

plan, activity, etc.: *She left home with her parents' blessing.* **3 a mixed blessing** something that is both good and bad: *Living close to the office was a mixed blessing.* **4 a blessing in disguise** something that seems to be bad but that you later realize is good: *The lack of tourism on the island could be a blessing in disguise.* **5** [singular, U] protection and help from God, or the prayer in which you ask for this: *The priest gave the blessing.*

blew /blu/ v. the past tense of BLOW

blight /blaɪt/ n. [singular, U] something that damages or spoils something else, or the condition of being damaged or spoiled: *an area suffering from urban blight* (=severe problems that only a city has) — **blight** v. [T]

blighted /'blaɪtɪd/ adj. damaged or spoiled: *the blighted downtown area*

blimp /blɪmp/ n. [C] an aircraft without wings that looks like a very large BALLOON

blind¹ /blaɪnd/ ●●● adj. **1** unable to see: *My grandmother is almost totally blind.* | *People with the disease often go blind* (=become blind). **2 the blind** people who cannot see: *special facilities for the blind* **3 blind faith/obedience/trust etc.** disapproving strong feelings that you have, without thinking about why you have them: *the army's blind obedience to the emperor* **4 be blind to sth** to completely fail to notice or realize something: *He was blind to the faults of his own children.* **5 turn a blind eye (to sth)** to ignore something that you know should not be happening: *Teachers were turning a blind eye to smoking in the school.* **6 blind corner/bend/curve** a corner, bend, etc. that you cannot see around when you are driving [Origin: Old English] — **blindness** n. [U]

blind² ●●● v. [T] **1** to make someone unable to see, either permanently or for a short time: *The deer was blinded by our headlights.* **2** to make someone unable to notice or realize the truth about something: *Being in love blinded me to his faults.*

blind³ ●●● n. [C] a piece of cloth or other material that you can pull down to cover a window → VENETIAN BLIND

blind 'date n. [C] a DATE (=romantic meeting) arranged between a man and a woman who have not met each other before

blind-fold /'blaɪndfəʊld/ n. [C] a piece of cloth that you use to cover someone's eyes so that s/he cannot see — **blindfold** v. [T]

blind-ing /'blaɪndɪŋ/ adj. [usually before noun] **a blinding light/flash etc.** a very bright light that makes you unable to see for a short time

THESAURUS bright, strong, brilliant, dazzling, glaring → BRIGHT

blind-ly /'blaɪndli/ adv. **1** disapproving not thinking about something or trying to understand it: *Don't just blindly accept what you are told.* **2** not seeing or noticing what is around you: *She sat staring blindly out the window.*

blind-side /'blaɪndsaɪd/ v. [T] informal to hit the side of a car with your car in an accident

'blind spot n. [C] **1** something that you are unable or unwilling to understand: *He has a blind spot when it comes to his daughter's problems.* **2** the part of the road that you cannot see in front of you or in your mirrors when you are driving a car: *The other car was right in my blind spot.*

bling /blɪŋ/ also **bling 'bling** n. [U] informal expensive things such as jewelry that are worn to be noticed

'blink¹ /'blɪŋk/ ●●● v. **1** [I,T] to close and open your eyes quickly: *He blinked as he stepped out into the sunlight.* **2** [I] if a light blinks, it goes on and off continuously: *The answering machine light was blinking.*

blink² n. **1 in the blink of an eye** very quickly: *With email, we can send messages across the globe in the blink of an eye.* **2 on the blink** informal not working correctly: *The radio's on the blink again.*

blink-ers /'blɪŋkəz/ n. [plural] the small lights on a car that flash to show which direction you are turning

blip /blɪp/ n. [C] **1** a flashing light on the screen of a piece of electronic equipment **2 informal** a sudden and temporary change from the way something normally happens: *This month's rise in prices could be just a blip.*

bliss /blɪs/ n. [U] perfect happiness — **blissful** adj. — **blissfully** adv. → **ignorance is bliss** at IGNORANCE

blis-ter /'blɪstə/ n. [C] MEDICINE a painful swollen area on the skin containing a clear liquid, caused by a burn or by being rubbed too much: *New shoes always give me blisters.* — **blister** v. [I,T]

THESAURUS blemish, bruise, scar, pimple, zit, wart, freckle, mole → MARK²

blis-ter-ing /'blɪstərɪŋ/ adj. **1** extremely hot: *blistering summer days* **2 blistering attack/criticism etc.** very angry and disapproving remarks

blithe /blaɪð, blaɪθ/ adj. seeming not to care or worry about the effects of what you do: *the blithe assumption that he would always have a job* — **blithely** adv.: *They blithely ignored the danger.*

blitz /blɪts/ n. [C] **1** a situation when you use a lot of effort to achieve something, often in a short time: *an advertising blitz* **2** a sudden military attack, especially from the air — **blitz** v. [T]

bliz-zard /'blɪzəd/ ●●● n. [C] EARTH SCIENCE a long heavy storm with a lot of wind and snow

THESAURUS snow, snowflakes, sleet, slush, frost → SNOW¹

bloat-ed /'bləʊtɪd/ adj. looking or feeling larger than usual because of being too full of water, food, gas, etc.: *I feel bloated after that meal.*