

ar-mor-y /'arməri/ *n.* (plural **armories**) [C] a place where weapons are stored

arm-pit /'arm,pɪt/ *n.* [C] the hollow place under your arm where it joins your body

'arms control *n.* [U] **POLITICS** the attempts by powerful countries to limit the number and types of war weapons that exist

'arms race *n.* **1** [C usually singular] **POLITICS** the competition between different countries to have a larger number of powerful weapons **2 the Arms Race** **HISTORY** the competition between the U.S. and the Soviet Union to produce and have the greatest number of powerful weapons, especially **NUCLEAR** weapons. The Arms Race began at the end of World War II and continued until the late 1980s.

'arm-wrestling, arm wrestling *n.* [U] a competition in which two people sit facing each other and holding each other's hand with one elbow on the table, and try to force the other person's hand down onto the table without using the other hand to help

ar-my /'armi/ ●●● *n.* (plural **armies**) [C] **1** also **Army** a military force that fights wars on land: *The two armies advanced across Europe.* | *Our son is in the army.* | *He dropped out of school to join the army.*

TOPIC

An army consists of **soldiers** or **troops**. If you **join up** or **enlist**, you join the army. If you are **drafted**, you are ordered to serve in the army by the government.

You can use **armed forces**, **the military**, or **the services** to talk in a general way about the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force.

2 a large group of people or animals involved in the same activity: *an army of ants* [Origin: 1300–1400 Old French *armee*, from Medieval Latin *armata* “army, group of warships”]

a-ro-ma /ə'roumə/ *n.* [C] a strong pleasant smell: *the aroma of fresh coffee* —**aromatic** /,æə'reɪtɪk/ *adj.*: aromatic oils

THESAURUS smell, scent, fragrance, perfume → **SMELL** ² (1)

a-ro-ma-ther-a-py /ə'roumə'θerəpi/ *n.* [U] the use of pleasant-smelling oils to help you feel well —**aromatherapist** *n.* [C]

a-rose /ə'rouz/ *v.* the past tense of **ARISE**

a-round /ə'raʊnd/ ●●● *adv., prep.*
1 surrounding something or someone: *We put a fence around the yard.* | *Mario put his arms around her.* **2** to or in many parts of a place: *Stan showed me around the office.* | *It's an international company with offices all around* (=in all parts of) *the world.* **3** in or near a particular place: *Is there a bank around here?* **4** used when guessing a number, amount, time, etc., without being exact: *Dodger Stadium seats around 50,000 people.*

THESAURUS about, approximately, roughly, or so, in the region of → **ABOUT** ²

5 in a circular movement: *Water pushes the wheel around.* | *Leaves were blowing around and around* (=in a continuous circular movement). **6** along the outside of a place, instead of through it: *We had to go around to the back of the house.* **7** toward or facing the opposite direction: *I'll turn the car around and pick you up at the door.* **8** present in the same place as you: *It was 11:30 at night, and nobody was around.* **9** existing: *That joke's been around for years.* **10 10 feet/3 inches etc.** **around** measuring a particular distance on the outside of a round object: *Redwood trees can measure 30 or 40 feet around.*

a,round-the-'clock *adj.* [only before noun] continuing or happening all the time, both day and night: *a station where you can get around-the-clock news* —**around the clock** *adv.*

a-rouse /ə'raʊz/ ●●● *v.* [T] **1** to make someone have a particular feeling: *Her behavior aroused the suspicions of the police.* **2** to make someone feel sexually excited —**arousal** *n.* [U]

ar-rain /ə'reɪn/ *v.* [T] **LAW** to make someone come to court to hear what his/her crime is —**arraignment** *n.* [C,U]

ar-range /ə'reɪndʒ/ ●●● *v.* **1** [I,T] to make plans for something to happen: *Jeff will arrange our flights.* | *We've arranged to go to the cabin this weekend.* | *I've arranged for Mark to join us.* | *We still have to arrange where to meet.* **2** [T] to put a group of things or people in a particular order or position: *The file is arranged alphabetically.*

ar-range-ment /ə'reɪndʒmənt/ ●●● *n.*
1 [C usually plural] the things that you must organize for something to happen: *Kevin took care of the travel arrangements.* | *We're making arrangements for the wedding.* **2** [C,U] something that has been organized or agreed on: *We have a special arrangement with the bank.* | *I'm sure we can come to some arrangement.* | *Maxine canceled our arrangement to meet.* **3** [C,U] a group of things in a particular order or position, or the activity of arranging things in this way: *a flower arrangement* **4** [C,U] **ENG. LANG. ARTS** a piece of music that has been written or changed for a particular instrument → **MUSIC**

ar-ray /ə'reɪ/ ●●● *n.* [C usually singular] **1** a group of people or things, especially one that is large or impressive: *a dazzling array of acting talent* **2 MATH** a set of numbers or signs, or of computer memory units, arranged in lines across or down

ar-rears /ə'rɪz/ *n.* [plural] **1** **be in arrears** to owe someone money because your regular payment to him/her is late: *We're six weeks in arrears with the rent.* **2** money that is owed and should already have been paid: *The firm promised to pay all wage arrears promptly and in full.*