've been in contact with my old school friends.* ○ *She first met him in Italy.* ○ *Air traffic controllers maintain contact with the pilot of the aircraft ten minutes before it lands.* ○ *The school likes to have a constant contact with parents.* 4 to be in contact with someone, especially for emergency: *Keep in contact with the school hours.* **TOUCH** 2 ① to touch things touch each other: *Don't touch the things.*

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