



◀ December 31 marks the end of one year and the beginning of another. Many people take time to reflect on the events of the past and consider their **options** for the future. Some people make “New Year’s Resolutions,” a list of things they hope to accomplish in the coming year.

Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Word History	Other Forms
<i>option</i>	noun	something available as a choice	<i>option</i> comes from the Latin root <i>optare</i> , which means “to choose”	<i>optional</i> (adjective); <i>optionally</i> (adverb)

Draw a picture or graphic of the word.

Name other words that mean about the same thing.

option

Name other words that have the opposite meaning.

What are your options in the new year? Write a sentence describing one or more of your options.

Figurative Language

To **keep your options open** means not to commit to something until you explore all possibilities. *Juanita was offered a job at Bank One, but she hasn’t accepted it. She’s keeping her options open until she hears back from State Bank.*

