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overfull /əʊvə'fʊl/ *adj.* filled excessively.

overground *adj.* 1 raised above the ground. 2 not underground.

overgrown /əʊvə'graʊn/ *adj.* 1 grown too big. 2 wild; covered with weeds etc. □ **overgrowth** *n.*

overhang -*v.* /əʊvə'hæŋ/ (*past and past part.* -hung) project or hang over. -*n.* /əʊvə'hæŋ/ 1 overhanging. 2 overhanging part or amount.

overhaul -*v.* /əʊvə'hɔ:l/ 1 thoroughly examine the condition of and repair if necessary. 2 overtake. -*n.* /əʊvə'hɔ:l/ thorough examination, with repairs if necessary.

overhead -*adv.* /əʊvə'hed/ 1 above head height. 2 in the sky. -*adj.* /əʊvə'hed/ placed overhead. -*n.* /əʊvə'hed/ (in *pl.*) routine administrative and maintenance expenses of a business.

overhead projector *n.* projector for producing an enlarged image of a transparency.

overhear /əʊvə'hɪə(r)/ *v.* (*past and past part.* -heard) (also *absol.*) hear unintentionally or as an eavesdropper.

overheat /əʊvə'hɪ:t/ *v.* 1 make or become too hot. 2 cause inflation (in) by placing excessive pressure on resources at a time of expanding demand. 3 (as *overheated adj.*) overexcited.

overindulge /əʊvə'ɪndʌldʒ/ *v.* (-ging) indulge to excess. □ **overindulgence** *n.* **overindulgent** *adj.*

overjoyed /əʊvə'dʒɔɪd/ *adj.* filled with great joy.

overkill *n.* 1 excess of capacity to kill or destroy. 2 excess.

overland /əʊvə'lænd, 'lænd/ *adj.* & *adv.* 1 by land. 2 not by sea.

overlap -*v.* /əʊvə'læp/ (-pp-) 1 (cause to) partly cover and extend beyond (*don't overlap them*). 2 (of two things) be placed so that one overlaps the other (*overlapping tiles*). 3 partly coincide. -*n.* /əʊvə'læp/ 1 overlapping. 2 overlapping part or amount.

over-large /əʊvə'lɑ:dʒ/ *adj.* too large.

overlay -*v.* /əʊvə'leɪ/ (*past and past part.* -laid) 1 lay over. 2 (foll. by *with*) cover (a thing) with (a coating etc.). -*n.* /əʊvə'leɪ/ thing laid over another.

overleaf /əʊvə'li:f/ *adv.* on the other side of the leaf of a book.

overlie /əʊvə'laɪ/ *v.* (-lying; *past* -lay; *past part.* -lain) 1 lie on top of. 2 smother (a child etc.) thus.

overload -*v.* /əʊvə'ləʊd/ 1 load excessively (with baggage, work, etc.). 2 put too great a demand on (an electrical circuit etc.). -*n.* /əʊvə'ləʊd/ excessive quantity or demand.

over-long /əʊvə'lɒŋ/ *adj.* & *adv.* too long.

overlook /əʊvə'lʊk/ *v.* 1 fail to notice; tolerate. 2 have a view of from above. 3 supervise.

overlord *n.* supreme lord.

overly *adv.* excessively; too.

overman /əʊvə'mæn/ *v.* (-nn-) provide with too large a crew, staff, etc.

over-much /əʊvə'mʌtʃ/ -*adv.* to too great an extent. -*adj.* excessive.

overnight /əʊvə'nait/ -*adv.* 1 for a night. 2 during the night. 3 instantly, suddenly. -*adj.* 1 done or for use etc. overnight. 2 instant (*overnight success*).

over-particular /əʊvəpɑ'tɪkjʊlə(r)/ *adj.* excessively particular or fussy.

overpass *n.* road or railway line that passes over another by means of a bridge.

overpay /əʊvə'peɪ/ *v.* (*past and past part.* -paid) pay too highly or too much. □ **overpayment** *n.*

overplay /əʊvə'pleɪ/ *v.* give undue importance to; overemphasize. □ **overplay one's hand** act on an unduly optimistic estimation of one's chances.

overpopulated /əʊvə'pɒpjʊleɪtɪd/ *adj.* having too large a population.

overpopulation /-ləɪf(ə)n/ *n.*

overpower /əʊvə'paʊə(r)/ *v.* 1 subdue, conquer. 2 (esp. as *overpowering adj.*) be too intense or overwhelming for (*overpowering smell*). □ **overpoweringly** *adv.*

overprice /əʊvə'praɪs/ *v.* (-cing) price too highly.

overprint -*v.* /əʊvə'prɪnt/ print over (a surface already printed). -*n.* /əʊvə'prɪnt/ words etc. overprinted.

overproduce /əʊvə'prɒdʒu:s/ *v.* (-cing) 1 (often *absol.*) produce more of (a commodity) than is wanted. 2 produce (a play, recording, etc.) to an excessive degree. □ **overproduction** /-dʌkʃ(ə)n/ *n.*

overprotective /əʊvə'prɒtektɪv/ *adj.* excessively protective.

overqualified /əʊvə'kwɒlɪfaɪd/ *adj.* too highly qualified for a particular job etc.

overrate /əʊvə'reɪt/ *v.* (-ting) 1 assess or value too highly. 2 (as *overrated adj.*) not as good as it is said to be.

overreach /əʊvə'ri:tʃ/ *v.* outwit, cheat. □ **overreach oneself** fail by attempting too much.

overreact /əʊvə'rɪækt/ *v.* respond more forcibly than is justified. □ **overreaction** *n.*

override -*v.* /əʊvə'raɪd/ (-ding; *past* -rode; *past part.* -ridden) 1 (often as *overriding adj.*) have priority over

(*overriding consideration*). 2 a intervene and make ineffective. b interrupt the action of (an automatic device), esp. to take manual control. -*n.* /əʊvə'raɪd/ 1 suspension of an automatic function. 2 device for this.

overrider *n.* each of a pair of projecting pieces on the bumper of a car.

overripe /əʊvə'raɪp/ *adj.* excessively ripe.

overrule /əʊvə'ru:l/ *v.* (-ling) 1 set aside (a decision etc.) by superior authority. 2 reject a proposal of (a person) in this way.

overrun /əʊvə'rʌn/ *v.* (-nn-; *past* -ran; *past part.* -run) 1 swarm or spread over. 2 conquer (a territory) by force. 3 (usu. *absol.*) exceed (an allotted time).

overseas -*adv.* /əʊvə'si:z/ across the sea; abroad. -*attrib. adj.* /əʊvə'si:z/ of places across the sea; foreign.

oversee /əʊvə'si:/ *v.* (-sees; *past* -saw; *past part.* -seen) officially supervise (workers etc.); superintend. □ **overseer** *n.*

over-sensitive /əʊvə'sensɪtɪv/ *adj.* excessively sensitive; easily hurt or quick to react. □ **over-sensitiveness** *n.* **over-sensitivity** /-tɪvɪtɪ/ *n.*

oversew *v.* (*past part.* -sewn or -sewed) sew (two edges) with stitches passing over the join.

oversexed /əʊvə'sekst/ *adj.* having unusually strong sexual desires.

overshadow /əʊvə'ʃædəʊ/ *v.* 1 appear much more prominent or important than. 2 cast into the shade.

overshoe *n.* outer protective shoe worn over an ordinary one.

overshoot /əʊvə'ʃu:t/ *v.* (*past and past part.* -shot) 1 pass or send beyond (a target or limit). 2 fly beyond or taxi too far along (the runway) when landing or taking off. □ **overshoot the mark** go beyond what is intended or proper.

oversight *n.* 1 failure to do or notice something. 2 inadvertent mistake. 3 supervision.

oversimplify /əʊvə'sɪmplɪfaɪ/ *v.* (-ies, -led) (also *absol.*) distort (a problem etc.) by stating it in too simple terms. □ **oversimplification** /-fɪkəɪʃ(ə)n/ *n.*

oversize *adj.* (also -sized) of greater than the usual size.

oversleep /əʊvə'sli:p/ *v.* (*past and past part.* -slept) sleep beyond the intended time of waking.

overspecialize /əʊvə'speʃəlaɪz/ *v.* (also -ise) (-zing or -sing) concentrate too much on one aspect or area. □ **overspecialization** /-zeɪʃ(ə)n/ *n.*

overspend /əʊvə'spend/ *v.* (*past and past part.* -spent) spend too much or beyond one's means.

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