

Task 1: Understanding ‘abundance’

Look at the diagram below to help you understand the word ‘abundance’.

Abundance	
<p>Definition</p> <p>A large amount of something.</p>	<p>Characteristics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Something is in abundance if there is a lot of it. • Objects can be in abundance, for example <i>an abundance of cups in a café</i>. • Feelings can be in abundance, too. For example, <i>He showed compassion in abundance</i>.
<p>Examples</p> <p><i>There was food in abundance.</i></p> <p><i>The forest has an abundance of wildlife.</i></p>	<p>Non-examples</p> <p><i>My head aches abundance.</i></p> <p><i>He felt very abundance.</i></p>

Task 2: An abundance of choice

Kasey went to the shop to buy some food for dinner. She couldn’t decide what to have because there was so much choice. There was a huge variety of options – more than Kasey could have ever dreamed of. Eventually, she decided to buy a frozen pizza. There were lots of different pizza flavours, but she knew that she liked ham and pineapple, so it was an easy choice to make.

Discuss:

What was in abundance in Kasey’s story? Have you ever had a similar experience, where something has been in abundance?

Task 3: Tick or cross in the box

Look at the sentences below. Put a tick in the box if you think the sentence is an example of abundance. Put a cross in the box if you don't think it is an example of abundance.

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| 1. Yvonne had an abundance of felt tips in her pencil case. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Jane walked an abundance of miles yesterday. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. There is an abundance of stars in the galaxy. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Drink eight abundant glasses of water per day. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. At Christmas time, love and kindness were in abundance. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Mark was amazed by the abundance of food at the party. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. The country has an abundance of natural resources. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Grandma's greenhouse is filled with an abundance of plants. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Mia hurt her toe in abundance. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. The hospital waiting time was abundance. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Task 4: Knowledge booster

Where does the word 'abundance' come from?

The word 'abundant' comes from the Latin word, *abundantia*, which means 'overflowing'.

The idea of abundance implies that things are overflowing. This doesn't mean that something is *literally* overflowing, like a sink overflowing with water.



Task 5: Reading

Extract from *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens

In this extract, Scrooge wakes up in his bedroom at night. He wakes to find that a ghost has transformed his house. The story is set at Christmastime.

The moment Scrooge's hand was on the lock, a strange voice called him by his name, and bade him enter. He obeyed.

It was his own room. There was no doubt about that. But it had undergone a surprising transformation. The walls and ceiling were so hung with living green, that it looked a perfect grove; from every part of which, bright gleaming berries glistened. The crisp leaves of holly, mistletoe, and ivy reflected back the light, as if so many little mirrors had been scattered there; and such a mighty blaze went roaring up the chimney, as that dull petrification of a hearth had never known in Scrooge's time, or Marley's, or for many and many a winter season gone. Heaped up on the floor, to form a kind of throne, were turkeys, geese, game, poultry, brawn, great joints of meat, sucking-pigs, long wreaths of sausages, mince-pies, plum-puddings, barrels of oysters, red-hot chestnuts, cherry-cheeked apples, juicy oranges, luscious pears, immense twelfth-cakes, and seething bowls of punch, that made the chamber dim with their delicious steam. In easy state upon this couch, there sat a jolly Giant, glorious to see, who bore a glowing torch, in shape not unlike Plenty's horn, and held it up, high up, to shed its light on Scrooge, as he came peeping round the door.

Task 6: Writing about what you've read

1. What does Scrooge find in abundance?

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2. Why is Christmas a time of abundance?

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Task 7: Writing about abundance

Write about a time when you experienced something in abundance. It could be a thing (e.g. food, money) or a feeling (e.g. love or compassion). Your story can be real or imagined.

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