

Word/Phrase	Part of speech	IPA (UK)	IPA (USA)	Definition	Sample sentence
People					
children	noun	'tʃɪldrən		someone's sons or daughters	All of our children are grown up and married.
colleagues	noun	'kɒli:gz	'kɑ:lɪgz	people who work in the same organization or department as you	He is popular with his colleagues .
friends	noun	frendz		people you know well and like, but who are not members of your family	She's visiting friends in Scotland.
grandparent	noun	'græɪn(d),peərənts	'græɪn(d),perənts	the parents of your mother or father	I am visiting my grandparents this weekend.
parents	noun	'peərənts	'perənts	mother and father	Has Joe met your parents yet?
relatives	noun	'relətɪvz		members of your family, especially ones who do not live with you, for example a grandparent or cousin	We spent the week visiting relatives .
strangers	noun	'streɪndʒə(r)z	'streɪndʒərz	people who you do not know	The poster warns children not to talk to strangers .
student	noun	'stju:d(ə)nt	'stud(ə)nt	someone who goes to a university, college, or school	Jennifer is one of my best students .
teacher	noun	'ti:tʃə(r)	'titʃər	someone whose job is to teach	She is a piano teacher .
Types of people					
animal lover	noun	'æɪnɪmə'l 'lʌvə(r)	'æɪnɪm(ə)l 'lʌvər	someone who likes animals very much	Jenny is an animal lover ; she has four cats and two dogs.
blogger	noun	'blɒɡə(r)	'blɒɡər	someone who produces content to post on their blogs	He is a blogger and spends a lot of time online.
book lover	noun	bʊk 'lʌvə(r)	bʊk 'lʌvər	someone who likes reading very much	Max is a book lover ; he reads everyday.
coffee drinker	noun	'kɒfi 'drɪŋkə(r)	'kɑ:fi 'drɪŋkər	someone who regularly drinks coffee	Jessica is a coffee drinker ; she has an espresso every morning.
dog owner	noun	dɒɡ 'əʊnə(r)	dɒɡ 'oʊnər	someone who has a dog	I would love to be a dog owner but we don't have space in the flat.
father of two	noun	'fɑ:ðər ɒv tu:z	'fɑðər əv tu	a man who has two children	Peter is a father of two .
foodie	noun	'fu:di	'fudi	someone who enjoys eating or cooking different types of food and who talks a lot about food	She is definitely a foodie ; she eats out a few times a week.
football fan	noun	'fʊt,bɔ:l fæn	'fʊt,bɔl fæn	someone who likes playing or watching football very much	Mark is a football fan ; he watches every Manchester United match.
gamer	noun	'geɪmə(r)	'geɪmər	someone who plays games, especially computer games or games in which you pretend to be a character	My son is a gamer ; he is always on his computer.
mother of three	noun	'mʌðər ɒv θri:z	'mʌðər əv θri	a woman who has three children	Jan is a mother of three .

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music fan	noun	'mju:zɪk fæn	'mjuzɪk fæn	someone who likes playing or listening to music very much	The concert was full of music fans .
people person	noun	'pi:p(ə)l 'pɜ:(r)s(ə)n	'pi:p(ə)l 'pɜ:rs(ə)n	someone who enjoys being with other people and easily becomes friends with them	I am a people person so I would be good for this role.
positive person	noun	'pɒzətɪv 'pɜ:(r)s(ə)n	'pɒzətɪv 'pɜ:rs(ə)n	someone who has a cheerful personality	Callum is a positive person who is great to be around.
sports fan	noun	spɔ:(r)ts fæn	spɔ:rts fæn	someone who likes playing or watching sport very much	Tom is a sports fan and plays for many teams.
traveller	noun	'træv(ə)lə(r)	'træv(ə)lər	someone who is travelling or who often travels	Rail travellers are furious at the seven per cent increase in fares.
Personality adjectives					
confident	adjective	'kɒnfɪd(ə)nt	'kɒnfɪdənt	someone who believes in their own abilities and so does not feel nervous or frightened	He is confident in his ability to play the piano.
creative	adjective	kri'eɪtɪv		someone who has a lot of imagination and new ideas	He was a creative genius.
curious	adjective	'kjʊəriəs	'kjʊriəs	someone who wants to find out about something	I'm curious to know why she made that decision.
hard-working	adjective	'hɑ:(r)d,wɜ:(r)kɪŋ	'hɑ:d'wɜ:rkɪŋ	someone who puts a lot of effort into their work	She was very hard-working and reliable.
independent	adjective	ˌɪndɪ'pendənt		someone who does not depend on other people for help, or prefers to do things by themselves	Even as a child he was very independent .
sensible	adjective	'sensəb(ə)l		someone who is reasonable and practical	I don't see how any sensible person could agree with him.
sociable	adjective	'səʊʃəb(ə)l	'səʊʃəb(ə)l	someone who is friendly and enjoys being with other people	I'm not feeling very sociable today.
well-organised	adjective	wel 'ɔ:(r)gənəɪzɪd	wel'ɔ:ɡə,nəɪzɪd	someone who arranges and plans activities carefully and effectively	He's always so well-organised .
Adjective + preposition					
good at	adjective + preposition	ɡʊd æt		able to do something well	Bob is pretty good at fixing things.
happy with	adjective + preposition	'hæpi wɪð		satisfied that something is good or right, and therefore not worried about it	Are you happy with this arrangement?
interested in	adjective + preposition	ˌɪntərəstɪd ɪn		wanting to know about or take part in something	Joe's always been interested in politics.
involved in	adjective + preposition	ɪn'vɒlvɪd ɪn	ɪn'vɒlvɪd ɪn	taking part in something	Phillip was involved in organising the party.
keen on	adjective + preposition	ki:n ɒn	kin ɒn	wanting to do something, or wanting other people to do something	The captain wasn't keen on having him in the team.
responsible for	adjective + preposition	rɪ'spɒnsəb(ə)l fɔ:	rɪ'spɒnsəb(ə)l fɔ:	being in charge of someone or something	The manager is responsible for the general running of the theatre.

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Describing places					
attractive	adjective	ə'træktɪv		pleasant in some way	It's a pretty village set in attractive countryside.
clean	adjective	klɪ:n	klɪn	not dirty	Go and put on a clean shirt.
convenient	adjective	kən'vi:niənt	kən'vinɪənt	easy to use, or appropriate for a particular purpose	The hotel was only five minutes from the beach, which was convenient .
crowded	adjective	'kraʊdɪd	'kraʊdəd	a place with a lot of people, especially too many	The street was noisy and crowded .
dirty	adjective	'dɜ:(r)ti	'dɜ:rti	not clean	There was a lot of rubbish in the sea and the water was dirty .
inconvenient	adjective	ɪnkən'vi:niənt	ɪnkən'vinɪənt	causing difficulties or extra effort	There are no trains today, which is quite inconvenient .
lively	adjective	'laɪvli		full of energy and enthusiasm	They are a lively group of students.
loud	adjective	laʊd		used for describing a sound that is strong and very easy to hear	There was a loud knocking on the door.
modern	adjective	'mɒdə(r)n	'mɑ:dərn	relating to or belonging to the present time	The programme examines the role of women in modern society.
noisy	adjective	'nɔɪzi		making a lot of noise	Unfortunately we have noisy neighbours.
old-fashioned	adjective	əʊld 'fæf(ə)nd		no longer modern or fashionable	Blake was carrying an old-fashioned leather briefcase.
peaceful	adjective	'pi:sf(ə)l	'pɪsf(ə)l	calm and quiet	The hotel is set in peaceful surroundings.
polluted	adjective	pə'lju:tɪd	pə'lutəd	(about air, water, or land) too dirty and dangerous for people to use in a safe way	The oil spillage has polluted the harbour.
quiet	adjective	'kwaɪət		making very little or no noise	Electric cars are quiet and pollution-free.
ugly	adjective	'ʌgli		something that is unpleasant to look at	Do you think the colour of this paint is ugly ?
Verb + preposition					
argue about	verb + preposition	'ɑ:(r)gju ə'baʊt	'ɑ:rgju ə'baʊt	to discuss something with someone who has a different opinion from you	They are still arguing about the details of the contract.
argue with	verb + preposition	'ɑ:(r)gju wɪð	'ɑ:rgju wɪð	to speak with someone in an angry way because you disagree with them	Don't argue with me – you know I'm right.
help with	verb + preposition	help wɪð		to give someone support or information so that they can do something more easily	Her brother offered to help her with her homework.
look for	verb + preposition	lʊk fɔ:(r)	lʊk fɔr	to hope to get something that you want or need	He was looking for work as a builder.
rely on	verb + preposition	rɪ'leɪ ɒn	rɪ'laɪ ɒn	to trust someone to do something for you	We can rely on my brother to help us.
talk to	verb + preposition	tɔ:k tu:	tɔk tu	to have a conversation with someone	I need to talk to you.

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Life events					
fall in love	verb phrase	fɔ:l ɪn lʌv	fɔl ɪn lʌv	to start to love someone	Why do we fall in love with one person rather than another?
get a job	verb phrase	get ə dʒɒb	get ə dʒʌb	to find employment	Andy is going to get a job at a factory in Bristol.
get married	verb phrase	get 'mæɪɪd	get 'merɪd	to be formally joined in a relationship with another person	We're going to get married next year.
get your own place	verb phrase	get jɔ:ə əʊn pleɪs	get jʊə əʊn pleɪs	to find a place to live	I would love to get my own place in the countryside.
go to university	verb phrase	ɡəʊ tu: ju:nɪ'vɜ:zɪ(r)səti	ɡoʊ tu: ju:nɪ'vɜrsəti	to start attending a higher education institution	He doesn't want to go to university .
have a baby/ children	verb phrase	hæv ə 'beɪbi/ 'tʃɪldrən	hæv ə 'beɪbi/ 'tʃɪldrən	to be or become a parent	Linda's going to have a baby .
learn to swim	verb phrase	lɜ:(r)n tu: swɪm	lɜrn tu swɪm	to gain knowledge and experience of being in the water safely	Why did you never learn to swim when you were a child?
leave home	verb phrase	li:v həʊm	liv hoʊm	to stop living with your parents and move somewhere else	He didn't leave home until he was 24.
leave school	verb phrase	li:v sku:l	liv skul	to stop going to school permanently	At 16 he left school to work and support his family.
retire	verb phrase	rɪ'taɪə(r)	rɪ'taɪr	to stop working, especially when you reach the age when you are officially too old to work	At what age do you plan to retire ?

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Types of transport					
boat	noun	bəʊt	boʊt	a small vehicle that people use for travelling on water	He travelled to the Greek islands by boat .
bus	noun	bʌs		a large road vehicle with a lot of seats that you pay to travel on	The children go to school by bus .
coach	noun	kəʊtʃ	koʊtʃ	a long comfortable vehicle for carrying a large number of passengers, especially on long journeys	We travelled to Oxford by coach .
ferry	noun	ˈferi		a boat that makes short regular journeys between two or more places	There is no ferry service to the island in the winter.
helicopter	noun	ˈhelɪkɒptə(r)	ˈhelɪkɑptər	an aircraft with large metal blades on top that spin and lift it into the air	He has his own private helicopter .
minibus	noun	ˈmɪnɪbʌs		a small bus for about ten to fifteen people	The children went to school by minibus .
motorbike	noun	ˈməʊtə(r),baɪk	ˈmoʊtər,baɪk	a road vehicle that has two wheels and an engine and looks like a large, heavy bicycle	He went for a ride on his new motorbike .
plane	noun	pleɪn		an aircraft with wings and at least one engine	We travelled by plane from Mexico City.
taxi	noun	ˈtæksi		a car whose driver is paid to take you to a particular place, especially a fairly short distance	It's too far to walk, so I'll take a taxi .
train	noun	treɪn		a group of railway vehicles that are connected and pulled by an engine	We travelled across China by train .
tram	noun	træm		a long narrow vehicle that travels along metal tracks in the middle of a street and is used as public transport in some places	The city has a tram which you can use to travel around.
Prefixes					
dishonest	adjective	dɪsˈɒnɪst	dɪsˈɑnəst	willing to do things that are not honest, for example to tell lies or steal things	They admitted that there were some dishonest employees working in the bank.
disorganised	adjective	dɪsˈɔ:(r)gənəɪzd		not arranged according to a clear plan or system	He is very disorganised – he doesn't know where anything is!
impatient	adjective	ɪmˈpeɪʃ(ə)nt		annoyed because something is not happening as quickly as you want or in the way you want	'Come on!' said Maggie, becoming impatient .
impolite	adjective	ˌɪmpəˈlaɪt		not polite	It would be impolite to leave the party so early.
impossible	adjective	ɪmˈpɒsəb(ə)l	ɪmˈpɑsəb(ə)l	something that no one can do or that cannot happen	We were faced with an impossible task.
inaccurate	adjective	ɪnˈækjʊrət	ɪnˈækjərət	not accurate or correct	She was given inaccurate information.
incorrect	adjective	ˌɪnkəˈrekt		wrong, or not accurate or true	He said the incorrect answer.

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unhappy	adjective	ʌn'hæpi		feeling sad or upset	Why are you so unhappy ?
unhealthy	adjective	ʌn'helθi		ill, or not physically fit	Your skin looks pale and unhealthy .
unkind	adjective	ʌn'kaɪnd		unfriendly, insulting, or cruel	He made an unkind remark.
unlikely	adjective	ʌn'laɪkli		not likely to happen	It looks quite sunny – I think it's unlikely to rain.
unlucky	adjective	ʌn'lʌki		if you are unlucky, something bad happens to you, or something good does not happen, especially by chance	Normally we can get tickets but this year we were unlucky .
unusual	adjective	ʌn'ju:ʒʊəl	ʌn'ju:ʒʊəl	not normal, common, or ordinary	Local residents should contact the police if they notice anything unusual .
Accommodation and facilities					
air con	noun	eə kɒn	er kən	shortened form of air-conditioning which is a system that makes the air colder	All the rooms have air-con .
airport transfer	noun	'eə(r),pɔ:(r)t 'trænsfɜ:(r)	'eɪ,pɔ:rt 'træns'fɜ:r	pre-arranged transportation between an airport and a business traveller's final destination	They took an airport transfer to the hotel.
apartment	noun	ə'pɑ:(r)tment	ə'pɑ:rtment	a set of rooms for living in, usually on one floor of a large building	The apartment was lovely and spacious.
balcony	noun	'bælkəni		a place where you can stand just outside an upper window	We ate dinner on the balcony .
beach resort	noun	bi:tʃ rɪ'zɔ:(r)t	bi:tʃ rɪ'zɔ:rt	a place many people go to for a holiday that is located by a beach	A holiday at a beach resort is the most relaxing break.
campsite	noun	'kæmpsaɪt		a place where people on holiday can stay outdoors in tents usually with toilets and a supply of water	The children enjoyed staying at the campsite .
chalet	noun	'ʃæleɪ		a wooden house built in a mountain area, especially in Switzerland	The chalet had a great view of the mountains.
check out	phrasal verb	tʃek aʊt		to leave a hotel or a private hospital after paying the bill	Joan had already checked out of the hotel.
cruise ship	noun	kru:z ʃɪp	kru:z ʃɪp	a large comfortable ship used for cruises	The cruise ship went around the Caribbean.
dorm	noun	dɔ:(r)m	dɔ:rm	shortened form of dormitory which is a large room where a lot of people sleep	The dorm was full and very noisy.
double room	noun	'dʌb(ə)l ru:m	'dʌb(ə)l rum	a room that is large enough for two people to sleep in, especially one in a hotel or a rented property	They asked for a double room .
guest house	noun	'gest,haʊs		a small hotel or private home where people can pay to spend the night	You can stay in the guest house .
gym	noun	dʒɪm		a building or club where you go to do physical exercises, swim, and play sports	I try to go to the gym three times a week.

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hostel	noun	'hɒst(ə)l	'hɑst(ə)l	a building where people living away from home can stay and get meals at low prices	It was a busy hostel with many people to talk to.
hotel	noun	həʊ'tel	hoʊ'tel	a building where you pay to stay in a room and have meals	He always stays in the best hotels .
reception	noun	rɪ'sepʃ(ə)n	rɪ'sepʃən	the part of a large building such as a hotel or office where there is someone whose job is to welcome visitors and to deal with questions	Visitors must report to reception first.
room service	noun	ru:m 'sɜ:(r)vɪs	rum 'sɜrvɪs	a service provided by a hotel that allows you to have food and drink brought to your room	Let's order room service as I am too tired to go out.
safe	noun	seɪf		a strong metal box with a special lock, used for storing valuable things	Make sure you put your valuables in the safe .
sea view	noun	si: vju:	si vju	to be able to see the sea from where you are	The room has a sea view .
self-catering	adjective	self 'keɪtərɪŋ		a type of holiday or accommodation where you can cook your own food	It is easier to book self-catering accommodation when you have children.
single room	noun	'sɪŋɡ(ə)l ru:m	'sɪŋɡ(ə)l rum	a room that is large enough for one person to sleep in, especially one in a hotel or a rented property	He asked for a single room .
spa	noun	spɑ:	spɑ	a health club, especially one that has a swimming pool and a steam room	The spa was very relaxing.
twin room	noun	twɪn ru:m	twɪn rum	a room, usually in a hotel, which has two separate beds	They asked for a twin room .

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Free time					
go to the theatre	verb phrase	gəʊ tu: ðə 'θiətə(r)	goʊ tu ðə 'θiətər	to attend a building, room, or outside area used for performing plays	We're going to go to the theatre tonight.
go to a museum	verb phrase	gəʊ tu: ə mju:zɪ:əm	goʊ tu ə mju:ziəm	to see valuable and important objects which are kept in a building	Let's go to a museum at the weekend.
go to a market	verb phrase	gəʊ tu: ə 'mɑ:(r)kɪt	goʊ tu ə 'mɑrkət	to visit a public building or place where people sell goods	I am going to a market later for some flowers.
go to a friend's place	verb phrase	gəʊ tu: ə frendz pleɪs	goʊ tu ə frendz pleɪs	to visit the home of a friend	I am going to my friend's place tonight for dinner.
go for a meal	verb phrase	gəʊ fɔ:r ə mi:l	goʊ fɔr ə mil	to eat somewhere, usually in a restaurant	We are going for a meal at the new Italian restaurant in town.
go for sushi	verb phrase	gəʊ fɔ: 'su:ʃi	goʊ fɔr 'su:ʃi	to eat at a restaurant which serves Japanese food that consists of small cakes of cold rice with fish, egg, or vegetables on top or inside	I am going for sushi with Alex on Friday.
go for a walk	verb phrase	gəʊ fɔ:r ə wɔ:k	goʊ fɔr ə wɔk	to walk for pleasure rather than for practical reasons	Let's go for a walk before it gets too hot.
go for coffee	verb phrase	gəʊ fɔ: 'kɒfi	goʊ fɔr 'kafi	to go to a place which serves coffee, usually a café	Shall we go for coffee at 11 am?
play pool	verb phrase	pleɪ pu:l	pleɪ pul	to participate in a game in which two players hit balls into holes at the edges of a table using a long stick called a cue	Steve and Janet played pool for an hour.
play cards	verb phrase	pleɪ kɑ:(r)dz	pleɪ kɑrdz	to play a game using a set of 52 small pieces of thick stiff paper	They played cards in the sunshine.
play board games	verb phrase	pleɪ bɔ:(r)d geɪmz	pleɪ bɔrd geɪmz	to play an indoor game played on a board, often with pieces that are moved around it	I hate playing board games with my sister because she is so competitive.
see a comedy show	verb phrase	si: ə 'kɒmədi ʃəʊ	si ə 'kɑmədi ʃou	to attend a performance which is intended to be humorous	I went to see a great comedy show last night.
see an exhibition	verb phrase	si: ən ,eksɪ'bɪʃ(ə)n	si ən ,eksɪ'bɪʃ(ə)n	to go and look at art or other interesting things in a public show	If you want to see an exhibition , you could go to the Museum of Modern Art.
see a concert	verb phrase	si: ə 'kɒnsə(r)t	si ə 'kɑnsərt	to watch an event at which an orchestra, band, or musician plays or sings in front of an audience	Helen saw a concert in the Albert Hall.
hang out in town	verb phrase	hæŋ aʊt ɪn taʊn		to spend time in the town	I will hang out in town for a few hours until you arrive.
hang out at the shopping centre	verb phrase	hæŋ aʊt æt ðə 'ʃɒpɪŋ 'sentə(r)	hæŋ aʊt æt ðə 'ʃɑpɪŋ 'sentər	to spend time in an area where a group of different shops and businesses such as banks and restaurants are all built next to each other	Many teenagers hang out at the shopping centre with their friends.
hang out with friends	verb phrase	hæŋ aʊt wɪð frendz		to spend time with people you know and like	I want to relax and hang out with my friends .

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hang out in the park	verb phrase	hæŋ aʊt ɪn ðə pɑː(r)k	hæŋ aʊt ɪn ðə pɑːrk	to spend time in the park	It's a sunny day so we could hang out in the park .
hang out online	verb phrase	hæŋ aʊt 'ɒnlaɪn	hæŋ aʊt 'ɑːnlaɪn	to spend time on the internet	Her teenage son hangs out online all weekend.
Suffixes					
possibility	noun	ˌpɒsə'bɪləti	ˌpɑːsə'bɪləti	the chance that something might happen or be true	Another possibility is that we'll go to Mexico instead.
prediction	noun	prɪ'dɪkʃ(ə)n		a statement about what you think will happen in the future, or the process of making such a statement	The government has made a prediction that unemployment will rise this year.
agreement	noun	ə'grɪ:mənt	ə'grɪmənt	an arrangement or decision about what to do, made by two or more people, groups, or organizations	Our agreement was that you would pay by the first of the month.
development	noun	dɪ'veləpmənt		change, growth, or improvement over a period of time	We encourage our staff in their development of new skills.
happiness	noun	'hæpɪnəs		the feeling of being happy	She felt happiness when she saw her son walk for the first time.
sadness	noun	'sædnəs		the feeling of being unhappy, especially because something bad has happened	Joan's childhood was filled with pain and sadness .
discussion	noun	dɪ'skʌʃ(ə)n		a conversation about something, usually something important	The managers had a discussion about the project.
improvement	noun	ɪm'pruːvmənt	ɪm'pruvmənt	the state of being better than before, or the process of making something better than it was before	The school is performing well, but it needs further improvement .
invention	noun	ɪn'venʃ(ə)n		a machine, tool, or system that someone has made, designed, or thought of for the first time	Inventions like the electric light bulb changed the way people lived.
ability	noun	ə'bɪləti		being able to do something	Tiredness can seriously impair your ability to drive.
kindness	noun	'kaɪn(d)nəs	'kaɪndnəs	kind behaviour, or kind feelings	I shall never forget the kindness of the nursing staff.
Relaxing					
a good book	phrase	ə ɡʊd bʊk		a book you enjoy reading	I want to be on the beach with a good book .
board games	phrase	bɔː(r)d ɡeɪmz	bɔːrd ɡeɪmz	a game that involves the movement of counters or other objects round a board	We all played board games after lunch.
by the fire	phrase	bɑɪ ðə 'faɪə(r)	bɑɪ ðə faɪr	in a position near a fire	The cat curled up by the fire .
friends or family	phrase	frendz ɔː 'fæm(ə)li	frendz ɔː 'fæm(ə)li	people you have affection for or to whom you are related	I love spending time with friends or family .
get together	phrase	ɡet tə'ɡeðə(r)	ɡet tə'ɡeðər	if people get together, they meet in order to do something or to spend time together	Greg suggested getting together next weekend.

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homemade food	phrase	'həʊm'meɪd fu:d	'hoʊm'meɪd fud	food which is made or prepared in the home	There was delicious homemade food to eat.
hot bath	phrase	hɒt bɑ:θ	hɑt bæθ	a large container full of hot water used for washing the body	She couldn't wait to get home and have a hot bath .
quiet night	phrase	'kwaɪət naɪt		an evening where you don't do anything energetic	Let's have a quiet night .
relaxed atmosphere	phrase	rɪ'læks'tæt məs,frɪ(r)	rɪ'læks'tæt məs,frɪ	a situation which is comfortable and informal	The restaurant has a relaxed atmosphere .
simple things	phrase	'sɪmp(ə)l θɪŋz		events which are not complicated	I enjoy the simple things like going for a walk in the park.
some candles	phrase	səm 'kænd(ə)lz		wax which can be lit to produce a flame	Shall I light some candles ?
some time out	phrase	səm taɪm aʊt		time for rest or recreation away from work or studies	I'm so stressed. I need some time out .

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Work collocations					
earn a salary	verb phrase	ɜ:(r)n ə 'sæləri	ɜrn ə 'sæləri	receive an amount of money, every month or year, for the work you do	When I earn a salary , I can save to buy a house.
get a bonus	verb phrase	get ə 'bʌʊnəs	get ə 'boʊnəs	to receive a sum of money added to your wages as a reward for good performance	Hard-workers may get a bonus .
get a company car	verb phrase	get ə 'kʌmpəni kɑ:(r)	get ə 'kʌmpəni kɑr	receive a car belonging to your employer that you use while you work for them	He will get a company car with the new job.
get a pay rise	verb phrase	get ə peɪ raɪz	get ə peɪ raɪz	to receive an increase in the amount of money you are paid for doing your job	I hope to get a pay rise next year.
get more money	verb phrase	get mɔ: 'mʌni	get mɔr 'mʌni	receive more money	If I got more money , I could buy it.
take a day off	verb phrase	teɪk ə deɪ ɒf	teɪk ə deɪ ɔf	take a day's holiday from work or school, on what would normally be a working day	Helen took the day off to visit her aunt.
to be unemployed	verb phrase	tu: bi: ʌnɪm'plɔɪd	tu bi ʌnɪm'plɔɪd	without a paid job but available to work	He has been unemployed for 3 months.
work long hours	verb phrase	wɜ:(r)k lɔŋ 'aʊə(r)z	wɜrk lɔŋ 'aʊr z	to do your job for more time than is normal	Police officers have to work long hours .
work shifts	verb phrase	wɜ:(r)k ʃɪfts	wɜrk ʃɪfts	work for a period of time in a factory, hospital, or other place where some people work during the day and some work at night	Nurses usually work shifts .
Adjectives for appearance					
stylish	adjective	'staɪlɪʃ		showing good judgement about how to dress well	She is a stylish dresser.
casual	adjective	'kæʒuəl		relaxed and comfortable	He looked casual in his jeans and t-shirt.
attractive	adjective	ə'træktɪv		pleasant to look at	They thought the new design was attractive .
cool	adjective	ku:l		impressive and modern	He is one of Britain's coolest young designers.
smart	adjective	sma:(r)t	smart	clean and neat	Sandy's looking very smart today.
fashionable	adjective	'fæʃ(ə)nəb(ə)l		popular at a particular time	She always wears fashionable clothes.
colourful	adjective	'kʌlə(r)f(ə)l		has bright or many different colours	I love that colourful dress.
work + preposition					
work at	verb + preposition	wɜ:(r)k æt	wɜrk æt	to be employed by a named company	My sister works at Google.
work for	verb + preposition	wɜ:(r)k fɔ:(r)	wɜrk fɔr	to be employed by a particular type of company	She works for a big law firm in the city.
work in	verb + preposition	wɜ:(r)k ɪn	wɜrk ɪn	to have a job in a particular area	He works in fashion.

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Minor illnesses					
broken bone	noun	'brʊkən bæʊn	'brʊkən boʊn	a bone in the body which is fractured	He has several broken bones from the accident.
cold	noun	kəʊld	koʊld	a minor illness that blocks your nose and makes you cough	I must have caught a cold on my camping holiday.
cough	noun	kɒf	kɑf	an illness in which air is forced up through your throat and sometimes your throat and lungs hurt	She couldn't sleep well because of her cough .
headache	noun	'hedɪk		a pain in your head	The noise gave her a headache .
sore throat	noun	sɔː θrəʊt	sɔr θroʊt	pain in the throat, typically caused by a cold or a virus	Have we got any medicine for a sore throat ?
temperature	noun	'tempɪtʃə(r)	'temp(ə)rə,tʃʊr	the condition of your body being hotter than normal, which means that you have a fever	Suzie cannot go to school today because she has a temperature .
flu	noun	fluː	flu	a very common infectious disease that lasts a short time and makes you feel hot or cold, weak, and tired	He's in bed with flu .
stomach ache	noun	'stʌmək eɪk		pain in your stomach	I have a stomach ache from eating too much.
sunburn	noun	'sʌn,bɜː(r)n	'sʌn,bɜrn	the condition of having red sore skin that is caused by staying in the sun for too long	That sunburn looks very painful.
toothache	noun	'tuːθeɪk	'tuθ,eɪk	a pain in one or more of your teeth	He's got really bad toothache .
Exercise					
cycling	noun	'saɪk(ə)lɪŋ		the activity of using a bicycle	He likes to go cycling in the mountains.
hockey	noun	'hɒki	'hɑki	a game played on grass by two teams of 11 players who try to score goals by hitting a ball with a curved stick	They played in the hockey team at school.
jogging	noun	'dʒɒɡɪŋ	'dʒɑɡɪŋ	the activity of running at a slow steady speed	I go jogging every morning.
marathon running	noun	'mæɪrəθ(ə)n 'rʌnɪŋ	'merə,θɑn 'rʌnɪŋ	running for a long distance	She goes marathon running once a month.
Nordic walking	noun	'hɔː(r)dɪk 'wɔːkɪŋ	'hɔrdɪk 'wɔkɪŋ	a version of walking that requires poles	Dave enjoys Nordic walking .
squash	noun	skwɒʃ	skwɑʃ	a game in which two players use rackets to hit a small ball against a wall	They met to play squash at the weekend.
working out in the gym	verb phrase	'wɜː(r)kɪŋ aʊt ɪn dʒɪm	'wɜrkɪŋ aʊt ɪn dʒɪm	doing physical exercise at a fitness centre as a way of keeping fit	He doesn't like working out in the gym .
yoga	noun	'jəʊgə	'joʊgə	an activity that involves doing physical and breathing exercises to make you stronger and to relax your mind and body	Sam does yoga every morning.

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Food groups					
avocado	noun	ˌævəˈkɑːdəʊ	ˌævəˈkɑdoʊ	a fruit with green or black skin, a very large seed in the middle, and pale green flesh that does not taste sweet	It is much cheaper to buy avocados in South America than in the UK.
banana	noun	bəˈnɑːnə	bəˈnɑnə	a long curved fruit with a yellow skin	She bought a bunch of bananas .
cod	noun	kɒd	kɑd	a type of fish which is commonly eaten	Cod is my favourite fish.
fruit	noun	fruːt	frut	a type of food that grows on trees or plants and which tastes sweet.	Peaches are my favourite fruit .
grain	noun	ɡreɪn		the seeds from crops such as wheat, rice, or barley that are used for food	Can I have 3 bags of mixed grain , please?
lettuce	noun	ˈletɪs	ˈletəs	a vegetable with large thin green leaves that you eat raw in a salad	There is too much lettuce in this sandwich.
lobster	noun	ˈlɒbstə(r)	ˈlɑbstər	a shellfish that has a long body, eight legs, and two claws	The lobster in this restaurant is delicious but very expensive.
oats	noun	əʊts	oʊts	a type of grain that people and animals eat	Horses love eating oats .
rice	noun	raɪs		a food consisting of small white or brown grains that are eaten cooked	Rice is a very popular food in Asia.
seafood	noun	ˈsiːfuːd	ˈsiːfud	fish and shellfish that you can eat	You get good seafood here.
shrimp	noun	ʃrɪmp		a small shellfish with a lot of legs	I'll have the shrimp curry please.
tomato	noun	təˈmɑːtəʊ	təˈmeɪtoʊ	a round red fruit eaten as a vegetable raw in salads or cooked	I eat tomatoes almost every day.
tuna	noun	ˈtjuːnə	ˈtunə	a type of fish which is commonly eaten	Would you like tuna or cheese?
vegetable	noun	ˈvedʒtəb(ə)l	ˈvedʒ(ə)təb(ə)l	a part of a plant used as food, for example potatoes, beans, or cabbages	Eat more fresh fruit, vegetables , and salads.
wheat	noun	wiːt	wɪt	a tall plant that produces grain for making bread and other foods	A large quantity of wheat was grown by East Asian farmers last year.

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Feelings					
anxious	adjective	'æŋkʃəs		worried because you think something bad might happen	His silence made me anxious .
cheerful	adjective	'tʃɪə(r)f(ə)l	'tʃɪrf(ə)l	behaving in a happy, friendly way	Stephen was a cheerful , affectionate child.
confused	adjective	kən'fju:zd	kən'fjuzd	unable to understand something or think clearly about it	She was starting to feel a bit confused .
glad	adjective	glæd		happy and pleased about something	She was so glad to have met him.
nervous	adjective	'nɜ:(r)vəs	'nɜrvəs	feeling excited and worried, or slightly afraid	Driving on mountain roads always makes me nervous .
pleased	adjective	pli:zd	plizd	happy and satisfied	It took a long time to complete the work, but I'm very pleased with the results.
relaxed	adjective	rɪ'lækst		calm and not worried	Bill came back from his holiday looking relaxed and tanned.
scared	adjective	skeə(r)d	skerd	frightened, or worried	Louise is scared of flying.
Shortened words					
aeroplane (plane)	noun	'eərə,pleɪn (pleɪn)	'erə,pleɪn (pleɪn)	an aircraft with wings and at least one engine	They travelled by plane .
information (info)	noun	ˌɪnfə(r)'meɪʃ(ə)n ('ɪnfəʊ)	ˌɪnfə(r)'meɪʃ(ə)n ('ɪnfəʊ)	knowledge or facts about someone or something	We were able to get the info we needed from the internet.
internet (net)	noun	ˌɪntə(r),net (net)	'ɪntər,net (net)	millions of computers linked together in a network that allows people all over the world to exchange information	Do you have access to the net ?
introduction (intro)	noun	ˌɪntroʊ'dʌkʃ(ə)n ('ɪntroʊ)	ˌɪntroʊ'dʌkʃ(ə)n ('ɪntroʊ)	the process of telling someone another person's name when they meet for the first time	Intros are unnecessary since you all know each other.
microphone (mic)	noun	'maɪkrə,fəʊn (maɪk)	'maɪkrə,fəʊn (maɪk)	a piece of equipment for making someone's voice louder when they are speaking, performing or recording something	Unfortunately the mic wasn't loud enough, so we couldn't hear.
mobile phone (phone)	noun	'məʊbaɪl fəʊn (fəʊn)	'moʊb(ə)l fəʊn (fəʊn)	a small phone that you can carry around with you	The man was speaking loudly on his phone .
newspaper (paper)	noun	'nju:z,peɪpə(r) (peɪpə(r))	'nu:z,peɪpər (peɪpər)	a set of large printed sheets of folded paper containing news, articles, and other information, usually published every day	Katy was sitting alone reading the paper .
suitcase (case)	noun	'su:t,keɪs (keɪs)	sut,keɪs (keɪs)	a large container with flat sides and a handle used for carrying clothes and other things when you travel	She took two large cases on holiday.

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university (uni)	noun	ju:nɪ'vɜ:zɪ(r)səti ('ju:ni)	junɪ'vɜ:rsəti ('ju:ni)	an educational institution where students study for degrees and where academic research is done	He studied at Bristol uni .
website (site)	noun	web,saɪt (saɪt)		a place on the internet where information is available about a particular subject or organization	For more information, check the site .
Phrasal verbs					
bring up	phrasal verb	brɪŋ ʌp		to look after a child until he or she becomes an adult	She brought up three sons on her own.
drop out	phrasal verb	drɒp aʊt	drɑp aʊt	to leave something such as an activity, school, or competition before you have finished what you intended to do	She was injured in the first round and had to drop out .
fall out	phrasal verb	fɔ:l aʊt	fɔl aʊt	to stop being friendly with someone because you have had a disagreement with them	Have you two fallen out ?
give up	phrasal verb	gɪv ʌp		to stop doing something that you do regularly	His wife finally persuaded him to give up smoking.
grow up	phrasal verb	grəʊ ʌp	groʊ ʌp	to change from being a baby or young child to being an older child or adult	She's really starting to grow up now.
make up	phrasal verb	meɪk ʌp		to invent an explanation for something, especially to avoid being punished or embarrassed	He made up some excuse about the dog eating his homework.

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Music					
album	noun	'ælbəm		a collection of several songs or pieces of music recorded as an MP3 file, on a CD etc.	The band will release their third album in May.
audience	noun	'ɔ:diəns	'ɔ:diəns	a group of people who have come to a place to see or hear a film, performance, speech etc.	She would be addressing an audience of three thousand teachers.
catchy	adjective	'kætʃi		a tune or phrase which attracts your attention and is easy to remember	I like this song because it's very catchy .
cover song	noun	'kʌvə sɒŋ	'kʌvər sɒŋ	a new performance or recording by someone other than the original artist or composer	The band did a few cover songs .
drummer	noun	'drʌmə(r)	'drʌmə	someone who plays the drums in a band	The drummer was very talented.
drums	noun	drʌmz		a musical instrument consisting of a tight skin stretched over a round frame that you hit with your hands or a stick	He wanted to learn to play the drums .
gig	noun	ɡɪɡ		a public performance, especially of jazz or popular music	Live gigs are the most enjoyable part of my work.
guitar	noun	ɡɪ'tɑ:(r)	ɡɪ'tɑ:	a musical instrument with six strings, used in a wide variety of musical styles. It can be acoustic or electric	Hank is on guitar , with Nelson on drums.
guitarist	noun	ɡɪ'tɑ:rɪst	ɡɪ'tɑ:rɪst	a person who plays a guitar	She is the guitarist in the band.
keyboard	noun	'ki:t,bɔ:(r)d	kɪ,bɔ:rd	the part of a musical instrument such as a piano that has keys that you touch to make notes	She was saving up to buy a new keyboard .
light show	noun	laɪt ʃəʊ	laɪt ʃoʊ	a spectacle of coloured lights that move and change	The light show was very impressive.
live	adjective	laɪv		a television or radio programme which can be watched or listened to at the same time as it happens	A popular live TV comedy series <i>The Late Show</i> .
lyrics	noun	'lɪrɪks		the words of a song	The lyrics were very touching.
microphone	noun	'maɪkrə,fəʊn	'maɪkrə,fəʊn	a piece of equipment for making someone's voice louder when they are speaking, performing, or recording something	Unfortunately the microphone wasn't loud enough so we couldn't hear.
on tour	phrase	ɒn tuə(r)	ɒn tu:	travelling to a place to play	They have been on tour in Europe.
singer	noun	'sɪŋə(r)	'sɪŋər	someone who sings well or as a job	She is a singer in a band.
stage	noun	steɪdʒ		the part of a theatre where the actors or musicians perform	They had been on stage for over four hours.

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Types of art					
abstract art	noun	'æbstrækt ɑ:(r)t	'æb,strækt ɑrt	a trend in painting and sculpture which seeks to break away from the traditional representation of objects	She is interested in abstract art .
exhibition	noun	,eksɪ'bjʃ(ə)n		a public show where art or other interesting things are put and people can go to look at them	There is an exhibition of paintings by Henri Matisse.
gallery	noun	'gæləri	'gæl(ə)ri	a public building where you can look at paintings and other works of art	They looked around the National Portrait Gallery .
landscape	noun	læn(d),skeɪp	'lænd,skeɪp	a painting of an area of land	We saw an exhibition of Paul Gunn's most recent landscapes .
photograph	noun	'fəʊtə,grɑ:f	'fəʊtə,græf	a picture of something that you make with a camera	Do you have a photograph of your children?
portrait	noun	'pɔ:(r)trɪt	'pɔ:trət	a painting, drawing or photograph of someone, especially of their face	She drew a portrait of him.
sculpture	noun	'skʌlptʃə(r)	'skʌlptʃər	a solid object that someone makes as a work of art by shaping a substance such as stone, metal, or wood	Works to be shown include sculptures by Houdon and Carpeaux.
still life	noun	stɪl laɪf		a type of art that represents objects rather than people, animals, or the countryside	The still life of the fruit bowl is excellent.
Film and book genres					
action	noun	'ækʃ(ə)n		typically include violence, extended fighting, physical feats, and frantic chases	John wanted to see an action film.
adventure	noun	əd'ventʃə(r)	əd'ventʃər	typically use their action scenes to display and explore exotic locations	Adventure films were her favourite.
animated	noun	'æni,meɪtɪd	'æni,meɪtəd	a series of drawings that are shown quickly one after another so that they look as if they are moving	The children enjoyed the animated film.
autobiography	noun	,ɔ:təʊbaɪ'ɒgrəfi	,ɔ:təʊbaɪ'ɑgrəfi	a book about your life that you write yourself	It was an interesting autobiography of his life as a politician.
biography	noun	baɪ'ɒgrəfi		a book that someone writes about someone else's life	The biography of his life was very accurate.
biopic	noun	'baɪəʊ,pɪk	'baɪəʊ,pɪk	a film based on the events of someone's life	Have you seen the Jesse James biopic ?
comedy	noun	'kɒmədi	'kɑmədi	a funny film, play or television programme	It's a fast-moving comedy about the antics of a group of flatmates.
costume drama	noun	'kɒstju:m 'drɑ:mə	'kɑstjum 'drɑmə	a play or film about a particular historical period in which the actors wear clothes typical of that period	I love to watch costume dramas .

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fairy tale	noun	'feəri teɪl	'feri teɪl	a traditional children's story in which magical things happen	My daughter likes films and books about fairy tales .
fantasy	noun	'fæntəsi		a story that shows a lot of imagination and is very different from real life	The fantasy film was very original.
historical	adjective	hɪ'stɔːrɪk(ə)l	hɪ'stɔːrɪk(ə)l	a historical novel or film is based on people or events that existed in the past	Watching historical films is an easy way to learn about the past.
horror	noun	'hɒrə(r)	'hɔːrər	books and films that are intended to frighten people	I hate horror films because I don't like feeling scared.
musical	noun	'mjuːzɪk(ə)l	'mjuzɪk(ə)l	a play or film in which there are a lot of songs	They saw the classic musical <i>The Sound of Music</i> .
romantic comedy (rom-com)	noun	rəʊ,mæntɪk 'kɒmədi	rəʊ,mæntɪk 'kɒmədi	a film or TV show that deals with love in a light-hearted way	Danielle wanted to watch a rom-com .
science fiction (sci-fi)	noun	'saɪəns 'fɪkʃ(ə)n		books and films about imaginary future events and characters, often dealing with space travel and life on other planets	Frank would rather watch a sci-fi film than a rom-com.
thriller	noun	'θrɪlə(r)	'θrɪlər	a book, play, or film that tells an exciting story, especially about something dangerous like a crime	The lead actor in the thriller was excellent.
western	noun	'westə(r)n	'westərn	a film about the western United States in the 1800s, usually with cowboys	My Dad likes western films but I think they are boring.
Adjectives for describing films and books					
amazed	adjective	ə'meɪzd		very surprised	We were absolutely amazed at the response to our appeal.
amazing	adjective	ə'meɪzɪŋ		very surprising	Her story was quite amazing .
bored	adjective	bɔː(r)d	bɔːrd	feeling impatient or dissatisfied, because you are not interested in something or because you have nothing to do	The children were bored during the lesson.
boring	adjective	'bɔːrɪŋ	'bɔːrɪŋ	not at all interesting, and something that makes you feel impatient or dissatisfied	It's a boring badly-paid job.
disappointed	adjective	,dɪsə'pɔɪntɪd		unhappy because something that you hoped for or expected did not happen or because someone or something was not as good as you expected	She was disappointed that he never replied to her letter.
disappointing	adjective	,dɪsə'pɔɪntɪŋ		not as good as you had hoped for or expected	This year's sales figures were very disappointing .
engaged	adjective	ɪn'geɪdʒd		involved in doing something	Her team knew they were engaged in work of great importance.
engaging	adjective	ɪn'geɪdʒɪŋ		occupies the attention of someone	His speech was very engaging .

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exciting	adjective	ɪk'saɪtɪŋ		making you feel happy and enthusiastic because something good is going to happen	The launch of our digital satellite service is one of the most exciting things I've worked on.
gripped	adjective	ɡrɪpt		very interested and excited	The case has gripped the public because of the celebrities involved.
gripping	adjective	'ɡrɪpɪŋ		very interesting and exciting	The documentary was gripping .
interesting	adjective	'ɪnrəstɪŋ		something that makes you want to know more about it	She's an interesting new writer.
memorable	adjective	'mem(ə)rəb(ə)l		worth remembering or easy to remember, because of being special in some way	The romantic evening cruise will be a memorable experience.
moved	adjective	mu:vd	muvd	affected emotionally	You will be moved by the touching documentary.
moving	adjective	'mu:vɪŋ	'muvɪŋ	making you feel emotional	His letter was deeply moving .

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Prepositions in money phrases					
attitude to something	phrase	'æɪ,tjuːd tu: 'sʌmθɪŋ	'æɪ,tud tu 'sʌmθɪŋ	someone's opinions or feelings about something, especially as shown by their behaviour	People here have a more relaxed attitude to their work.
borrow money from somebody	phrase	'bɒrəʊ 'mʌni frɒm 'sʌmbədi	'bɔːrəʊ 'mʌni frʌm 'sʌm,bədi	to receive money that belongs to someone else, and promise to give it back to them later	I will have to borrow money from somebody to pay for it.
lend money to somebody	phrase	lend 'mʌni tu: 'sʌmbədi	lend 'mʌni tu 'sʌm,bədi	to give someone money, expecting that they will pay it back to you later	I lent money to my friend and she hasn't given it back to me.
pay by card	phrase	peɪ baɪ kɑ:(r)d	peɪ baɪ kɑrd	to use a debit or credit card as payment	Can I pay by card ?
pay for something	phrase	peɪ fɔ: 'sʌmθɪŋ	peɪ fɔr 'sʌmθɪŋ	to give money in order to buy something	Let me pay for dinner.
pay in cash	phrase	peɪ ɪn kæʃ		to use money as payment	Can I pay in cash ?
save up	phrase	seɪv ʌp		to regularly put money in a bank or invest it so that you can use it later	I'm saving up for a new car.
spend money on	phrase	spend 'mʌni ɒn	spend 'mʌni ɒn	to use money to pay for something	We're spending a lot more money on food than we used to.
take money out of the ATM	phrase	teɪk 'mʌni aʊt ɒv ðɪ ,eɪ ti: 'em	teɪk 'mʌni aʊt ʌv ðɪ ,eɪ ti 'em	withdraw money from your bank account from a cash machine	I need to take money out of the ATM before we go to the restaurant.
Verbs connected with money					
donate	verb	dəʊ'neɪt	'doʊ,neɪt	to give something such as money or goods to an organization	The centre was bought with money donated by a wealthy businessman.
earn	verb	ɜ:(r)n	ɜrn	to receive money for work that you do	She doesn't earn much money, but she enjoys the work.
give away	verb	gɪv ə'weɪ		to provide someone with something that you no longer want or need	I gave away any plants that were left to my neighbours.
lose	verb	lu:z	luz	to make less money than you spend or invest	The company lost more than £5 million last year.
make	verb	meɪk		to earn or get money	She makes about £2,000 a month.
owe	verb	əʊ	oʊ	to have to give someone a particular amount of money because you have bought something from them or have borrowed money from them	Tell me how much I owe , and I'll give it to you.
raise	verb	reɪz		to collect money for a particular purpose	We managed to raise over £4,000 through sponsored events.
support	verb	sə'pɔ:(r)t	sə'pɔrt	to provide money, food, shelter, or other things that someone needs in order to live	How can we support our families on such low wages?

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make and do expressions					
do the cleaning	phrase	du: 'kli:niŋ	du 'klinɪŋ	the activity of making rooms in a building clean	Who does the cleaning and cooking in your house?
do the ironing	phrase	du: ði 'aɪə(r)nɪŋ	du ði 'aɪrniŋ	the activity of making clothes smooth with an iron	If you do the ironing , I'll clean the bathroom.
do research	phrase	du: ri'sɜ:(r)tʃ	du ri'sɜ:rtʃ	the detailed study of something in order to discover new facts, especially in a university or scientific institution	Are you doing any research at the moment?
do the shopping	phrase	du: ði: 'ʃɒpiŋ	du ði 'ʃɑpiŋ	the activity of going to a shop to buy things	I don't suppose you've had a chance to do the shopping yet?
do a favour	phrase	du: ə 'feɪvə(r)	du ə 'feɪvər	something that you do for someone in order to help them	Could you do me a favour ?
do damage	phrase	du: 'dæmɪdʒ	du 'dæmɪdʒ	physical harm caused to something so that it is broken, spoiled, or injured	They did some damage to the outside of the building.
do homework	phrase	du: 'həʊm,wɜ:(r)k	du 'həʊm,wɜrk	work that a teacher gives a student to do after the class	Have the kids done their homework ?
make a complaint	phrase	meɪk ə kəm'pleɪnt		a written or spoken statement in which someone says they are not satisfied with something	I intend to make a complaint .
make a living	phrase	meɪk ə 'lɪvɪŋ		money that you earn to live on	She makes a living as a music teacher.
make a mess	phrase	meɪk ə mes		a situation in which a place is dirty or untidy	Try not to make a mess because I've been cleaning.
make a mistake	phrase	meɪk ə mɪ'steɪk		something that you have not done correctly, or something you say or think that is not correct	I won't make the same mistake again!
make a profit	phrase	meɪk ə 'prɒfɪt	meɪk ə 'prɑfɪt	money that you make by selling something or from your business, especially the money that remains after you have paid all your business costs	Investors have made a 14% profit in just 3 months.
make an offer	phrase	meɪk ən 'ɒfə(r)	meɪk ən 'ɒfər	to let someone know that you will give them something if they want it	He made me an offer I couldn't refuse.

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Electronic devices					
drone	noun	drəʊn	draʊn	an aircraft that does not have a pilot but is controlled from the ground	The drone buzzed in the sky.
e-reader	noun	'i:ri:də(r)	'iridə(r)	a small machine on which you can read books and documents or connect to the internet	She took her e-reader on the flight.
fitness tracker	noun	'fɪtnəs 'trækə(r)	'fɪtnəs 'trækər	a wearable device or a computer application that records a person's daily physical activity	Kate bought her husband a fitness tracker for his birthday.
GPS	noun	,dʒi: pi: 'es	,dʒi pi 'es	shortened form of global positioning system which is a system for finding exactly where you are anywhere in the world using satellites	We can use GPS to find the way.
laptop	noun	'læp,tɒp	'læp,tɑp	a small computer that you can carry with you	I'm going to work on the train, so I'll take my laptop with me.
power bank	noun	'paʊə bæŋk		a special battery in a special case with a special circuit to control power flow	I have a power bank in case my phone runs out of battery.
tablet	noun	'tæblət		a mobile computing device, larger than a mobile phone, that can browse the internet, display email, play music and video, and display e-books	The study notes can be read on your tablets .
USB drive	noun	ju: es 'bi: draɪv	ju es 'bi draɪv	Shortened form of universal serial bus which is a way of connecting a printer, keyboard, or other piece of equipment to a computer using a special cable and without having to turn the computer off and on again	I have the file on a USB drive .
Using devices and the internet					
block your account	phrase	blɒk jɔ: ə'kaʊnt	blɒk jʊ ə'kaʊnt	access to your account has been stopped, usually because of security	I'm afraid the system has blocked your account .
click on a link	phrase	klɪk ɒn ə lɪŋk	klɪk ɑn ə lɪŋk	to make the mouse select a link which takes the user to another screen	If you click on the link on our website, you will see what to do.
computer crashes	phrase	kəm'pjʊ:tə 'kræʃɪz	kəm'pjʊtər 'kræʃɪz	a computer programme stops functioning properly	I hate it when my computer crashes .
connect a USB drive	phrase	kə'nekt ə ju: es 'bi: draɪv	kə'nekt ə ju es 'bi draɪv	to insert a device which stores information into a computer	Mary connected a USB drive and looked for the document.
download an app	phrase	,daʊn'ləʊd ən æp	'daʊn,ləʊd ən æp	to copy an application so that you can use it	You need to download an app to access the information.
make a video call	phrase	meɪk ə 'vɪdɪəʊ kɔ:l	meɪk ə 'vɪdiəʊ kɔl	to see and speak to someone who is not physically with you by using an electronic device	I am making a video call to my aunt in New Zealand.
remember your password	phrase	rɪ'membə jɔ: 'pɑ:s,wɜ:z(r)d	rɪ'membər jʊ 'pæs,wɜ:rd	to not forget a code which allows access to something	You must remember your password .

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the screen freezes	phrase	ðə skri:n 'fri:zɪz	ðə skrin 'frɪzɪz	when a computer screen stops responding	If the screen freezes , try to restart your computer.
Collocations: science and research					
collect data	verb phrase	kə'lekt 'deɪtə		to gather information about something	He is collecting data for his research.
do experiments	verb phrase	du: ɪk'sperɪmənts	du ɪk'sperɪmənts	to conduct a scientific tests to find out what happens to someone or something in particular conditions	He has to do many experiments to get the results.
do research	verb phrase	du: rɪ'sɜ:(r)tʃ	du ri'sɜrtʃ	to conduct a detailed study of something in order to discover new facts, especially in a university or scientific institution	Are you doing any research at the moment?
follow a schedule	verb phrase	'fɒləʊ ə 'ʃedju:l	'fəloʊ ə 'ske,dʒul	to abide by a plan of activities or events and when they will happen	We have to follow a strict schedule to make sure everything gets done.
look for solutions	verb phrase	lʊk fɔ: sə'lju:ʃ(ə)nz	lʊk fɔr sə'ljuʃ(ə)ns	to try to find a way to solve a problem	I don't know what to do but I will help you look for solutions .
make a discovery	verb phrase	meɪk ə dɪ'skʌv(ə)ri	meɪk ə dɪ'skʌvəri	to learn something that was not known before	They made a surprising discovery in the lab.
make preparations	verb phrase	meɪk ,prepə'reɪʃ(ə)n		the process of making someone or something ready for something	They need to make preparations before they begin.
make/test new technology	verb phrase	meɪk/test nju: tek'nɒlədʒi	meɪk/test nu tek'nələdʒi	to try using a new invention such as a machine or a product to find out whether it works correctly or is satisfactory	They need to test the new technology before selling it to the public.
repair equipment	verb phrase	rɪ'peər ɪ'kwɪpmənt	rɪ'per ɪ'kwɪpmənt	fix the tools, machines, or other things that you need for a particular job or activity	I'm afraid it is broken so we will have to repair the equipment before you can use it.
solve problems	verb phrase	sɒlv 'prɒbləmz	səlv 'prəbləmz	to find solutions	He is good at solving problems as he thinks logically.

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Natural features					
bay	noun	beɪ		an area of the coast where the land curves inwards	The harbour lights were visible across the bay .
canal	noun	kə'næl		an artificial river	Canals were created to connect England's industrial cities with the sea.
canyon	noun	'kænjən		a long deep valley with very steep sides made of rock	There was an incredible view across the canyon .
cave	noun	keɪv		a large hole in the side of a hill or under the ground	We swam into the dark cave .
cliff	noun	klɪf		the steep side of an area of high land	They pushed the car over the edge of the cliff .
desert	noun	'dezə(r)t	'dezərt	a large area of land with few plants and little water and where the weather is always dry	It was hot in the desert without any shelter.
harbour	noun	'hɑ:(r)bə(r)		an area of water near the land where it is safe for boats to stay	The wind kept us in the harbour until the following afternoon.
lights	noun	laɪts		colourful bands of light that you can sometimes see in the sky in northern parts of the world	He looked up at the Northern Lights in the sky.
mountain	noun	'maʊntɪn	'maʊnt(ə)n	a natural structure like a very big hill that is much higher than the usual level of land around it	They went walking and climbing in the mountains .
ocean	noun	'əʊʃ(ə)n	'oʊʃ(ə)n	one of the large areas of salt water that cover most of the Earth	The Indian Ocean was a brilliant blue.
rainforest	noun	'reɪn,fɔ:ɪst		a forest in a tropical region of the world where it rains a lot	There is a campaign to halt the destruction of the rainforest .
reef	noun	ri:f	rɪf	a long line of rock or coral in the sea, with its top just below or just above the surface	She saw a colourful reef as she was swimming.
valley	noun	'væli		a low area of land between mountains or hills, usually with a river flowing through it	Their house has wonderful views across the valley .
volcano	noun	vɒl'keɪnəʊ		a mountain that forces hot gas, rocks, ash, and lava into the air through a hole at the top	The volcano last erupted over fifty years ago.
waterfall	noun	'wɔ:tə(r),fɔ:l	'wɔtə,rɔl	a place where water flows over the edge of a cliff, rock, or other steep place onto another level below	The children swam by the waterfall .
Animals					
alligator	noun	'æli,geɪtə(r)	'æli,geɪtər	a large reptile with a long tail, four short legs, a long pointed mouth, and sharp teeth	We saw an alligator when we were in the USA.
amphibian	noun	æm'fɪbiən		an animal that lives mainly on land, but produces its eggs and develops into its adult form in water	Toads and frogs are amphibians .

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ant	noun	ænt		a small insect that lives under the ground in large organized groups called colonies	There were many ants in the garden.
bear	noun	beə(r)	ber	a large wild animal with thick fur	The bear roamed the forest.
bee	noun	biː	bi	a flying insect that has black and yellow bands and can sting you	A bee buzzed around the garden.
bird	noun	bɜː(r)d	bɜrd	an animal covered in feathers, with two wings for flying and a hard pointed mouth called a beak or a bill	There were birds singing in the tree.
butterfly	noun	'bʌtə(r),flaɪ	'bʌtə,rflaɪ	a flying insect with large colourful wings	The butterfly had beautiful coloured wings.
crocodile	noun	'krɒkədəɪl	'krækə,dɑɪl	a large reptile that lives in water in hot countries. It has a long body and a long mouth with many sharp teeth	The crocodile looked angry.
duck	noun	dʌk		a water bird with short legs, webbed feet and a large flat beak	She took her son to the park to see the ducks .
eagle	noun	'iːg(ə)l	'ig(ə)l	a large bird that kills other birds and animals for food	An eagle flew in the sky.
elephant	noun	'elɪfənt	'eləfənt	a very large wild animal that lives in Africa and Asia. It has thick grey skin and a very long nose called a trunk	Jack dreamed of seeing elephants in the wild.
fish	noun	fɪʃ		an animal that lives in water and swims	The lake was full of fish .
fly	noun	flaɪ		a common small insect with wings	A trapped fly buzzed against the window pane.
frog	noun	fɹɒg	fɹɒg	a small animal with smooth skin that uses its long back legs to jump from place to place	There are frogs in the pond.
gorilla	noun	gə'ɹɪlə		a large strong African wild animal that is similar to a monkey but much larger and lives in forests	The gorilla is very big and strong.
insect	noun	'ɪnsekt	'ɪn,sekt	a small animal that has six legs and often has wings	I couldn't sleep because I thought there were insects in my tent.
lion	noun	'laɪən		a large African wild animal with golden fur	The lion slept as we drove by on safari.
lizard	noun	'lɪzə(r)d	'lɪzəd	a small animal with a long tail and rough skin that lives mainly in hot places	Steve saw a lizard in the garden.
mammal	noun	'mæm(ə)l	'mæm(ə)l	an animal that is born from its mother's body, not from an egg, and drinks its mother's milk as a baby	Many mammals can be found in the zoo.
monkey	noun	'mʌŋki		an animal with a long tail that climbs trees and uses its hands in the same way that people do	The monkeys were playing.

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mosquito	noun	mɒ'ski:təʊ	mə'skitu	a small flying insect that bites the skin of people and animals in order to feed on their blood	I have been bitten by a mosquito .
moth	noun	mɒθ	mɔθ	an insect like a butterfly that flies mostly at night	There is a moth flying around the lamp.
owl	noun	aʊl		a large bird with a big head and eyes and a small sharp beak	I heard an owl in the woods.
panda	noun	'pændə		a large Chinese wild animal with black and white fur	The panda slowly ate bamboo.
parrot	noun	'pærət	'perət	a brightly coloured tropical bird that is often kept as a pet and can be taught to say a few words	His parrot had multi-coloured feathers.
penguin	noun	'pɛŋɡwɪn		a black and white bird that lives by the sea around Antarctica and cannot fly	The penguins walked together to the sea.
reptile	noun	'reptɪl	'reptɪl	a type of cold-blooded animal that gives birth to young animals as eggs and whose body is covered in scales	Can we visit the reptile house to see the snakes?
shark	noun	ʃɑ:(r)k	ʃɑrk	a large fish with sharp teeth that lives in the sea	Swimmers should beware of sharks in the water.
snake	noun	sneɪk		a long thin animal with no legs and a smooth skin	The snake was in the grass.
tiger	noun	'taɪɡə(r)	'taɪɡər	a large Asian wild animal that has yellowish fur with black lines and is a member of the cat family	Some species of tigers are endangered.
toad	noun	təʊd	tuɔd	a small animal that is similar to a frog but has brown skin and lives mainly on land	The toad jumped in the lake.
tuna	noun	'tju:nə	'tunə	a large fish that lives in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans	I didn't realize how big tuna fish are.
somewhere, nowhere, everywhere, anywhere					
anywhere	adverb	'eni,weə(r)	'eni,wer	used for talking about whether someone or something exists in, or goes to, a place	He never travels anywhere without his camera.
everywhere	adverb	'evri,weə(r)	'evri,wer	used for talking about a very large area such as a region, a country, or the whole world	I'd like to thank all my fans everywhere for their support.
nowhere	adverb	'nəʊweə(r)	'noʊ,wer	used for talking about something that is not in any place	Nowhere on earth is free from ecological damage.
somewhere	adverb	'sʌmweə(r)	'sʌmwer	used for referring to a place when you do not know or say exactly where it is	I think I've seen you before somewhere .

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News expressions					
breaking news	noun	ˌbreɪkɪŋ ˈnjuːz	ˌbreɪkɪŋ ˈnuːz	new information about a news event that is still happening	Keep up with the latest breaking news and politics from around the world.
follow	verb	ˈfɒləʊ	ˈfɑloʊ	to be interested in the progress or development of someone or something	Have you been following the election campaign?
get the news	verb phrase	ɡet ðə ˈnjuːz	ɡet ðə ˈnuːz	to receive new information	Did you get the news about the new project?
journalist	noun	ˈdʒɜː(r)nəlɪst	ˈdʒɜrn(ə)lɪst	someone whose job is to report the news for a newspaper, magazine, radio programme, or television programme	It was an article by a leading sports journalist .
news headlines	noun	ˈnjuːz ˈhed,laɪnz	ˈnuːz ˈhed,laɪnz	the most important stories in the news	Here are the news headlines .
report	verb	rɪˈpɔː(r)t		to give information about something in a news article or broadcast	The story was reported differently on every news channel.
share	verb	ʃeə(r)	ʃer	to tell someone something	Many people share news stories on social media.
Television					
episode	noun	ˈepɪsəʊd	ˈepɪ,soʊd	a part of a television or radio story that is broadcast separately and forms one of a series	I have seen this episode already.
programme	noun	ˈprəʊɡræm		a television or radio broadcast	More people watch the news than any other programme .
season	noun	ˈsiːz(ə)n	ˈsiz(ə)n	a period of time when a series of films or television programmes are shown	There is a short season of films by the French director Bertrand Tavernier.
season finale	noun	ˈsiːzn fɪˈnɑːli	ˈsizən fəˈnæli	the last programme in a series, especially one that is very exciting or impressive	The season finale was gripping.
series	noun	ˈsɪəriːz	ˈsɪrɪz	a set of television or radio programmes that are all about a particular subject, person, or group of people	Tonight's programme is the second in a three-part series .
Advertising					
advertising campaign	noun	ˈædvə(r),taɪzɪŋ kæmˈpeɪn	ˈædvər,taɪzɪŋ kæmˈpeɪn	a series of things done to persuade people to buy a product or use a service	The new advertising campaign is very effective.
billboard	noun	ˈbɪl,bɔː(r)d	ˈbɪl,bɔrd	a large board for advertisements in an outside public place	The billboard was eye-catching to get people's attention.
brand	noun	brænd		a product or group of products that has its own name and is made by one particular company	We stock all leading brands .
connect with	phrase	kəˈnekt wɪð		to understand and relate to an idea	The adverts have connected with a lot of people.
eye-catching	adjective	aɪˈkætʃɪŋ		attractive or unusual and therefore noticed	The eye-catching design was very clever.

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grab your attention	phrase	græb jɔːr ə'tenʃ(ə)n	græb jʊr ə'tenʃ(ə)n	to draw or attract someone's attention	We need the front page to grab your attention .
logo	noun	'ləʊɡəʊ	'louɡou	a symbol that represents an organization or company, used for example in its advertisements or on its products	The logo is simple but effective.
message	noun	'mesɪdʒ		the main idea that you want people to remember from a speech, advertisement, article etc.	The film sends a clear message .
slogan	noun	'sləʊɡən	'sloʊɡən	a short phrase that is easy to remember and is used to advertise something or to express the beliefs of a political party or other group	The company revealed its new advertising slogan this week.