

Hyponyms and hypernyms

The opening part of the definitions of words, taken from the *Cambridge International Dictionary of English*, shows the relationship between hyponyms and their hypernyms (italicized). Note the number of cases where alternative hypernyms are used. Note also that in some cases an intermediate hypernym is possible – for example, *sailing ship* could be inserted between *galleon* and *ship*, or *onion* between *garlic* and *plant*.

gadget: a small *device* or *machine*...
gaffe: a *remark* or *action*...
gag: a piece of *cloth*...
galah: a medium-sized *cockatoo*...
gale: a very strong *wind*...
galleon: a large sailing *ship*
gallery: a *room* or *building*...
galley: a *kitchen*...
game: an entertaining *activity*...
gamekeeper: a *person*...
gamete: a *cell*...
gamma: the third *letter*...
ganglion: a *swelling*...
gangplank: a *board* or similar *object*...
gangway: a *passage*...
gannet: a large *bird*...
gantry: a tall metal *frame*...
gap: an empty *space* or *opening*...
garage: a *building*...
garden: a piece of *land*...
gardenia: a tropical *plant*...
gargoyle: a stone *object*...
garlic: a *plant* of the *onion* family
garment: a piece of *clothing*...
garret: a very small uncomfortable *room*...