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Word	Part of speech	Pron	Definition	Example	Unit
absolutely	adv	'æbsəlu:tli, 'æbsə'lu:tli	completely and in every way	He made his reasons for resigning absolutely clear.	1
accustomed to	adj	ə'kʌstəmd tə	to be familiar with something and accept it as normal	We were accustomed to working together.	1
achieve	v	ə'tʃi:v	to successfully complete something or get a good result, especially by working hard	Frances achieved very good exam results.	1
ambitious	adj	æm'biʃəs	determined to be successful, rich, powerful, etc.	Alfred was intensely ambitious and was obsessed with the idea of becoming rich.	1
anti-establishment	n	'ænti i'stæblɪʃmənt	opposed to or working against the government or another power structure in society	The group's songs were anti-establishment.	1
appeal	n	ə'pi:l	an urgent request for something important	The police have issued a new appeal for information.	1
attraction	n	ə'trækʃən	a feature or quality that makes something seem interesting or enjoyable	Being your own boss is one of the attractions of owning your own business.	1
baking-hot	adj	'beɪkɪŋ hɒt	really hot	It was baking-hot in the conservatory.	1
band	n	bænd	a group of musicians, especially a group that plays popular music	The band was playing old Beatles songs.	1
based	adj	beɪst	if you are based somewhere, that is the place where you work or where your main business is	It is a professional service based at our offices in Oxford.	1
blogger	n	'blɒgə	someone who writes about their experiences, opinions, etc., on a website, often with images and links to other sites	Ash became a blogger when she started travelling as she wanted to share her experiences with	1
campsite	n	'kæmpsaɪt	an area where people can camp, often with a water supply and toilets	The campsite we stayed at had a lovely view of the sea.	1
can't stand	v	kɑ:n't stænd	to have a strong dislike for something or someone	I can't stand classical music.	1
cater for	phrv	'keɪtə fɔ:	to provide a particular group of people with the things they need or want	Vegetarians are well catered for in India.	1
clubbing	n	'klʌbɪŋ	the activity of going to nightclubs	She always goes clubbing when she's in New York.	1
computer game	n	kəm'pjʊ:tə geɪm	a game that is played on a computer	Isamar enjoys playing computer games in her spare time.	1
confirm	v	kən'fɜ:m	to show that something is definitely true, especially by providing more proof	New evidence has confirmed the first witness's story.	1
crash	v	kræʃ	an occasion when a computer or computer system suddenly stops working	Just as I was completing the report, my computer crashed.	1
cultural event	n	'kʌltʃərəl i'vent	an event relating to an artistic or social theme	Our college holds lots of cultural events every year.	1
dried-up	adj	'draɪd-ʌp	without water or moisture – completely dry	The land was dried-up after months of only sunshine.	1
enjoy	v	ɪn'dʒɔɪ	to get pleasure from something	Sandra enjoys her job in the city.	1
exercise	n	'eksəsaɪz	physical activities that you do in order to stay healthy and become stronger	Try to fit some regular exercise into your daily routine.	1
exploit	v	ɪk'splɔɪt	to treat someone unfairly by asking them to do things for you, but giving them very little in return – used to show disapproval	Homeworkers can easily be exploited by employers.	1
extravagant	adj	ɪk'strævəgənt	spending or costing a lot of money, especially more than is necessary or more than you can afford	Would it be too extravagant to buy both?	1
facilities	n	fə'sɪlɪtiz, fə'sɪlətiz	rooms, equipment, or services that are provided for a particular purpose	All rooms have private facilities (= a private bathroom and toilet).	1
festival	n	'festɪvəl, 'festvəl	an occasion when there are performances of many films, plays, pieces of music, etc., usually happening in the same place every year	The Swansea Festival of Music and the Arts is said to be really good.	1
flock	v	flok	if people flock to a place, they go there in large numbers because something interesting or exciting is happening there	People have been flocking to the exhibition.	1
fortune	n	'fɔ:tʃən	a very large amount of money	He made a fortune selling property in Spain.	1
free-time	n	fri:təɪm	spare time you use for hobbies and other activities you enjoy	Peter spends his free-time painting wildlife.	1
friend	n	frend	someone who you know and like very much, and enjoy spending time with	Jerry, this is my friend Sue.	1
gain	v	geɪn	to obtain or achieve something you want or need	She gained a lot of support after she told people why she was doing the marathon.	1
genre	n	'ʒɒnrə	a particular type of art, writing, music, etc., which has certain features that all examples of this type share	His films represent a new genre in film-making.	1
gig	n	ɡɪɡ	a performance by a musician or a group of musicians, for e.g., playing modern popular music or jazz, or a performance by a comedian	The band are doing a gig in Sheffield on Nov 12.	1
gist	n	dʒɪst	the main idea and meaning of what someone has said or written	The gist of his argument is that full employment is impossible.	1
go from strength to strength	phrase	ɡəʊ frəm streŋθ tə streŋθ	to become more and more successful	For several years, the business went from strength to strength.	1
guitar	n	ɡɪ'tɑ:	a musical instrument usually with six strings that you play by pulling the strings with your fingers or with a plectrum (= a small piece of wood)	Jimi has been playing the guitar since he was nine.	1
gym	n	dʒɪm	a special building or room that has equipment for doing physical exercise	I try and work out at the local gym once a week.	1
hardly ever	adv	'hɔ:dli 'evə	almost never	She lives in Spain, so we hardly ever see her.	1
headliner	n	'hedlaɪnə	the main performer or band in a concert	The headliner played for the last two hours of the concert.	1
heatstroke	n	'hi:tstroʊk	fever and weakness caused by being outside in the heat of the sun for too long	After spending all day in the sun, it wasn't surprising he had heatstroke.	1
host	v	'həʊst	to provide the place and everything that is needed for an organized event	Which country is going to host the next World Cup?	1
I'm really into	idiom	aɪm 'ri:əli 'ɪntə	to really like or enjoy something	Simon's really into martial arts.	1
iconic	adj	aɪ'kɒnɪk	in recent times this has come to refer to highly original, influential or unique works or art, artists or performers who have become very famous	The rock band Queen is considered by many as truly iconic.	1
impoverished	adj	ɪm'pɒvərɪʃt	reduced to poverty	After heavy rainstorms destroyed all their crops, farmers were left impoverished.	1
inspiration	n	ˌɪnspə'reɪʃən, ˌɪnspɪ'reɪʃən	a good idea about what you should do, write, say, etc., especially one which you get suddenly	The Malvern Hills have provided inspiration for many artists and musicians over the decades.	1
inspire	v	ɪn'spaɪə	to encourage someone by making them feel confident and eager to do something	We need a new coach who can inspire the team.	1
irresistible	adj	ˌɪrɪ'zɪstəbəl, ˌɪrɪ'zɪstəbəl	so attractive, desirable, etc., that you cannot prevent yourself from wanting it	Her offer to take them to the beach for the day was irresistible.	1
keen on	phrv	ki:n ɒn	to like someone or something	I'm not keen on eating cabbage.	1
line-up	n	laɪn ʌp	a group of people, especially performers, who are involved in an event	The line-up included top bands Prodigy and Radiohead.	1
locate	v	ləʊ'keɪt	to be in a particular position or place	The business is located right in the centre of town.	1
mainstream	n	'meɪnstri:m	common or popular ideas or methods	Environmental ideas are now considered mainstream in the world of politics.	1
merchandise	n	'mɜ:tʃəndaɪz, 'mɜ:tʃəndaɪs	goods that are being sold	A range of official Disney merchandise was on sale.	1
miss out on	phrv	mɪs aʊt ɒn	miss a chance to do or achieve something	Hayley missed out on all the fun as she was ill.	1
monopoly	n	mə'nɒpəli	a company or government that has complete control so others cannot compete with it	The state has a complete monopoly over all television channels.	1
museum	n	mju:'ziəm	a building where important cultural, historical, or scientific objects are kept and shown to the public	Have you seen the latest exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art?	1
music	n	'mju:zɪk	a series of sounds made by instruments or voices in a way that is pleasant or exciting	I often listen to classical music when I'm in the car.	1
now and again	adv	naʊ ənd ə'gen	sometimes	I hear from him every now and again.	1
online	adj	'ɒnlaɪn	connected to other computers through the Internet, or available through the Internet	More and more businesses are going online these days.	1
overshadow	v	ˌəʊvə'ʃæd	to make someone or something else seem less important	Her interest in politics began to overshadow her desire to be a poet.	1
playlist	n	'pleɪlɪst	the list of songs that a radio station plays	Did you like Radio 1's playlist last night?	1
prefer	v	pri:fə:	to like someone or something more than someone or something else	This type of owl prefers living in the desert.	1
present	v	pri:'zent	to show or describe someone or something	We'll present the information using a chart.	1
profitable	adj	'prɒfɪtəbəl, 'prɒfɪtəbəl	producing a profit or a useful result	The advertising campaign proved very profitable.	1
promoter	n	prə'məʊtə	someone who arranges and advertises concerts or sports events	King was a well-known boxing promoter.	1
quite	predeterminer, adv	kwɑɪt	very, but not extremely	The food in the cafeteria is usually quite good.	1
reality	n	ri'æləti, ri'ælɪti	what actually happens or is true, not what is imagined or thought	I know he said it was his idea but the reality is that it was actually mine.	1
recognise	v	'rekəɡnaɪz, 'rekənɑɪz	to know who someone is or what something is, because you have seen, heard, experienced, or learned about them in the past	I didn't recognize you in your uniform.	1
release	v	ri:'li:s	to let someone go free, after having kept them somewhere	He was released from prison after five years.	1
resolve	v	ri'zɒlv	to find a satisfactory way of dealing with a problem or difficulty	The crisis was resolved by negotiations.	1

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situated	adj	'sɪtʃueɪtəd, 'sɪtʃueɪtrəd	to be in a particular position or place	The house is situated near the college.	1
social media	n	'səʊʃəl 'mi:diə	websites and apps that people use to create or share content, or as a way to make friends or keep in touch with people they know	Be careful what information you share with others when using social media.	1
splash out	phrv	splæʃ aʊt	to spend a lot of money on something	We splashed out on a new kitchen.	1
stroke of genius	idiom	strəʊk əv 'dʒi:niəs	Something done in an excellent or creative way	His idea of having a barbeque to celebrate the beginning of summer was a stroke of genius.	1
switch off	phrv	swɪtʃ ɒf	to turn off a machine, light, radio, etc., using a switch	Don't forget to switch off the TV when you go to bed.	1
take after	phrv	teɪk 'ɑ:ftə	to look or behave like an older relative	Jenni really takes after her mother.	1
take back	phrv	teɪk bæk	to return something you have bought to a shop because it is not suitable	If the shirt doesn't fit, take it back.	1
take into account	idiom	teɪk 'ɪntə ə 'kaʊnt	to consider or include particular facts or details when making a decision or judgment about something	These figures do not take into account the changes in the rate of inflation.	1
take off	phrv	teɪk ɒf	to suddenly become successful	Paula became jealous when Marek's career starting taking off.	1
take over	phrv	teɪk 'əʊvə	to take control of something	His only reason for investing in the company was to take it over.	1
take up	phrv	teɪk ʌp	to accept a suggestion, offer or idea	Rob took up the invitation to visit.	1
taste	n	teɪst	the feeling that is produced by a particular food or drink when you put it in your mouth	The medicine had a strange taste.	1
track	n	træk	one of the songs or pieces of music on a record, CD, etc.	There's a great Miles Davis track on side two.	1
venue	n	'venju:	a place where an organized meeting, concert, etc., takes place	The first thing to do is book a venue.	1
vinyl	n	'vaɪnəl, 'vaɪnzl	records, made of a strong type of plastic, played on a record player	It's strange to think that vinyl is fashionable again.	1
yoga	n	'jəʊgə	a system of exercises that help you control your mind and body in order to relax	Liane goes to yoga classes twice a week.	1
accessible	adj	ək 'sesəbəl, ək 'sesɪbəl	a place, building, or object that is accessible is easy to reach or get into	The island is only accessible by boat.	2
according to	prep	ə 'kɔ:dn̩ tə	as shown by something or stated by someone	According to the police, the theft occurred late last night.	2
accounting	n	ə 'kaʊntɪŋ	the profession or work of keeping or checking financial accounts, same as accountancy	After she left school, Joanne studied accounting at university.	2
admiration	n	ˌædmə'reɪʃən	a feeling of great respect and liking for something or someone	Daniel looked at Sarai in admiration.	2
adventurous	adj	əd'ventʃərəs	not afraid of taking risks or trying new things	Andy isn't a very adventurous cook.	2
age gap	n	eɪdʒ ɡæp	the difference in age between two people	There is a five-year age gap between me and my sister.	2
alter	v	'ɔ:lteɪ	to change, or to make someone or something change	Her face hadn't altered much over the years.	2
avoid	v	ə'vɔɪd	to prevent something bad from happening	Road safety classes help students avoid accidents.	2
be prepared to	v	bɪ'prɪ'peəd tə	be willing to do something	He wasn't prepared to give up his dream of becoming famous.	2
benefit from	v	'benɪfɪt, 'benzɪt frəm	if you benefit from something, it gives you an advantage, improves your life or helps you in some way	Many thousands have benefited from the new treatment.	2
bond	n	bɒnd	something that unites two or more people or groups, such as love, or a shared interest or idea	Markus formed a close bond with his father-in-law.	2
break into	phrv	breɪk 'ɪntə	to become involved in a new job or business activity	Many British companies have failed in their attempts to break into the American market.	2
brief spell	n	bri:f spel	a short period of time	For a brief spell, he worked for the local council.	2
care	n	keə	the process of looking after someone, especially because they are ill, old, or very young	My mother received excellent care while she was in hospital.	2
carry on	phrv	'kæəri ɒn	to continue doing something	Sorry, I interrupted you. Please carry on.	2
caution	n	'kɔ:ʃən	the quality of being very careful to avoid danger or risks	We must continue with caution.	2
characteristic	n	ˌkærəktə'rɪstɪk, ˌkærɪktə'rɪ:	a quality or feature of something or someone that is typical of them and easy to recognize	He had the same characteristic nose as his grandfather.	2
close relationship	n	kləʊz rɪ'leɪʃənʃɪp	if you have a close relationship with someone you like or love each other very much	Laura had a very close relationship with her mother.	2
combination	n	ˌkɒmbə'neɪʃən, ˌkɒmbɪ'neɪ:	two or more different things that exist together or are used or put together	A combination of factors may be responsible for the increase in cancer.	2
comfort	n	'kɒmfət	a feeling of being physically relaxed and satisfied, so that nothing is hurting you, making you feel too hot or cold, etc.	All our sports shoes are designed for comfort and performance.	2
compelling	adj	kəm'peltɪŋ	an argument, etc., that makes you feel certain that something is true or that you must do something about it	Lucy had no compelling reason to go in to town.	2
competitive	adj	kəm'petɪtɪv, kəm'petɪtv	determined or trying very hard to be more successful than other people or businesses	Some US industries are not as competitive as they have been in the past.	2
consider	v	kən'sɪd	to think of someone or something in a particular way or to have a particular opinion	A further increase in interest rates is now considered unlikely.	2
contradictory	adj	ˌkɒntrə'dɪktəri	two statements, beliefs, etc., that are contradictory are different and therefore cannot both be true or correct	The public is being given contradictory information about the economy.	2
convince	v	kən'vɪns	to make someone feel certain that something is true	Her arguments didn't convince everyone, but changes were made.	2
cope (with)	v	kəʊp (wɪð)	to succeed in dealing with a difficult problem or situation	Sometimes I find it hard to cope.	2
copyright	n	'kɒpraɪt	the legal right to be the only producer or seller of a book, play, film, or record for a specific length of time	Who owns the copyright of this book?	2
criticise	v	'krɪtəsaɪz, 'krɪtsaɪz	to find fault with or judge something/someone negatively	Ron does nothing but criticise and complain all the time.	2
crystal	n	'krɪstl	very high quality clear glass	We've bought them a set of six crystal glasses as wedding present.	2
define	v	dɪ'faɪn	to describe something correctly and thoroughly, and to say what standards, limits, qualities, etc., it has that make it different from other things	The duties of my new post are difficult to define.	2
deliberately	adv	dɪ'lɪbərətli, dɪ'lɪbərɪtli	done in a way that is intended or planned	He deliberately upset her.	2
desirable	adj	dɪ'zaɪərəbəl	something that is desirable is worth having or doing	The ability to speak a foreign language is highly desirable in today's job market.	2
destiny	n	'destəni, 'destɪni	the things that will happen to someone in the future, especially those that cannot be changed or controlled	Nancy wondered whether it was her destiny to live in England and marry Melvyn.	2
determined	adj	dɪ'tɜ:mənd, dɪ'tɜ:mɪnd	having a strong desire to do something, so that you will not let anyone stop you	Gwen is a very determined woman.	2
discourage	v	dɪs'kʌrɪdʒ	to persuade someone not to do something, especially by making it seem difficult or bad	My mother is a dentist and she discouraged me from entering the field.	2
divided	adj	dɪ'vaɪd, də'vaɪd	if something divides, or if you divide it, it separates into two or more parts	The country was divided after the referendum.	2
drama	n	'drɑ:mə	a play for the theatre, television, radio, etc., usually a serious one, or plays in general	Did you see that new drama on Channel 3 last night?	2
dynasty	n	'dɪnəsti	a family of kings or other rulers whose parents, grandparents, etc., have ruled the country for many years	The Habsburg dynasty ruled in Austria from 1278 to 1918.	2
emotion	n	ɪ'məʊʃən	a strong human feeling such as love, hate, or anger	Her voice was full of emotion.	2
enlist	v	ɪn'ɪlɪst	to persuade someone to help you to do something	He has enlisted the help of a sports psychologist for the team.	2
equally	adv	'i:kwəli	to the same degree or amount	You must have a good education, but practical experience is equally important.	2
extended family	n	ɪk'stendəd 'fæməli	a family group that consists not only of parents and children but also of grandparents, aunts, etc.	We spent a month in India visiting our extended family.	2
extreme	adj	ɪk'stri:m	very great in degree	Extreme poverty still exists in many rural areas.	2
fabulous	adj	'fæbjələs, 'fæbjʊləs	extremely good or impressive	You look fabulous!	2
fake	n	feɪk	a copy of a valuable object, painting, etc., that is meant to deceive people	The painting was definitely a fake.	2
field	n	fi:ld	an area of land in the country, especially one where crops are grown or animals feed on grass	There were more than a hundred sheep in the field.	2
firm	n	fɜ:m	a business or company, especially a small one	She works for an electronics firm.	2
fixed personality	n	fɪkst 'pɜ:sə'næləti	to have a personality that does not change	Scientists do not believe there is such a thing as a fixed personality.	2
follow in (sb's) footsteps	phrase	'fɒləʊ ɪn 'fʊtstɛps	to do the same thing as someone else, e.g. one of your parents, has done	Nic's father was pleased when he followed in his footsteps and became a doctor.	2
form	v	'fɔ:m	to start to exist, or make something start to exist, especially as the result of a natural process	The rocks were formed more than 4,000 millions years ago.	2
generosity	n	ˌdʒenə'rɒsəti, ˌdʒenə'rɒsɪti	a generous attitude, or generous behaviour (= willing to give money, spend time to help someone, etc.)	As an act of generosity, they donated a million dollars to the foundation.	2
get away	phrv	get ə'weɪ	to leave a place, especially when this is not easy	The meeting last for hours and I didn't get away until seven.	2
get on with	phrv	get ɒn wɪð	if people get on with each other, they like each other and have a friendly relationship	I've always got on well with Henry.	2

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give up	phrv	gɪv ʌp	to stop trying to do something	We spent half an hour looking for the keys, but eventually gave up and went home.	2
harm	n	hɑ:m	damage, injury, or trouble caused by someone's actions or by an event	The scandal did his career a lot of harm.	2
high-status	n	haɪ 'stetəs	a person who is greatly respected in society or their professional is high-standing	They were pleased to recruit an expert of such high-standing in the legal profession.	2
ideal	adj	ˌaɪ dɪəl	the best or most suitable that something could possibly be	My personal trainer gave me advice on how to reach my ideal weight.	2
impact	n	'ɪmpækt	the effect or influence that an event, situation, etc., has on someone or something	We need to assess the impact of pollution on climate change.	2
improve your chances	phrase	ɪm 'pru:v jə tʃɑ:ns	increase the likelihood of something happening	To improve my chances of completing the race, I joined a running club.	2
in common	idiom	ɪn 'kɒmən	to share or have the same characteristics or experiences as someone else	Kay and Claire have a lot in common.	2
in reality	idiom	ɪn rɪ 'æləti	used to say that something is different from what people think	In reality, violent crimes are still extremely rare.	2
in that respect	adv	ɪn ðæt rɪ 'spekt	in this respect refers back to an idea or point previously expressed in a statement	The cost of living is increasing; in this respect, life is becoming more difficult for many people.	2
inconsistent	adj	ˌɪnkən 'sɪstənt	two statements that are inconsistent cannot both be true	The accounts of the witnesses are inconsistent.	2
independent	adj	ˌɪndə'pendənt, ˌɪndɪ'pendə	an independent organization is not owned or controlled by, or does not receive money from, another organization or the government	There are plans to split the corporation into a number of smaller independent companies.	2
inevitable	adj	ɪ 'nevətəbəl, ɪ 'nevɪtəbəl	certain to happen and impossible to avoid	A further increase in the price of fuel now seems inevitable.	2
influence	n	'ɪnfluəns	the power to affect the way someone or something develops, behaves, or thinks, without using direct force or orders	As a scientist, his influence was enormous.	2
inherit	v	ɪn'herɪt, ɪn'herət	to receive money, property, etc., from someone after they have died	He inherited a fortune from his grandmother.	2
initially	adv	ɪ 'nɪʃəli	at the beginning	Stan initially wanted to go to medical school.	2
intellectual property	n	ˌɪntə'lektʃʊəl 'prɒpəti	something which someone has invented or has the right to make or sell, especially something that cannot legally be copied by other	He wealth comes from intellectual property in the computer industry.	2
intelligence	n	ɪn'telədʒəns, ɪn'telɪdʒəns	the ability to learn, understand, and think about things	To be good at the game, you need a reasonable level of intelligence.	2
intensify	v	ɪn'tensəfaɪ, ɪn'tensɪfaɪ	to increase in degree or strength, or to make something do this	In June the anti-war protests intensified.	2
investigator	n	ɪn'vestɪgeɪtə, ɪn'vestɪdʒeɪtə	someone who investigates things, especially crimes	She hired a private investigator to find out where the money was disappearing.	2
jealously	n	'dʒeləsi	a feeling of being jealous	His actions were motivated by jealousy.	2
make it	verb phrase	meɪk ɪt	to succeed in getting somewhere in time for something or when this is difficult	If we run, we should make it to the train station in time.	2
make (perfect) sense	phrase	meɪk 'pɜ:fɪkt sens	to have a clear meaning and be easy to understand	Her reactions to his comments made complete sense.	2
market trader	n	'mɑ:kət 'treɪdə	someone who works on a market stall selling items	The market traders in our town are known for their humour.	2
meaning	n	'mi:nɪŋ	the thing or idea that a word, expression, or sign represents	I don't know the meaning of the word 'gleaned'.	2
modify	v	'mɒdɪfaɪ, 'mɒdɪfai	to make small changes to something in order to improve it and make it more suitable or effective	The feedback will be used to modify the course for next year.	2
mood	n	mu:d	the way you feel at a particular time	You're in a good mood this morning!	2
natural talent	n	'nætʃərəl 'tælənt	a natural ability to do something	We always felt Simon had a natural talent for acting.	2
neatly	adv	'ni:tli	tidy and carefully arranged	He wrote his name neatly at the bottom of the page.	2
negative	adj	'negətɪv	harmful, unpleasant, or not wanted	My lack of sleep was starting to have a negative effect on my work.	2
occur to (sb)	phrv	ə'kɜ:tə	if an idea or a thought occurs to you, it suddenly comes into your mind	I suppose it didn't occur to you to phone the police?	2
open doors	v	'əʊpən dɔ:z	to give an opportunity to someone to do something	Winning the championship opened doors for Serena.	2
outlook	n	'aʊtlʊk	your general attitude to life and the world	He's got a good outlook on life.	2
over-simplify	v	'əʊvə 'sɪmpləfaɪ	to describe something in a way that is too simple and ignores many facts	To describe all these people as refugees is to oversimplify the situation.	2
personality	n	ˌpɜ:sə'næləti, ˌpɜ:sə'nælti	someone's character, especially the way they behave towards other people	Despite their different personalities, they became the best of friends.	2
perspective	n	pə'spektɪv	a way of thinking about something, especially one which is influenced by the type of person you are or by your experiences	His father's death gave him a whole new perspective on life.	2
pessimist	n	'pesə'mɪst, 'pesɪmɪst	someone who always expects that bad things will happen	Don't be such a pessimist!	2
positive	adj	'pɒzətɪv, 'pɒzɪtv	if you are positive about things, you are hopeful and confident, and think about what is good in a situation rather than what is bad	Try to take a more positive approach to the situation.	2
practical	adj	'præktɪkəl	relating to real situations and events rather than ideas, emotions, etc.	Candidates should have training and practical experience in basic electronics.	2
prediction	n	pɪ'dɪkʃən	a statement about what you think is going to happen, or the act of making this statement	The prediction about the storm became a reality.	2
pressure	n	'preʃə	an attempt to persuade someone by using influence, arguments, or threats	They are putting pressure on people to vote yes.	2
put (sb) off	phrv	put ɒf	to make you dislike something or not want to do something	Don't let the restaurant's décor put you off – the food is really good.	2
realistic	adj	rɪ'ælɪstɪk	judging and dealing with situations in a practical way according to what is actually possible rather than what you would like to happen	It's just not realistic to expect a pay rise so soon.	2
regret	v	rɪ'gret	to feel sorry about something you have done and wish you had not done it	Don't do anything you might regret.	2
relevant	adj	'reləvənt, 'relɪvənt	directly relating or linked to the subject or problem being discussed or considered	Relevant documents were presented in court.	2
reliability	n	rɪˌlɪə'bɪləti, rɪˌlɪə'bɪlti	someone or something that has reliability can be trusted or depended on	The reliability of his car led him to keeping it for over twenty years.	2
relieved	adj	rɪ'li:vɪd	feeling happy because you are no longer worried about something	She looked immensely relieved when she heard the news.	2
rely on	phrv	rɪˌlaɪ ɒn	to trust or depend on someone or something to do what you need or expect them to do	I knew I could rely on David.	2
reputation	n	ˌrepjə'teɪʃən, ˌrepju'teɪʃən	the opinion that people have about someone or something because of what has happened in the past	Judge Kelso has a reputation for being strict but fair.	2
right	n	raɪt	something you are morally, legally, or officially allowed to do or have	Everyone should have the right to freedom of speech.	2
role model	n	rəʊl 'mɒdl	someone whose behaviour, attitudes, etc., people try to copy because they admire them	I want to be a positive role model for my sister.	2
set up	phrv	set ʌp	to start a company, organization, committee, etc.	They want to set up their own import-export business.	2
shared memory	n	ʃeəd 'meməri	to have the same memory of an event as someone else	As twins brothers, they had a lot of shared memories.	2
sibling	n	'sɪblɪŋ	a brother or sister	Most young smokers are influenced by their friends' and older siblings' smoking habits.	2
slight chance	n	slaɪt tʃɑ:ns	a small possibility of something happening	There's a slight chance that we may be away for the weekend.	2
specialise in	v	'speʃəlaɪz ɪn	to limit all or most of your study, etc., business, etc., to a particular subject or activity	Simmons specialized in employment law.	2
stage	n	'steɪdʒ	one of the parts which something such as a competition or process is divided into	The team reached the semi-final stage of the competition.	2
stand-up comedian	n	'stænd ʌp kə'mi:diən	a comic performer who usually speaks directly to the live audience they perform in front of	Isamar should become a stand-up comedian. She's very funny and tells great stories.	2
sum (sb/st) up	phrv	sʌm ʌp	to describe someone/something using only a few words	The city's problem can be summed up in three words.	2
support (sb)	v	sə'pɔ:t	to provide enough money for someone to pay for all the things they need	I have a wife and to children to support.	2
sympathy	n	'sɪmpəθi	the feeling of being sorry for someone who is in a bad situation	I have a lot of sympathy for her; she had to bring up the children on her own.	2
take after (sb)	phrv	teɪk 'ɑ:ftə	to look or behave like an older relative	Jenni really takes after her mother.	2
take risks	collocation	teɪk rɪskz	to continue with an action which might be dangerous	George always takes risks and never thinks about the dangers involved.	2
talk (sb) into (st)	phrv	tɔ:k ɪntə	to persuade someone to do something	My husband talked me into going skiing.	2
tend to do (st)	v	tend tə du:	if something tends to happen, it happens often and is likely to happen again	People tend to need less sleep as they get older.	2
thoughtful	adj	'θɔ:tfəl	always thinking of the things you can do to make people happy or comfortable	Paul is very thoughtful.	2
thrill-seeker	n	'θrɪl ˌsi:kə	someone who does things that are dangerous because they like the feeling of excitement it gives them	Alton Towers have many roller coasters that will please thrill-seekers	2
track (sb/st) down	phrv	træk daʊn	to find someone or something that is difficult to find by searching or looking for information in several different places	I finally managed to track down the book you wanted in a shop near the station.	2
treat	v	tri:t	to behave towards someone or something in a particular way	She treats me like one of the family.	2
undercover	adj	ˌʌndə'kʌvə	undercover work is usually done secretly by the police in order to catch criminals or find out information	No-one must know that we're working on an undercover investigation.	2

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unimaginative	adj	ˌʌnɪˈmædʒənətɪv, ˌʌnɪˈmæ	lacking the ability to think of new or unusual ideas	The city was a disappointment and full of unimaginative architecture.	2
uninspiring	adj	ˌʌnɪnˈspʌɪərɪŋ	not at all interesting or exciting	No one deserved to win this uninspiring game.	2
unrealistic	adj	ˌʌnrɪəˈlɪstɪk	unrealistic ideas or hopes are not reasonable or sensible	It is unrealistic to expect these changes to happen overnight.	2
unsociable	adj	ʌnˈsəʊjəbəl	not wanting to be with people or at a time which doesn't fit with people's usual routines	When I have to work unsociable hours I really miss seeing my friends and family.	2
vaguely	adv	ˈveɪɡli	slightly	I vaguely remember a woman in a red dress standing outside the door.	2
wander	v	ˈwɒndə	to walk slowly across or around an area, usually without a clear direction or purpose	I'll wander around the mall while you're at the dentist's.	2
weird	adj	wɪəd	very strange and unusual, and difficult to understand or explain	A really weird thing happened last night.	2
wholesale business	n	ˈhəʊlseɪl ˈbɪznəs	a business involved in the sale of goods to retailers, industrial commercial businesses, etc., – generally involved in the sale of good	Their wholesale business is expanding rapidly.	2
work out	phrv	wɜ:k aʊt	if a problem or complicated situation works out, it gradually gets better or gets solved	I hope it all works out for Gina and Andy.	2
absence	n	ˈæbsəns	the lack of something or the fact that it does not exist	He was disappointed at the complete absence of any kind of planning for the project.	3
alien	adj	ˈeɪliən	very different from what you are used to, especially in a way that is difficult to understand or accept	The alien environment of the city came as a shock to many villagers seeking work there.	3
ambition	n	æmˈbɪʃən	a strong desire to achieve something	She had always had an ambition to be a pilot.	3
appropriate	adj	əˈprəʊpri-ət, əˈprəʊpri-ɪt	correct or suitable for a particular time, situation, or purpose	Always wear appropriate clothing when going for a job interview.	3
attachment	n	əˈtætʃmənt	a feeling that you like or love someone or something and that you would be unhappy without them	It's natural that you have a strong attachment to your mother.	3
bargain	n	ˈbɑ:gən, ˈbɑ:ɡɪn	something you buy cheaply or for less than its usual price	There are no bargains in the clothes shops at the moment.	3
be involved in	v	bɪ ɪnˈvɒlvd ɪn	to take part in an activity or event, or be connected with it in some way	More than 30 software firms were involved in the project.	3
be lost without	v	bɪ lɒst wəðˈaʊt	to not feel confident about what to do or how to behave	She's a great friend and I'd be lost without her.	3
boredom	n	ˈbɔ:dəm	the feeling you have when you are bored, or the quality of being boring	We played a game to relieve the boredom of a long journey.	3
bury	v	ˈberɪ	to cover or hide something	She buried her face in the pillow and screamed.	3
by far	idiom	baɪ fɑ:	by a great deal, very much	This is the most expensive car by far.	3
cause	v	kɔ:z	to make something happen, especially something bad	Heavy traffic is causing delays on the freeway.	3
cheer (sb) up	phrv	tʃɪə ʌp	to become less sad, or to make someone feel less sad	They cheered up when they saw us coming along.	3
claim	v	kleɪm	to state that something is true, even though it has not been proved	The product claims that it can make you thin without dieting.	3
community	n	kəˈmjʊ:nə.ti, kəˈmju:nɪti	the people who live in the same area, town, etc.	The new arts centre will serve the whole community.	3
compare	v	kəmˈpeə	to consider two or more things or people, in order to show how they are similar or different	The report compares the different types of home computer available.	3
comparison	n	kəmˈpærəsən, kəmˈpærɪsə	the process of comparing two or more people or things	Comparison with his previous movies shows how Lee has developed as a director.	3
concept	n	ˈkɒnsept	an idea of how something is, or how something should be done	The concept of total patient care was explained to the press.	3
confused	adj	kənˈfju:zd	unable to understand or think clearly about what someone is saying or what is happening	I'm totally confused. Could you explain that again?	3
considerate	adj	kənˈsɪdərət, kənˈsɪdərɪt	always thinking of what other people need or want and being careful not to upset them	He was always kind and considerate.	3
construction	n	kənˈstrʌkʃən	the process of building things such as houses, bridges, roads, etc.	The government has agreed to the construction of a new airport.	3
content	adj	ˈkɒntent	happy and satisfied	Andy was a good husband, and Nicky was clearly very content.	3
contrasting	adj	kənˈtrɑ:stɪŋ	two or more things that are contrasting are different from each other, especially in a way that is interesting or attractive	I think we should produce a blue shirt with a contrasting collar.	3
control	v	kənˈtrəʊl	to have the power to make the decisions about how a country, place, company, etc., is organized or what it does	The Democrats continued to control the Senate until last year.	3
crucial	adj	ˈkru:ʃəl	something that is crucial is extremely important, because everything else depends on it	This aid money is crucial to the government's economic policies.	3
damp	adj	dæmp	slightly wet, often in an unpleasant way	Wipe the leather with a damp cloth.	3
debt	n	det	a sum of money that a person or organization owes	She had debts of over £70,000 after she left university.	3
dedicated	adj	ˈdedɪkeɪtəd, ˈdedɪkeɪtəd	someone who is dedicated works very hard at what they do because they care a lot about it	Mr Joyce was a dedicated and thoughtful teacher.	3
designer brand	n	dɪˈzaɪnə brænd	a make of clothing or a product which is popular and fashionable, relating to a particular designer/company	Katie won't wear buy anything but designer brands.	3
desperate	adj	ˈdespəret, ˈdespəɪt	willing to do anything to change a very bad situation, and not caring about danger	I had no money left and was desperate.	3
directly	adv	dəˈrektli, dɪˈrektli, daɪ- ˌdɪsədˈvɑ:ntɪdʒd	with no other person, action, process, etc., between	The new property tax law won't directly affect us.	3
disadvantaged	adj	dɪˌsədˈvɑ:ntɪdʒd	having social problems, such as a lack of money or education, which make it difficult for you to succeed	The aid workers worked in the most disadvantaged areas of the city.	3
distraction	n	dɪˈstrækʃən	something that stops you paying attention to what you are doing	I tend to study in the library as there are too many distractions at home.	3
embarrassed	adj	ɪmˈbærəst	feeling uncomfortable or nervous and worrying about what people think of you, for example because you have made a silly mistake,	Lori gets embarrassed if we ask her to sing.	3
embrace	v	ɪmˈbreɪs	to eagerly accept a new idea, opinion, religion, etc.	We hope these regions will embrace democratic reforms.	3
engage	v	ɪnˈɡeɪdʒ	to attract someone's attention and keep them interested	The toy didn't engage her interest for long.	3
enthusiasm	n	ɪnˈθju:ziəzəm	a strong feeling of interest and enjoyment about something and a keenness to be involved in it	Gillian and Darren greeted the speakers with great enthusiasm.	3
fascinated	adj	ˈfæsəneɪtəd, ˈfæsɪneɪtəd	extremely interested by something or someone	I was fascinated by her voice.	3
financing	n	ˈfaɪnænsɪŋ	to provide money, especially a lot of money, to pay for something	The financing for the deal has been approved in principle.	3
forces	n	ˈfɔ:sɪz	something or someone who is powerful and has a lot of influence on the way things happen	Betty was the driving force behind the project.	3
generation	n	ˌdʒenəˈreɪʃən	all people of about the same age	Like most of my generation, I had never known a war.	3
get your hands on	phrase	get jə hændz ɒn	to get something that you really want or that you have a lot of time looking for	I read every book that I could get my hands on.	3
go to almost any lengths	phrase	ɡəʊ tə ˈɔ:lməʊst ˈeni leŋkθs	to try very hard or do whatever is necessary to achieve something that is important (to you)	He would go to any lengths to fulfil his ambition.	3
grab	v	ɡræb	to take hold of someone or something with a sudden or violent movement	I grabbed my bag and ran off.	3
happen to do (st)	v	ˈhæpən tə du:	if you happen to do something, you do it by chance	I happened to see James in town.	3
highs and lows	phrase	haɪz ənd laʊz	feelings of great happiness or excitement and ones of great sadness and disappointment	We went through all the emotional highs and lows of a new romance.	3
impress	v	ɪmˈpres	to make someone feel admiration and respect	My boss was impressed by the presentation I made.	3
in public	idiom	ɪn ˈpʌblɪk	if you do something in public, you do it where anyone can see	Her husband was always nice to her in public.	3
in triumph	idiom	ɪn ˈtrɪʌmf	with a feeling of success of victory at completing or achieving something	He raised his fist in triumph as he passed the finish line first.	3
incapable	adj	ɪnˈkeɪpəbəl	not able to do something	He seemed incapable of understanding how she felt.	3
inhibit	v	ɪnˈhɪbət, ɪnˈhɪbɪt	to prevent something from growing or developing well	An unhappy family life may inhibit children's learning.	3
inner	adj	ˈɪnə	on the inside or close to the centre of something	He was invited to the inner office.	3
irresponsible	adj	ˌɪrɪˈspɒnsəbəl, ˌɪrɪˈspɒnsɪb	doing careless things without thinking or worrying about the possible bad results	When it comes to money, Dan is completely irresponsible.	3
let (sb) down	phrv	let daʊn	to not do something that someone trusts or expects you to do	The worst feeling is having let our fans down.	3
let go	idiom	let ɡəʊ	to accept that you cannot change something and stop thinking or worrying about it	Sometimes you just have to learn to let go.	3
linked to	v	lɪŋkt tə	if two things are linked, they are related in some way	Police think the crimes are linked.	3
madness	n	ˈmædnəs, ˈmædnɪs	very stupid behaviour that could be dangerous or have a very bad effect	It would be madness to drive all that way on your own.	3
manage	v	ˈmænɪdʒ	to direct or control a business or department and the people, equipment, and money involved in it	He was asked to manage a new department.	3
means	n	mi:nz	the money or income that you have	I don't have the means to support a family.	3
nation	n	ˈneɪʃən	a country, considered especially in relation to its people and its social or economic structure	Most people listened to the President's radio broadcast to the nation.	3

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obsession	n	əb' seʃən	an extreme unhealthy interest in something or worry about something, which stops you from thinking about anything else	Gambling became an obsession, and he eventually lost everything.	3
obsessive	adj	əb' sesɪv	thinking or worrying about something all the time, so that you do not think about other things enough – used to show disapproval	Glenn has an obsessive concern with cleanliness and order.	3
openly	adv	'əʊpənlɪ	in a way that does not hide your feelings, opinions, or the facts	Sally talked openly about her problems.	3
overwhelming	n	ˌəʊvə'welmlɪŋ	having such a great effect on you that you feel confused and do not know how to react	She found the city quite overwhelming when she first arrived.	3
passion	n	'pæʃən	a very strong liking for something	Gardening was her great passion.	3
pay rise	n	peɪ raɪz	an increase in the amount of money you are paid for doing your job	Some company directors give themselves huge pay rises.	3
possession	n	pə' zeʃən	something that you own or have with you at a particular time	He had sold all his possessions and left the country.	3
project	n	'prɒdʒekt	a carefully planned piece of work to get information about something, to build something, to improve something, etc.	The project aims to study children's emotions.	3
publicity	n	pʌ' blɪsɪti, pʌ' blɪsɪti	the attention that someone or something gets from newspapers, television, etc.	Standards in education have received a lot of negative publicity over the last few years.	3
qualify	v	'kwɒləfaɪ, 'kwɒlɪfaɪ	to have the right to have or do something, or to give someone this right	Free school lunches are given to children who qualify.	3
react	v	rɪ' ækt	to behave in a particular way or show a particular emotion because of something that has happened or been said	How did Wilson react to your idea?	3
regard	v	rɪ' gɑ:d	to think about someone or something in a particular way	Edith was widely regarded in her profession.	3
rehearsal	n	rɪ' hɜ:səl	a time when all the people in a play, concert, etc., practise before a public performance	I can't come tonight – I have a rehearsal for 'Romeo and Juliet'.	3
resource	n	rɪ' zɔ:s, rɪ' sɔ:s	something such as useful land, or minerals such as oil or coal, that exists in a country and can be used to increase its wealth	Canada has vast mineral resources.	3
self-destructive	adj	ˌself dɪ' strʌktɪv	deliberately doing things that are likely to seriously harm or kill yourself	He knew that he was a self-destructive alcoholic and needed help.	3
self-help	n	ˌself 'help	the use of your own efforts to deal with your problems, instead of depending on other people	Our local library has a shelf full of self-help books.	3
sense	n	sens	a feeling about something	Afterwards, I felt a great sense of relief.	3
sob	v	sɒb	to cry noisily while breathing in short sudden bursts	He began sobbing uncontrollably.	3
spurt	v	spɜ:t	if liquid or flames spurt from something, they come out of it quickly and suddenly	Flames spurted through the roof.	3
squeal	v	skwi:l	to make a long loud high sound or cry	The children squealed with delight.	3
standard of living	n	'stændəd əv 'lɪvɪŋ	the amount of wealth, comfort, and other things that a particular person, group, country, etc., has	Scandinavian countries have a high standard of living.	3
state	n	steɪt	the physical or mental condition that someone or something is in	There are fears for the state of the country's economy.	3
straightforward	adj	ˌstreɪt' fɔ:wəd	simple and easy to understand	Installing the program is relatively straightforward.	3
stream	n	stri:m	a long and continuous series of events, people, objects, etc.	A steady stream of visitors came to the house.	3
sympathetic	adj	ˌsɪmpə' θetɪk	caring and feeling sorry about someone's problems	Jo is not exactly what I'd call a sympathetic friend – she laughed when I told her I was sad.	3
tablet	n	'tæblət, 'tæblɪt	a very thin, portable computer without a lid, usually powered by batteries and with a touchscreen instead of a keyboard	All students now use tablets in their IT classes.	3
tease	v	ti:z	to laugh at someone and make jokes in order to have fun by embarrassing them, either in a friendly way or in an unkind way	Don't get upset. I was only teasing.	3
thin on the ground	phrase	θɪn ɒn ðə graʊnd	few in number, limited or scarce	Secure and well-paid jobs are thin on the ground these days.	3
tight budget	n	taɪt 'bʌdʒət	when money is limited and you have to be careful of how you spend it	As you know, I run the magazine on a really tight budget.	3
treasure	n	'treɪzə	a group of valuable things such as gold, silver, jewels, etc.	The Book of Kells is Trinity College's greatest treasure.	3
uncharacteristically	adv	ˌʌnkærɪtɪ' rɪstɪkli, ˌʌnkærətɪ	not typical of someone or something and therefore surprising	He was uncharacteristically quiet.	3
uncontrollable	adj	ˌʌnkən' trəʊləbəl	if an emotion, desire, or physical action is uncontrollable, you cannot control it or stop yourself from feeling it or doing it	I felt an uncontrollable need to laugh.	3
untranslatable	adj	ˌʌntræns' leɪtəbəl	not able to be put into another form, language or style	The message I received was completely untranslatable.	3
urge	v	ɜ:dʒ	to strongly suggest that someone does something	I got a note from Moira urging me to get in touch.	3