

**short•sight•ed**  /ʃɔrt'saɪtəd/ adjective

not thinking carefully about the possible effects of something or what might happen in the future

- a shortsighted policy

▶ **short•sight•ed•ness** noun [U]

- Many people accused the government of shortsightedness.

□ **short•sight•ed•ly** □ adverb

## Words

### shortsighted

### apple cider

**apple 'cider** □ noun

[U,C]

= **cider** (1)

### test

**test**  □ /test/ noun, verb

**noun**

#### OF KNOWLEDGE/ABILITY

**1** an examination of someone's knowledge or ability, consisting of questions for them to answer or activities for them to perform

- an **IQ/intelligence/aptitude test**
- to **take a test**
- **test (on something)** a test on irregular verbs
- to **pass/fail a test**
- a good grade **on the test**

↪ collocations at **education**, □ see also **driving test**, □ note at **exam**

#### OF HEALTH

**2** a medical examination to discover what is wrong with you or to check the condition of your health

- a test for AIDS
- an eye test
- a pregnancy test
- When can I get my **test results**?
- We'll need to perform a series of tests.
- The hospital is doing some tests.

□ see also **blood test**, **breath test**

#### OF MACHINE/PRODUCT, ETC.

**3** an experiment to discover whether or how well something works, or to find out more information about it

- laboratory tests
- a nuclear test
- Tests have shown high levels of pollutants in the water.
- I'll run a diagnostic test to see why the server keeps crashing.

□ see also **acid test**, **blind test**, **means test**

#### OF STRENGTH, ETC.

**4** a situation or an event that shows how good, strong, etc. someone or something is

- The local elections will be a good test of the government's popularity.
- He saw their separation as a test of the strength of their love.

#### IDM

**put someone/something to the test**

to put someone or something in a situation which will show what their or its true qualities are

- His theories have never really been put to the test.

**stand the test of time**

to prove to be good, popular, etc. over a long period of time

**verb**

#### KNOWLEDGE/ABILITY

**1** [T, I] to find out how much someone knows, or what they can do, by asking them questions or giving them activities to perform

- **test someone (on something)** Children are tested on core subjects at ages 7, 11, and 14.
- **test (something)** We test your English before deciding which class to put you in.

- Schools use various methods of testing.
- 2 [I] **test well/badly** to perform well/badly in a test of knowledge or ability
- students who tested well in reading
  - There are people who test well and people who don't.

#### HEALTH

- 3 [T, I] to examine the blood, a part of the body, etc. to find out what is wrong with a person, or to check the condition of their health
- **test someone/something** to test someone's eyesight/hearing
  - **test someone/something for something** The doctor tested him for hepatitis.
  - + **adjective (for something)** to **test positive/negative**
  - Two athletes tested positive for steroids.

#### MACHINE/PRODUCT, ETC.

- 4 [T] to use or try a machine, substance, etc. to find out how well it works or to find out more information about it
- **test something** Test your brakes regularly.
  - **test something on someone/something** Our beauty products are not tested on animals.
  - **test something for something** The water is regularly tested for purity.
  - **test something out** They opened a single store in Europe to test out the market.

□ see also **field-test**

- 5 [I] **test well/badly** (of a machine or product) to perform well/badly in a test of how well it works
- The ad had tested badly with consumers.

#### STRENGTH, ETC.

- 6 [T] **test someone/something** to be difficult and therefore need all your strength, ability, etc.
- The long climb tested our fitness and stamina.

□ see also **testing**

#### test the waters

to find out what the situation is before doing something or making a decision

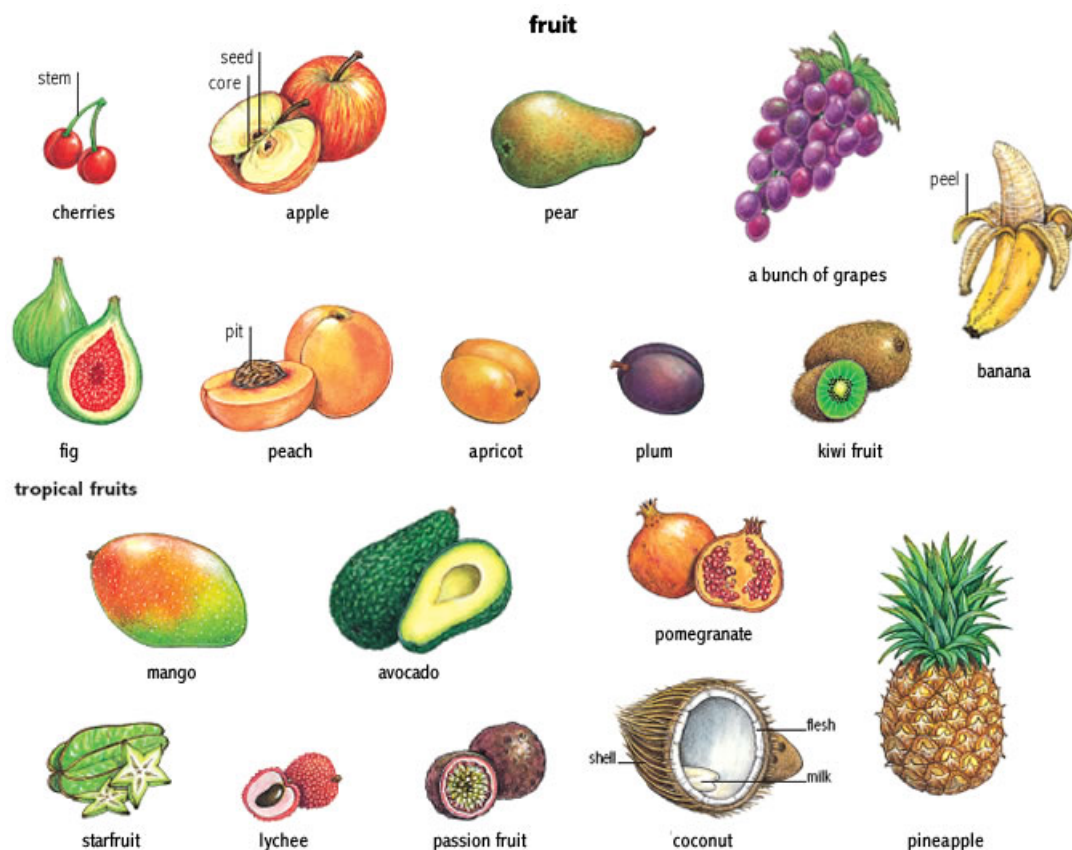
#### PHRV

#### 'test for something' | 'test something for something'

to examine something to see if a particular substance, etc. is present

- testing for oil
- The software has been tested for viruses.

## apple



## narrow

**narrow** □ □ /ˈnæroʊ/ adjective, verb

## adjective

(**narrower**, **narrowest**)

- 1 measuring a short distance from one side to the other, especially in relation to length
- narrow streets
  - a narrow bed/doorway/shelf
  - narrow shoulders/hips
  - There was only a narrow gap between the bed and the wall.
- ◆ (figurative) the narrow confines of prison life
- The road soon became narrower and steeper.

**ANT** **broad**, **wide**

- 2 [usually before noun] only just achieved or avoided
- a **narrow victory**
  - He lost the race by the **narrowest of margins**.
  - She was elected by a **narrow majority**.
  - He had a **narrow escape** when his car skidded on the ice.
- 3 limited in a way that ignores important issues or the opinions of other people
- narrow interests
  - She has a very narrow view of the world.

□ **broad**

- 4 limited in variety or numbers

**SYN** **restricted**

- The shop sells only a narrow range of goods.
- a narrow circle of friends

□ **wide**

- 5 limited in meaning; exact
- I am using the word “education” in the narrower sense.

□ **broad**

▶ **narrowness** □ noun [U]

- The narrowness of the streets caused many traffic problems.
- We were surprised by the narrowness of our victory.
- His attitudes show a certain narrowness of mind.

□ see **the straight and narrow** at **straight** *adj.*

## verb

[I, T]

to become or make something narrower

- This is where the river narrows.
- The gap between the two teams has narrowed to three points.
- Her eyes **narrowed** (= almost closed) menacingly.
- His eyes narrowed to slits.
- **narrow something** He narrowed his eyes at her.
- We're doing it to try to narrow the gap between rich and poor.

□

**narrow something ↔ down (to something)**

to reduce the number of possibilities or choices

- We have narrowed down the list to four candidates.

### WHICH WORD?

**narrow** ♦ **thin**

These adjectives are frequently used with the following nouns:

**narrow** ~      **thin** ~

- road □ □ man
- entrance □ □ legs
- bed □ □ ice
- stairs □ □ line
- majority □ □ layer
- victory □ □ material
- range □ □ cream

◆ **Narrow** describes something that is a short distance from side to side. **Thin** describes people, or something that has a short distance through it from one side to the other.

□ **Thin** is also used of things that are not as thick as you expect. **Narrow** can be used with the meanings “barely achieved” and “limited.”

## National League

the 'National League □ noun

(in the U.S.) one of the two organizations for professional baseball

➡ see also **American League**