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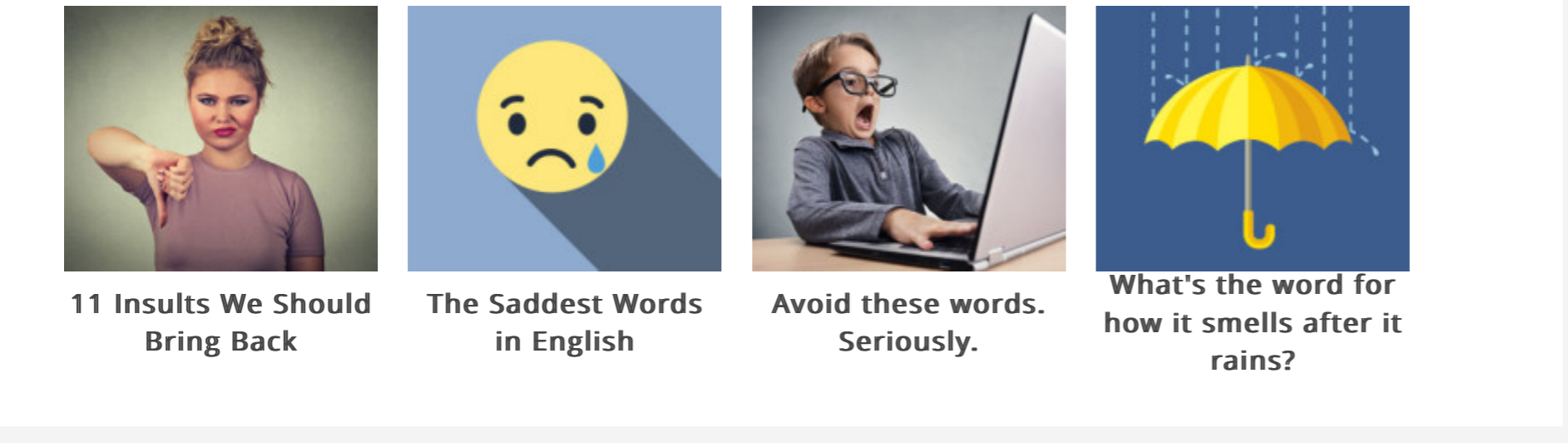
**risk** [see definition of risk](#) show

*noun* **chance taken** *verb* **take a chance**

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- Synonyms for risk**  Common  Informal
- noun* chance taken
- |                    |                    |                    |                         |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>danger</b>      | <b>prospect</b>    | <b>gamble</b>      | <b>stab</b>             |
| <b>exposure</b>    | <b>uncertainty</b> | <b>header</b>      | <b>venture</b>          |
| <b>hazard</b>      | <b>accident</b>    | <b>jeopardy</b>    | <b>wager</b>            |
| <b>liability</b>   | <b>contingency</b> | <b>luck</b>        | <b>exposedness</b>      |
| <b>opportunity</b> | <b>flyer</b>       | <b>openness</b>    | <b>liableness</b>       |
| <b>peril</b>       | <b>fortuity</b>    | <b>plunge</b>      | <b>shot in the dark</b> |
| <b>possibility</b> | <b>fortune</b>     | <b>speculation</b> |                         |

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- Antonyms for risk**
- |                   |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>certainty</b>  | <b>plan</b>       | <b>sureness</b> |
| <b>safety</b>     | <b>protection</b> | <b>surety</b>   |
| <b>security</b>   | <b>reality</b>    |                 |
| <b>misfortune</b> | <b>truth</b>      |                 |

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**More words related to risk**

- awkwardness**  
noun. difficulty
- |                       |                        |                     |                          |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>bulkiness</b>      | <b>danger</b>          | <b>peril</b>        | <b>troublesomeness</b>   |
| <b>chanciness</b>     | <b>hazardousness</b>   | <b>perilousness</b> | <b>uncomfortableness</b> |
| <b>cumbersomeness</b> | <b>inconvenience</b>   | <b>risk</b>         | <b>unhandiness</b>       |
|                       | <b>unmanageability</b> |                     |                          |
|                       | <b>unwieldiness</b>    |                     |                          |

- bet**  
noun. game of chance; money gambled
- |                |                    |                    |                         |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>action</b>  | <b>long shot</b>   | <b>play</b>        | <b>risk</b>             |
| <b>ante</b>    | <b>lot</b>         | <b>pledge</b>      | <b>shot</b>             |
| <b>betting</b> | <b>lottery</b>     | <b>plunge</b>      | <b>shot in the dark</b> |
| <b>chance</b>  | <b>odds</b>        | <b>pot</b>         | <b>speculation</b>      |
| <b>down on</b> | <b>odds on</b>     | <b>raffle</b>      | <b>stake</b>            |
| <b>hazard</b>  | <b>parlay</b>      | <b>random shot</b> | <b>sweepstakes</b>      |
|                | <b>uncertainty</b> |                    |                         |
|                | <b>venture</b>     |                    |                         |
|                | <b>wager</b>       |                    |                         |

- bet**  
verb. gamble
- |                  |                     |                        |                      |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ante</b>      | <b>hazard</b>       | <b>play the ponies</b> | <b>risk</b>          |
| <b>buy in on</b> | <b>lay down</b>     | <b>pledge</b>          | <b>set</b>           |
| <b>chance</b>    | <b>lay odds</b>     | <b>pony up</b>         | <b>speculate</b>     |
| <b>dice</b>      | <b>play against</b> | <b>put</b>             | <b>tempt fortune</b> |
| <b>game</b>      | <b>play for</b>     | <b>put money on</b>    | <b>toss up</b>       |
|                  | <b>trust</b>        |                        |                      |
|                  | <b>venture</b>      |                        |                      |
|                  | <b>wager</b>        |                        |                      |

- bite**  
verb. take a chance
- |                  |                   |               |             |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>be victim</b> | <b>get hooked</b> | <b>nibble</b> | <b>risk</b> |
|                  | <b>volunteer</b>  |               |             |

- brave**  
verb. endure bad situation
- |                  |                  |                           |                    |
|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>bear</b>      | <b>court</b>     | <b>face off</b>           | <b>risk</b>        |
| <b>beard</b>     | <b>dare</b>      | <b>fly in the face of</b> | <b>stand up to</b> |
| <b>challenge</b> | <b>defy</b>      | <b>go through</b>         | <b>suffer</b>      |
| <b>confront</b>  | <b>face</b>      | <b>outdare</b>            | <b>support</b>     |
|                  | <b>take on</b>   |                           |                    |
|                  | <b>venture</b>   |                           |                    |
|                  | <b>withstand</b> |                           |                    |

- chance**  
noun. fate, luck
- |                    |                                |                       |                     |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>accident</b>    | <b>destination</b>             | <b>good luck</b>      | <b>lot</b>          |
| <b>advantage</b>   | <b>destiny</b>                 | <b>hap</b>            | <b>lottery</b>      |
| <b>adventure</b>   | <b>doom</b>                    | <b>haphazard</b>      | <b>luck out</b>     |
| <b>bad luck</b>    | <b>even chance</b>             | <b>happening</b>      | <b>lucky break</b>  |
| <b>break</b>       | <b>fluke</b>                   | <b>hazard</b>         | <b>misfortune</b>   |
| <b>cast</b>        | <b>fortuity</b>                | <b>heads or tails</b> | <b>occurrence</b>   |
| <b>casualty</b>    | <b>fortune</b>                 | <b>hit</b>            | <b>odds</b>         |
| <b>coincidence</b> | <b>future</b>                  | <b>in the cards</b>   | <b>outcome</b>      |
| <b>contingency</b> | <b>gamble</b>                  | <b>kismet</b>         | <b>peradventure</b> |
|                    | <b>peril</b>                   |                       |                     |
|                    | <b>providence</b>              |                       |                     |
|                    | <b>risk</b>                    |                       |                     |
|                    | <b>stroke of luck</b>          |                       |                     |
|                    | <b>throw of the dice</b>       |                       |                     |
|                    | <b>toss-up</b>                 |                       |                     |
|                    | <b>turn of the cards</b>       |                       |                     |
|                    | <b>way the cookie crumbles</b> |                       |                     |
|                    | <b>wheel of fortune</b>        |                       |                     |

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**Word Origin & History**  
risk 1661, risque, from Fr. risqué, from It. risico, riscio (modern rischìo), from riscare "run into danger," of uncertain origin. The Anglicized spelling first recorded 1728. Sp. riesgo and Ger. Risiko are It. loan-words. The verb is from 1687; risky first recorded 1826.

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**Example Sentences for risk**  
At the **risk** of overturning the machine he veered it sharply to the left.  
And whatever our views of its cause, we can agree that children at **risk** are not at fault.  
When a woman loves a fierce man she takes the **risk** of his fierceness.  
Then, while they wondered whether they might **risk** it, he got worse.

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