Spelling

The *Concise Oxford English Dictionary*, twelfth edition, is the current authority for spelling in the United Nations. If more than one spelling is given in the dictionary, use the form listed first unless otherwise indicated below. The online Oxford Dictionary (https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/) (set to British and World English) is an acceptable alternative.

The United Nations spelling list is designed to serve as a quick reference for common words and compounds for which there may be more than one possible spelling. Some words commonly used in United Nations documents that are not in the twelfth edition of the dictionary are included in the list for ease of reference. For further guidance, see also *Abbreviations and acronyms* and *Capitalization in English*.

Foreign words listed in the twelfth edition or included in the list below are not italicized in United Nations documents. Foreign words that are not listed in that edition or included in the list, however, are italicized.

Non-English names of organizations, firms, ministries and the like are not italicized.

Fractions expressed in words are not hyphenated (e.g. one third of the total) unless they are used as adjectives (e.g. one-third share).

The abbreviation “adj.” is used to indicate compound adjectives that are hyphenated when they precede a noun (e.g. She had a fixed-term contract). Otherwise they are normally not hyphenated (e.g. The contract was for a fixed term).

Compound adjectives in which the first word ends in –ly are not hyphenated (e.g. environmentally sustainable growth).

*Notes:*
* Indicates a change from previous practice.
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*audiovisual
auditor general
avant-garde
awareness-raising (noun and adj.)
ayatollah

B

Baath party, Baathist
baby boom (noun)
baby-boom (adj.)
back-calculation procedure
backstop (verb and noun)
back up (verb)
backup (noun and adj.)
backward (adj.)
backwards (adv.)
balance of payments (noun)
balance-of-payments (adj.)
balance sheet
bandwidth
baseline
base-year (adj.)
bednet
Bedouin (singular and plural)
beforehand
behaviour
benefited, benefiting
bi: compound forms are closed (see also “Ambiguous terms” under Numbers, dates and time):
    biannual (twice a year)
    biennial (every second year)
    bienniums
    bimonthly (every two months)
    biweekly (every two weeks)
biased
bio: compound forms are closed
biocoenosis
birth control
birth rate
bis
bitcoin
BlackBerry

blacklist (verb and noun)
blockchain
blood-borne
blood-brain barrier
bond market
bookkeeping
bottleneck
brain drain
break away (verb)
breakaway (noun and adj.)
break down (verb)
breakdown (noun)
breakthrough
break up (verb)
break-up (noun)
breastfeed
bride price
bride wealth
Brigadier General
broad band, broad banding (verb and noun, in ICSC documents)
broad-banded, broad-banding (adj., in ICSC documents)
broadband (telecommunications)
build up (verb)
built-up (noun)
bureaux
burka
burned (not “burnt”)
businessperson
buy-back (noun)
buy-in (noun)
by-catch
by-law
by-product
bystander

C
calibre
cancelled, cancelling
canvas (cloth)
canvass (to solicit)
capacity-building (noun and adj.)
capital (city, money)  classroom
Capitol (building)  clearing house
caregiver  closed-end (adj.)
care provider  co-chair
caretaker  coequal
carlog  coexist
carry over (verb)  cofactor
carry-over (noun)  cogeneration
carte blanche  cohort-component projections
case-by-case (adj.)  cold war
case-fatality rate  co-locate
case law  colloquiums
caseload  colour
case study  combatant
catalogue  combated, combating
catalyse  common law (noun)
case law  common-law (adj.)
case-by-case (adj.)  communiqué
chasemore  compel, compelled
checklist  compendiums
case study  confidence-building (noun and adj.)
catalogue  connection
check-up (noun)  consensus
chef de cabinet (plural: chefs de cabinet)  **consortiums
chef de cabinet (plural: chefs de cabinet)  contingent-owned equipment
centre, centred, centring  contraceptive-calendar method
centre, centred, centring  cookstove
centre, centred, centring  cooperate, cooperation
centre, centred, centring  coordinate, coordination
centre, centred, centring  co-payment
centre, centred, centring  copy-edit
centre, centred, centring  copy editor
centre, centred, centring  cornerstone
centre, centred, centring  corrigenda
centre, centred, centring  cost accounting
centre, centred, centring  cost-effective
centre, centred, centring  cost-efficient
centre, centred, centring  cost-of-living index
centre, centred, centring  cost recovery (noun)
centre, centred, centring  cost-recovery (adj.)
centre, centred, centring  councillor
centre, centred, centring  counsel (verb and noun, singular and plural)
centre, centred, centring  counselling, counsellor
centre, centred, centring  counteract
childbearing  *counterargument
childbirth  counteract
childcare  counteract
child-sensitive (adj.)  *counterargument
child spacing  *counterargument
counter-attack  
counterbalance  
countercharge  
counterclaim  
counterclockwise  
countercyclical  
counterdemonstration  
counter-espionage  
counter-example  
counter-guarantee  
counter-insurgency  
counter-intelligence  
counter-intuitive  
countermeasure  
counter-narcotics  
counteroffensive  
counterpoint  
counterproductive  
counterproliferation  
counterproposal  
counter-revolution  
**counter-terrorism  
countertrade  
counter-urbanization  
countryside  
countrywide  
coup d'état (plural: coups d'état)  
couple-years  
co-worker  
creditworthiness  
cropland  
cross-country  
cross-cutting  
cross-reference (verb)  
cross reference (noun)  
cross section  
cross-sectoral  
cross-tabulation  
crowdsourced, crowdsourcing  
crypto: compound forms are closed  
curricula  
curriculum vitae (plural: curricula vitae)  
cut back (verb)  
cutback (noun)  
cut off (verb)  
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cyber: compound forms are closed

D

darknet  
databank  
database  
data-collection (adj.)  
data processing (noun)  
data-processing (adj.)  
data processor  
data set  
day care (noun)  
day-care (adj.)  
*dead weight  
**deafblind  
death rate  
decies or deciens  
decision maker  
decision-making (noun and adj.)  
de-emphasize  
de facto  
defence (but United States Department of Defense, Israel Defense Forces)  
de jure  
delink  
*delist  
demagogy  
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demographic-economic model  
dependant (noun)  
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homeowner
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home page
homeschool
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only when preceding a noun (e.g. an
ill-designed project; the project is
ill designed)
ill-treatment
imperilled
inasmuch as
income generation (noun)
income-generation (adj.)
in-depth (adj.)
indexes (lists in a book), indices (statistical)
dispensable
information and communications
technology
information-sharing
infrared
in-house
initialled, initialling
in-kind (adj.)
in-migration
inpatient
inquire, inquiry (referring to a formal
investigation) (cf. *enquire*)
in-session (adj.)
in situ
insofar
insourcing
install, installation, instalment
instil
institution-building
interactive
inter-agency
inter alia
inter-American
inter-annual
interbank
inter-birth
intercommunal
intercountry
intercultural
interdenominational
interdepartmental
interdependence
interdisciplinary
interdivisional
inter-ethnic
interfaith
interfamily
intergenerational
intergovernmental
*intergroup
inter-industry
inter-institutional
interlink, interlinkage
*interministerial
inter-mission (between missions)
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Internet
inter-office
inter-organizational
interparliamentary
interprovincial
interracial
interregional
interrelate
interreligious
intersectoral
intersession (noun), intersessional
interspace
inter-State (between countries)
terstate (between states)
ter-unit
intifada
in toto
intra: compound forms are closed except:

  intra-agency
  intra-industry
  intra-mission
  intra-State (within a country)
intra-urban
in vitro
inward (adj.)
inwards (adv.)
ipso facto
iSeek
IV drug user

landlocked
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landowner
land use (noun)
land-use (adj.)
laserdisc
lawmaker
law-making
lay off (verb)
layoff (noun)
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learned (not “learnt”)
least developed countries
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letter of assist
leukaemia
levelled, levelling
liaison
liberalization
liberalize
licence (noun)
license (verb)
Lieutenant General
life cycle
lifelong
lifespan
lifestyle
life table (noun)
life-table (adj.)
lifetime
litre
live birth
live-born
living space
local area network
log in, log out (verb)
login, logout (noun)
log on, log off (verb)
logon, logoff (noun)
long-standing (adj.)
long-term (adj.)
loophole
Lotus Notes

J

jail
jihad, jihadi
Judaize
*judgment (see also Capitalization in English)
*judgmental
jump-start

K

keffiyeh
kick-start
kilogram (kg)
kilometre (km)
kilovolt-ampere (kVA)
kilowatt (kW)
kilowatt-hour (kWh)
*kin group
know-how
knowledge-sharing

L

labelled, labelling
laborious
labour
labour-force (adj.)
labour-market (adj.)
laissez-faire
laissez-passer (singular and plural)
land-grabbing
landholder
landline
lower-case (adj.)
low-level (adj.)

M

machine gun
machine-readable
macro: compound forms are closed except:
  macro level (noun), macro-level (adj.)
  (note: “macro” in this case is a stand-alone word, not a prefix)
  macro-unit
mainframe
mainland
Major General
mandate holder
man-hour (preferred: person-hour)
man-made (preferred: human-caused, human-made)
manoeuvre
man-portable air defence system (not MANPADS)
marketplace
market town
mark up (verb)
markup (noun)
marriage timing (noun)
marriage-timing (adj.)
marshal
marshalled, marshalling
master plan
materiel
matrices
meagre
meantime
meanwhile
medium-sized (adj.)
medium-variant (adj.)
meeting place
*megacity
megajoule (MJ)
megavolt (MV)
megavolt-ampere (MVA)
member-days
memorandums
Mesoamerica
**Messrs. (in English)
meter (instrument)
metre (unit of length)
micro: compound forms are closed except:
  micro-business
  micro-entrepreneur
  micro-environment
  micro-event
  micro level (noun), micro-level (adj.)
  (note: “micro” in this case is a stand-alone word, not a prefix)
mid-1990s
mid-air
midday
middleman
midlife (noun and adj.)
mid-ocean, mid-oceanic
midpoint
mid-range
mid-season
mid-size
midsummer
midterm
midway
midweek
midwife
midwinter
midyear
mileage
milieux
millenniums
mindset
mine clearance (noun)
mine-clearance (adj.)
minefield
minimize
misspelled (not “misspelt”)
misstep
*Mmes. (in English)
modelled, modelling
modus operandi
money-laundering (noun and adj.)
moneylender, moneylending
money market (noun and adj.)
moneys
moratoriums
mores
mould
movable
**Mr.
**Mrs.
**Ms.
Muhammad (the Prophet)
mujahid (plural: ***mujahidin)
multi-access
multi-bilateral
multibillion
multi-cause
multicellular
multi-centred
multichannel
multi-client
multicoloured
multi-country
multicultural
multidimensional
multidisciplinary
multi-donor
multi-ethnic
**multi-faith
multifocal
multifunctional
multigenerational
multigrade
multigrain
multigravida
multi-hazard
multi-jurisdictional
multilateral
multilayer
multilevel
multilingual
multimedia
multimillion
multinational
multipara
multipartite
multi-partner
multiparty
multiphase
multiplatform
multiple-choice (adj.)
multipolar
multiprocessor
*multipurpose
multiracial
multisectoral
multi-skilled
multi-stakeholder
*multistorey
multitalented
multitask, multitasker, multitasking
multitrack
multi-user
multi-utility
multivendor
multi-year
Muslim
mutatis mutandis

N

nation State
nationwide
neighbour
neonatal
nevertheless
newborn
newsfeed
newsflash
newsgroup
news stand
newswire
newsworthy
niqab
no-fly zone
no-man’s-land
non-: compound forms are hyphenated
except:
nonconformist
nondescript
nonfeasance
nonetheless
non sequitur
no one
north(ern), north-east(ern), north-west(ern)
(a geographical direction or an area
within a country)
North(ern) (a continent or major region, e.g.
North America, North Africa, Northern
Europe)
northward
note verbale (plural: notes verbales)
novies or noviens
nursing home (noun)

O
octies or octiens
odour
oedema
oesophagus
offence
offensive
off-gas
offhand
off-hours (noun)
office holder
off-label (adj.)
off-limits (adj.)
offline
offload
off-message (adj.)
off-peak
off-ramp (noun)
off-road
off season (noun)
off-season (adj. and adv.)
offset
offshore
off-site (adj.)
offspring (singular and plural)
oilfield
oil well
old age (noun)
old-age (adj.)
old-growth (adj.)
omega-3 fatty acid
on-board (adj.) (on a ship or aircraft)
onboarding (in human resources)
ongoing
online
on-message (adj.)
on-screen
onshore
on-site (adj.)
onward (adj. and adv.)
op-ed (noun and adj.)
ordinance (law)
ordnance (munitions)
organization
organization chart (not “organigram(me)”
or “organizational chart”)
organize
outmigration
out-of-court (adj)
out-of-date (adj.)
outpatient
outsource
out-take (noun)
over: compound forms are closed except:
over-elaborate
over-exercise
over-optimistic
over-refine
*overabundant
**overrepresent

P
paediatric
paedophile
panellist
paper-smart (adj.)
paralyse
paramedical
paramilitary
part-time
passer-by (plural: passers-by)
payback (noun)
payday
payroll
peacebuilder, peacebuilding
peacekeeper, peacekeeping
peacemaker, peacemaking
peacetime
per annum
per capita
per cent
per diem
perinatal
peri-urban
per se
person-day, person-hour
phyto-: combinations are closed
place name
plebiscite
plough
policyholder
policymaker, policymaking
policy-setting
post-adolescent
post-cold-war
postdoctoral
post-feminist
postglacial
postgraduate
post-industrial
post-marital
postmillennial
postmodern
post-mortem
*postnatal
post-neonatal
postnuptial
post-operative
post-partum
post-session
post-war
power plant
power-sharing
practice (noun)
practise (verb)
pre-adolescent
pre-book

**précis
précis-writer, précis-writing
preconceive
precondition
pre-construction
*predate
predeployment
pre-eclampsia
pre-embryo
pre-eminent
pre-empt
pre-establish
pre-exist
pre-ignition
pre-industrial
pre-initiation countries
pre-inspection
pre-investment
premarital
pre-modern
prenatal
pre-owned
pre-package
pre-plan
pre-position
pre-press
pre-production
pre-qualify
pre-record
pre-register
pre-release
preschool
pre-screen
pre-sell
pre-session
President-elect
pretence
*pretrial (but Pre-Trial Chamber of the International Criminal Court)
pre-war
prima facie
principal (first in rank) (noun and adj.)
principle (fundamental truth) (noun)
printout
private sector (not hyphenated)
privatization
privatize
procès-verbal (plural: procès-verbaux)
pro-choice
procyclical
program (computing only) (noun and verb)
programme (noun and verb)
pronatalism, pronatalist
proofread, proofreader
pro rata
prorate
pro tempore
psycho: compound forms are closed
public sector (not hyphenated)

Q

**qadi
quater
quinquies or quinquiens
***Qur'an
**Qur'anic

R

radioactive
radioisotope
rain-fed
rainforest
rainwater
raison d'être
range area
rangeland(s)
rapprochement
rateable
ratepayer
re-: combinations are closed except:
  re-advertise
  re-edit
  re-educate
  re-elect
  re-emerge
  re-emphasize
  re-employ
  re-enact
  re-engineer
  re-enrol
  re-enter
  re-equip
  re-erect
  re-establish
  re-evaluate
  re-examine
  re-export
  read-only memory
  readout (noun)
  record-breaking (adj.)
  referendums
  reflection
  refoulement
  regime
  region-wide
  *reroute
  results-based (adj.)
  results-oriented (adj.)
  résumé
  retro: combinations are closed
  reversible
  right to life (noun)
  right-to-life (adj.)
  rigorous
  rigour
  risk reduction (noun and adj.)
  riverbed
  river water
  roadbed
  roadblock
  road map
  roadwork
  rollback (noun)
  roll call (noun)
  roll-call (adj.)
  roll out (verb)
  roll-out (noun)
  roll over (verb)
  rollover (noun)
  round table (noun)
  round-table (adj.)
  routing
RU486
rule of law (not hyphenated)
rumour
run-off (noun and adj.)
rural-urban (demographic movement)
rural/urban (comparison)

S

safe-period method
salary earner
saleable
salt water (noun)
saltwater (adj.)
satphone

Sceptic, sceptical, scepticism
school-age (adj.)
schoolbook
schoolchild
schoolday
schoolroom
schoolteacher

seabed
sea floor
sea level (not hyphenated)
seaport

seawater

** Secretary-General (plural: Secretaries-General)

sectoral
self-: compound forms are hyphenated

sell off (verb)
sell-off (noun)
semi-annual (twice a year)

semi-automatic

semi-autonomous

semicircle

semi-detached

semi-final

semi-finished

semi-independent

semi-invalid

semi-literate

semi-monthly (twice a month) (see also “Ambiguous terms” under Numbers, dates and time)

semi-official

semi-permanent

semi-precious

semi-professional

semi-retired

semi-rigid

semi-skilled

semi-solid

semi-trailer

semi-weekly (twice a week) (see also “Ambiguous terms” under Numbers, dates and time)

septicaemia

septies or septiens

seroprevalence

serostatus

set back (verb)

setback (noun)

set up (verb)

set-up (noun)

sewage (waste matter)

sewerage (system of drains)

sexes or sexiens

sex-selective (adj.)

shake up (verb)

shake-up (noun)

shanty town

sharia

sheikh

shellfire

Shia

Shiite

shopkeeper

shortcoming

shortfall
shortlist
short-lived
side effect
sine qua non
sizeable
size class
skilful
skill set
slow down (verb)
slowdown (noun)
*slum dweller
smartphone
sociobiology
sociocultural
sociodemographic
***socioeconomic
*sociomedical
sociopolitical
soft-walled (adj.)
solicitor general (plural: solicitors general)
sombre
south(ern), south-east(ern), south- west(ern)
(a geographical direction or an area within a country)
South(ern), South-East(ern), South-West(ern) (a continent or major region, e.g. South America, Southern Africa, Southern Europe, South-East Asia; exception: Association of Southeast Asian Nations)
South-South cooperation
southward
spatial-profile model
specialize
speed-dial (verb)
speed dial (noun)
spelled (not “spelt”)
spillover (noun and adj.)
stabilization
stabilize
staff-day, staff-hour
staff member
stakeholder
stalemate
standby (noun and adj.)
stand-alone (adj.)
stand in (verb)
stand-in (noun)
State-building
stationary (not moving)
stationery (paper)
status-conscious
status-of-forces agreement
status quo
steady-state (adj.)
step: compound forms are closed except:
    step-parent
stillbirth
stillborn (adj.)
stockbreeder
stockbroker
stockholder
stock market
stockpile
stocktaking
storefront
storekeeper
storey (of a building)
straightforward
strikebreaker
strike-slip fault
strip-search
*sub: compound forms are closed except:
    sub-account
    sub-amendment
    sub-aquatic
    sub-area
    sub-assembly
    sub-body
    sub-bottom
    sub-branch
    sub-bureau
    sub-calibre
    sub-centre
    sub-clan
    sub-discipline
    sub-element
    sub-entry
    sub-folder
    sub-interval
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*training ground

transglobal
transmigrant
trans-Pacific
transracial
transsexual
trans-ship, trans-shipment
travelled, travelling
tripwire
troop contributor
troop-contributing
T-shirt
tsunami
tunnelled, tunnelling
turn around (verb)
turnaround (noun)
turning point
tumkey (adj.)
turn off (verb)
turn-off (noun)
turn out (verb)
turnout (noun)
turn over (verb)
turnover (noun)
turn over (verb)
turnover (noun)
two-faced
twofold
typeset, typesetting, typesetter
tyre

upgrade
upper-case (adj.)
uproot
up-to-date (adj.)
upward (adj. and adv.)
urban dweller
urban-rural (demographic movement)
urban/rural (comparison)
usability
usable
use-by date
use-effectiveness
user-friendly
username
utilize
U-turn
Uzi

**ulama
ultra: compound forms are closed except:
ultra-high frequency (noun)
ultra-high-frequency (adj.)

**under: compound forms are closed
except when modifying a hyphenated
compound
undersecretary

**Under-Secretary-General (plural: Under-
Secretaries-General)
under way
uni: compound forms are closed
unmistakable
update

vacuum aspiration method
vacuum-pack (verb)
vacuum-packed (adj.)
value added (noun and adj.)
value system
vapour
vari: compound forms are closed
V-chip
venepuncture
versus
vice (tool)
Vice-Chair
Vice-President
Vice-President-elect
vice versa
video camera
videoconference
videodisc
video game
videographics
videography
video link
video map
video on demand

videophone
video pirate
video recorder
video recording
viewfinder
viewpoint
vigorous
vigour
vis-à-vis
vitamin A
voicemail
voice-over (noun and adj.)
voiceprint

W

wage earner
wage-earning
wagon
Wahhabi
walkie-talkie
walk in (verb)
walk-in (adj.)
walkout (noun)
walk-through (noun)
wallboard
wallchart
Walloon
waqf
war chest
war crime
war criminal
war cry
war game
warhead
warlike
warlord
warmonger
warpath
warplane
warship
wartime
war-torn (adj.)
washout (noun)
washtub
wastewater
Washington, D.C.
watch list (noun and adj.)
watchtower
waterbird
water birth
waterboard, waterboarding
waterborne
water cannon
watercourse
watercraft
waterfowl
waterfront
waterhole
water level
waterline
waterlogged
water main
watermark
watermill
water power
waterproof
water-repellant (adj.)
water-resistant (adj.)
watershed
water supply
water table
watertight
water torture
water tower
waterway
waterworks
watt-hour
wattmeter
wavelength
weather-beaten
weatherproof
webcam
webcast
web hosting
webinar
webisode
weblink
weblog
webmail
webmaster
web page
web ring
website
webspace
weekday
weekend

well: compound adjectives are hyphenated only when preceding a noun (e.g. a well-designed project; the project is well designed)
well-being
well-to-do
well water (noun)
well-wisher
west(ern) (a geographical direction or an area within a country)
West(ern) (a major region, e.g. West Africa, Western Europe)
west-north-west, west-south-west
westward
wetland(s)
wet lease
wheelchair
while (not “whilst”)
whistle-blower, whistle-blowing
whiteboard
white list (noun)
white-list (verb)
whitewash
wholegrain
wholehearted
wholewheat
wide area network
wideband
widebody
Wi-Fi
wild card
wildcat
wildfire
wildfowl
wilful
windblown
windborne

windbreak
windburn
wind chill
windfall
windowpane
windowsill
windproof
windscreen
windshield
windstorm
windswept
winegrower
winemaker
wingspan
wingspread
win-win (adj.)
wiretap, wiretapping, wiretapper
witchcraft
witch-hunt
withhold
woman-month, woman-year
woodblock
woodchip
woodpile
woodshed
woodsmoke
woodwork
woodyard
word-processing
word processor
work around (verb)
workaround (noun)
workday
workflow
workforce
work-hour
workload
work out (verb)
workout (noun)
work permit
workplace
workplan
workroom
worksheet
workshop
worksite
workspace
workstation
workweek
worldwide
would-be (adj.)
write down (verb)
write-down (noun)
write in (verb)
write-in (noun)
write off (verb)
write-off (noun)
write-protect, write-protected
write up (verb)
write-up (noun)
wrongdoing

X

X chromosome
xeno: compound forms are closed
X factor
X-ray

Y

yarmulke
Y chromosome
year-on-year (adj.)
year-round (adj.)
YouTube

Z

zero gravity
zeros
zero-sum (adj.)
zero-tolerance (adj.)
zigzag
zoogeography
zookeeper
zoonosis
zooplankton
Z particle