A2 English vocabulary list

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Mark the words you did not know and learn about ten a day. The free Word Trainer on the site brings each word back just before you would forget it.

Transport & Travel

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
passenger	A person travelling in a vehicle but not driving it.	The passenger waited patiently at the airport gate.
journey	The act of travelling from one place to another.	Our journey to the mountains took five hours.
luggage	The bags and cases you take when you travel.	She packed her luggage the night before the trip.
departure	The act of leaving a place, especially to travel.	The departure of our flight was delayed by an hour.
arrival	The act of reaching the place you are travelling to.	We checked the arrival time of the train.
platform	The raised area at a station where you get on a train.	The train to York leaves from platform two.
flight	A journey made by air in an aeroplane.	Our flight to Rome was very comfortable.
abroad	In or to a foreign country.	They travel abroad every summer.
tourist	A person who visits a place on holiday.	The tourist took photos of the old castle.
suitcase	A large case with a handle for carrying clothes when travelling.	My suitcase was too heavy to lift.
delay	A situation when something happens later than planned.	There was a long delay at the border.
distance	The amount of space between two places.	The distance between the two cities is short.
route	The way you take to get from one place to another.	We took the fastest route to the coast.
vehicle	A machine such as a car or bus that carries people or goods.	Every vehicle must stop at the red light.
passport	An official document that lets you travel to other countries.	Please show your passport at the desk.
harbour	A place by the sea where ships can stay safely.	Several boats were resting in the harbour.
fare	The money you pay to travel by bus, train or plane.	The bus fare went up last month.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
crossing	A journey across water, or a place where you cross a road.	The ferry crossing was rough because of the storm.
tunnel	A passage built under the ground or through a hill.	The train went through a long, dark tunnel.
motorway	A wide road for fast travel between cities.	There was heavy traffic on the motorway.
cancel	To decide that something planned will not happen.	They had to cancel the flight because of snow.
reserve	To arrange for something to be kept for you.	I want to reserve two seats on the night train.
depart	To leave, especially to start a journey.	The next train will depart in ten minutes.
arrive	To reach a place.	We will arrive in Paris at noon.
explore	To travel around a place to learn what it is like.	They love to explore new cities on foot.
destination	The place you are travelling to.	Our final destination was a small island.
guidebook	A book with information for tourists about a place.	I read the guidebook before the holiday.
backpack	A bag you carry on your back.	He carried a heavy backpack on the hike.
transport	The way people or goods are moved from place to place.	Public transport in the city is cheap and fast.
voyage	A long journey by sea or in space.	The long sea voyage lasted three weeks.

Food & Restaurants

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
menu	A list of the food and drinks you can order.	The waiter brought us the menu.
starter	A small dish eaten at the beginning of a meal.	I ordered soup as a starter.
dessert	A sweet dish eaten at the end of a meal.	We shared a chocolate dessert.
bill	A piece of paper showing how much you must pay.	Could we have the bill, please?
order	To ask for food or drink in a restaurant.	Are you ready to order your food?
delicious	Having a very pleasant taste.	The pasta was absolutely delicious.
recipe	A set of instructions for cooking a dish.	She followed her grandmother’s recipe.
ingredient	One of the foods used to make a dish.	Flour is the main ingredient in bread.
snack	A small amount of food eaten between meals.	I had a quick snack before lunch.
vegetable	A plant such as a carrot or potato eaten as food.	Carrots are my favourite vegetable.
meal	The food eaten at one time, such as breakfast or dinner.	Dinner is the biggest meal of the day.
plate	A flat, round dish you eat food from.	He put the food on a clean plate.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
taste	The flavour of food, or to try a small amount of it.	This soup has a wonderful taste.
fresh	Recently made or picked, and not old.	We bought fresh bread from the bakery.
fry	To cook food in hot oil.	I like to fry an egg for breakfast.
boil	To cook food in very hot water.	Boil the water before you add the rice.
chef	A person who cooks food in a restaurant as their job.	The chef prepared a special dish.
dish	Food prepared in a particular way as part of a meal.	This dish is very popular in Italy.
spicy	Having a strong, hot flavour from spices.	The curry was too spicy for me.
tip	Extra money you give to thank someone for good service.	We left a tip for the friendly waiter.
course	One separate part of a meal.	The main course was grilled fish.
flavour	The taste of a particular food or drink.	I love the flavour of fresh strawberries.
hungry	Wanting or needing to eat.	I am very hungry after the long walk.
thirsty	Wanting or needing to drink.	The hot weather made us thirsty.
bitter	Having a sharp, unpleasant taste, like strong coffee.	Black coffee tastes bitter.
sweet	Tasting of sugar.	This cake is very sweet.
serve	To bring food or drink to someone.	They serve breakfast until ten o’clock.
portion	The amount of food given to one person.	The portion of chips was very large.
vegetarian	A person who does not eat meat or fish.	My sister is a vegetarian.
bakery	A shop that makes and sells bread and cakes.	The bakery sells fresh cakes every morning.

Health & Body

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
medicine	A substance you take to treat an illness.	Take this medicine twice a day.
illness	A condition of being unwell or sick.	He missed school because of his illness.
fever	A body temperature that is higher than normal.	She has a high fever and must rest.
headache	A pain in your head.	I have a terrible headache today.
patient	A person who is being treated by a doctor.	The doctor examined the patient carefully.
pain	An unpleasant feeling in your body when you are hurt or ill.	He felt a sharp pain in his arm.
cough	To push air out of your throat with a sudden noise.	I have a bad cough and a sore throat.
healthy	Well and not ill; good for your body.	Eating fruit keeps you healthy.
injury	Harm done to your body, for example in an accident.	The injury kept him out of the game.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
chemist	A shop that sells medicines, or the person who works there.	I bought the medicine at the chemist.
flu	An illness like a bad cold, with fever and aches.	She caught the flu last winter.
recover	To become well again after being ill.	It took a week to recover from the illness.
treatment	The care given to help someone get better.	The treatment helped him feel better.
appointment	An arranged time to see someone, such as a doctor.	I have a doctor’s appointment at three.
ambulance	A vehicle that takes ill people to hospital.	They called an ambulance after the accident.
bandage	A strip of cloth you wrap around an injury.	The nurse put a bandage on the cut.
exercise	Activity you do to keep your body strong and healthy.	Daily exercise is good for your heart.
sore	Painful when touched or used.	My legs are sore after the run.
blood	The red liquid that flows through your body.	The doctor took a sample of his blood.
breath	The air you take into and let out of your lungs.	Take a deep breath and relax.
weight	How heavy a person or thing is.	He is trying to lose some weight.
diet	The food you usually eat, or eating less to lose weight.	A balanced diet keeps you strong.
surgery	A medical operation, or the place where a doctor works.	The doctor’s surgery opens at eight.
tablet	A small, hard piece of medicine you swallow.	Take one tablet with water.
sneeze	To suddenly push air out through your nose and mouth.	Cover your mouth when you sneeze.
dizzy	Feeling that everything is turning around you.	I felt dizzy after standing up quickly.
wound	An injury where the skin is cut or broken.	The nurse cleaned the wound gently.
cure	To make an ill person healthy again.	Scientists are looking for a cure.
stress	A feeling of worry caused by a difficult situation.	Too much work can cause stress.
checkup	A medical examination to see if you are healthy.	I go for a checkup once a year.

Work & Jobs

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
office	A room or building where people do their work.	She works in a busy office in the city.
salary	The money a person is paid for their job each month.	He earns a good salary at his new job.
employee	A person who works for a company or another person.	Every employee gets a free lunch.
employer	A person or company that pays others to work.	My employer is a large company.
meeting	An event where people come together to talk about something.	We have a meeting at nine o’clock.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
colleague	A person you work with.	My colleague helped me with the report.
interview	A meeting where someone is asked questions for a job.	She has a job interview tomorrow.
career	The series of jobs a person has during their working life.	He wants a career in medicine.
customer	A person who buys goods or services.	The customer asked for a refund.
staff	All the people who work for a company.	The staff are very friendly and helpful.
company	A business that makes or sells goods or services.	The company has offices in many countries.
project	A planned piece of work with a particular aim.	We finished the project on time.
deadline	The time by which something must be finished.	The deadline for the report is Friday.
experience	The knowledge and skill you get from doing something.	She has five years of experience.
skill	The ability to do something well.	Typing fast is a useful skill.
wage	Money paid to a worker, usually each week or hour.	He receives his wage every Friday.
factory	A building where goods are made using machines.	They make cars in this factory.
uniform	Special clothes worn by people in the same job.	Nurses wear a blue uniform.
apply	To ask officially for a job, place or thing.	I want to apply for the manager’s job.
client	A person who pays for a service or advice.	The client signed the new contract.
contract	A written agreement, for example about a job.	She signed a two-year contract.
retire	To stop working, usually because of your age.	My grandfather will retire next year.
earn	To get money by working.	How much do you earn each month?
employ	To pay someone to work for you.	The hotel will employ ten new workers.
task	A piece of work that must be done.	My first task was to answer the phone.
promotion	A move to a more important job.	She got a promotion after two years.
overtime	Extra hours worked beyond the normal time.	He worked overtime to finish the job.
break	A short rest from work.	We have a short break at eleven.
shift	A set period of work time, such as day or night.	She works the night shift at the hospital.
business	The activity of buying and selling goods or services.	They started a small business together.

Shopping & Money

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
discount	An amount taken off the normal price.	We got a big discount on the sofa.
receipt	A piece of paper showing what you have paid for.	Keep your receipt in case of problems.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
price	The amount of money you must pay for something.	The price of petrol is rising.
cash	Money in the form of coins and notes.	I paid for the shoes in cash.
cheap	Costing little money.	These vegetables are very cheap.
expensive	Costing a lot of money.	That watch is too expensive for me.
sale	A time when a shop sells things at lower prices.	I bought this jacket in the sale.
wallet	A small flat case for carrying money and cards.	He keeps his money in a leather wallet.
coin	A piece of money made of metal.	She dropped a coin on the floor.
spend	To use money to buy things.	I try not to spend too much money.
save	To keep money instead of spending it.	We save money for our holidays.
afford	To have enough money to buy something.	I cannot afford a new car this year.
bargain	Something bought for less than its usual price.	This coat was a real bargain.
refund	Money given back when you return something.	The shop gave me a full refund.
cost	The amount of money needed to buy something.	How much does this bag cost?
pay	To give money for goods or services.	Can I pay by card?
trolley	A large basket on wheels used in a shop.	She filled her trolley with food.
shelf	A flat board on a wall where things are placed.	The milk is on the top shelf.
brand	The name of a product made by a particular company.	This is my favourite brand of shoes.
quality	How good or bad something is.	The quality of this shirt is excellent.
checkout	The place in a shop where you pay.	There was a long queue at the checkout.
queue	A line of people waiting for something.	We waited in the queue for ten minutes.
credit	A way of buying now and paying later.	She paid with a credit card.
owe	To need to pay money back to someone.	I owe my friend ten pounds.
borrow	To take something for a while and give it back later.	Can I borrow some money until Friday?
lend	To let someone use something of yours for a while.	She agreed to lend me her umbrella.
purse	A small bag for money, often used by women.	Her purse was in her handbag.
value	How much something is worth.	This phone is great value for money.
waste	To use something badly or for no good reason.	Do not waste your money on that.
budget	A plan of how much money you can spend.	We planned a budget for the trip.

Technology & Internet

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
computer	An electronic machine that stores and works with information.	I use my computer for work every day.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
internet	The worldwide system that connects computers together.	The internet is very slow today.
website	A set of pages on the internet about a subject.	Our school has a new website.
password	A secret word or code used to enter an account.	I forgot my email password.
screen	The flat part of a device where you see pictures and text.	The phone has a large screen.
keyboard	The set of keys you press to type on a computer.	She typed quickly on the keyboard.
laptop	A small computer you can carry and use anywhere.	He carries his laptop to the office.
email	A message sent from one computer to another.	I sent an email to my teacher.
message	A piece of written or spoken information sent to someone.	She left a message on my phone.
download	To copy something from the internet to your device.	You can download the app for free.
upload	To send something from your device to the internet.	Please upload your photo here.
file	A collection of information stored on a computer.	I saved the file on my computer.
software	The programs that tell a computer what to do.	The new software is easy to use.
battery	A device that stores power for a machine.	My phone battery is almost empty.
charger	A device used to fill a battery with power.	I left my charger at home.
online	Connected to the internet.	I bought the tickets online.
network	A group of computers connected together.	The wifi network is not working.
device	A machine made for a particular purpose, like a phone.	This device connects to the internet.
app	A program you use on a phone or computer.	There is an app for learning English.
search	To try to find information, especially on the internet.	I search the internet for information.
click	To press a button on a mouse or a screen.	Click the button to start the game.
printer	A machine that puts text or pictures onto paper.	The printer is out of paper.
social	Relating to meeting and talking with other people.	She spends hours on social media.
update	To make something more modern or add new information.	Please update the app to the new version.
account	A personal record that lets you use a service online.	I created an account on the website.
virus	A harmful program that can damage a computer.	A virus damaged my computer.
connect	To join one thing to another.	I cannot connect to the internet.
data	Information, especially stored by a computer.	The app uses a lot of mobile data.
headphones	A device worn over the ears to listen privately.	He listens to music with his headphones.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
webcam	A small camera connected to a computer.	We talked using a webcam.

Free Time & Hobbies

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
painting	The activity or art of making pictures with paint.	Painting is a relaxing hobby.
collection	A group of similar things kept together.	He has a large collection of stamps.
chess	A game for two players using pieces on a board.	They play chess every weekend.
camping	Staying outdoors in a tent for a holiday.	We go camping in the forest every summer.
fishing	The activity of catching fish.	My uncle enjoys fishing at the lake.
gardening	The activity of growing plants in a garden.	Gardening keeps my grandmother busy.
baking	Cooking food such as bread or cakes in an oven.	She loves baking cakes on Sundays.
knitting	Making clothes from wool using long needles.	Knitting is a popular winter hobby.
drawing	Making pictures with a pen or pencil.	His drawing of the cat is excellent.
concert	A public event where music is performed.	We went to a concert last night.
puzzle	A game or problem that tests your thinking.	She finished the puzzle in an hour.
hiking	The activity of walking long distances in the countryside.	Hiking in the hills is great exercise.
photography	The art of taking photographs.	Photography is his main interest.
dancing	Moving your body in time with music.	Dancing makes her very happy.
instrument	An object used to make music, such as a guitar.	The piano is a beautiful instrument.
pastime	Something you do for enjoyment in your free time.	Reading is my favourite pastime.
theatre	A building where plays are performed.	We watched a play at the theatre.
collect	To gather similar things together as a hobby.	He likes to collect old coins.
relax	To rest and become calm.	I relax by listening to music.
enjoy	To get pleasure from something.	They enjoy walking in the park.
volunteer	To offer to do something helpful without being paid.	She works as a volunteer at the library.
cycling	The activity of riding a bicycle.	Cycling is a cheap way to travel.
magazine	A thin book with articles and pictures, sold regularly.	I read a magazine on the train.
craft	An activity of making things skilfully with your hands.	Making jewellery is a fun craft.
club	A group of people who meet for a shared activity.	He joined the chess club at school.
board game	A game played on a board, such as chess.	We played a board game after dinner.
jog	To run slowly for exercise.	I jog in the park every morning.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
sketch	To make a quick, simple drawing.	She drew a quick sketch of the river.
pottery	The art of making pots and bowls from clay.	He takes a pottery class on Tuesdays.
leisure	Free time when you can do what you enjoy.	People have more leisure time at weekends.

Feelings & Emotions

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
excited	Feeling very happy and eager about something.	She was excited about the trip.
nervous	Feeling worried or afraid about what might happen.	He felt nervous before the exam.
angry	Feeling strong displeasure about something.	She was angry about the broken window.
afraid	Feeling fear.	I am afraid of big dogs.
proud	Feeling pleased about something good you have done.	They are proud of their daughter.
lonely	Feeling sad because you are alone.	He felt lonely in the new city.
bored	Feeling tired and impatient because nothing interests you.	The children were bored on the long journey.
surprised	Feeling that something unexpected has happened.	We were surprised by the good news.
worried	Feeling anxious about a problem.	She is worried about her exam results.
calm	Relaxed and not worried or upset.	Try to stay calm during the test.
confident	Feeling sure about yourself and your abilities.	He felt confident before the interview.
jealous	Feeling unhappy because you want what someone else has.	She was jealous of her brother’s new bike.
embarrassed	Feeling ashamed or uncomfortable in front of others.	He felt embarrassed when he fell.
relaxed	Calm and free from worry.	I feel relaxed after a long bath.
upset	Feeling unhappy or worried about something.	She was upset about losing the game.
cheerful	Happy and positive.	He gave us a cheerful smile.
disappointed	Sad because something was not as good as you hoped.	We were disappointed by the film.
scared	Feeling frightened.	The loud noise scared the baby.
grateful	Feeling thankful for something.	I am grateful for your help.
emotion	A strong feeling such as love, anger or fear.	Fear is a powerful emotion.
mood	The way you feel at a particular time.	She is in a good mood today.
stressed	Feeling worried because of too much pressure.	He felt stressed before the deadline.
comfortable	Feeling relaxed and free from pain or worry.	This chair is very comfortable.
shy	Nervous or uncomfortable with other people.	The shy boy did not speak in class.
annoyed	Slightly angry.	She was annoyed by the loud music.
delighted	Very pleased.	They were delighted with the present.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
anxious	Worried and nervous.	He felt anxious about the flight.
content	Happy and satisfied with what you have.	She felt content with her simple life.
miserable	Very unhappy.	The rain made everyone miserable.
fear	The feeling you have when you are afraid.	He has a fear of high places.

Education & Learning

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
university	A place where people study for degrees after school.	She studies law at university.
subject	An area of knowledge studied at school, such as maths.	History is my favourite subject.
degree	A qualification given by a university.	He has a degree in engineering.
knowledge	The information and understanding you have about something.	Reading gives you a lot of knowledge.
lecture	A talk given to teach people about a subject.	The lecture lasted two hours.
grade	A mark that shows how good your work is.	She got a high grade in maths.
term	One of the periods the school year is divided into.	The new term starts in September.
revise	To study again before an exam.	I need to revise for my exams.
notes	Short pieces of writing to help you remember something.	He took notes during the lesson.
essay	A piece of writing about a particular subject.	She wrote an essay about pollution.
textbook	A book used for studying a subject.	Open your textbook to page ten.
professor	A senior teacher at a university.	The professor explained the theory.
classroom	A room where lessons take place.	The classroom was full of students.
pupil	A child who is taught at school.	Each pupil has a small desk.
mistake	Something done wrong.	I made a mistake in my homework.
correct	Right, without any mistakes.	All her answers were correct.
learn	To gain knowledge or skill.	Children learn quickly at this age.
teach	To help someone learn something.	She will teach us French this year.
research	Careful study to discover new facts.	He is doing research on bees.
diploma	A document showing you have completed a course.	She received a diploma in nursing.
test	A set of questions to check what someone knows.	We have a spelling test on Monday.
score	The number of points or marks you get.	He got a good score on the test.
pass	To succeed in an exam or test.	I hope to pass all my exams.
fail	To not succeed in an exam or test.	She was sad to fail the driving test.
schedule	A plan of when things will happen.	Our class schedule changes every term.
progress	The improvement you make over time.	You have made good progress this year.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
behave	To act in a particular way, especially well.	The children behave well in class.
concentrate	To give all your attention to something.	It is hard to concentrate when it is noisy.
explain	To make something clear and easy to understand.	Can you explain this word to me?
education	The process of teaching and learning.	A good education is very important.

House & Home

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
furniture	Things like tables, chairs and beds used in a home.	We bought new furniture for the living room.
wardrobe	A tall cupboard for keeping clothes.	Her clothes are in the wardrobe.
cupboard	A piece of furniture with doors for storing things.	The plates are in the kitchen cupboard.
drawer	A box that slides in and out of furniture for storage.	He keeps his socks in the top drawer.
carpet	A thick cover for the floor, made of soft material.	There is a soft carpet in the bedroom.
curtain	A piece of cloth that hangs over a window.	Please close the curtain at night.
cushion	A soft bag you put on a chair to sit comfortably.	She put a cushion on the chair.
fridge	A machine that keeps food cold.	Put the milk in the fridge.
oven	The part of a cooker used to bake or roast food.	The cake is baking in the oven.
bookshelf	A shelf or set of shelves for keeping books.	The bookshelf is full of novels.
blanket	A warm cover used on a bed.	She covered the baby with a warm blanket.
pillow	A soft object you rest your head on in bed.	This pillow is soft and comfortable.
towel	A piece of cloth used to dry yourself.	He dried his hands on a towel.
ceiling	The top surface inside a room.	There is a lamp on the ceiling.
balcony	A platform outside an upstairs window.	We have breakfast on the balcony.
garage	A building where you keep a car.	The car is parked in the garage.
basement	A room or floor below the ground level of a building.	We store old boxes in the basement.
neighbour	A person who lives near you.	Our neighbour is very kind.
rent	Money paid regularly to live in a place you do not own.	They pay the rent at the start of the month.
flat	A set of rooms for living in, on one floor of a building.	She lives in a small flat in the city.
tidy	Neat, with everything in its place.	Please keep your room tidy.
messy	Untidy and dirty.	His desk is always messy.
sink	A basin with taps for washing in a kitchen or bathroom.	The dirty dishes are in the sink.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
tap	The part you turn to make water come out.	Turn off the tap to save water.
heating	The system that keeps a building warm.	We turn on the heating in winter.
vacuum	A machine that cleans floors by sucking up dirt.	I vacuum the carpet every week.
decorate	To make a place look nicer, for example with paint.	We want to decorate the kitchen.
cosy	Warm, comfortable and pleasant.	The room felt warm and cosy.
landlord	A person who owns a home and rents it to others.	The landlord fixed the broken window.
chimney	A pipe that takes smoke from a fire out of a building.	Smoke came out of the chimney.

City & Directions

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
corner	The place where two streets or edges meet.	The shop is on the corner of the street.
pavement	The path at the side of a road for people to walk on.	People walked along the pavement.
crossroads	A place where two roads cross each other.	Turn left at the crossroads.
roundabout	A circular place where several roads meet.	Take the second exit at the roundabout.
direction	The way you go or point to reach a place.	We walked in the wrong direction.
signpost	A sign showing the way to a place.	The signpost points to the town centre.
straight	Going in one direction without turning.	Go straight on for two hundred metres.
left	The side of your body where your heart is.	Turn left after the bank.
right	The opposite side to the left.	The library is on your right.
opposite	Facing something, or completely different from it.	The café is opposite the cinema.
between	In the space that separates two things.	The bank is between the shop and the hotel.
behind	At the back of something.	The car park is behind the station.
nearby	Not far away.	There is a good restaurant nearby.
traffic lights	Coloured lights that control cars at a junction.	Stop at the traffic lights.
fountain	A structure that sends water up into the air.	Children play near the fountain.
area	A part of a place or region.	This is a quiet area of the city.
centre	The middle part of a place.	We met in the town centre.
building	A structure with walls and a roof, such as a house.	That tall building is a bank.
statue	A model of a person or animal made of stone or metal.	There is a statue in the park.
subway	A path for walking under a road, or an underground railway.	Use the subway to cross under the road.
lane	A narrow road or part of a road.	We drove down a narrow lane.
path	A narrow way for walking.	Follow the path through the park.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
entrance	The way into a place.	Wait for me at the main entrance.
exit	The way out of a place.	The exit is on the left.
parking	A place or space where cars can be left.	There is free parking near the shops.
suburb	An area on the edge of a city where people live.	They live in a quiet suburb.
district	A particular part of a city or country.	This is the oldest district in the city.
block	A group of buildings with streets on all sides.	The hotel is one block away.
tower	A tall, narrow building or part of a building.	You can see the whole city from the tower.
avenue	A wide street, often with trees along it.	They live on a wide, tree-lined avenue.

Nature & Weather

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
forest	A large area covered with trees.	Many animals live in the forest.
lake	A large area of water with land all around it.	We swam in the cold lake.
hill	An area of land that is higher than the ground around it.	They walked up the steep hill.
island	A piece of land with water all around it.	We spent a week on a small island.
beach	The area of sand or stones at the edge of the sea.	The children built sandcastles on the beach.
valley	The low land between hills or mountains.	A small river runs through the valley.
field	An area of open land used for crops or animals.	Cows were eating grass in the field.
desert	A large, dry area of land with little rain.	It rarely rains in the desert.
wave	A raised line of water moving on the sea.	A big wave knocked him over.
sand	The tiny grains found on beaches and in deserts.	The sand was warm under our feet.
rock	The hard, stony material that forms the earth.	She sat on a large rock by the sea.
plant	A living thing that grows in the ground, such as a flower.	I water the plant every morning.
season	One of the four parts of the year.	Autumn is my favourite season.
fog	Thick cloud near the ground that is hard to see through.	Thick fog covered the road.
thunder	The loud noise heard during a storm.	The thunder frightened the dog.
lightning	A bright flash of light in the sky during a storm.	Lightning lit up the night sky.
rainbow	An arch of colours in the sky after rain.	A beautiful rainbow appeared after the rain.
sunshine	The light and heat that comes from the sun.	We enjoyed the warm sunshine.
shadow	The dark shape made when something blocks light.	The tree made a long shadow.
climate	The usual weather conditions of a place.	This country has a warm climate.
environment	The natural world around us.	We must protect the environment.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
pollution	Harmful substances that damage air, water or land.	Cars cause a lot of pollution.
branch	A part of a tree that grows out from the trunk.	A bird sat on the branch.
soil	The top layer of earth where plants grow.	Plants grow well in this soil.
wood	The hard material that trees are made of.	The table is made of wood.
cliff	A high, steep area of rock, often by the sea.	The house stood on top of a cliff.
stream	A small river.	A small stream flowed past the house.
wildlife	Animals and plants that live in natural conditions.	The park is full of interesting wildlife.
earth	The planet we live on, or the ground.	We must take care of the earth.
breeze	A light, gentle wind.	A gentle breeze cooled the afternoon.

Clothes & Appearance

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
fashion	The popular style of clothes at a particular time.	She is very interested in fashion.
size	How big or small a piece of clothing is.	What size shoes do you wear?
fit	To be the right size and shape for someone.	These trousers fit me perfectly.
wear	To have clothes on your body.	She likes to wear bright colours.
style	A particular way something is designed or done.	I love the style of that jacket.
cotton	A soft cloth made from a plant.	This shirt is made of soft cotton.
leather	A strong material made from animal skin.	He bought a black leather bag.
wool	The soft material that comes from sheep.	The jumper is made of warm wool.
pattern	A repeated design of shapes or colours.	Her dress has a flower pattern.
sleeve	The part of clothing that covers your arm.	The sleeve of my shirt is too long.
collar	The part of a shirt that goes around your neck.	The shirt has a white collar.
handbag	A small bag used to carry personal things.	She carries a large handbag.
jewellery	Objects such as rings and necklaces worn for decoration.	She wears beautiful gold jewellery.
ring	A round piece of jewellery worn on a finger.	He gave her a beautiful ring.
umbrella	An object you hold over your head to stay dry in the rain.	Take an umbrella; it might rain.
trainers	Soft shoes worn for sport or comfort.	He wears trainers to the gym.
sandals	Light open shoes worn in warm weather.	She wears sandals in the summer.
suit	A set of matching jacket and trousers or skirt.	He wore a smart suit to the wedding.
blouse	A loose shirt worn by women.	She bought a silk blouse.
zip	A fastener with two rows of teeth that lock together.	The zip on my jacket is broken.
appearance	The way a person or thing looks.	He cares a lot about his appearance.
beard	The hair that grows on a man's chin and cheeks.	My uncle has a grey beard.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
moustache	The hair that grows above a man's mouth.	The man had a thick moustache.
handsome	Good-looking, usually said of a man.	He is a tall, handsome man.
beautiful	Very pleasing to look at.	She wore a beautiful dress.
smart	Neat and well dressed.	You look very smart today.
casual	Relaxed and not formal.	He wears casual clothes at home.
tight	Fitting closely to the body.	These shoes are too tight.
loose	Not fitting closely; not tight.	He prefers loose, comfortable shirts.
makeup	Coloured substances put on the face to look more attractive.	She put on a little makeup.

Communication & Phone

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
conversation	A talk between two or more people.	We had a long conversation about films.
telephone	A device used to speak to someone far away.	The telephone rang twice.
call	To speak to someone using the telephone.	I will call you this evening.
text	A written message sent by phone.	She sent me a text this morning.
dial	To press the numbers to make a phone call.	Dial the number slowly.
reply	To answer someone.	Please reply to my email soon.
contact	To communicate with someone.	Keep in contact with your old friends.
mention	To speak about something briefly.	He did not mention the problem.
discuss	To talk about something with other people.	We will discuss the plan tomorrow.
describe	To say what someone or something is like.	Can you describe the man you saw?
suggest	To offer an idea or plan for others to think about.	I suggest we leave early.
promise	To say firmly that you will do something.	She made a promise to help.
complain	To say that you are unhappy about something.	He likes to complain about the weather.
agree	To have the same opinion as someone.	I agree with your idea.
disagree	To have a different opinion from someone.	They disagree about money.
argue	To speak angrily with someone who disagrees.	The two brothers often argue.
shout	To speak very loudly.	Please do not shout in the library.
whisper	To speak very quietly.	Please whisper so you do not wake the baby.
greet	To say hello to someone.	He likes to greet everyone warmly.
invite	To ask someone to come to an event.	They invite us to dinner every month.
apologise	To say sorry.	He came to apologise for the mistake.
announce	To tell people something officially or publicly.	They will announce the winner soon.
signal	A sign, sound or action that gives information.	There is no phone signal here.
voicemail	A recorded message left on a phone.	She left me a voicemail.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
chat	To talk in a friendly, informal way.	We had a friendly chat at lunch.
express	To show what you think or feel in words.	It is hard to express my feelings.
translate	To change words from one language into another.	Can you translate this word for me?
communicate	To share information with others.	We communicate mainly by email.
ringtone	The sound a phone makes when someone calls.	His ringtone is very loud.
notice	To see or become aware of something.	There is a notice on the door.

Sports & Fitness

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
team	A group of people who play a sport together.	Our team won the match.
match	A game between two players or teams.	The football match starts at three.
coach	A person who trains a sports team or player.	The coach trains the players every day.
player	A person who takes part in a game or sport.	He is the best player on the team.
goal	A point scored in games like football.	He scored a brilliant goal.
win	To be the best or first in a game or competition.	I hope our team will win.
lose	To not win a game or competition.	Nobody likes to lose a game.
champion	The winner of a competition.	She is the national tennis champion.
tournament	A competition with many games or matches.	The tennis tournament lasts two weeks.
stadium	A large sports ground with seats for people to watch.	The stadium was full of fans.
referee	The person who makes sure players follow the rules.	The referee blew the whistle.
gym	A place with equipment for doing exercise.	I go to the gym three times a week.
fitness	The state of being healthy and strong.	Running improves your fitness.
tennis	A game where two players hit a ball over a net.	They play tennis on Saturdays.
basketball	A game where teams throw a ball into a high net.	He is very tall, so he plays basketball.
race	A competition to see who is the fastest.	She won the running race.
practise	To do something regularly to get better at it.	The team practise every evening.
workout	A period of physical exercise.	I do a short workout in the morning.
swimming	The activity of moving through water using your body.	Swimming is good for your whole body.
athlete	A person who is good at sports.	The athlete trained for the Olympics.
racket	A bat with strings used in tennis.	He bought a new tennis racket.
net	Material with holes used in games like tennis or football.	The ball went over the net.
whistle	A small object blown to make a sharp sound.	The referee blew his whistle loudly.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
medal	A metal disc given as a prize for winning.	She won a gold medal.
fan	A person who strongly likes a team or sport.	He is a big fan of the local team.
compete	To try to win against others.	Many runners compete in the marathon.
strong	Having a lot of physical power.	Lifting weights makes you strong.
boxing	A sport where two people fight with their fists.	Boxing is a very tough sport.
captain	The leader of a sports team.	She is the captain of the hockey team.
defeat	To beat someone in a game or competition.	They suffered a sad defeat.

Holidays & Celebrations

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
birthday	The day each year when you remember someone's birth.	We had a party for her birthday.
wedding	The ceremony when two people get married.	They danced all night at the wedding.
present	Something you give to someone as a gift.	He gave me a lovely birthday present.
gift	Something given to someone, usually to please them.	She wrapped the gift in red paper.
celebrate	To do something special to mark an important day.	We celebrate New Year with fireworks.
festival	A time of celebration, often with music or food.	The music festival lasts three days.
anniversary	A day when you remember something that happened before.	They celebrated their wedding anniversary.
guest	A person invited to an event or to someone's home.	Every guest received a small gift.
invitation	A written or spoken request to come to an event.	I received an invitation to the wedding.
decoration	Something added to make a place look attractive.	She made a beautiful decoration for the door.
fireworks	Devices that explode with bright colours in the sky.	The fireworks lit up the night sky.
candle	A stick of wax with a string that burns to give light.	She blew out the candle on the cake.
balloon	A rubber bag filled with air, used for parties.	The little child held a red balloon.
tradition	A custom that people have followed for a long time.	Eating turkey is a holiday tradition.
ceremony	A formal event held to mark an important occasion.	The opening ceremony was beautiful.
parade	A public march of people to celebrate something.	We watched the parade in the street.
costume	Special clothes worn for a celebration or performance.	She wore a witch costume to the party.
greeting	Friendly words said when you meet someone.	He sent a friendly greeting card.
surprise	Something unexpected.	The party was a complete surprise.
host	The person who invites and looks after guests.	The host welcomed all the guests.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
cheers	A word said before drinking together.	Everyone shouted cheers and drank.
feast	A large, special meal for many people.	The family enjoyed a huge feast.
religious	Relating to religion or belief in a god.	It is an important religious holiday.
toast	The act of raising a glass to wish someone well.	He made a toast to the happy couple.
occasion	A special or important event.	A wedding is a very special occasion.
memory	Something you remember from the past.	I have a happy memory of that day.
national	Relating to a whole country.	It is a national holiday tomorrow.
event	Something that happens, especially something important.	The concert was a huge event.
midnight	Twelve o'clock at night.	We stayed up until midnight.
champagne	A special wine with bubbles, drunk to celebrate.	They opened a bottle of champagne.

Daily Routine & Time

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
alarm	A clock or sound that wakes you or warns you.	My alarm rings at six o’clock.
routine	The usual order in which you do things.	Getting up early is part of my routine.
early	Before the usual or expected time.	I always get up early on weekdays.
late	After the usual or expected time.	He was late for work again.
usually	Most of the time; normally.	I usually have lunch at one.
always	Every time; at all times.	She always brushes her teeth before bed.
sometimes	On some occasions but not always.	We sometimes eat out on Fridays.
never	At no time; not ever.	He never drinks coffee at night.
hurry	To do something quickly, or to move fast.	We had to hurry to catch the bus.
ready	Prepared for what is going to happen.	I am ready to leave now.
busy	Having a lot of things to do.	She is very busy this week.
free	Not busy; having no plans.	Are you free on Saturday?
afternoon	The time between noon and the evening.	We meet every afternoon.
evening	The time at the end of the day before night.	I relax in the evening.
noon	Twelve o'clock in the middle of the day.	The shops close at noon on Sundays.
daily	Happening every day.	Brushing your teeth is a daily habit.
weekly	Happening once a week.	We have a weekly team meeting.
habit	Something you do regularly, often without thinking.	Reading before bed is a good habit.
calendar	A chart showing the days, weeks and months of a year.	I wrote the date on my calendar.
moment	A very short period of time.	Wait a moment, please.
quarter	One of four equal parts, such as fifteen minutes.	It is a quarter past nine.
half	One of two equal parts.	We met at half past seven.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
get up	To leave your bed after sleeping.	I get up at seven every day.
brush	To clean or tidy something with a brush.	I brush my teeth twice a day.
shower	To wash your body under falling water.	He takes a shower every morning.
prepare	To get something ready.	I like to prepare dinner for my family.
rest	To stop activity in order to relax.	I like to rest after lunch.
nap	A short sleep during the day.	The baby takes a nap at noon.
bedtime	The time when you usually go to bed.	Nine o’clock is the children’s bedtime.
punctual	Arriving or doing something at the right time.	He is always punctual for meetings.

Relationships & People

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
relative	A member of your family.	My closest relative is my sister.
couple	Two people who are together, especially in a romance.	The young couple bought a house.
partner	The person you are married to or living with.	She introduced me to her partner.
stranger	A person you do not know.	A stranger asked me for directions.
cousin	The child of your aunt or uncle.	My cousin lives in Canada.
grandparent	A parent of your mother or father.	She visits her grandparent every Sunday.
relationship	The way two people or groups are connected.	They have a very close relationship.
marriage	The legal union of two people as partners.	Their marriage is very happy.
divorce	The legal end of a marriage.	After the divorce, he moved away.
friendship	The relationship between friends.	Their friendship lasted many years.
neighbourhood	The area around where you live.	It is a friendly neighbourhood.
adult	A fully grown person.	Every adult must show a ticket.
teenager	A person between 13 and 19 years old.	My older brother is a teenager.
childhood	The time of your life when you are a child.	She had a very happy childhood.
engaged	Having agreed to marry someone.	They got engaged last summer.
boyfriend	A boy or man you are having a romance with.	Her boyfriend is a doctor.
girlfriend	A girl or woman you are having a romance with.	He met his girlfriend at university.
twin	One of two children born to the same mother at one time.	She has a twin sister.
nephew	The son of your brother or sister.	My nephew is learning to walk.
niece	The daughter of your brother or sister.	I bought a present for my niece.
trust	To believe that someone is good and honest.	Good friends trust each other.
quarrel	An angry argument between people.	The sisters had a small quarrel.
support	To help someone, especially in a difficult time.	My family always support me.
respect	To admire someone and treat them well.	Children should respect their teachers.
engagement	An agreement to marry someone.	They announced their engagement.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
introduce	To tell people each other's names when they first meet.	Let me introduce you to my friend.
visit	To go to see a person or place.	We visit our grandparents on Sundays.
together	With each other.	They spend every weekend together.
mate	An informal word for a friend.	He is my best mate from school.
elderly	Old, used politely about people.	We should always help elderly people.

Entertainment & Media

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
news	Information about recent events.	I watch the news every evening.
newspaper	Printed sheets with news, sold each day or week.	He reads the newspaper at breakfast.
channel	A television or radio station.	There is a good film on this channel.
programme	A show on television or radio.	My favourite programme starts at eight.
actress	A woman who performs in films or plays.	The actress won an award.
comedy	A funny film, play or show.	We watched a very funny comedy.
drama	A serious play, film or television story.	She loves a good drama series.
series	A set of programmes with the same characters.	I watched the whole series in a week.
episode	One part of a television or radio series.	The last episode was very exciting.
scene	One part of a play or film in a single place.	The final scene made me cry.
character	A person in a story, film or play.	My favourite character is the detective.
director	The person who controls how a film or play is made.	The director made many famous films.
audience	The people who watch or listen to something.	The audience clapped loudly.
band	A group of musicians who play together.	The band played all their hit songs.
album	A collection of songs on one record or CD.	Their new album is very popular.
song	A short piece of music with words.	This song is at the top of the charts.
review	A report giving an opinion about a film, book or show.	The film got a very good review.
famous	Known by many people.	She is a famous singer.
celebrity	A famous person.	A celebrity opened the new shop.
cartoon	A film or drawing made of simple, funny pictures.	The children laughed at the cartoon.
headline	The title of a newspaper story printed in large letters.	The headline was about the election.
advert	A notice that tries to persuade you to buy something.	There was a funny advert on TV.
record	To store sound or pictures to use later.	They will record a new song tomorrow.
performance	The act of playing music or acting for an audience.	Her performance was excellent.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
stage	The raised area where actors or musicians perform.	The singer walked onto the stage.
thriller	An exciting film or book full of suspense.	I read an exciting thriller.
broadcast	To send out a programme on television or radio.	The match was broadcast live.
media	The ways news reaches people, such as TV and newspapers.	Social media is very popular today.
documentary	A film or programme that gives facts about real life.	We watched a documentary about lions.
entertain	To keep people interested and amused.	Clowns entertain the children.

Personality & Character

30 words

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
kind	Caring and helpful towards others.	She is very kind to everyone.
friendly	Behaving in a pleasant, kind way to others.	Our new neighbour is friendly.
polite	Behaving in a respectful and well-mannered way.	He is always polite to older people.
rude	Not polite; showing bad manners.	It is rude to interrupt people.
honest	Telling the truth and not cheating.	An honest person always tells the truth.
clever	Quick to learn and understand things.	She is a very clever student.
lazy	Not wanting to work or make an effort.	He is too lazy to tidy his room.
hardworking	Putting a lot of effort into work.	She is a hardworking employee.
generous	Happy to give money, time or help to others.	He is generous and shares everything.
selfish	Caring only about yourself and not others.	A selfish person thinks only of himself.
brave	Not afraid to do difficult or dangerous things.	The brave firefighter saved the child.
funny	Making people laugh.	My best friend is very funny.
serious	Not joking; thinking carefully about things.	He has a serious look on his face.
quiet	Not talking or making much noise.	She is a quiet, shy girl.
cheeky	Slightly rude but in a way that can be amusing.	The cheeky boy made a joke.
gentle	Calm, kind and careful.	He has a gentle, calm voice.
strict	Expecting people to obey rules exactly.	Our teacher is very strict.
cruel	Causing pain to others without caring.	It is cruel to hurt animals.
curious	Wanting to know or learn about things.	The curious child asked many questions.
talkative	Talking a lot.	She is friendly and talkative.
ambitious	Having a strong wish to succeed.	He is ambitious and wants to succeed.
reliable	Able to be trusted to do what is expected.	She is a reliable friend.
personality	The set of qualities that make a person who they are.	She has a warm personality.
behaviour	The way a person acts.	His behaviour was very good today.
attitude	The way you think and feel about something.	She has a positive attitude.

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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
mature	Behaving sensibly, like a fully grown adult.	He is very mature for his age.
careful	Giving attention to avoid mistakes or danger.	Be careful with the hot pan.
careless	Not giving enough attention; making mistakes.	A careless driver caused the accident.
fair	Treating everyone equally and in a right way.	A good teacher is always fair.
wise	Having good judgement from knowledge and experience.	My grandfather is a wise old man.

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