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| UNIT 1 | | |  |
| WORD | **PRONUNCIATION** | **PART OF SPEECH** | **EXAMPLE SENTENCE** |
| action | /ˈækʃ(ə)n/ | noun | I prefer films with lots of action in them. |
| **actor** | /ˈæktə(r)/ | noun | Ben was very excited to meet his favourite actor. |
| **anonymously** | /əˈnɒnɪməsli/ | adverb | I was sent some flowers anonymously – I didn’t know who they were from. |
| **as brave as a lion** | /əz ˌbreɪv əz ə ˈlaɪən/ | phrase | That girl is as brave as a lion. Nothing scares her. |
| **as busy as a bee** | /əz ˌbɪzi əz ə ˈbiː/ | phrase | He’s always as busy as a bee. He never stops. |
| **as clear as crystal** | /əz ˌklɪər əz ˈkrɪst(ə)l/ | phrase | Yes, I understand. It’s as clear as crystal. |
| **as clear as mud** | /əz ˌklɪər əz ˈmʌd/ | phrase | Her explanation was as clear as mud. I didn’t understand a thing. |
| **as cold as ice** | /əz ˌkəʊld əz ˈaɪs/ | phrase | He’s as cold as ice. He isn’t very friendly. |
| **as cool as a cucumber** | /əz ˌkuːl əz ə ˈkjuːˌkʌmbə(r)/ | phrase | She’s as cool as a cucumber. She never gets stressed. |
| **as easy as ABC** | /əz ˌiːzi əz eɪbiˈsiː/ | phrase | Learning to read is as easy as ABC. |
| **as free as a bird** | /əz ˌfriː əz ə ˈbɜː(r)d/ | phrase | Walking in the hills makes me feel as free as a bird. |
| **as fresh as a daisy** | /əz ˌfreʃ əz ə ˈdeɪzi/ | phrase | You smell as fresh as a daisy. |
| **as good as gold** | /əz ˌɡʊd əz ˈɡəʊld/ | phrase | The children were as good as gold and played nicely together. |
| **as plain as day** | /əz ˌpleɪn əz ˈdeɪ/ | phrase | It was as plain as day that he was lying. It was so obvious. |
| **as quick as a flash** | /əz ˌkwɪk əz ə ˈflaʃ/ | phrase | You cleaned that mess as quick as a flash. |
| **as quiet as a mouse** | /əz ˌkwaɪət əz ə ˈmaʊs/ | phrase | They crept out of the room as quiet as mice. |
| **as safe as houses** | /əz ˌseɪf əz ˈhaʊsɪz/ | phrase | Don’t worry, this mountain guide is very experienced – we’ll be as safe as houses. |
| **as solid as a rock** | /əz ˌsɒlɪd əz ə ˈrɒk/ | phrase | Throughout the crisis she stayed as solid as a rock. |
| **as white as a sheet** | /əz ˌwaɪt əz ə ˈʃiːt/ | phrase | She went as white as a sheet when she heard the news. |
| **attribute** | /əˈtrɪbjuːt/ | verb | People are attributing qualities to me that I just don’t have. |
| **bacteria** | /bækˈtɪəriə/ | noun plural | Bacteria can cause disease. |
| **be all ears** | /bi ˌɔːl ˈɪə(r)z/ | phrase | I’m all ears. What do you want to ask me? |
| **be at each other’s throats** | /bi ˌæt iːtʃ ʌðə(r)z ˈθrəʊts/ | phrase | My brothers are at each other’s throats again. They’re always arguing. |
| **be like a dream come true** | /bi laɪk ə ˈdriːm kʌm ˌtruː/ | phrase | Getting a job as a vet would be like a dream come true for me. |
| **bill** | /bɪl/ | noun | We didn’t want any desserts, so we just asked for the bill. |
| **boomerang effect** | /ˈbuːməræŋ ɪˌfekt/ | phrase | My efforts to persuade Jemma to buy a cheaper phone seemed to have a boomerang effect and she bought the most expensive one. |
| **coincidence** | /kəʊˌɪnsɪˈd(e)ns/ | noun | It was a coincidence that she appeared exactly when I said her name. |
| **conclusion** | /kənˈkluːʒ(ə)n/ | noun | Her conclusion was that the situation would never improve. |
| **constructively** | /kənˈstrʌktɪvli/ | adverb | To help people improve, give feedback constructively. |
| **decision** | /dɪˈsɪʒ(ə)n/ | noun | I hope I’ve made the right decision. |
| **difference** | /ˈdɪfrəns/ | noun | What’s the difference between these two computers? |
| **do something behind someone’s back** | /ˌduː sʌmθɪŋ bɪˌhaɪnd  sʌmwʌnz ˈbak/ | phrase | The kids were always making fun of him behind his back. |
| **downside** | /ˈdaʊnˌsaɪd/ | noun | One of the downsides to travelling by plane is all the airport security. |
| **estimate** | /ˈestɪmeɪt/ | verb | We estimated that it would take about an hour to travel there. |
| **evaluate** | /ɪˌvæljuˈeɪt/ | verb | It took a long time to evaluate the data and get a full understanding. |
| **face to face** | /ˌfeɪs tə ˈfeɪs/ | adverb | They met face to face today for the first time. |
| **failure** | /ˈfeɪljə(r)/ | noun | Their first attempt to climb Everest ended in failure. |
| **findings** | /ˈfaɪndɪŋz/ | plural noun | The government seems to have ignored the findings of its own report. |
| **gasp** | /ɡɑːsp/ | verb | He gasped as the freezing water hit his body. |
| **gesture** | /ˈdʒestʃə(r)/ | noun | Jack made a gesture for her to sit down. |
| **get on someone’s nerves** | /ˌɡet ɒn sʌmwʌnz ˈnɜː(r)vz/ | phrase | My little brother really gets on my nerves. He’s so annoying. |
| **get something off your chest** | /ˌɡet sʌmθɪŋ ˌɒf jə(r)) ˈtʃest/ | phrase | She came to see me because she wanted to get something off her chest. |
| **give someone the cold shoulder** | /ˌɡɪv sʌmwʌn ðə  ˌkəʊld ˈʃəʊldə(r)/ | phrase | He’s been giving me the cold shoulder all week. He hasn’t said a word to me. |
| **groan** | /ɡrəʊn/ | verb | My brother groaned when my dad asked him to do the washing up. |
| **have someone under your thumb** | /hæv sʌmwʌn ˌʌndə(r) jə(r) ˈθʌm/ | phrase | She has him under her thumb and he’ll do anything for her. |
| **honesty** | /ˈɒnɪsti/ | noun | His honesty was never in question. You can be sure to trust him. |
| **hysterically** | /hɪˈsterɪkli/ | adverb | They shouted hysterically but still nobody heard them. |
| **importance** | /ɪmˈpɔː(r)t(ə)ns/ | noun | The school recognizes the importance of good communication skills. |
| **inflammation** | /ˌɪnfləˈmeɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | Cream should help to reduce the inflammation on your skin. |
| **intrigued** | /ɪnˈtriːɡd/ | adjective | I’m so intrigued by that house – it’s so strange! |
| **kindness** | /ˈkaɪn(d)nəs/ | noun | I will never forget the kindness of the staff at the hospital. |
| **lend someone a hand** | /ˌlend sʌmwʌn ə ˈhænd/ | phrase | Can you lend me a hand with these boxes, please? |
| **movement** | /ˈmuːvmənt/ | noun | He hasn’t got much movement in his arm because of his injury. |
| **mutter** | /ˈmʌtə(r)/ | verb | He muttered an apology and then left. |
| **owner** | /ˈəʊnə(r)/ | noun | Please can the owner of this car move it immediately? |
| **participant** | /pɑː(r)ˈtɪsɪpənt/ | noun | The participants in the study ranged in age from 16 to 25. |
| **participation** | /pɑː(r)ˌtɪsɪˈpeɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | We would like to see more participation by younger people. |
| **partnership** | /ˈpɑː(r)tnə(r)ʃɪp/ | noun | They have a great partnership and work well together. |
| **perception** | /pə(r)ˈsepʃ(ə)n/ | noun | The public’s perception of him is slowly changing. |
| **personality trait** | /ˌpɜː(r)səˈnaləti treɪt/ | noun | Her best personality trait is her kindness. |
| **pick someone’s brains** | /ˌpɪk sʌmwʌnz ˈbreɪnz/ | phrase | Can I pick your brains about my plans for my party? |
| **possibility** | /ˌpɒsəˈbɪləti/ | noun | There is a strong possibility that they will win the next election. |
| **prediction** | /prɪˈdɪkʃ(ə)n/ | noun | My prediction is that we will lose the tournament. |
| **probability** | /ˌprɒbəˈbɪləti/ | noun | We have to be prepared for the probability of a rise in food prices. |
| **psychologist** | /saɪˈkɒlədʒɪst/ | noun | A psychologist studies how people’s minds work and how this affects their behaviour. |
| **pull someone’s leg** | /ˌpʊl sʌmwʌnz ˈleɡ/ | phrase | It was a joke – I was just pulling your leg. |
| **punishment** | /ˈpʌnɪʃmənt/ | noun | He had to clean up the mess as punishment. |
| **put your foot down** | /pʊt jə(r) ˈfʊt ˌdaʊn/ | phrase | Things can’t carry on like this – you’ll have to put your foot down. |
| **random** | /ˈrændəm/ | adjective | Her choice was random – There was no method or reason. |
| **realist** | /ˈrɪəlɪst/ | noun | I’m enough of a realist to know that we can’t win every time. |
| **reality** | /riˈæləti/ | noun | He can no longer tell the difference between fantasy and reality. |
| **reassess** | /ˌriːəˈses/ | verb | We decided to reassess our theory. |
| **reception** | /rɪˈsepʃ(ə)n/ | noun | Visitors must report to reception first. |
| **researcher** | /rɪˈsɜː(r)tʃə(r)/ | noun | He’s got a job as a researcher at a television company. |
| **run like the wind** | /ˌrʌn laɪk ðə ˈwɪnd/ | phrase | You’d better run like the wind or you’ll miss the bus! |
| **shriek** | /ʃriːk/ | verb | He shrieked in fright when he saw a huge spider in the corner of the room. |
| **sigh** | /saɪ/ | verb | Jan sighed heavily and shook her head. |
| **simile** | /ˈsɪməli/ | noun | A simile is a phrase that describes something by comparing it to something else, for example ‘He’s as brave as a lion.’ |
| **speaker** | /ˈspiːkə(r)/ | noun | The speaker was interrupted several times. |
| **spread** | /spred/ | verb | Someone has been spreading horrible gossip about Stella. |
| **stick your neck out for someone** | /ˌstɪk jə(r) ˈnek ˌaʊt fə(r) sʌmwʌn/ | phrase | She’s a great friend and will always stick her neck out for you. |
| **subconsciously** | /ˌsʌbˈkɒnʃəsli/ | adverb | Maybe subconsciously I really wanted him to fail. |
| **take the initiative** | /ˌteɪk ðə ɪˈnɪʃətɪv/ | phrase | You need to take the initiative and find a solution yourself. |
| **take to new heights** | /ˌteɪk to ˌnjuː ˈhaɪts/ | phrase | Learn more and improve faster - take your passion to new heights! |
| **transparent** | /trænsˈpærənt/ | adjective | Put your belongings in a transparent bag so security can easily see what you’re carrying. |
| **trick** | /trɪk/ | noun | I’m not sure if it is real, or a trick to make me think it’s an emergency. |
| **whine** | /waɪn/ | verb | Stop whining. You can’t have another ice cream. |
| **whisper** | /ˈwɪspə(r)/ | verb | They were whispering because they didn’t want to wake the baby. |
| **yell** | /jel/ | verb | ‘Watch out!’ Victor yelled. |
| **UNIT 2** | | |  |
| **WORD** | **PRONUNCIATION** | **PART OF SPEECH** | **EXAMPLE SENTENCE** |
| **accompany** | /əˈkʌmp(ə)ni/ | verb | He accompanied the singer on the piano. |
| **beyond repair** | /bɪˌjɒnd rɪˈpeə(r)/ | phrase | It’s impossible to fix my printer. It’s beyond repair. |
| **biofuel** | /ˈbaɪəʊˌfjuːəl/ | noun | This biofuel is made from animal waste. |
| **bother** | /ˈbɒdə(r)/ | verb | Has anyone ever bothered to ask the students for their opinion? |
| **campaign** | /kæmˈpeɪn/ | verb | She has been [campaigning](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/campaign_2) for [stronger](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/strong) anti-pollution [laws](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/law). |
| **campaigner** | /ˌkæmˈpeɪnə(r)/ | noun | Campaigners against the [new](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/new) [road](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/road) have posted leaflets to all the houses in the area. |
| **carbon emissions** | /ˌkɑː(r)bən ɪˈmɪʃnz/ | noun | Reducing the number of cars on the road will help lower carbon emissions. |
| **chauffeur** | /ˈʃəʊfə(r)/ | verb | My parents are always having to chauffeur my brother and I around as there are no buses where we live. |
| **competent** | /ˈkɒmpɪtənt/ | adjective | He is very competent at communicating and speaks clearly. |
| **considerate** | /kənˈsɪd(ə)rət/ | adjective | Please be considerate to the students taking exams and walk past the hall quietly. |
| **contrast** | /kənˈtrɑːst/ | verb | Her [dark](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/dark_1) [hair](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/hair) [contrasted](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/contrast_2) [sharply](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sharply) with her [pale](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/pale_1) [silk](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/silk) [gown](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/gown)*.* |
| **distracted** | /dɪˈstræktəd/ | adjective | I was distracted by my mobile phone ringing. |
| **do a course** | /ˌduː ə ˈkɔː(r)s/ | phrase | You could do a language course abroad. |
| **do a test** | /ˌduː ə ˈtest/ | phrase | He’s done lots of tests at school this week. |
| **do an experiment** | /ˌduː ən /ɪkˈsperɪmənt/ | phrase | We did an experiment in our chemistry lesson today. |
| **do business** | /ˌduː ˈbɪznəs/ | phrase | They do a lot of business with companies in China. |
| **do harm** | /ˌduː ˈhɑː(r)m/ | phrase | It won’t do any harm to try. |
| **do household chores** | /ˌduː haʊshəʊld  ˈtʃɔː(r)z/ | phrase | I have to do household chores like feeding the dog and putting the rubbish out. |
| **do research** | /ˌduː rɪˈsɜː(r)tʃ/, /ˌduː  ˈriːsɜː(r)tʃ/ | phrase | Make sure you do some research before writing your essay. |
| **do the ironing** | /ˌduː ðə ˈaɪə(r)nɪŋ/ | phrase | I hate doing the ironing. The shirts take ages to do. |
| **do your best** | /ˌduː jɔː(r) ˈbest/ | phrase | I’m not sure if I can win this race, but I’ll do my best. |
| **driving licence** | /ˈdraɪvɪŋ laɪs(ə)ns/ | noun | I need to apply for a new driving licence. |
| **enforce** | /ɪnˈfɔː(r)s/ | verb | The rules are enforced by using fines. |
| **exhaust** | /ɪɡˈzɔːst/ | noun | The car needs a new exhaust. |
| **fatality** | /fəˈtæləti/ | noun | This disease has a 30% fatality rate. Three out of ten people will die. |
| **fumes** | /fjuːmz/ | noun plural | [Traffic](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/traffic_1) fumes [raised](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/raised) [pollution](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/pollution) to [record](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/record_1) [levels](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/level_1) [yesterday](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/yesterday_1). |
| **go down** | /ˌɡəʊ ˈdaʊn / | phrasal verb | The increase in price has not gone down well with customers. |
| **hands-free** | /ˈhændz friː/ | adjective | If you need to answer calls when you’re driving, make sure your phone is hands-free. |
| **imminent** | /ˈɪmɪnənt/ | adjective | This species of butterfly is in imminent danger of becoming endangered unless we do something fast. |
| **implement** | /ˈɪmplɪˌment/ | verb | Attempts to implement change have met with strong opposition. |
| **impulsive** | /ɪmˈpʌlsɪv/ | adjective | He’s very impulsive and is always doing things without thinking. |
| **irrelevant** | /ɪˈreləvənt/ | adjective | It’s irrelevant how old you are – it doesn’t matter. |
| **lessen** | /ˈles(ə)n/ | verb | You can lessen your impact on the environment by eating less meat. |
| **lower** | /ˈləʊə(r)/ | verb | The voting age was lowered from 21 to 18 years. |
| **make a call** | /ˌmeɪk ə ˈkɔːl/ | phrase | Can you wait while I make a call? |
| **make a change** | /ˌmeɪk ə ˈtʃeɪndʒ/ | phrase | If you could make one change in your life, what would it be? |
| **make a choice** | /ˌmeɪk ə ˈtʃɔɪs/ | phrase | He wants people to make their own choices. |
| **make a comment** | /ˌmeɪk ə ˈkɒment/ | phrase | Did she make any comment about Eddie? |
| **make a complaint** | /ˌmeɪk ə kəmˈpleɪnt/ | phrase | Please contact our customer department if you want to make a complaint. |
| **make a decision** | /ˌmeɪk ə dɪˈsɪʒ(ə)n/ | phrase | I hope I’ve made the right decision. |
| **make a difference** | /ˌmeɪk ə ˈdɪfrəns/ | phrase | I think young people like Greta Thunberg really make a difference to the world. |
| **make a mistake** | /ˌmeɪk ə mɪˈsteɪk/ | phrase | I’m sorry. I made a mistake. |
| **make a suggestion** | /ˌmeɪk ə səˈdʒestʃ(ə)n/ | phrase | Can I make a suggestion? Why don’t you call him? |
| **make an apology** | /ˌmeɪk ən əˈpɒlədʒi/ | phrase | He made an apology on TV for his behaviour. |
| **make an attempt** | /ˌmeɪk ən əˈtempt/ | phrase | Helen made no attempt to stop him. |
| **make an improvement** | /ˌmeɪk ən ɪmˈpruːvmənt/ | phrase | They’ve made many improvements to the house. |
| **make use of something** | /ˌmeɪk ˈjuːs əv ˌsʌmθɪŋ/ | phrase | Why didn’t she make use of the extra time and check her answers again? |
| **matter** | /ˈmætə(r)/ | noun | Teachers feel this is a matter for discussion with parents. |
| **motorway** | /ˈməʊtə(r)ˌweɪ/ | noun | The motorway is closed because of an accident. |
| **off-road** | /ˈɒf rəʊd/ | adjective/adverb | My dad’s jeep is good at driving off-road. |
| **orphanage** | /ˈɔː(r)f(ə)nɪdʒ/ | noun | There used to be an orphanage in our town which cared for hundreds of children. |
| **phenomenon** | /fəˈnɒmɪnən/ | noun | Recycling is not a new phenomenon – people have been doing it for many years. |
| **pile-up** | /ˈpaɪl ˌʌp/ | noun | There was a big pile-up last night involving several cars and lorries. |
| **portrayal** | /pɔː(r)ˈtreɪəl/ | noun | I don’t think that the portrayal of his character in the film is very accurate. |
| **promote** | /prəˈməʊt/ | verb | The [Government](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/government) is [committed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/committed) to [promoting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/promote) the [development](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/development) and use of [public](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/public_1) [transport](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/transport_1). |
| **provisional** | /prəˈvɪʒ(ə)nəl/ | adjective | The dates are provisional and are likely to change. |
| **puzzle** | /ˈpʌz(ə)l/ | verb | His [behaviour](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/behaviour) that [day](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/night_1) [puzzled](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/puzzled) me for a long time. I didn’t understand why he had acted like that. |
| **rally** | /ˈræli/ | noun | The rally driver won the race easily. |
| **rash** | /ræʃ/ | adjective | She began to regret her rash decision to leave her job. She should have thought about it more carefully. |
| **reclaim** | /rɪˈkleɪm/ | verb | Car-free days in cities are a good way for residents to reclaim the streets. |
| **requirement** | /rɪˈkwaɪə(r)mənt/ | noun | You need to meet the requirements for entry into the university. |
| **restriction** | /rɪˈstrɪkʃ(ə)n/ | noun | There are parking restrictions in this area, so I’d recommend getting the bus. |
| **road rage** | /ˈrəʊd ˌreɪdʒ/ | noun | He was hurt in a road rage incident. |
| **road safety** | /ˈrəʊd ˌseɪfti/ | noun | Road safety has improved a lot in recent years. |
| **road sign** | /ˈrəʊd ˌsaɪn/ | noun | Did you see that last road sign? |
| **roundabout** | /ˈraʊndəˌbaʊt/ | noun | Take the first exit at the next roundabout. |
| **service station** | /ˈsɜː(r)vɪs ˌsteɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | I was tired after driving for so long, so I stopped for a coffee at a service station. |
| **show off** | /ˌʃəʊ ˈɒf/ | phrasal verb | The children start showing off the minute anyone comes into the house. |
| **simulator** | /ˈsɪmjʊˌleɪtə(r)/ | noun | Pilots learn to fly using a flight simulator. |
| **speed camera** | /ˈspiːd ˌkæm(ə)rə/ | noun | The speed camera took a photo of the car because it was driving too fast. |
| **speed limit** | /ˈspiːd ˌlɪmɪt/ | noun | The speed limit on this road is 50 kph. |
| **statistics** | /stəˈtɪstɪks/ | plural noun | Statistics show that people are having fewer road accidents. |
| **steering wheel** | /ˈstɪərɪŋ ˌwiːl/ | noun | Keep both hands on the steering wheel. |
| **supervision** | /ˌsuːpə(r)ˈvɪʒ(ə)n/ | noun | The children are very young, so they need a lot of supervision. |
| **take a call** | /ˌteɪk ə ˈkɔːl/ | phrase | Excuse me one moment. I need to take this call. |
| **take a course** | /ˌteɪk ə ˈkɔː(r)s/ | phrase | She’s taking a time-management course this week. |
| **take a decision** | /ˌteɪk ə dɪˈsɪʒ(ə)n/ | phrase | Sometimes managers need to take decisions quickly. |
| **take a risk** | /ˌteɪk ə ˈrɪsk/ | phrase | A good pilot never takes a risk. |
| **take a test** | /ˌteɪk ə ˈtest/ | phrase | She’s taking her driving test today. |
| **take an interest** | /ˌteɪk ən ˈɪntrəst/ | phrase | He’s never taken much interest in sport. |
| **take control** | /ˌteɪk kənˈtrəʊl/ | phrase | You need to take control of the situation. |
| **take cover** | /ˌteɪk ˈkʌvə(r)/ | phrase | We ran under the tree to take cover from the rain. |
| **take effect** | /ˌteɪk ɪˈfekt/ | phrase | It will take a few hours until the medicine takes effect. |
| **take offence** | /ˌteɪk əˈfens/ | phrase | I’m afraid she took offence at what you said. You should apologise. |
| **take part** | /ˌteɪk ˈpɑː(r)t/ | phrase | Lots of students took part in the competition. |
| **take place** | /ˌteɪk ˈpleɪs/ | phrase | The Olympics take place every four years. |
| **take power** | /ˌteɪk ˈpaʊə(r)/ | phrase | The new president will take power in January. |
| **tendency** | /ˈtendənsi/ | noun | She has a tendency to overcomplicate things. |
| **toughen up** | /ˌtʌf(ə)n ˈʌp/ | verb | [Universities](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/university) are [toughening](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/toughen) up their [entrance](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/entrance_1) [requirements](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/requirement). It’s going to be harder to get in. |
| **traffic jam** | /ˈtrafɪk ˌdʒam/ | noun | We were late because there was a terrible traffic jam. |
| **traffic light** | /ˈtrafɪk ˌlaɪt/ | noun | Stop at the traffic lights when they are red. |
| **transformation** | /ˌtrænsfə(r)ˈmeɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | After three [weeks](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/week) we [noticed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/notice_1) a [total](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/total_1) transformation in his [behaviour](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/behaviour)*.* He was a completely different person. |
| **turnover** | /ˈtɜː(r)nˌəʊvə(r)/ | noun | There is a high purchase turnover of goods these days as people replace things more frequently. |
| **volunteer** | /ˌvɒlənˈtɪə(r)/ | verb | I volunteered to help the teacher tidy the classroom. |
| **UNIT 3** | | |  |
| **WORD** | **PRONUNCIATION** | **PART OF SPEECH** | **EXAMPLE SENTENCE** |
| **a pile of** | /ə ˈpaɪl əv/ | phrase | There’s a pile of books on my desk – please take one. |
| **absorb** | /əbˈzɔː(r)b/ | verb | We had to absorb a [lot](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/lot_1) of [new](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/new) [information](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/information) very [quickly](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/quickly). |
| **acquaintance** | /əˈkweɪntəns/ | noun | She’s not a close friend – she’s more of an acquaintance. |
| **adaptation** | /ˌædæpˈteɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | The television adaptation of the book was very successful. |
| **antisocial** | /ˌæntiˈsəʊʃ(ə)l/ | adjective | He’s not interested in meeting other people – he’s quite antisocial. |
| **applied** | /əˈplaɪd/ | adjective | She’s studying applied mathematics at university. |
| **appreciation** | /əˌpriːʃiˈeɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | We share an appreciation of music. |
| **articulate** | /ɑː(r)ˈtɪkjʊlət/ | adjective | She is a highly articulate woman and always speaks well. |
| **assimilate** | /əˈsɪmɪleɪt/ | verb | You can only assimilate a certain number of new words a day. |
| **authorise** | /ˈɔːθəraɪz/ | verb | The headteacher authorised me to leave school early. |
| **baffle** | /ˈbæf(ə)l/ | verb | This homework really baffles me – I don’t understand it at all. |
| **bewildered** | /bɪˈwɪldə(r)d/ | adjective | Some of the children in the large crowd looked bewildered and frightened. |
| **biopic** | /ˈbaɪəʊˌpɪk/ | noun | Do you want to go and see the Aretha Franklin biopic at the cinema? |
| **broaden (your) horizons** | /ˌbrɔːd(ə)n jə(r) həˈraɪz(ə)ns/ | phrase | College will broaden your horizons and help you see a wider range of opportunities. |
| **call off** | /ˌkɔːl ˈɒf/ | phrasal verb | If we have much more [rain](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/rain_1), the [game](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/game_1) might be [called](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/call_1) off. |
| **carry on** | /ˌkæri ˈɒn/ | phrasal verb | For the [moment](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/moment) we’ve been [told](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/told) to [carry](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/carry) on as [usual](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/usual). |
| **casino** | /kəˈsiːnəʊ/ | noun | He lost all his money at the casino. |
| **cast** | /kɑːst/ | noun | An [all-star](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/all-star) cast [includes](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/include) Michael Douglas as the US [President](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/president_1). |
| **catch up with** | /ˌkætʃ ˈʌp wɪð/ | phrasal verb | I’m looking forward to catching up with you and hearing all your news. |
| **child prodigy** | /ˌtʃaɪld ˈprɒdədʒi/ | noun | She is a child prodigy. At the age of two she could already read. |
| **chunk** | /tʃʌŋk/ | noun | Make sure you cut your food up into smaller chunks. |
| **come easily to someone** | /ˌkʌm ˈiːzɪli tə sʌmwʌn/ | phrase | He’s got a good memory. Learning facts comes easily to him. |
| **come up with** | /ˌkʌm ˈʌp wɪð/ | phrasal verb | Is that the best idea you could come up with? |
| **contribution** | /ˌkɒntrɪˈbjuːʃ(ə)n/ | noun | Alan Turing made a very important contribution to ending the war. |
| **convincing** | /kənˈvɪnsɪŋ/ | adjective | She was very convincing in the [title](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/title) [role](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/role). |
| **co-star** | /ˈkəʊ stɑː(r)/ | noun and verb | The actor has co-starred in several films with his wife. |
| **council** | /ˈkaʊns(ə)l/ | noun | The council is [responsible](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/responsible) for the [library](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/library) [service](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/service_1). |
| **crack** | /kræk/ | verb | The [code](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/code_1) seemed [impossible](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/impossible) to crack. |
| **curved** | /kɜː(r)vd/ | adjective | That line isn’t straight – it’s curved. |
| **dedicated** | /ˈdedɪˌkeɪtɪd/ | adjective | He was very [hard-working](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/hard-working) and dedicated to his [research](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/research_1). |
| **deliver a performance** | /dɪˌlɪvə(r) ə pə(r)ˈfɔː(r)məns/ | phrase | The actor delivered the best performance of her career. |
| **drive** | /draɪv/ | noun | As a [student](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/student) she was full of drive and [ambition](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/ambition_1). |
| **drop out** | /ˌdrɒp ˈaʊt/ | phrasal verb | Too many [students](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/student) [drop](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/drop_1) out of [college](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/college) after only one [year](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/year). |
| **encode** | /ɪnˈkəʊd/ | verb | The messages were encoded so the enemy couldn’t read them. |
| **engage with** | /ɪnˈɡeɪdʒ ˌwɪð/ | phrasal verb | She didn’t manage to engage with her audience, and they stopped listening. |
| **enrich** | /ɪnˈrɪtʃ/ | verb | [Doing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/doing) [volunteer](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/volunteer_1) [work](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/work_1) has [enriched](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/enrich) my [life](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/life). |
| **equation** | /ɪˈkweɪʒ(ə)n/ | noun | [Solve](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/solve) the equation: 5x – 3 = 27. |
| **exceptionally** | /ɪkˈsepʃ(ə)nəli/ | adverb | The [weather](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/weather_1)’s been exceptionally [mild](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/mild_1) for the time of year. |
| **eye contact** | /ˈaɪ ˌkɒntækt/ | noun | He was very [shy](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/shy_1) and found it [difficult](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/difficult) to [make](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/make_1) [eye](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/eye_1) [contact](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/contact_1)*.* |
| **faze** | /feɪz/ | verb | The audience was much larger than she had been expecting but it didn’t faze her. |
| **fazed** | /feɪzd/ | adjective | He was the youngest student there but he wasn’t fazed. |
| **fit in** | /ˌfɪt ˈɪn/ | phrasal verb | I tried to fit in, but they were all much older than I was. |
| **flawed** | /flɔːd/ | adjective | The current system is seriously flawed. They need a new one. |
| **force** | /fɔː(r)s/ | verb | You can’t force someone to do something they don’t want to do. |
| **for fear of (doing something)** | /fə(r) ˈfɪə(r) ɒv/ | phrase | I didn’t [tell](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/tell_1) Susan about our [meeting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/meeting) for [fear](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/fear_1) of [upsetting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/upsetting) her. |
| **genius** | /ˈdʒiːniəs/ | noun | Bach’s *Magnificat* is clearly the work of a genius. |
| **get (your) words straight** | /ɡet jə(r) ˈwɜː(r)dz ˌstreɪt/ | phrase | She found it difficult to get her words straight and didn’t make much sense. |
| **get on with** | /ˌɡet ˈɒn wɪð/ | phrasal verb | We haven’t got much time so let’s get on with preparing our presentation. |
| **gifted** | /ˈɡɪftɪd/ | adjective | He’s a very gifted musician and can play several instruments. |
| **grasp** | /ɡrɑːsp/ | verb | He was [finding](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/find_1) it [difficult](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/difficult) to grasp the [rules](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/rule_1) of the [game](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/game_1). |
| **grip** | /ɡrɪp/ | verb | I was totally gripped by the film. |
| **have a gift / talent for** | /ˌhæv ə ˈɡɪft/ ˈtælənt fə(r)/ | phrase | Samira has a gift for languages. She’s very good at French and German. |
| **highlighter** | /ˈhaɪˌlaɪtə(r)/ | noun | Use a highlighter to mark the important words in a text. |
| **hit on** | /ˈhɪt ˌɒn/ | phrasal verb | It took a long time, but we finally hit on a solution to the problem. |
| **hyperactive** | /ˌhaɪpərˈæktɪv/ | adjective | His parents thought he was hyperactive because he couldn’t concentrate very well. |
| **impenetrable** | /ɪmˈpenɪtrəb(ə)l/ | adjective | She’s impenetrable. It’s impossible to know what she’s thinking. |
| **inaccurate** | /ɪnˈækjʊrət/ | adjective | He’s quite careless so his work often contains a lot of mistakes. |
| **incredible** | /ɪnˈkredəb(ə)l/ | adjective | You must have some incredible [stories](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/story) to [tell](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/tell_1) about your travels around the world. |
| **intense** | /ɪnˈtens/ | adjective | It’s a short course but it is very intense with a lot of work to complete. |
| **justification** | /ˌdʒʌstɪfɪˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | What is your justification for the conclusion in your essay? |
| **keep up with** | /ˌkiːp ˈʌp wɪð/ | phrasal verb | I found the subject difficult and I couldn’t keep up with the other students in the class. |
| **leap out at** | /ˌliːp ˈaʊt æt/ | phrasal verb | He looked through the list of names, but none leapt out at him. |
| **live up to expectations** | /lɪv ˈʌp tə ekspekˌteɪʃ(ə)ns/ | phrase | The film certainly lived up to expectations. I thought it was brilliant. |
| **look for** | /ˈlʊk fɔː(r)/ | phrasal verb | He was looking for work as a builder. |
| **look into** | /ˌlʊk ˈɪntuː/ | phrasal verb | I [wrote](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/wrote) a [letter](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/letter) of [complaint](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/complaint), and the [airline](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/airline) have [promised](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/promise_1) to [look](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/look_1) into the [matter](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/matter_1). |
| **look up to** | /ˌlʊk ˈʌp tuː/ | phrasal verb | He’s a [role](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/role) [model](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/model_1) for other [players](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/player) to [look](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/look_1) up to. |
| **make up** | /ˌmeɪk ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | This [book](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/book_1) is made up of twelve [separate](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/separate_1) [short](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/short_1) [stories](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/story). |
| **manipulated** | /məˈnɪpjʊleɪtɪd/ | adjective | He felt very manipulated and not in control. |
| **masterpiece** | /ˈmɑːstə(r)ˌpiːs/ | noun | *Vertigo* is the film widely regarded as Hitchcock’s masterpiece. |
| **memorise** | /ˈmeməraɪz/ | verb | In school we had to memorise Rudyard Kipling’s poem If. |
| **(your) mind wanders** | /ˌmaɪnd ˈwɒndə(r)s/ | phrase | As [soon](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/soon) as I [try](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/try_1) to [work](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/work_1) my [mind](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/mind_1) [wanders.](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/wander_1) |
| **mindful** | /ˈmaɪn(d)f(ə)l/ | adjective | Mindful colouring can help people feel less stressed. |
| **mindfulness** | /ˈmaɪn(d)fəlnəs/ | noun | Mindfulness involves focussing on the present moment. |
| **misinterpret** | /ˌmɪsɪnˈtɜː(r)prɪt/ | verb | He [insisted](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/insist) his [views](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/view_1) had been [misinterpreted](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/misinterpret) by his [critics](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/critic). |
| **misunderstood** | /ˌmɪsʌndə(r)ˈstʊd/ | adjective | This is one of the great works by the misunderstood genius. |
| **mnemonic device** | /nɪˌmɒnɪk dɪˈvaɪs/ | noun | Mnemonic devices are techniques that help you remember information. |
| **nerd** | /nɜː(r)d/ | noun | I’m a bit of a maths nerd – I love numbers. |
| **organ** | /ˈɔː(r)ɡən/ | noun | My uncle played the organ at my sister’s wedding. |
| **overcritical** | /ˌəʊvə(r)ˈkrɪtɪk(ə)l/ | adjective | I don’t think the film was that bad – I think you’re being overcritical. |
| **overhear** | /ˌəʊvə(r)ˈhɪə(r)/ | verb | I overheard him saying he was thinking of leaving his job. |
| **over the moon** | /ˌəʊvə(r) ðə ˈmuːn/ | phrase | I was over the moon about passing my exams. |
| **pass away** | /ˌpɑːs əˈweɪ/ | phrasal verb | My grandfather passed away when I was two so I never really knew him. |
| **peer** | /pɪə(r)/ | noun | She is popular with her peers at school. |
| **persuasive** | /pə(r)ˈsweɪsɪv/ | adjective | He can be very persuasive and it’s difficult to say ‘no’ to him. |
| **pick up** | /ˌpɪk ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | She picked up a few German phrases while staying in Berlin. |
| **piece together** | /ˌpiːs təˈɡeðə(r)/ | phrasal verb | Detectives are still piecing together the circumstances surrounding the incident. |
| **post-production** | /ˌpəʊst-prəˈdʌkʃ(ə)n/ | noun | The film’s sound effects were added post-production. |
| **promise** | /ˈprɒmɪs/ | noun | He shows great promise as a gymnast. |
| **pursue** | /pə(r)ˈsjuː/ | verb | She [wants](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/want_1) to pursue a [career](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/career_1) in [medicine](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/medicine). |
| **recall** | /rɪˈkɔːl/ | verb | Twenty [years](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/year) [later](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/later_1) he could still [clearly](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/clearly) recall the [event](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/event). |
| **recognise** | /ˈrekəɡnaɪz/ | verb | I [hardly](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/hardly) [recognized](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/recognize) you with a [beard](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/beard_1)! |
| **reflect on** | /rɪˈflekt ɒn / | phrasal verb | Jemma reflected on how she could have improved her essay. |
| **rehearse** | /rɪˈhɜː(r)s/ | verb | We’ve been [rehearsing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/rehearse) the play for [weeks](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/week). |
| **reunite** | /ˌriːjuːˈnaɪt/ | verb | The band has reunited for one last concert. |
| **secure** | /sɪˈkjʊə(r)/ | adjective | The computer system is secure from [hackers](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/intruder). |
| **self-aware** | /ˌself əˈweə(r)/ | adjective | It’s important to be self-aware so you know how to improve. |
| **self-critical** | /ˌself ˈkrɪtɪk(ə)l/ | adjective | She’s very self-critical and only talks about her mistakes. |
| **sequel** | /ˈsiːkwəl/ | noun | The sequel wasn’t as good as the original film. |
| **semi-biographical** | /ˌsemi baɪəˈɡræfɪk(ə)l/ | adjective | The film is semi-biographical and partly based on his life. |
| **spot** | /spɒt/ | verb | An [effective](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/effective) [teacher](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/teacher) can spot a [child](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/child)’s [potential](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/potential_1). |
| **stand out** | /ˌstænd ˈaʊt/ | phrasal verb | She’s a very talented tennis player and has always stood out. |
| **strength** | /streŋθ/ | noun | Ron’s [main](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/main_1) strength is his [ability](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/ability_1) to [motivate](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/motivate) [players](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/player) |
| **sub-plot** | /ˈsʌb ˌplɒt/ | noun | The film had a very funny sub-plot involving the main character’s parents. |
| **superhero** | /ˈsuːpə(r)ˌhɪərəʊ/ | Noun | Spiderman was my favourite superhero when I was a child. |
| **supporting actor** | /səˌpɔː(r)tɪŋ ˈæktə(r)/ | noun | He won an Academy Award for best supporting actor. |
| **supportive** | /səˈpɔː(r)tɪv/ | adjective | My parents have always been very supportive of everything I do. |
| **talk through** | /ˌtɔːk ˈθruː/ | phrasal verb | He talked me through the whole process. |
| **theory** | /ˈθɪəri/ | noun | The theory [predicts](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/predict) low [speeds](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/speed_1) and therefore [safety](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/safety). |
| **turn (your) mind to something** | /ˌtɜː(r)n jə(r) ˈmaɪnd tə sʌmθɪŋ/ | phrase | You can do anything if you turn your [mind](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/mind_1) to it. |
| **twists and turns (of a plot)** | /ˌtwɪsts ən ˈtɜː(r)nz/ | phrase | This tragic story is full of twists and turns. |
| **ultimate** | /ˈʌltɪmət/ | adjective | [Independence](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/independence) [remains](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/remains) their ultimate [goal](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/goal). |
| **underestimate** | /ˌʌndərˈestɪˌmeɪt/ | verb | The [importance](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/importance) of a [good](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/good_1) [diet](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/diet_1) should not be [underestimated](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/underestimate_1). |
| **underrated** | /ˌʌndəˈreɪtɪd/ | adjective | He’s [seriously](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/seriously) underrated as an [actor](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/actor). |
| **unethical** | /ʌnˈeθɪk(ə)l/ | adjective | I think it’s unethical to keep animals in zoos. |
| **unfold** | /ʌnˈfəʊld/ | verb | We stood and watched the drama unfold. |
| **unpredictable** | /ˌʌnprɪˈdɪktəb(ə)l/ | adjective | The [weather](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/weather_1) here is [really](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/really) unpredictable. You never know if it’s going to be hot or cold. |
| **unrealistic** | /ˌʌnrɪəˈlɪstɪk/ | adjective | The dialogue in the film was very unrealistic. Real people don’t talk like that! |
| **visualise** | /ˈvɪʒʊəlaɪz/ | verb | Try to visualise how the house will look when it’s finished. |
| **weakness** | /ˈwiːknəs/ | noun | There are a [number](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/number_1) of [weaknesses](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/weakness) in this [approach](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/approach_1). |
| **work out** | /ˌwɜː(r)k ˈaʊt/ | phrasal verb | I was [born](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/born) in 1947: you [work](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/work_1) out my [age](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/age_1). |
| **write down** | /ˌraɪt ˈdaʊn/ | phrasal verb | As [soon](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/soon) as I have an [idea](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/idea), I [write](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/write) it down. |
| **UNIT 4** | | |  |
| **WORD** | **PRONUNCIATION** | **PART OF SPEECH** | **EXAMPLE SENTENCE** |
| **a wealth of** | /ə ˈwelθ ɒv/ | phrase | He [brings](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/bring) with him a wealth of [specialist](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/specialist) [knowledge](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/knowledge). |
| **advance(s)** | /ədˈvɑːns/ | noun | In [spite](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/spite_1) of all its [advances](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/advance_1), [medical](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/medical_1) [science](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/science) still [knows](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/know_1) [little](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/little_1) about the [brain](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/brain_1). |
| **algorithm** | /ˈælɡəˌrɪð(ə)m/ | noun | Many shopping websites use algorithms to target customers. |
| **anatomy** | /əˈnætəmi/ | noun | Anatomy is the scientific study of the physical structure of an animal or plant. |
| **application** | /ˌæplɪˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | This technology has many practical applications. |
| **archaeology** | /ˌɑː(r)kiˈɒlədʒi/ | noun | Archaeology is the study of ancient societies by looking at bones and buildings from that time. |
| **architecture** | /ˈɑː(r)kɪˌtektʃə(r)/ | noun | I want to design buildings when I’m older so I’m going to study architecture at university. |
| **astrophysics** | /ˌæstrəʊˈfɪzɪks/ | noun | Astrophysics is the [scientific](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/scientific) [study](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/study_1) of the [stars](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/star_1), [planets](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/planet), and other [objects](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/object_1) in the [universe](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/universe). |
| **augmented reality (AR)** | /ɔːɡˌmentid riˈæleti/ (/ˌeɪ ˈɑː(r)/) | noun | Augmented reality allows you to see and experience what’s in front of you with extra information added on. |
| **be done** | /ˌbi ˈdʌn/ | phrase | I was done after the first eight kilometres. I couldn’t run any further. |
| **biocompatible** | /ˌbaɪəʊkəmˈpætəb(ə)l/ | adjective | Any material that is put into a living thing must be biocompatible otherwise it will cause harm. |
| **biomechanics** | /ˌbaɪəʊmɪˈkænɪks/ | noun | Biomechanics is the study of the structure of animals and plants. |
| **biomedicine** | /ˌbaɪəʊˈmeds(ə)n/ | noun | Biomedicine is the study of biology and biochemistry applied to medicine. |
| **biometric** | /ˌbaɪəʊˈmetrɪks/ | adjective | These days most passports are biometric and hold all your data on a chip. |
| **bionic** | /baɪˈɒnɪk/ | adjective | She has a new bionic arm after she lost hers in a terrible accident. |
| **break ground** | /ˌbreɪk ˈɡraʊnd/ | phrase | Scientists are breaking ground all the time with new inventions and discoveries. |
| **breakthrough** | /ˈbreɪkθruː/ | noun | [Scientists](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/scientist) [predict](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/predict) a [major](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/major_1) breakthrough within six [months](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/month). |
| **bring about** | /ˌbrɪŋ əˈbaʊt/ | phrasal verb | Many social changes have been brought about by new technology. |
| **capability** | /ˌkeɪpəˈbɪləti/ | noun | She could [win](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/win_1) the [competition](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/competition) – she [certainly](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/certainly) has the capability. |
| **chemistry** | /ˈkemɪstri/ | noun | Chemistry is the study of the structure of substances and the way they react with other substances. |
| **(in) close proximity** | /(ɪn) ˌkləʊz prɒkˈsɪməti/ | phrase | The [area](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/area) is in close [proximity](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/proximity) to a [huge](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/huge) [shopping](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/shopping) [centre](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/centre_1). |
| **corrupt** | /kəˈrʌpt/ | verb | I [feared](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/fear_2) that my [taste](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/taste_1) might have been [corrupted](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/corrupt_2). |
| **couple** | /ˈkʌp(ə)l/ | verb | Two computer [processors](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/processor) can be [coupled](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/couple_2) so they work together. |
| **crackdown** | /ˈkrækˌdaʊn/ | noun | [Police](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/police_1) are [launching](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/launch_1) a [new](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/new) crackdown on speeding motorists. |
| **cutback** | /ˈkʌtˌbæk/ | noun | The [company](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/company) will be [forced](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/forced) to [make](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/make_1) [cutbacks](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/cutback) in all [departments](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/department). |
| **cutting-edge** | /ˌkʌtɪŋˈedʒ/ | adjective | This technology is very cutting-edge – it’s extremely modern and advanced. |
| **cyborg** | /ˈsaɪˌbɔː(r)ɡ/ | noun | I’ve just watched a terrifying sci-fi film, where an army of cyborgs took over the world. |
| **disastrous** | /dɪˈzɑːstrəs/ | adjective | The [consequences](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/consequence) of [spending](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/spending) [cuts](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/cut_1) would be disastrous for [local](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/local_1) [schools](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/school_1). |
| **drawback** | /ˈdrɔːˌbæk/ | noun | The [main](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/main_1) drawback of the [scheme](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/scheme_1) is its [expense](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/expense_1). |
| **due to** | /ˈdjuː tuː/ | adjective | He almost [died](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/die_1) due to [lack](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/lack_1) of [oxygen](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/oxygen). |
| **engineering** | /ˌendʒɪˈnɪərɪŋ/ | noun | She’s studying engineering and learning how to design machines. |
| **enhance** | /ɪnˈhɑːns/ | verb | These improvements should enhance the car’s performance. |
| **enzyme** | /ˈenzaɪm/ | noun | An enzyme is a natural chemical produced by animal and plant cells. |
| **ethically** | /ˈeθɪk(ə)li/ | adverb | Some people think that trying to change nature is ethically wrong and that we shouldn’t do it. |
| **far-fetched** | /ˌfɑː(r) ˈfetʃt/ | adjective | I didn’t believe her reason for being late – it seemed very far-fetched. |
| **feat** | /fiːt/ | noun | It seemed like an impossible feat, but the athlete completed the marathon in record time. |
| **feedback** | /ˈfiːdbæk/ | noun | I got some very positive feedback on my assignment. |
| **foam** | /fəʊm/ | noun | Foam is a material that is often used for making furniture more comfortable. |
| **forensic science** | /fəˌrenzɪk ˈsaɪəns/ | noun | Forensic science is the study of using science to solve crimes. |
| **full-scale** | /ˌfʊl ˈskeɪl/ | adjective | The police have launched a full-scale investigation into the murder. |
| **funding** | /ˈfʌndɪŋ/ | noun | The [government](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/government) is still [failing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/failing_1) to [provide](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/provide) [adequate](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/adequate) funding for [research](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/research_1). |
| **gastronomy** | /ɡæˈstrɒnəmi/ | noun | Gastronomy is the [activity](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/activity) of [cooking](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/cooking_1) and [enjoying](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/enjoy) [especially](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/especially) [good](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/good_1) [food](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/food) |
| **gene** | /dʒiːn/ | noun | Hair colour is passed on through genes. |
| **genetically-modified** | /dʒəˌnetɪkli ˈmɒdɪfaɪd/ | adjective | Genetically-modified food is produced by changing the genes to give the food particular qualities. |
| **genetics** | /dʒəˈnetɪks/ | noun | Genetics is the study of how the [individual](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/individual_1) [features](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/feature_1) and [behaviour](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/behaviour) of [living](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/living_1) [things](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/thing) are [passed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/pass_1) on through their [genes](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/gene). |
| **geology** | /dʒiːˈɒlədʒi/ | noun | Geology is the [scientific](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/scientific) [study](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/study_1) of the [structure](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/structure_1) of the [Earth](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/earth_1#earth_1__1), the way in which it was [formed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/form_2), and how it has [changed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/changed) over time. |
| **give an edge** | /ˌɡɪv ən ˈedʒ/ | phrase | [Training](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/training) can give you an edge over your [competitors](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/competitor). |
| **give rise to** | /ˌɡɪv ˈraɪz tə/tuː/ | phrase | [Delays](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/delay_1) could give [rise](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/rise_1) to further [problems](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/problem). |
| **go against** | /ˌɡəʊ əˈɡenst/ | phrasal verb | I’m sorry I can’t agree to this. It goes against all my principles. |
| **have an impact on** | /ˌhæv ən ˈɪmpækt ɒn/ | phrase | Internet [shopping](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/shopping) has [begun](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/begun) to have a serious impact on [traditional](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/traditional) [bookshops](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/bookshop). |
| **hearing aid** | /ˈhɪərɪŋ eɪd/ | noun | My mum can’t hear very well so she wears hearing aids. |
| **implant** | /ɪmˈplɑːnt/ | verb | Would you want a chip implanted into your body? |
| **implication** | /ˌɪmplɪˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | We [believe](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/believe_1) that GM [crops](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/crop_1) will have serious [implications](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/implication) for the [environment](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/environment). |
| **in demand** | /ˌɪn dɪˈmɑːnd/ | phrase | Our [software](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/software) is in [demand](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/demand_1) all over the [world](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/world). |
| **informed** | /ɪnˈfɔː(r)md/ | adjective | You need to do some research so you can make an informed decision. |
| **in turn** | /ˌɪn ˈtɜː(r)n/ | phrase | Her [mother](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/mother_1) [taught](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/taught) her, and she in [turn](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/turn_1) [taught](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/taught) her own [daughter](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/daughter_1). |
| **innovation** | /ˌɪnəʊˈveɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | You can see all the latest technological innovations at this exhibition. |
| **knowledgeable** | /ˈnɒlɪdʒəb(ə)l/ | adjective | He’s [extremely](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/extremely) knowledgeable about [business](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/business) and [finance](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/finance_1). |
| **lead to** | /ˈliːd tə/ | phrasal verb | There is no [doubt](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/doubt_1) that [stress](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/stress_1) can [lead](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/lead_1) to [physical](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/physical_1) [illness](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/illness). |
| **legend** | /ˈledʒ(ə)nd/ | noun | Elizabeth Taylor starred in many films and was a Hollywood legend. |
| **lifespan** | /ˈlaɪfˌspæn/ | noun | The [natural](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/natural_1) lifespan of a [cat](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/pig_1) is about 12-15 [years](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/year). |
| **lightweight** | /ˈlaɪtˌweɪt/ | adjective | [Laptop](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/laptop) [computers](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/computer) are becoming more lightweight. |
| **limb** | /lɪm/ | noun | She [rested](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/rested) her [tired](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/tired), [aching](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/ache_1) [limbs](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/limb). |
| **line-up** | /ˈlaɪn ʌp/ | noun | Messi has been [dropped](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/drop_1) from Saturday’s line-up because of [injury](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/injury). |
| **long-term** | /ˌlɒŋ ˈtɜː(r)m/ | adjective | Eating healthily has long-term benefits. |
| **micro-organism** | /ˌmaɪkrəʊ ˈɔː(r)ɡənɪz(ə)m/ | noun | Micro-organisms are small living things that can only be seen with a microscope. |
| **mutant** | /ˈmjuːt(ə)nt/ | adjective | A mutant enzyme is an enzyme that has had its genes changed. |
| **neuroscience** | /ˈnjʊərəʊˌsaɪəns/ | noun | Neuroscience is the scientific study of the nervous system. |
| **nutritional science** | /njuːˌtrɪʃən(ə)l ˈsaɪəns/ | noun | Nutritional science is the study of food and nutrition and its effects on the human body. |
| **organ** | /ˈɔː(r)ɡən/ | noun | The heart and brain are examples of organs in the human body. |
| **outcome** | /ˈaʊtˌkʌm/ | noun | A [second](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/second_1) [game](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/game_1) will be [played](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/play_1) to [determine](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/determine) the outcome. |
| **outcry** | /ˈaʊtˌkraɪ/ | noun | There was a public outcry against the government cuts. |
| **outlook** | /ˈaʊtˌlʊk/ | noun | The outlook for the [economy](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/economy_1) is still [uncertain](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/uncertain). |
| **outset** | /ˈaʊtˌset/ | noun | You are [going](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/going_1) to [love](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/love_1) this [book](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/book_1) from the outset. |
| **owing to** | /ˈəʊɪŋ tə/tuː/ | preposition | [Flights](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/flight) from Stansted [Airport](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/airport) were [cancelled](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/cancel) [owing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/owing) to [bad](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/bad_1) [weather](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/weather_1). |
| **pacemaker** | /ˈpeɪsˌmeɪkə(r)/ | noun | A pacemaker is a small piece of electronic equipment that helps the heart muscles move regularly. |
| **prompt (someone to do something)** | /prɒmpt/ | phrase | The newspaper article prompted the politician to resign. |
| **protein** | /ˈprəʊtiːn/ | noun | Proteins are found in all living things. |
| **psychology** | /saɪˈkɒlədʒi/ | noun | Psychology is the study of the mind and how it affects behaviour. |
| **purity** | /ˈpjʊərəti/ | noun | Spring water has a lot of purity. |
| **refuse** | /ˈrefjuːs/ | noun | Our household refuse is collected every fortnight. |
| **repercussion** | /ˌriːpə(r)ˈkʌʃ(ə)n/ | noun | This will have serious [long-term](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/long-term) [economic](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/economic) [repercussions](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/repercussion). |
| **rival** | /ˈraɪv(ə)l/ | adjective | The rival team look bigger and stronger than us – I don’t think we’re going to win. |
| **robotic** | /rəʊˈbɒtɪk/ | adjective | A robotic [arm](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/arm_1) [lifts](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/lift_1) the [box](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/box_1) up and [turns](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/turn_1) it round. |
| **scouting** | /ˈskaʊtɪŋ/ | adjective | A scouting team approached two of our players at the end of the match. |
| **setback** | /ˈsetˌbæk/ | noun | Unfortunately, we’ve had a bit of a setback with our plans for the charity event and we can no longer use the school hall. |
| **side effect** | /ˈsaɪd ɪfekt/ | noun | The [treatment](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/treatment) has no [significant](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/significant) side [effects](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/effect_1). |
| **sociology** | /ˌsəʊʃiˈɒlədʒi/ | noun | Sociology is the [scientific](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/scientific) [study](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/study_1) of the way that society is [organized](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/organized), and the way that [people](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/people_1) [behave](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/behave) in [relation](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/relation) to each other. |
| **spark off** | /ˌspɑː(r)k ˈɒf/ | phrasal verb | The [trial](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/trial_1) [sparked](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/spark_1) off [widespread](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/widespread) [rioting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/riot_2#riot_2__4) in London. |
| **stem from** | /ˈstem frɒm/ | phrasal verb | His popularity stemmed from the fact that he was born in the area. |
| **suppose/supposing that** | /səˈpəʊz/səˈpəʊzɪŋ ðæt/ | phrase | Suppose you won the competition, what would you do with the prize money? |
| **sustainable** | /səˈsteɪnəb(ə)l/ | adjective | We [work](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/work_1) with our [farmers](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/farmer) to [promote](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/promote) sustainable [agriculture](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/agriculture). |
| **synthetic biology** | /sɪnˌθetɪk baɪˈɒlədʒi/ | noun | Synthetic biology is an area of research which involves redesigning organisms. |
| **tenacity** | /təˈnæsəti/ | noun | Tenacity is an essential characteristic for successful people to have. |
| **trait** | /treɪt/ | noun | He has a few annoying personality traits. |
| **worldwide** | /ˌwɜː(r)ldˈwaɪd/ | adjective | Climate change is a worldwide problem. |
| **worse-case scenario** | /ˌwɜː(r)st-keɪs səˈnɑːriəʊ/ | phrase | The worst-case scenario is that he will lose his job but hopefully that won’t happen. |
| **worthwhile** | /ˌwɜː(r)θˈwaɪl/ | adjective | We [felt](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/felt_1) the [meeting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/meeting) had been very worthwhile. |
| **UNIT 5** | | |  |
| **WORD** | **PRONUNCIATION** | **PART OF SPEECH** | **EXAMPLE SENTENCE** |
| **a number of** | /ə ˈnʌmbə(r) ɒv/ | phrase | A number of students have part-time jobs. |
| **acquit someone of charges** | /əˌkwɪt sʌmwʌn ɒv ˈtʃɑː(r)dʒɪz/ | phrase | He was [eventually](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/eventually) [acquitted](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/acquit) of the [charges](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/charge_1). |
| **additionally** | /əˈdɪʃ(ə)nəli/ | adverb | [Members](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/member) [receive](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/receive) six [newsletters](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/newsletter) a [year](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/year). [Additionally](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/additionally), they have the use of a [helpline](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/helpline). |
| **and yet** | /ˌənd ˈjet/ | conjunction | Crime levels are falling. And yet people still think crime is a big problem in our area. |
| **anti-establishment** | /ˌænti-ɪˈstæblɪʃmənt/ | adjective | She has very anti-establishment views and doesn’t trust the government. |
| **arise** | /əˈraɪz/ | verb | Some [confusion](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/confusion) has [arisen](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/arisen) as a [result](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/result_1) of the [new](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/new) system. |
| **a touch of something** | / ə ˈtʌtʃ ɒv sʌmθɪŋ/ | phrase | [Winter](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/winter_1) [flowers](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/flower_1) [add](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/add_1) a [welcome](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/welcome_1) [touch](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/touch_1) of [colour](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/colour_1) to the [garden](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/garden_1). |
| **ban someone from** | /ˈbæn sʌmwʌn ˌfrɒm/ | phrase | He’s been banned from driving for six months. |
| **basis** | /ˈbeɪsɪs/ | noun | There is no scientific basis for these concerns. |
| **body cam** | /ˈbɒdi ˌkæm/ | noun | The police officer had been wearing a body cam so the incident was recorded. |
| **bogus** | /ˈbəʊɡəs/ | adjective | Making bogus emergency calls can put other people’s lives at risk. |
| **by means of** | /baɪ ˈmiːnz ɒv/ | phrase | The only way of enforcing the law is by means of supervising communication  between criminals. |
| **cash strapped and resources tight** | /ˌkæʃ ˈstræpt ənd rɪˈzɔː(r)sɪz ˌtaɪt/ | phrase | With cash strapped and resources tight, the council can’t afford to pay for any road repairs this year. |
| **charismatic** | /ˌkærɪzˈmætɪk/ | adjective | If they are going to win the election, they need a more charismatic leader. |
| **civilised** | /ˈsɪvəˌlaɪzd/ | adjective | Our town is a very civilised place to live – crime is low and there are lots of green spaces. |
| **claim** | /kleɪm/ | noun | She didn’t believe my claims. |
| **clog** | /klɒɡ/ | verb | Too many misuse calls are clogging the phone lines of the emergency services. |
| **collaborate with** | /kəˈlæbəreɪt wɪð/ | verb | We have been [collaborating](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/collaborate) [closely](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/closely) with [teachers](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/teacher) in [devising](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/devise_1) the [lesson](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/lesson) [plans](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/plan_1). |
| **come into force** | /ˌkʌm ɪntə ˈfɔː(r)s/ | phrase | The [new](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/new) [law](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/law) will [come](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/enter) into [force](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/force_1) next [year](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/year). |
| **constitutional** | /ˌkɒnstɪˈtjuːʃ(ə)nəl/ | adjective | Whatever [procedure](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/procedure) the government [follow](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/follow)s, it must be constitutional. |
| **court** | /kɔː(r)t/ | noun | The offender will appear in court next week. |
| **CCTV** | /ˌsiː siː tiː ˈviː/ | noun | CCTV stands for closed-circuit television. |
| **designated/non-designated** | /ˈdezɪɡˌneɪtɪd / ˈnɒn-ˌdezɪɡneɪtɪd/ | adjective | [Picnicking](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/picnic_2) is only [allowed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/allow) in designated [areas](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/area). |
| **deter** | /dɪˈtɜː(r)/ | verb | The [rain](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/rain_1) didn’t deter [people](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/people_1) from coming to the [game](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/game_1). |
| **discrimination** | /dɪˌskrɪmɪˈneɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | Discrimination on the grounds of sex or race is unlawful. |
| **discriminatory** | /dɪˈskrɪmɪnət(ə)ri/ | adjective | This policy is discriminatory towards young people and doesn’t treat them fairly. |
| **disorderly conduct** | /dɪsˌɔː(r)də(r)li kənˈdʌkt/ | noun | Disorderly conduct is the crime of being too noisy or violent in a public place. |
| **disturbance** | /dɪˈstɜː(r)bəns/ | noun | We are [concerned](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/concerned) about disturbance to [residents](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/resident_1) from the [nightclub](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/nightclub). |
| **do community service** | /duː kəˌmjuːnəti ˈsɜː(r)vɪs/ | phrase | The [court](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/court_1) [ordered](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/ordered) him to do 50 [hours](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/hour) of [community](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/community) [service](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/service_1). |
| **editorial** | /ˌedɪˈtɔːriəl/ | noun | The newspaper editor gives her opinion on the week’s events in her weekly editorial. |
| **enforce** | /ɪnˈfɔː(r)s/ | verb | The [main](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/main_1) [role](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/role) of the [police](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/police_1) is to [uphold](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/uphold) and enforce the [law](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/law). |
| **facial recognition** | /ˌfeɪʃ(ə)l rekəɡˈnɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | Facial recognition is a computer-aided technology that allows people to be identified by scanning their faces. |
| **harass** | /ˈhærəs/ or /həˈræs/ | verb | Stop harassing me. I’ll do it in a minute. |
| **highly** | /ˈhaɪli/ | adverb | Our best player is injured so it’s highly [unlikely](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/unlikely) we will win today. |
| **immaturity** | /ˌɪməˈtjʊərəti/ | noun | The young footballer’s immaturity and lack of experience meant he wasn’t picked for the team. |
| **impose a curfew** | /ɪmˌpəʊz ə ˈkɜː(r)fjuː/ | phrase | The [authorities](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/authority) [imposed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/impose) a nightly curfew from 9 pm to 6 am. No one was allowed out unless they had permission. |
| **in a bid to** | /ɪn ə ˈbɪd tə/ | Phrase | CCTV cameras have been installed in a bid to stop antisocial behaviour in our area. |
| **in addition to** | /ɪn əˈdɪʃ(ə)n tə/ | phrase | In [addition](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/addition) to the [twins](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/twin_1), Jason and his wife have another [child](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/child). |
| **in aid of** | /ɪn ˈeɪd ɒv/ | Phrase | The [sale](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sale) was in [aid](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/aid_1) of the [local](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/local_1) [hospital](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/hospital). |
| **in favour of** | /ɪn ˈfeɪvə(r) ɒv/ | Phrase | Are you in favour of the age limit being lowered? |
| **in order to** | /ɪn ˈɔː(r)də(r) tə/ | Phrase | What do I have to do in [order](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/order_1) to [convince](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/convince) them? |
| **in response to** | /ɪn rɪˈspɒns tə/ | Phrase | In response to [complaints](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/complaint), the [company](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/company) [reviewed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/review_2) its [safety](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/safety) [procedures](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/procedure). |
| **in the process of** | /ɪn ðə ˈprəʊses ɒv/ | Phrase | They were in the process of moving their head office from Paris to London. |
| **in/out of touch with** | /ɪn/aʊt əv ˈtʌtʃ wɪð/ | phrase | I [haven](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/haven)’t [taught](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/taught) for a while so I’m a [little](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/little_1) out of [touch](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/touch_1) with new methods. |
| **indeed** | /ɪnˈdiːd/ | adverb | It would be difficult. Indeed it would be almost impossible. |
| **issue someone with a(n) (on-the-spot) fine** | /ˌɪʃuː sʌmwʌn wɪð ə/ən (ɒn-ðə-ˌspɒt) ˈfaɪn/ | phrase | She was issued with an on-the spot fine for dropping litter. |
| **judge** | /dʒʌdʒ/ | verb | The offender will be judged in a court of law. |
| **law-abiding** | /ˈlɔː əbaɪdɪŋ/ | adjective | The people of this town are law-abiding and responsible citizens. |
| **littering** | /ˈlɪtə(r)ɪŋ/ | noun | Littering in public places is a real problem in our country. |
| **make a formal apology** | /meɪk ə ˌfɔː(r)m(ə)l əˈpɒlədʒi/ | phrase | I think she should make a formal apology for her remarks. |
| **make a prank/hoax call** | /meɪk ə ˈpræŋk/ˈhəʊks ˌkɔːl/ | phrase | The woman received a fine for making hoax calls to the emergency services. |
| **matter** | /ˈmætə(r)/ | noun | The [parcel](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/parcel_1) [arrived](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/arrive) [late](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/late_1) and, to [make](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/make_1) [matters](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/matter_1) [worse](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/worse_1), it wasn’t what we had [ordered](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/ordered). |
| **merely** | /ˈmɪə(r)li/ | adverb | This [job](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/job_1) is merely a way to [pay](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/pay_1) my [bills](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/bill_1). |
| **mindlessly** | /ˈmaɪndləsli/ | adverb | Anyone who mindlessly vandalises public property should be punished in my opinion. |
| **nuisance** | /ˈnjuːs(ə)ns/ | noun | I’m fed up with the amount of nuisance calls I get from marketing companies. |
| **numerous** | /ˈnjuːmərəs/ | adjective | He had numerous other [duties](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/duty) [apart](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/apart) from [teaching](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/teaching). He was a very busy man! |
| **occasionally** | /əˈkeɪʒ(ə)nəli/ | adverb | We go to the theatre only very occasionally. |
| **on account of** | /ɒn əˈkaʊnt ɒv/ | phrase | He can’t work much on account of his poor health. |
| **on behalf of** | /ɒn bɪˈhɑːf ɒv/ | phrase | The lawyer [read](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/issue_2) a [statement](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/statement_1) on behalf of the [victim](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/victim)’s [family](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/family_1). |
| **on the strength of** | /ɒn ðə ˈstreŋθ ɒv/ | phrase | I heard their new single, and on the strength of that I bought the album. |
| **on the verge of (doing something)** | /ˌɒn ðə ˈvɜː(r)dʒ əv/ | phrase | He was on the verge of finishing the last question on the exam paper but then he ran out of time. |
| **one-off /repeated shoplifting** | /ˌwʌn ɒf/rɪˌpiːtɪd ˈʃɒplɪftɪŋ/ | phrase | He had to do community service for one-off shoplifting. |
| **ordinance** | /ˈɔː(r)dɪnəns/ | noun (formal) | An ordinance is an official order by a government, king, queen, etc. |
| **parking ticket** | /ˈpɑːkɪŋ tɪkɪt/ | noun | She received a parking ticket for parking in a non-designated area. |
| **pass** | /pɑːs/ | verb | This is one of the [worst](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/worst_1) [laws](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/law) ever [passed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/pass_1). |
| **peer pressure** | /ˈpɪə preʃə(r)/ | noun | Peer pressure can affect the way people behave or dress, especially teenagers. |
| **penalty** | /ˈpen(ə)lti/ | noun | The [crime](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/crime_1) [carries](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/carry) a much [heavier](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/heavy_1) penalty in the US. |
| **precede** | /prɪˈsiːd/ | verb | The [paragraph](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/paragraph_1) that [precedes](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/precede) this one is [unclear](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/unclear). |
| **prosecute** | /ˈprɒsɪˌkjuːt/ | verb | If the [fine](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/fine_1) is not [paid](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/paid_1) within ten [days](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/day), we will be [forced](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/forced) to prosecute. |
| **prosecution** | /ˌprɒsɪˈkjuːʃ(ə)n/ | noun | The police have made a number of prosecutions following the recent vandalism in the area. |
| **receive a suspended sentence** | /rɪˌsiːv ə səˌspendɪd ˈsentəns/ | phrase | He received a suspended sentence, so he won’t go to prison unless he commits another crime. |
| **register** | /ˈredʒɪstə(r)/ | noun | It’s important to use words and phrases with a formal register, for example *Might I suggest …*, when you’re writing a formal letter. |
| **sacrifice** | /ˈsækrɪfaɪs/ | noun | [Making](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/making) [sacrifices](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sacrifice_1) is part of [bringing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/bring) up [children](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/children). |
| **self-determination** | /ˌself-dɪˌtɜːmɪˈneɪʃn/ | noun | I believe that individuals should have the right to self-determination. |
| **settle a fine** | /ˌset(ə)l ə ˈfaɪn/ | phrase | She has 30 days to settle her fine or it will be increased. |
| **several** | /ˈsev(ə)rəl/ | determiner | He has been warned several times about speeding. |
| **sleep disorder** | /ˈsliːp dɪsˌɔː(r)də(r)/ | noun | Gaming for long periods of time can cause sleeping disorders. |
| **social worker** | /ˈsəʊʃ(ə)l wɜːkə(r)/ | Noun | He’s got a job as a social worker. He helps families who are having problems. |
| **supervise** | /ˈsuːpə(r)vaɪz/ | verb | He needs to be supervised by a social worker. |
| **surveillance** | /sə(r)ˈveɪləns/ | noun | The [police](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/police_1) [kept](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/kept) both [men](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/men) under surveillance for several [months](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/month). |
| **synonym** | /ˈsɪnənɪm/ | noun | ‘Scared’ is a synonym for ‘afraid’. |
| **the vast majority of** | /ðə ˌvɑːst məˈdʒɒrəti ɒv/ | phrase | I believe the vast majority of people will support us. |
| **undertake** | /ˌʌndə(r)ˈteɪk/ | verb | The [court](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/court_1) will undertake a serious [examination](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/examination) of the [case](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/case_1). |
| **undesirable** | /ˌʌndɪˈzaɪrəb(ə)l/ | adjective | This [medicine](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/drug_1) can have undesirable side [effects](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/effect_1). |
| **valid** | /ˈvælɪd/ | adjective | You will [need](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/need_1) a valid [passport](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/passport). |
| **validate** | /ˈvælɪdeɪt/ | verb | He forgot to validate his travel card when he got on the tram so he was issued with a fine. |
| **vandalism** | /ˈvændəˌlɪz(ə)m/ | noun | Vandalism is the act of deliberately damaging or destroying things, especially public property. |
| **vulnerability** | /ˌvʌlnərəˈbɪləti/ | noun | His vulnerability makes him an easy victim. |
| **(be) willing to** | /ˈwɪlɪŋ tə/tuː/ | phrase | They are very willing to give her the [chance](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/chance_1) she [needs](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/need_1). |
| **UNIT 6** | | |  |
| **WORD** | **PRONUNCIATION** | **PART OF SPEECH** | **EXAMPLE SENTENCE** |
| **a home from home** | /ə ˌhəʊm frəm ˈhəʊm/ | phrase | New York felt like a home from home for Jim. He was very happy there. |
| **airtight** | /ˈeə(r)ˌtaɪt/ | adjective | Keep the biscuits in an airtight tin. |
| **airy** | /ˈeəri/ | adjective | The [bedrooms](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/bedroom) were all [light](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/light_1) and airy. |
| **aria** | /ˈɑːriə/ | noun | The opera singer sang the aria beautifully. |
| **at full blast** | /ət ˌfʊl ˈblɑːst/ | phrase | The [radio](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/radio_1) was on full [blast](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/blast_1) and it hurt my ears. |
| **atmospheric** | /ˌætməsˈferɪk/ | adjective | The lighting in this café makes it very atmospheric. |
| **be home and dry** | /bi ˌhəʊm ən ˈdraɪ/ | phrase | We’re not home and dry yet. We’ve still got one more test to pass. |
| **be in the same boat** | /bi ɪn ðə ˌseɪm ˈbəʊt/ | phrase | We’re all in the same boat, so let’s not criticise each other. |
| **not someone’s cup of tea** | /nɒt sʌmwʌnz ˌkʌp ɒv ˈtiː/ | phrase | War [films](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/film_1) are not [really](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/really) my [cup](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/cup_1) of [tea](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/tea). I don’t like them. |
| **bill** | /bɪl/ | noun | I always [pay](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/pay_1) my [bills](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/bill_1) on time. |
| **bitter** | /ˈbɪtə(r)/ | adjective | I’m still bitter about what happened. I don’t think it was fair at all. |
| **block of (high-rise) flats** | /ˌblɒk əv (ˌhaɪ raɪz) ˈflætz/ | noun | We live on the twentieth floor of a block of high-rise flats. The view is amazing! |
| **bohemian** | /bəʊˈhiːmiən/ | adjective | This part of the town is very bohemian. A lot of artists and musicians live here. |
| **brighten up** | /ˌbraɪt(ə)n ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | You could brighten up your room with some colourful curtains and cushions. |
| **bring (it) home to someone** | /ˌbrɪŋ (ɪt) ˈhəʊm  tə ˌsʌmwʌn/ | phrase | The news story brought it home to them how desperate the situation was. |
| **bring the house down** | /brɪŋ ðə ˈhaʊs ˌdaʊn/ | phrase | His performance brought the house down. Everyone was cheering and clapping. |
| **bungalow** | /ˈbʌŋɡəˌləʊ/ | noun | My grandparents decided to move to a bungalow, so they didn’t have any stairs to climb. |
| **bustling** | /ˈbʌs(ə)lɪŋ/ | adjective | It's a lively bustling town with plenty of entertainment. |
| **by trial and error** | /baɪ ˌtraɪəl ən ˈerə(r)/ | phrase | I figured out how to use the new software by a process of trial and error. |
| **chalet** | /ˈʃæleɪ/ | noun | Last summer we stayed in a chalet in the Swiss Alps. |
| **combat** | /ˈkɒmbæt/ | verb | What can we do to combat the problem of climate change? |
| **cosmopolitan** | /ˌkɒzməˈpɒlɪt(ə)n/ | adjective | London is a great cosmopolitan city with people from many different countries and cultures living there. |
| **cottage** | /ˈkɒtɪdʒ/ | noun | They live in an old cottage in the countryside. It’s very picturesque. |
| **criteria** | /kraɪˈtɪəriə/ | noun plural | Everyone whose [qualifications](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/qualification) [meet](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/meet_1) our [criteria](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/criterion) will be [considered](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/considered). |
| **crowded** | /ˈkraʊdɪd/ | adjective | The pool was too crowded, so we decided not to go for a swim. |
| **deposit** | /dɪˈpɒzɪt/ | noun | We’ve put down a deposit on a [new](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/new) [house](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/house_1). |
| **detached house** | /dɪˌtætʃt ˈhaʊs/ | noun | We live in a detached house at the end of a long lane. We don’t have any neighbours. |
| **dodgy** | /ˈdɒdʒi/ | adjective | I wouldn’t click on that link if I were you. It looks dodgy. |
| **dorm/dormitory** | /dɔː(r)m/ˈdɔː(r)mɪtri/ | noun | My American cousin lives in a dorm on the campus of her university. |
| **drown out** | /ˌdraʊn ˈaʊt/ | phrasal verb | The [music](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/music) almost [drowned](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/drown) the [sound](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sound_1) of his [voice](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/voice_1) |
| **eccentric** | /ɪkˈsentrɪk/ | adjective | People think he’s rather eccentric because he always wears odd socks. |
| **flat-/house-hunt** | /ˈflæt/ˈhaʊs ˌhʌnt/ | verb | They've been house-hunting for six months now but they haven’t found anywhere yet. |
| **flat/house share** | /ˈflæt/ˈhaʊs ˌʃeə(r)/ | noun | They responded to the ad for a house share. |
| **flatmate** | /ˈflætˌmeɪt/ | noun | My flatmate never does the washing-up. It’s very annoying! |
| **fully furnished** | /ˌfʊli ˈfɜː(r)nɪʃt/ | adjective | The flat is fully furnished so we don’t need to buy any furniture. |
| **fun** | /fʌn/ | adjective | Brighton is a fun place to live. There’s a lot of things to do there. |
| **get on like a house on fire** | /ɡet ˌɒn laɪk ə ˈhaʊs ɒn ˌfaɪə(r)/ | phrase | My best friend and I met at a party and we immediately got on [like](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/like_1) a [house](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/house_1) on fire. |
| **go round the houses** | /ɡəʊ ˌraʊnd ðə ˈhaʊsɪz/ | phrase | He never told me what he thought. He just went round the houses! |
| **ground rules** | /ˈɡraʊnd ˌruːlz/ | noun plural | Make sure you set the ground rules early on. |
| **halls of residence** | /ˌhɔːlz əv ˈrezɪd(ə)ns/ | noun | We lived in the same hall of residence in our first year. |
| **hilly** | /ˈhɪli/ | adjective | Our town is very hilly which is hard if you need to cycle somewhere! |
| **hip** | /hɪp/ | adjective | It’s a very hip part of town and has lots of cool cafés. |
| **historic** | /hɪˈstɒrɪk/ | adjective | Tourists like to visit historic monuments and buildings such as Stonehenge and Westminster Abbey. |
| **hold back** | /ˌhəʊld ˈbæk/ | phrasal verb | He wanted to join the choir, but his shyness was holding him back. |
| **home in on** | /ˌhəʊm ˈɪn ɒn/ | phrase | Sometimes they [homed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/home_3) in on the [right](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/right_1) [solution](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/solution) with [incredible](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/incredible) [speed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/speed_1). |
| **home truths** | /ˌhəʊm ˈtruːθz/ | noun plural | She needs to hear some home truths, or she will never change her behaviour. |
| **homebody** | /ˈhəʊmˌbɒdi/ | noun | He’s a real homebody so he wants to go to the university in his town. |
| **homesick** | /ˈhəʊmˌsɪk/ | adjective | My sister went on a school trip, but she got homesick and felt unhappy a lot of the time. |
| **homestay** | /ˈhəʊmˌsteɪ/ | noun | Some universities offer homestays to international students so they can get to know the culture of the country. |
| **host** | /həʊst/ | noun/adjective | I’m so glad I choose a homestay – my host family were very kind and friendly. |
| **imitation** | /ˌɪmɪˈteɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | Kim can do a [great](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/great_1) imitation of [Woody](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/woody) Allen. |
| **imposing** | /ɪmˈpəʊzɪŋ/ | adjective | The building was huge and very imposing. |
| **industrial** | /ɪnˈdʌstriəl/ | adjective | This area of the town is quite industrial and has a lot of factories. |
| **insight** | /ˈɪnsaɪt/ | noun | I [got](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/got_1) more [insights](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/insight) about him from [reading](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/reading) his [books](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/book_1) than from [talking](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/talk_1) to him. |
| **instrumental** | /ˌɪnstrʊˈment(ə)l/ | adjective | He was instrumental in [helping](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/helping) both sides to [reach](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/reach_1) a [compromise](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/compromise_1). |
| **insulation** | /ˌɪnsjʊˈleɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | We’re having more insulation put in our roof to keep the house warm. |
| **isolated** | /ˈaɪsəˌleɪtɪd/ | adjective | He lives in a very isolated mountain village. It’s about fifty miles to the nearest town. |
| **kick someone out** | /ˌkɪk sʌmwʌn ˈaʊt/ | phrasal verb | Sonia’s been [kicked](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/kick_1) out of her [house](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/house_1) and needs to find somewhere else to live. |
| **laid-back** | /ˌleɪd ˈbæk/ | adjective | This is a very laid-back part of town. It feels very relaxing here. |
| **landlord/landlady** | /ˈlæn(d)ˌlɔː(r)d/ /ˈlæn(d)ˌleɪdi/ | noun | The landlord wants to put up our rent. |
| **LED** | /ˌel iː ˈdiː/ | noun | LED lighting is better for the environment as it uses less electricity. |
| **lodger** | /ˈlɒdʒə(r)/ | noun | We’ve decided to rent out our spare room to a lodger. |
| **luxury apartment** | /ˌlʌkʃəri əˈpɑː(r)tmənt/ | noun | Julia’s got a luxury apartment in the city centre. The rent must be very expensive! |
| **make (yourself) at home** | /ˌmeɪk (jə(r)ˌself) ət ˈhəʊm/ | phrase | [Make](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/make_1) yourself at [home](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/home_1) while I go and find those photographs. |
| **mod cons** | /ˌmɒd ˈkɒnz/ | noun plural | The flat has got all the mod cons such as a dishwasher, fridge, washing machine, etc. |
| **modification** | /ˌmɒdɪfɪˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | They’re having some modifications made to their house to make it more eco-friendly. |
| **monstrosity** | /mɒnˈstrɒsəti/ | noun | The Eiffel [Tower](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/tower_1) was [considered](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/considered) a monstrosity when it was first [built](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/built_1). |
| **move in** | /ˌmuːv ˈɪn/ | phrasal verb | We’re moving in to our new flat next week. |
| **not be anything to write home about** | /nɒt bi ˌeniθɪŋ tə  ˌraɪt ˈhəʊm əˌbaʊt/ | phrase | The acting was very good but the music wasn’t anything to write home about. |
| **paradise** | /ˈpærədaɪs/ | noun | The Seychelles are what most [people](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/people_1) [think](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/think_1) of as an [island](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/island) paradise. |
| **picturesque** | /ˌpɪktʃəˈresk/ | adjective | Garda is one of the lake’s most picturesque resorts. |
| **rank** | /ræŋk/ | verb | Nomura is now [ranked](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/rank_2) third among the [world](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/world)’s [information](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/information) [services](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/services) [companies](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/company). |
| **renowned for** | /rɪˈnaʊnd fə(r)/ | phrase | The [coast](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/coast_1) is renowned for its [beautiful](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/beautiful) [beaches](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/beach_1). |
| **run-down** | /ˌrʌn ˈdaʊn/ | adjective | This [area](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/area) of the city is [poor](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/poor_1) and run-down. A lot of the buildings need knocking down. |
| **sanitation** | /ˌsænɪˈteɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | [Nearly](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/nearly) [half](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/half) of the [world](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/world)’s [people](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/people_1) [lack](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/lack_1) [access](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/access_1) to [adequate](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/adequate) sanitation. |
| **semi-detached house** | /semidɪˈtætʃt ˌhaʊs/ | noun | They live in a semi-detached house so sometimes they can hear their neighbour through the wall. |
| **shabby** | /ˈʃæbi/ | adjective | We’re going to paint my bedroom this weekend because it’s looking quite shabby. |
| **shift** | /ʃɪft/ | noun | There has been a [recent](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/recent) shift towards [involving](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/involve) the public in [decision](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/decision_1) [making](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/making). |
| **spotless** | /ˈspɒtləs/ | adjective | The kitchen is spotless. You must have spent all morning cleaning it. |
| **sprawling** | /ˈsprɔːlɪŋ/ | adjective | It’s a modern, sprawling city. |
| **steeped in (history/art/culture)** | /ˈstiːpt ɪn/ | phrase | The region is steeped in history. |
| **stylish** | /ˈstaɪlɪʃ/ | adjective | This is a very stylish part of town – you will find lots of expensive shops and restaurants here. |
| **tenant** | /ˈtenənt/ | noun | There are six [commercial](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/commercial_1) [tenants](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/tenant) in the [building](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/building). |
| **terraced house** | /ˌterəst ˈhaʊs / | noun | We live in a terraced house so we have neighbours on both sides of us. |
| **the small print** | /ðə ˈsmɔːl prɪnt/ | noun | Don’t forget to sign the small print before you sign the contract! |
| **thriving** | /ˈθraɪvɪŋ/ | adjective | Littleton [used](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/used) to be a thriving [market](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/market_1) [town](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/town) but not many people go there now. |
| **tourist trap** | /ˈtʊərɪst træp/ | noun | Prague is a real tourist trap in the summer. I recommend going in the winter instead. |
| **touristy** | /ˈtʊərɪsti/ | adjective | It's a very touristy resort. There are hotels everywhere. |
| **tranquil** | /ˈtræŋkwɪl/ | adjective | It’s very tranquil here in the winter when all the tourists have left. |
| **traumatic** | /trɔːˈmætɪk/ | adjective | Being burgled was a very traumatic experience for me. |
| **trendy** | /ˈtrendi/ | adjective | Camden is a very trendy area in London where lots of young professionals live. |
| **turn up** | /ˌtɜː(r)n ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | There is no [need](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/need_1) to [book](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/book_1) – [just](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/just_1) [turn](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/turn_1) up on the [night](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/night_1). |
| **unmissable** | /ʌnˈmɪsəb(ə)l/ | adjective | That play is unmissable – you must go and see it. |
| **upmarket** | /ʌpˈmɑː(r)kɪt/ | adjective | Their five-star hotel was in a very upmarket part of town. |
| **vibrant** | /ˈvaɪbrənt/ | adjective | Dublin is a vibrant city and an exciting place to visit. |
| **villa** | /ˈvɪlə/ | noun | Last summer we went to Spain and stayed in a villa with a swimming pool. |
| **wastewater** | /ˈweɪstˌwɔːtə(r)/ | noun | Wastewater includes water from baths, sinks, washing machines and dishwashers. |
| **welcoming** | /ˈwelkəmɪŋ/ | adjective | It’s a [traditional](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/traditional) [hotel](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/hotel) with a welcoming [atmosphere](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/atmosphere). |
| **well-connected** | /ˌwel kəˈnektɪd/ | adjective | We live in a well-connected town. It has good transport links, several schools, good healthcare services, a few buand business opportunities. |
| **UNIT 7** | | |  |
| **WORD** | **PRONUNCIATION** | **PART OF SPEECH** | **EXAMPLE SENTENCE** |
| **80s/90s/00s (noughties)** | /ˈeɪtiz/ /ˈnaɪntiz/ /ˈnɔːtiz/ | noun | I love pop music from the eighties. |
| **accessory** | /əkˈsesəri/ | noun | I think that outfit needs some accessories such a scarf or necklace. |
| **ad/advert/advertisement** | /æd/ /ˈædvɜː(r)t/ /ədˈvɜː(r)tɪsmənt/ | noun | The advert for their new product was shown on TV for the first time last night. |
| **affordable** | /əˈfɔː(r)dəb(ə)l/ | adjective | Those concert tickets simply aren’t affordable. They’re far too expensive. |
| **anonymous** | əˈnɒnɪməs/ | adjective | The caller preferred to remain anonymous and didn’t give her name. |
| **antisocial** | /ˌæntiˈsəʊʃ(ə)l/ | adjective | He [works](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/work_1) antisocial [hours](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/hour) so it’s difficult for him to meet up with his friends. |
| **back** | /ˈbæk/ | verb | His decision not to go to university was backed by his parents. |
| **baggy** | /ˈbæɡi/ | adjective | I prefer baggy clothes to tight ones. |
| **banner** | /ˈbænə(r)/ | noun | It’s annoying when you get lots of banner ads appearing on your screen. |
| **billboard** | /ˈbɪlˌbɔː(r)d/ | noun | The advert was put on a huge billboard outside the train station so that all the commuters would see it. |
| **bold** | /bəʊld/ | adjective | [Babies](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/baby_1) [like](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/like_1) bold [colours](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/colour_1) as they can see them easily. |
| **brand loyalty** | /ˌbrænd ˈlɔɪəlti/ | noun | I don’t usually worry about brand loyalty and just buy the cheapest product. |
| **brand name** | /ˈbrænd neɪm/ | noun | They’ve changed the brand name of the product to appeal to younger customers. |
| **bring to the table** | /ˌbrɪŋ tə ðə ˈteɪb(ə)l/ | phrase | What does Jo bring to the table? Has he got any special skills? |
| **brochure** | /ˈbrəʊʃə(r)/ | noun | I [picked](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/pick_1) up a [copy](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/copy_1) of their [summer](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/summer) [travel](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/travel_1) brochure. |
| **buzz** | /bʌz/ | noun | The film company is creating a lot of buzz about this latest film. |
| **capture someone’s attention** | /ˈkæptʃə(r) sʌmwʌnz əˌtenʃ(ə)n/ | phrase | It was a very original ad and it really captured the public’s attention. |
| **casual** | /ˈkæʒuəl/ | adjective | I prefer wearing casual clothes to parties, such as jeans. |
| **censorship** | /ˈsensə(r)ʃɪp/ | noun | There was a lot of censorship in the 1920s and some books weren’t allowed to be published. |
| **check** | /tʃek/ | adjective | Who’s that boy in the check shirt over there? |
| **chic** | /ʃiːk/ | adjective | I love your clothes. You always look very chic. |
| **childish** | /ˈtʃaɪldɪʃ/ | adjective | It’s [simply](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/simply) childish to [refuse](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/refuse_1) to [talk](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/talk_1) to her. |
| **classic** | /ˈklæsɪk/ | adjective | It’s a good idea to have a few classic items in your wardrobe as they never go out of fashion. |
| **collectable** | /kəˈlektəb(ə)l/ | adjective | Some of his [pictures](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/picture_1) are [quite](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/quite) collectable now. |
| **corrupt** | /kəˈrʌpt/ | adjective | There is a big problem with corrupt politicians in that country. |
| **creative** | /kriˈeɪtɪv/ | adjective | [Painting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/painting) is a creative [process](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/process_1). |
| **criticism** | /ˈkrɪtɪˌsɪz(ə)m/ | noun | She’s not very good at listening to criticism. She likes to think she’s perfect. |
| **cultivate** | /ˈkʌltɪveɪt/ | verb | [Rice](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/rice) is [cultivated](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/cultivated) throughout the [coastal](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/coastal) [regions](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/region). |
| **cute** | /kjuːt/ | adjective | That’s such a cute little jacket. I love it! |
| **deep fake** | /ˈdi:p ˌfeɪk/ | noun | The video of that politician looks very convincing but are you sure it’s not a deep fake? |
| **description** | /dɪˈskrɪpʃ(ə)n/ | noun | Please can you give a brief description of the area where you live? |
| **designer-label** | /dɪˌzaɪnə ˈleɪbl/ | adjective | That shop is very expensive – it only sells designer-label clothes. |
| **dramatically** | /drəˈmætɪkli/ | adverb | The [following](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/following_1) [year](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/year) his [life](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/life) [changed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/changed) dramatically. |
| **empower** | /ɪmˈpaʊə(r)/ | verb | Our [goal](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/goal) is to empower everyone on our [staff](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/staff_1). |
| **endorse** | /ɪnˈdɔː(r)s/ | verb | Footballers are often asked to endorse brands. |
| **endorsement** | /ɪnˈdɔː(r)smənt/ | noun | A lot of money is spent on paying celebrities to make endorsements of products. |
| **ensure** | /ɪnˈʃɔː(r)/ | verb | Our [new](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/new) system [ensures](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/ensure) that everyone [gets](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/get) [paid](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/paid_1) on time. |
| **evolve** | /ɪˈvɒlv/ | verb | Computer [software](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/software) will [continue](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/continue) to evolve in [response](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/response) to [users](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/user)’ [needs](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/need_1). |
| **executive** | /ɪɡˈzekjʊtɪv/ | noun | My cousin has got a job as a sales executive for a large company. |
| **fake** | /feɪk/ | adjective | That’s not a real person, it’s fake. |
| **(un)fashionable** | /(ʌn)ˈfæʃ(ə)nəb(ə)l/ | adjective | [Gardening](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/gardening) has become very fashionable. |
| **fast fashion** | /ˌfɑːst ˈfæʃ(ə)n/ | noun | Fast fashion can have harmful effects on the environment. |
| **fit** | /fɪt/ | noun/verb | I like the suit, but the jacket doesn’t fit me. It’s too big. |
| **fit in** | /ˌfɪt ˈɪn/ | phrasal verb | I [tried](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/tried_1) to [fit](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/fit_1) in, but they were all much [younger](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/younger) than I was. |
| **floppy hat** | /ˌflɒpi ˈhæt/ | noun | She wore a big floppy hat that covered her face from the sun. |
| **flowery** | /ˈflaʊəri/ | adjective | She bought a flowery dress for the wedding. |
| **flyer** | /ˈflaɪə(r)/ | noun | Someone was [handing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/hand_2) out [flyers](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/flyer) [advertising](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/advertising) the [local](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/local_1) [sales](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sale). |
| **free sample** | /ˌfriː ˈsɑːmp(ə)l/ | noun | They were giving out free samples of a new type of cheese at the supermarket yesterday. |
| **freebie** | /ˈfriːbi/ | noun | Some new companies give away freebies of their products to increase awareness. |
| **glamorous** | /ˈɡlæmərəs/ | adjective | She looks very glamorous. I think she must be a film star. |
| **grab someone’s attention** | /ˌɡræb sʌmwʌnz əˈtenʃ(ə)n/ | phrase | It’s often the [bad](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/bad_1) [characters](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/character) in a [story](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/story) who grab our [attention](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/attention). |
| **hand-me-down** | /ˈhænd miː daʊn/ | noun | I hate having to wear my sister’s hand-me-downs. I want to choose my own clothes. |
| **have an eye for** | /ˌhæv ən ˈaɪ fɔː(r)/ | phrase | She has an eye for what kinds of clothes suit her. |
| **illegally** | /ɪˈliːɡ(ə)li/ | adverb | That car is parked there illegally. The owner will get a ticket. |
| **inability** | /ˌɪnəˈbɪləti/ | noun | He was [frustrated](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/frustrated) by his inability to [control](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/control_1) the [ball](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/ball_1) during the game. |
| **increasingly** | /ɪnˈkriːsɪŋli/ | adverb | Her [job](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/job_1) has become increasingly [difficult](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/difficult). |
| **indecisive** | /ˌɪndɪˈsaɪsɪv/ | adjective | You need to stop being so indecisive and choose which course you’re going to take. |
| **ineffective** | /ˌɪnɪˈfektɪv/ | adjective | The medicine was ineffective and didn’t make him feel better. |
| **inescapable** | /ˌɪnɪˈskeɪpəb(ə)l/ | adjective | The inescapable [fact](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/fact) is that the [situation](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/situation) is [unlikely](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/unlikely) to [change](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/change_1). |
| **influencer** | /ˈɪnfluənsə(r)/ | noun | He is a [social](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/social_1) [media](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/media) influencer so he posts lots of photos of himself wearing the latest fashions. |
| **intensify** | /ɪnˈtensɪfaɪ/ | verb | [Economic](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/economic) [conditions](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/condition_1) [intensified](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/intensify) the [pressure](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/pressure_1) on [industry](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/industry) to [raise](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/raise_1) [prices](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/price_1). |
| **interaction** | /ˌɪntərˈækʃ(ə)n/ | noun | [Jobs](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/job_1) that [involve](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/involve) a [degree](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/degree) of [social](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/social_1) interaction are [usually](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/usually) more [satisfying](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/satisfying). |
| **launch a marketing campaign** | /ˌlɔːntʃ ə ˈmɑː(r)kɪtɪŋ kæmˌpeɪn/ | phrase | They worked together to launch the new marketing campaign last year. |
| **leaflet** | /ˈliːflət/ | noun | The man was handing out leaflets on the street about a new restaurant which is opening next week. |
| **likelihood** | /ˈlaɪklihʊd/ | noun | There’s a [strong](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/strong) likelihood that he will [run](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/run_1) for [president](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/president_1) next [year](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/year). |
| **logo** | /ˈləʊɡəʊ/ | noun | The company has changed its logo to make it look more fresh and appealing. |
| **look good on** | /ˌlʊk ˈɡʊd ɒn/ | phrase | Do you think this top looks good on me? |
| **loose** | /luːs/ | adjective | It’s going to be hot today so I’m going to wear a loose cotton shirt. |
| **loud** | /laʊd/ | adjective | Wow! That shirt you’re wearing is very loud. People will definitely notice you at the party. |
| **make cold calls** | /meɪk ˈkəʊld ˌkɔːlz/ | phrase | Some companies make cold calls to try and persuade people to buy their product or service. |
| **manipulate** | /məˈnɪpjʊleɪt/ | verb | People need to be aware when they are being manipulated by an ad. |
| **marketeer** | /ˌmɑː(r)kɪˈtɪə(r)/ | noun | Marketeers promote products through a range of channels. |
| **match** | /mætʃ/ | verb | She [wore](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/wore) a [green](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/green_1) [dress](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/dress_1) and a hat to match. |
| **mimic** | /ˈmɪmɪk/ | verb | Some [computers](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/computer) have the [ability](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/ability_1) to mimic [human](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/human_1) [intelligence](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/intelligence). |
| **mix and match** | /ˌmɪks ən ˈmætʃ/ | phrase | It’s a good idea to have a range of clothes that you can mix and match to make different outfits. |
| **modernise** | /ˈmɒdə(r)naɪz/ | verb | They’re going to modernise the school buildings this year. |
| **multi-purpose** | /ˌmʌlti ˈpɜːpəs/ | adjective | It's a great multi-purpose tool. |
| **not be seen dead in** | /nɒt bi ˌsiːn ˈded ɪn/ | phrase | I wouldn’t be seen dead in a hat like that. It’s awful! |
| **novelty value** | /ˈnɒv(ə)lti ˌvæljuː/ | noun | I think the novelty value will soon wear off and he will become bored. |
| **old-fashioned** | /ˌəʊld ˈfæʃ(ə)nd/ | adjective | Blake was [carrying](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/carrying) an old-fashioned [leather](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/leather) [briefcase](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/briefcase). |
| **optimal** | /ˈɒptɪm(ə)l/ | adjective | If we hold the event at the weekend, we should get the optimal number of people attending. |
| **outfit** | /ˈaʊtfɪt/ | noun | I [need](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/need_1) a [new](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/new) outfit for the [wedding](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/wedding). |
| **overconfidence** | /ˌəʊvə(r)ˈkɒnfɪd(ə)ns/ | noun | He’s a bit arrogant and has rather a lot of overconfidence. |
| **overnight** | /ˌəʊvə(r)ˈnaɪt/ | adverb/adjective | Don’t [expect](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/expect) to become [famous](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/famous_1) overnight. |
| **over-sized** | /ˈəʊvə(r)ˌsaɪzd/ | adjective | I don’t know where to put the over-sized books. They don’t fit in my bookcase. |
| **overthink** | /ˌəʊvəˈθɪŋk/ | verb | I think you’re overthinking things. Stop worrying. |
| **patterned** | /ˈpætə(r)nd/ | adjective | He wore a brightly patterned shirt. |
| **perfection** | /pə(r)ˈfekʃ(ə)n/ | noun | The [view](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/view_1) from our [hotel](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/hotel) [room](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/room_1) was [simply](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/simply) perfection. |
| **persona** | /pə(r)ˈsəʊnə/ | noun | Eva’s [public](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/public_1) persona didn’t [reveal](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/reveal_1) much of her true [character](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/character). |
| **plain** | /pleɪn/ | adjective | She wore a plain white T-shirt and blue jeans. |
| **pointless** | /ˈpɔɪntləs/ | adjective | It’s pointless [just](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/just_1) [waiting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/wait_1) here. He’s [obviously](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/obviously) not coming. |
| **pop-up** | /ˈpɒp ʌp/ | noun | Those pop-ups that keep appearing when I’m browsing are really annoying. |
| **pose** | /pəʊz/ | verb | The politician posed with the students for a few photos. |
| **preseason** | /priːˈsiːzən/ | adjective | Liverpool have got a preseason game this evening. |
| **product placement** | /ˌprɒdʌkt ˈpleɪsmənt/ | noun | There’s a lot of product placement in this film which I think it spoils it. |
| **promote** | /prəˈməʊt/ | verb | These [products](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/product) are [aggressively](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/aggressive#aggressive__8) [promoted](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/promote) and [marketed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/market_2). |
| **relative to** | /ˈrelətɪv tuː/ | phrase | How [did](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/did) the [control](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/control_1) [group](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/group_1) [students](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/student) do [relative](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/relative_1) to the whole [class](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/class_1)? |
| **responsible** | /rɪˈspɒnsəb(ə)l/ | adjective | [Parents](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/parent) [feel](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/feel_1) responsible when [things](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/thing) go [wrong](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/wrong_1). |
| **scruffy** | /ˈskrʌfi/ | adjective | Why are you wearing that scruffy old T-shirt? |
| **second-hand** | /ˌsekənd ˈhænd/ | adjective | I don’t often buy new clothes. I usually get them from a second-hand shop. |
| **sensible** | /ˈsensəb(ə)l/ | adjective | This seems to be a sensible way of [dealing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/dealing) with the [problem](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/problem). |
| **showcase** | /ˈʃəʊˌkeɪs/ | verb | Their [comedy](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/comedy) [sketch](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sketch_1)  [showcases](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/showcase_1) their [unique](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/unique_1) [style](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/style_1) of [humour](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/humour_1). |
| **slave to fashion** | /ˌsleɪv təˈfæʃ(ə)n/ | noun | Are you a slave to fashion or do you have your own style? |
| **slogan** | /ˈsləʊɡən/ | noun | The [company](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/company) [unveiled](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/unveil) its [new](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/new) [advertising](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/advertising) slogan this [week](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/week). |
| **smart** | /smɑː(r)t/ | adjective | Sandy’s looking very smart today. Has she got a job interview? |
| **solution** | /səˈluːʃ(ə)n/ | noun | [Solar](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/solar) [energy](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/energy) [offers](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/offer_1) a low-cost solution to our [fuel](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/fuel_1) [problems](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/problem). |
| **sophisticated** | /səˈfɪstɪˌkeɪtɪd/ | adjective | [Consumers](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/consumer) are [getting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/get) more sophisticated and more [demanding](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/demanding). |
| **stand out (from the crowd)** | /ˌstænd ˈaʊt/ | phrasal verb | Her [bright](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/bright_1) [clothes](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/clothes) always [make](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/make_1) her [stand](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/stand_1) out from the [crowd](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/crowd_1). |
| **strengthen** | /ˈstreŋθ(ə)n/ | verb | [Aerobic](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/aerobic) [exercise](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/exercise_1) [strengthens](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/strengthen) the [heart](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/heart_1). |
| **stripy** | /ˈstraɪpi/ | adjective | I love your stripy scarf. |
| **stylish** | /ˈstaɪlɪʃ/ | adjective | She’s got some very stylish clothes. |
| **suit** | /suːt/ | verb | Dark colours suit her best. |
| **supportive** | /səˈpɔː(r)tɪv/ | adjective | He has always been [extremely](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/extremely) supportive of her. |
| **sustainable** | /səˈsteɪnəb(ə)l/ | adjective | I think it’s important that fast fashion becomes more sustainable. |
| **sweatshop** | /ˈswetˌʃɒp/ | noun | That T-shirt may be very cheap, but it was probably produced in a sweatshop. |
| **tallish** | /ˈ tɔːlɪʃ/ | adjective | I’m tallish but I’m not as tall as my brother. He’s very tall! |
| **theoretically** | /ˌθɪəˈretɪkli/ | adverb | They [knew](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/knew) that a [vaccine](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/vaccine) for the [virus](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/virus) was theoretically [possible](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/possible_1). |
| **thoughtfulness** | /ˈθɔːtf(ə)lnəs/ | noun | She showed a lot of thoughtfulness towards him. |
| **tight** | /taɪt/ | adjective | The first hat was a bit tight, so I got a slightly bigger one. |
| **timeless** | /ˈtaɪmləs/ | adjective | The [dress](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/dress_1) had a timeless [elegance](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/elegance). |
| **tried-and-tested** | /ˌtraɪd ənd ˈtestɪd/ | phrase | This is a tried-and-[tested](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/test_2) way of [getting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/get) [food](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/food) [stains](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/stain_1) out of [clothing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/clothing). It won’t fail. |
| **uncertain** | /ʌnˈsɜː(r)t(ə)n/ | adjective | The [origin](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/origin) of the [word](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/word_1) is uncertain. |
| **undeniably** | /ˌʌndɪˈnaɪəbli/ | adverb | There’s no question about it. This is undeniably the most successful season they’ve had. |
| **unfortunately** | /ʌnˈfɔː(r)tʃ(ə)nətli/ | adverb | [Unfortunately](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/unfortunately), [Jack](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/jack_1) is [leaving](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/leave_1) the [company](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/company). |
| **variety** | /vəˈraɪəti/ | noun | [People](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/people_1) [study](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/study_1) [yoga](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/yoga) for a variety of [reasons](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/reason_1). |
| **vintage** | /ˈvɪntɪdʒ/ | adjective | My sister has bought a beautiful 1950s vintage dress. |
| **word-of-mouth publicity** | /ˌwɜː(r)d əv ˌmaʊθ  pʌbˈlɪsəti/ | phrase | This book became a bestseller through [word](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/word_1) of [mouth](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/mouth_1) publicity. |
| **UNIT 8** | | |  |
| **WORD** | **PRONUNCIATION** | **PART OF SPEECH** | **EXAMPLE SENTENCE** |
| **account (1)** | /əˈkaʊnt/ | noun | There was only £50 in his [bank](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/bank_1) account. |
| **account (2)** | /əˈkaʊnt/ | noun | He was too [shocked](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/shocked) to give a [clear](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/clear_1) account of [events](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/event). |
| **adversity** | /ədˈvɜː(r)səti/ | noun | We [struggled](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/struggle_1) on in the [face](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/face_1) of adversity. |
| **altitude** | /ˈæltɪˌtjuːd/ | noun | The [Rocky](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/rocky) [Mountains](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/mountain) are [lower](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/lower_1) in altitude than the Himalayas. |
| **back in the saddle** | /ˌbæk ɪn ðə ˈsæd(ə)l/ | phrase | He lost his confidence for a while but he’s back in the saddle now. |
| **be unique to** | /bi juːˈniːk tə/ | phrase | The [problem](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/problem) is not unique to British [students](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/student). |
| **break (1)** | /breɪk/ | noun | We [decided](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/decided) to take a [short](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/short_1) break and booked a trip to Paris for the weekend. |
| **break (2)** | /breɪk/ | noun | Kiefer’s big break came with the film *Stand By Me*. |
| **break** | /breɪk/ | verb | It broke her heart when her best friend moved to another country. |
| **breakneck** | /ˈbreɪkˌnek/ | adjective | [Joey](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/joey) came [racing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/racing_1) round the [corner](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/corner_1) at breakneck [speed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/speed_1). |
| **brighten up** | /ˌbraɪt(ə)n ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | Sarah [brightened](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/brighten) up [considerably](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/considerably) as she [thought](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/thought_1) of Emily’s kind [words](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/word_1). |
| **canyoning** | /ˈkænjənɪŋ/ | noun | Ahmed went canyoning in the US last year. He had a great time, climbing, jumping and swimming through the canyons in Zion National Park. |
| **cast a shadow over** | /ˌkɑːst ə ˈʃædəʊ ˌəʊvə(r)/ | phrase | The sad news cast a shadow over the celebrations. |
| **catch (1)** | /kætʃ/ | verb | The [music](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/music) was so [loud](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/loud_1) I didn’t catch what he [said](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/said_1). |
| **catch (2)** | /kætʃ/ | verb | The [police](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/police_1) [say](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/say_1) they’re [doing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/doing) all they can to catch the [criminals](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/culprit). |
| **chilled** | /tʃɪld/ | adjective | As it was so hot, we bought a chilled bottle of water. |
| **clear (1)** | /klɪə(r)/ | adjective | It was a beautiful spring day, with clear blue skies. |
| **clear (2)** | /klɪə(r)/ | adjective | It was very clear that something was [worrying](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/worrying) him. |
| **clear (3)** | /klɪə(r)/ | adjective | [Clear](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/clear_1) [instructions](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/instruction) are [provided](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/provided). They should be easy to follow. |
| **clinical** | /ˈklɪnɪk(ə)l/ | adjective | They may be [unaware](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/unaware) that they have any clinical [symptoms](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/symptom). |
| **comfort zone** | /ˈkʌmfə(r)t zəʊn/ | noun | It’s a good idea to challenge yourself and get out of your comfort zone from time to time. |
| **core** | /kɔː(r)/ | noun | In extreme conditions it’s important that the core of your body stays warm because that is where your major organs are. |
| **cover (1)** | /ˈkʌvə(r)/ | verb | We had to cover the last three [miles](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/mile) on [foot](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/foot_1). |
| **cover (2)** | /ˈkʌvə(r)/ | verb | They [covered](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/covered_1) her with a [blanket](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/blanket_1). |
| **dedicate** | /ˈdedɪkeɪt/ | verb | Andy [wants](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/want_1) to dedicate more time to his [hobbies](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/hobby). |
| **dinghy** | /ˈdɪŋi/, /ˈdɪŋɡi/ | noun | They set sail in a small dinghy. |
| **dominate** | /ˈdɒmɪneɪt/ | verb | Don’t [allow](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/allow) the computer to dominate your [child](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/child)’s [life](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/life). |
| **down in the dumps** | /ˌdaʊn ɪn ðə ˈdʌmps/ | phrase | Some Mondays I just feel down in the dumps but I soon cheer up. |
| **draw** | /drɔː/ | noun | A [last-minute](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/last-minute) [goal](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/goal) [earned](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/earn) Switzerland a 1–1 draw with Italy. |
| **draw (1)** | /drɔː/ | verb | Someone had [drawn](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/drawn_1) a [map](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/map_1) of the [island](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/island). |
| **draw (2)** | /drɔː/ | verb | Our [attention](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/attention) was [drawn](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/drawn_1) to the [sound](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sound_1) of [shouting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/gunfire) outside. |
| **drift** | /drɪft/ | verb | The [boat](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/boat) [started](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/start_1) to drift out to [sea](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sea_1). |
| **drop off** | /ˌdrɒp ˈɒf/ | phrasal verb | Is it ok if I [drop](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/drop_1) the [books](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/document_1) off [later](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/later_1)? Will you be at home? |
| **ear-splitting** | /ˈɪə(r) ˌsplɪtɪŋ/ | adjective | The music last night was ear-splitting! |
| **encompass** | /ɪnˈkʌmpəs/ | verb | His [kingdom](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/kingdom) [encompassed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/encompass) 890 [square](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/square_1) [miles](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/mile). |
| **eye-catching** | /ˈaɪ ˌkætʃɪŋ/ | adjective | That shop’s window display is really eye-catching. |
| **eye-opening** | /ˈaɪ ˌəʊp(ə)nɪŋ/ | adjective | Volunteering at the homeless shelter was eye-opening for me. |
| **fair (1)** | /feə(r)/ | adjective | The weather is going to be fair today, so you won’t need a coat or umbrella. |
| **fair (2)** | /feə(r)/ | adjective | It’s fair to say that we probably won’t win that match. |
| **feel blue** | /ˌfiːl ˈbluː/ | phrase | She [usually](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/usually) [calls](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/call_1) her [mother](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/mother_1) when she’s [feeling](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/feeling_1) blue. |
| **feel down/low** | /ˌfiːl ˈdaʊn/ˈləʊ/ | phrase | He’s been feeling very down since his wife went away. |
| **get to the point** | /ˌɡet tə ðə ˈpɔɪnt/ | phrase | We haven’t got all day, so please get to the point. |
| **goggles** | /ˈɡɒɡ(ə)lz/ | noun plural | I don’t like getting water in my eyes, so I always wear goggles when I go swimming. |
| **grieve** | /ɡriːv/ | verb | They were [grieving](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/grieve) the [death](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/death) of their [father](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/father_1). |
| **hair-raising** | /ˈheə(r) ˌreɪzɪŋ/ | adjective | Come and try this hair-raising new rollercoaster. |
| **hard (1)** | /hɑː(r)d/ | adjective | That chair is quite hard. Would you like a cushion? |
| **hard (2)** | /hɑː(r)d/ | adjective | Some of the [questions](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/question_1) in the exam were very hard. I don’t think I got many right. |
| **hard (3)** | /hɑː(r)d/ | adjective | We had a hard winter last year. I hope it’s not going to be as cold this year. |
| **heart-stopping** | /ˈhɑː(r)t ˌstɒpɪŋ/ | adjective | Watch the heart-stopping moment when a young zebra is separated from its mother. |
| **heartwarming** | /ˈhɑː(r)tˌwɔː(r)mɪŋ/ | adjective | It’s really heartwarming to see such generosity. |
| **ice floe** | /ˈaɪs fləʊ/ | noun | The polar bear was standing all alone on a large ice floe. |
| **immerse** | /ɪˈmɜː(r)s/ | verb | Sandra [immersed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/immerse) [herself](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/herself) in [work](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/work_1) to [try](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/try_1) and [forget](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/forget) her [problems](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/problem) at [home](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/home_1). |
| **immune** | /ɪˈmjuːn/ | adjective | If you had measles when you were a child, you’re probably immune to it now. |
| **in low spirits** | /ɪn ˌləʊ ˈspɪrɪts/ | phrase | She’s in low spirits and needs cheering up. |
| **in seventh heaven** | /ɪn ˌsev(ə)nθ ˈhev(ə)n/ | phrase | She’s been in seventh heaven ever since she heard she’d got the job. |
| **innate** | /ˌɪˈneɪt/ | adjective | His innate [sense](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sense_1) of [justice](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/justice) made him [popular](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/popular) with his [workforce](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/workforce). |
| **integral** | /ˈɪntɪɡrəl/, /ɪnˈteɡrəl/ | adjective | [Home](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/home_1) [visits](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/visit_1) by [staff](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/staff_1) are an integral part of the [service](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/service_1). |
| **knuckle** | /ˈnʌk(ə)l/ | noun | His knuckles were white from gripping onto the rollercoaster ride so tightly. |
| **last (1)** | /lɑːst/ | adjective | Unfortunately, I hurt my foot and came last in the race. |
| **last (2)** | /lɑːst/ | adjective | We share the same last name, but we aren’t related. |
| **last (3)** | /lɑːst/ | verb | The [game](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/game_1) [lasts](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/last_2) 80 [minutes](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/minute_1). |
| **life-like** | /ˈlaɪflaɪk/ | adjective | This painting is so life-like. I thought it was a photograph. |
| **life raft** | /ˈlaɪf rɑːft/ | noun | The passengers hurried onto the life raft as the ship started to sink. |
| **lift somebody’s spirits** | /ˌlɪft sʌmbədiz ˈspɪrɪts/ | phrase | The bad weather did nothing to lift her spirits. |
| **light at the end of the tunnel** | /ˌlaɪt ət ði ˌend əv  ðə ˈtʌn(ə)l/ | phrase | After many bad weeks, she began to see light at the end of the tunnel. |
| **light up** | /ˌlaɪt ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | The boy’s eyes lit up when he saw the chocolate cake. |
| **look gloomy/bleak** | /ˌlʊk ˈɡluːmi/ˈbliːk/ | phrase | Things look very bleak for the team. They probably won’t last the season. |
| **look up** | /ˌlʊk ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | He’s had a hard time recently, but things are looking up for him now. |
| **material comforts** | / məˌtɪəriəl/ ˈkʌmfə(r)ts/ | noun plural | I don’t think I could live without my material comforts. I like having nice clothes, my phone and gadgets, as well as my car. |
| **mind can beat matter** | /ˌmaɪnd kæn biːt ˈmætə(r)/ | phrase | Despite having no strength left in his legs, the athlete reached the finish line and proved that mind can beat matter. |
| **mind-blowing** | /ˈmaɪnd ˌbləʊɪŋ/ | adjective | Seeing the Northern Lights was a truly mind-blowing experience. |
| **mindset** | /ˈmaɪn(d)ˌset/ | noun | The [company](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/company) will have to [change](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/change_1) its whole mindset if it is to [survive](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/survive). |
| **miss the point** | /ˌmɪs ðə ˈpɔɪnt/ | phrase | She missed the point entirely and thought I was blaming her. |
| **nail-biting** | /ˈneɪl ˌbaɪtɪŋ/ | adjective | The new episode was truly nail-biting. I could barely keep watching it! |
| **obstacle** | /ˈɒbstək(ə)l/ | noun | Tiredness was the [biggest](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/big_1) obstacle in the way of their [attempt](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/attempt_1) to [rescue](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/rescue_1) the [climbers](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/climber). |
| **on cloud nine** | /ɒn ˌklaʊd ˈnaɪn/ | phrase | The surprise party made Adam feel on cloud nine. |
| **on the point of** | /ɒn ðə ˈpɔɪnt ɒv/ | phrase | We were on the point of leaving when the phone rang. |
| **on top of the world** | /ɒn ˌtɒp əv ðə ˈwɜː(r)ld/ | phrase | She felt on top of the world that morning. She felt like she could achieve anything! |
| **over the moon** | /ˌəʊvə(r) ðə ˈmuːn/ | phrase | I’m over the moon about my exam results! I did much better than I’d expected. |
| **paddle** | /ˈpæd(ə)l/ | noun | Her hands were sore from gripping the paddle as they canoed up the river. |
| **paralysed** | /ˈpærəlaɪzd/ | adjective | The [accident](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/accident) [left](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/left_1) him paralysed from the [waist](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/neck_1) down and he could no longer walk. |
| **pass** | /pɑːs/ | verb | The [summer](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/summer) [holidays](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/holiday_1) [passed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/pass_1) [quickly](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/quickly), as [usual](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/usual). |
| **physiological** | /ˌfɪziəˈlɒdʒɪk(ə)l/ | adjective | The [drug](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/drug_1) [produced](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/produce_1) no [obvious](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/obvious) physiological [response](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/response). |
| **pick up (1)** | /ˌpɪk ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | The train slowly pulled out of the station and then picked up speed. |
| **pick up (2)** | /ˌpɪk ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | She [rushed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/rushed) to [pick](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/pick_1) up the [baby](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/baby_1) as [soon](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/soon) as it [started](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/start_1) to cry. |
| **point (1)** | /pɔɪnt/ | noun | I’m [sorry](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sorry_1) – I [just](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/just_1) don’t see the point of [doing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/doing) this. |
| **point (2)** | /pɔɪnt/ | noun | At that point we all [got](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/got_1) up and [walked](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/walk_1) out of the [room](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/room_1). |
| **pristine** | /ˈprɪstiːn/ | adjective | The beaches are pristine in this part of the country as there is very little pollution. |
| **project** | /prəˈdʒekt/ | verb | His [mother](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/mother_1) had [projected](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/project_2) her [anxieties](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/anxiety) onto him. |
| **prove a point** | /ˌpruːv ə ˈpɔɪnt/ | phrase | It all goes to prove my point that you can never be too careful. |
| **resilience** | /rɪˈzɪliəns/ | noun | It is important to develop resilience so that you are able to get over disappointments and move on quickly. |
| **rip (off)** | /rɪp (ɒf)/ | verb | He [ripped](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/ripped) off his [shirt](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/shirt) and [dived](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/dive_1) into the [water](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/water_1). |
| **score a point** | /ˌskɔː(r) ə ˈpɔɪnt/ | phrase | How many points did you score in the quiz? |
| **see a point** | /ˌsiː ə ˈpɔɪnt/ | phrase | I see your point but I don’t agree. |
| **since** | /sɪns/ | adverb | Everything has changed so much since last spring. |
| **since** | /sɪns/ | preposition | You should [talk](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/talk_1) to Karen since she’s the one [responsible](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/responsible) for [authorising](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/authorize) [payments](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/payment). |
| **somebody’s heart sinks** | /ˌsʌmbədiz ˈhɑː(r)t ˌsɪŋks/ | phrase | Her heart sank when she heard that her best friend was going to move to another school. |
| **soul-destroying** | /ˈsəʊl dɪˌstrɔɪɪŋ/ | adjective | Her search for a new job was becoming soul-destroying. She felt like she was never going to find one. |
| **spot** | /spɒt/ | noun | We found him [sitting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sitting_1) in a [sunny](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sunny) spot in the [garden](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/garden_1). |
| **spot** | /spɒt/ | verb | Did you spot anything you like when you went shopping? |
| **take something into account** | /ˌteɪk sʌmθɪŋ ˌɪntu əˈkaʊnt/ | phrase | When marking our essays, our teacher also takes into our spelling and grammar. |
| **tip (1)** | /tɪp/ | noun | Land’s End is at the most south westerly tip of Cornwall in England. |
| **tip (2)** | /tɪp/ | noun | The [booklet](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/booklet) [gives](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/give_1) some [good](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/good_1) [tips](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/tip_1) on [getting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/get) the most out of your [software](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/software). |
| **tip (3)** | /tɪp/ | noun | [Shall](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/shall) we [leave](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/leave_1) a tip for the [waiter](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/waiter)? |
| **tip (4)** | /tɪp/ | noun | [Sorry](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sorry_1), the [flat](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/flat_1)’s a [real](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/real_1) tip at the [moment](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/moment). I haven’t had to tidy up. |
| **tip (5)** | /tɪp/ | noun | The builders will take away all the rubbish and get rid of it at the tip. |
| **tip (1)** | /tɪp/ | verb | She [tipped](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/tip_2) the [sand](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sand_1) out of her [bucket](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/bucket_1). |
| **tip (2)** | /tɪp/ | verb | He is [tipped](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/tip_2) to take over from the [current](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/current_1) [manager](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/chairman). |
| **up to a point** | /ˌʌp tuː ə ˈpɔɪnt/ | phrase | Self-expression is good up to a point, but you can’t just let these kids run wild. |
| **venture** | /ˈventʃə(r)/ | verb | Our [cat](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/cat) [rarely](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/rarely) [ventures](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/venture_1) beyond the [garden](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/garden_1) [wall](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/wall_1). |
| **vortex** | /ˈvɔː(r)teks/ | noun | He was [caught](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/caught_1) up in a [swirling](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/swirl_1) vortex of [emotions](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/emotion). |
| **walk/float on air** | /ˌwɔːk/ˌfləʊt ɒn ˈeə(r)/ | phrase | Since their engagement, he’s been walking on air. |
| **wallow** | /ˈwɒləʊ/ | verb | George still seems [determined](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/determined) to wallow in [self-pity](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/self-pity). |
| **UNIT 9** | | |  |
| **WORD** | **PRONUNCIATION** | **PART OF SPEECH** | **EXAMPLE SENTENCE** |
| **accomplish feats** | /əˌkʌmplɪʃ ˈfiːts/ | phrase | He’s only 14 but he’s already accomplished a lot of feats in his life. |
| **aid worker** | / ˈeɪd ˌwɜː(r)kə(r)/ | noun | She wants to get a job as an aid worker and help people in developing countries. |
| **applicant** | /ˈæplɪkənt/ | noun | [Successful](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/successful) [applicants](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/applicant) will be [notified](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/notify) by [telephone](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/telephone_1). |
| **aspiration** | /ˌæspɪˈreɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | When I was 12 I had [aspirations](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/aspiration) to [play](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/play_1) [professional](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/professional_1) [football](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/football). |
| **authentic** | /ɔːˈθentɪk/ | adjective | If you want to try authentic pizza, go to Italy! |
| **beam** | /biːm/ | verb | [Pictures](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/picture_1) of the [concert](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/famine) were [beamed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/beam_2) to [television](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/television) [audiences](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/audience) all over the [world](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/world). |
| **become financially independent** | /bɪˌkʌm faɪˌnænʃəli ɪndɪˈpendənt/ | phrase | I want to find a job and become financially independent, so I don’t have to rely on my parents. |
| **break into the job market** | /ˌbreɪk ɪntə ðə ˈdʒɒb ˌmɑː(r)kɪt/ | phrase | It can be hard to break into the job market when you don’t have much experience. |
| **build up** | /ˌbɪld ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | These [exercises](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/exercise_1) are [good](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/good_1) for [building](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/building) up [leg](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/leg_1) [strength](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/strength). |
| **cause trouble** | /ˌkɔːz ˈtrʌb(ə)l/ | phrase | Peter used to cause a lot of trouble at school. |
| **climb the first rung on the career ladder** | /klaɪm ðə ˈfɜː(r)st ˌrʌŋ ɒn ðə kəˈrɪə(r) ˌlædə(r)/ | phrase | Getting some work experience can help you climb the first rung of the career ladder. |
| **cover expenses** | /ˌkʌvə(r) ɪkˈspensɪz/ | phrase | My dad had to fly to Edinburgh for a job interview but luckily the company covered his travel expenses. |
| **curate** | /ˌkjʊˈreɪt/ | verb | Recapp [wants](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/want_1) to [make](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/make_1) it more [convenient](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/convenient) to read [sports](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sport_1) [news](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/news) [curated](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/curate_2) around your [favorite](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/favorite) [sports](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sport_1) and [teams](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/team_1). |
| **doodle** | /ˈduːd(ə)l/ | noun | I often draw doodles in the margins of my exercise book when I’m thinking of what to write. |
| **dry up** | /ˌdraɪ ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | What will [happen](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/happen) to the [project](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/project_1) when the [money](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/money) [dries](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/dry_2) up? |
| **elaborate** | /ɪˈlæbəreɪt/ | verb | The [police](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/police_1) [refused](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/refuse_1) to elaborate on the [circumstances](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/circumstance) of the [arrest](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/arrest_1). |
| **embark on a career / course / project / venture** | /ɪmˌbɑː(r)k ɒn ə/ | phrase | After leaving college, Lucy embarked on an acting career. |
| **end up** | /ˌend ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | If you do work experience at a company, you may end up getting a job there. |
| **experience a setback / a shock / a situation / a surprise / adversity / an obstacle / change / fear / pain / problems / resistance** | /ɪkˈspɪəriəns/ | phrase | She experienced a few setbacks along the way but she never gave up. |
| **extrinsic** | /eksˈtrɪnsɪk/ | adjective | Things like money and recognition are extrinsic forms of motivation. |
| **fall by the wayside** | /ˌfɔːl baɪ ðə ˈweɪˌsaɪd/ | phrase | A lot of the smaller shops in our town have fallen by the wayside because of the economical situation. |
| **fall through** | /ˌfɔːl ˈθruː/ | phrasal verb | The [planned](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/plan_2) [purchase](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/purchase_1) of the [hotel](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/racecourse) [fell](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/fell_1) through so the owner is looking for another buyer. |
| **find your feet** | /ˌfaɪnd jɔː(r) ˈfiːt/ | phrase | For the first few months in my new job, I had trouble finding my feet. |
| **fleece** | /fliːs/ | adjective/noun | I love wearing my fleece jacket because it’s so soft. |
| **follow in somebody’s footsteps** | /ˌfɒləʊ ɪn sʌmbədiz  ˈfʊtˌsteps/ | phrase | She followed in her father's footsteps and joined the medical profession. |
| **gain a qualification / confidence / experience / insight / knowledge / understanding** | /ɡeɪn/ | phrase | He gained his qualification in nursing last year. |
| **get a foot in the door** | /ɡet ə ˈfʊt ɪn ðə ˌdɔː(r)/ | phrase | She got her foot in the door by doing some unpaid work experience. |
| **get on in life** | /ˌɡet ˈɒn ɪn ˌlaɪf/ | phrase | Sam worked long hours because he was keen to get on in life. |
| **give somebody (valuable) insight into** | /ˌɡɪv sʌmbədi ˈɪnsaɪt ɪntuː/ | phrase | The documentary gave viewers a valuable insight into the mind of a genius. |
| **have drive and ambition** | /hæv ˌdraɪv ənd æmˈbɪʃ(ə)n/ | phrase | She has a lot of drive and ambition. She will be very successful. |
| **heat press** | /ˈhiːt ˌpres/ | noun | They printed the designs onto the T-shirts using a heat press. |
| **hit the ground running** | /ˌhɪt ðə ˌɡraʊnd ˈrʌnɪŋ/ | phrase | The [new](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/squad) sales director will have to hit the [ground](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/ground_1) [running](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/running_1) from her first day. There are a lot of problems to sort out! |
| **inspire confidence** | /ɪnˌspaɪə(r) ˈkɒnfɪd(ə)ns/ | phrase | I’m not sure about the new manager. He doesn’t inspire a lot of confidence. |
| **intern** | /ˈɪntɜː(r)n/ | noun | He started here as an intern and has since earned a permanent position. |
| **internship** | /ˈɪntɜː(r)nˌʃɪp/ | noun | Rosie did an internship at a national newspaper because she wants to have a career as journalist. |
| **made to order** | /ˌmeɪd tu ˈɔːdə(r)/ | phrase | These T-shirts are made to order so you can choose the colour and design. |
| **make your own way in life** | /ˌmeɪk jə(r) ˈəʊn ˌweɪ ɪn ˌlaɪf/ | phrase | He wanted to make his own way in life and not be dependent on his parents for anything. |
| **mentor** | /ˈmentɔː(r)/ | noun | I learnt a lot from my mentor when I first started my job. |
| **minimum wage** | /ˌmɪnɪməm ˈweɪdʒ/ | noun | Joshua has got a job but he’s only earning minimum wage. |
| **networking** | /ˈnetˌwɜː(r)kɪŋ/ | noun | The conference should provide plenty of opportunities for networking. |
| **never look back** | /ˌnevə(r) lʊk ˈbæk/ | phrase | I took the art college offer and have never looked back. |
| **outweigh** | /ˌaʊtˈweɪ/ | verb | The [possible](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/possible_1) [benefits](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/benefit_1) outweigh the [risks](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/risk_1) [involved](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/involved). |
| **overcome a problem / a situation / adversity / an obstacle / change / fear / pain / resistance / setbacks** | /ˌəʊvə(r) ˈkʌm/ | phrase | [Jimmy](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/jimmy) [overcame](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/overcame) his [problems](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/difficulty) to [graduate](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/graduate_1) with a [first-class](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/first-class_2) [degree](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/degree). |
| **overcome setbacks** | /ˌəʊvə(r) ˌkʌm ˈsetˌbæks/ | phrase | We've overcome many setbacks but we finally own our own home. |
| **pay attention** | /ˌpeɪ əˈtenʃ(ə)n/ | phrase | I hope you’re paying attention, because you’ll be tested later. |
| **proceeds** | /ˈprəʊˌsiːdz/ | noun plural | The proceeds from the cake sale will go towards new books for the school library. |
| **put something on hold** | /ˌpʊt sʌmθɪŋ ɒn ˈhəʊld/ | phrase | After the accident her career had to be put on hold. |
| **reach** | /riːtʃ/ | noun | The marketing campaign has increased the company’s reach on several social media platforms. |
| **recognition** | /ˌrekəɡˈnɪʃ(ə)n/ | noun | His [work](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/work_1) has never [gained](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/gain_1) the [international](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/international_1) recognition it [deserves](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/deserve). |
| **recruit** | /rɪˈkruːt/ | verb | The company [won](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/won)’t be [recruiting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/recruit_1) any new employees again until next [year](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/year). |
| **referee** | /ˌrefəˈriː/ | noun | [Applicants](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/applicant) should also [send](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/send_1) the [names](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/name_1) and [addresses](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/address_1) of two [referees](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/referee_1). |
| **resume** | /rɪˈzjuːm/ | verb | [The talks](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/talk_1) will resume [later](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/later_1) after a short break. |
| **revenue** | /ˈrevənjuː/ | noun | The [magazine](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/magazine) had been [losing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/lose) [advertising](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/advertising) revenue for [months](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/month) so it had to close. |
| **serve an apprenticeship** | /ˌsɜː(r)v ən əˈprentɪsʃɪp/ | phrase | At 16, he served an apprenticeship as a car mechanic. |
| **settle in** | /ˌset(ə)l ˈɪn/ | phrasal verb | She seems to have [settled](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/settled) in [quickly](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/quickly) at her [new](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/new) [company](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/company). |
| **sincere** | /sɪnˈsɪə(r)/ | adjective | He’s a very sincere person. He means what he says. |
| **speak (your) mind** | /ˌspiːk jɔː(r) ˈmaɪnd/ | phrase | She was an assertive woman who always spoke her mind. |
| **splash out** | /ˌsplæʃ ˈaʊt/ | phrasal verb | He’s [just](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/just_1) [splashed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/splash_1) out on a [brand](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/brand_1) [new](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/new) [car](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/car). |
| **spontaneous** | /spɒnˈteɪniəs/ | adjective | We didn’t plan to go to the cinema. We were just walking past and decided to be spontaneous and buy a ticket. |
| **spur** | /spɜː(r)/ | verb | The [thought](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/thought_1) of [failing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/failing_1) my [exams](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/exam) [spurred](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/spur_2) me into [action](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/action_1). |
| **stepping-stone** | /ˈstepɪŋ stəʊn/ | noun | The [job](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/job_1) can be a stepping-stone to a [career](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/career_1) in [publishing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/publishing). |
| **suffer a setback** | /ˌsʌfər ə ˈsetˌbæk/ | phrase | The government’s efforts to solve the crisis suffered a setback today. |
| **take up a career / a hobby / a position / a position / a post** | /ˌteɪk ˈʌp/ | phrase | My dad has taken up a new career in teaching. |
| **throw yourself into** | /ˈθrəʊ jə(r)self ˌɪntuː/ | phrase | He always throws himself into everything he does. He’s very enthusiastic. |
| **tricks of the trade** | /ˈtrɪks ɒv ðə ˌtreɪd/ | phrase | There are a few [tricks](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/trick_1) of the [trade](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/trade_1) you can learn which will [help](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/help_1) you when [painting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/painting) a [room](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/room_1). |
| **trustworthy** | /ˈtrʌs(t)ˌwɜː(r)ði/ | adjective | He’s a very trustworthy and reliable person. |
| **try your hand at something** | /ˌtraɪ jɔː(r) ˈhand ət sʌmθɪŋ/ | phrase | I’ve always wanted to try my hand at writing a novel. |
| **undertake a study / a survey / a task / an analysis / an investigation** | /ˈʌndə(r)teɪk/ | phrase | Environmentalists have undertaken a study into the effects of climate change on bees. |
| **voice an opinion** | /ˌvɔɪs ən əˈpɪnjən/ | phrase | The students were not given the chance to voice an opinion about the new rules. |
| **weigh up the consequences/the pros and cons** | /ˌweɪ ʌp ðə ˈkɒnsɪkwənsɪz/  ðə ˌprəʊz ən ˈkɒnz/ | phrase | We need to weigh up the pros and cons of each system before we decide which we’re going to use. |
| **well-suited** | /ˌwel ˈsuːtɪd/ | adjective | I think she will be well-suited to her job as a teacher because she is very patient. |
| **work placement** | /ˈwɜː(r)k ˌpleɪsmənt/ | noun | Sajid has got a temporary work placement at a marketing company. |
| **UNIT 10** | | |  |
| **WORD** | **PRONUNCIATION** | **PART OF SPEECH** | **EXAMPLE SENTENCE** |
| **ace** | /eɪs/ | verb | The students aced the test. Everyone did brilliantly. |
| **ageing** | /ˈeɪdʒɪŋ/ | noun | This skin cream claims to slow down the ageing process. |
| **analytical** | /ˌænəˈlɪtɪk(ə)l/ | adjective | She has a very analytical mind and examines things carefully to understand them. |
| **assertiveness** | /əˈsɜːtɪvnəs/ | noun | You need more assertiveness if you want to succeed in business. |
| **avoid jargon** | /əˌvɔɪd ˈdʒɑː(r)ɡən/ | phrase | I wish he would avoid all that jargon when he’s talking about his job. I can’t understand a word! |
| **backing** | /ˈbækɪŋ/ | noun | These [proposals](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/proposal) have the backing of the [main](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/main_1) political [parties](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/party_1). |
| **back up** | /ˌbæk ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | If I [ask](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/ask_1) for more [money](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/money), will you back me up? |
| **be on the same page** | /biː ɒn ðə ˌseɪm ˈpeɪdʒ/ | phrase | I think we’re all on the same page. We’re all in agreement, aren’t we? |
| **bear traces** | /ˌbeə(r) ˈtreɪsɪz/ | phrase | Many [buildings](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/building) in the [town](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/town) still bear traces of the damage caused by last year’s storm. |
| **bilingual** | /baɪˈlɪŋɡwəl/ | adjective | He goes to a bilingual school where he learns in both French and English. |
| **bilingualism** | /baɪˈlɪŋɡwəlɪz(ə)m/ | noun | We [need](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/need_1) to have an [honest](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/honest) [discussion](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/discussion) about the [future](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/future_1) of bilingualism in Canada. |
| **blend** | /blend/ | noun | Their music is a stylish blend of jazz and pop. |
| **brainchild** | /ˈbreɪnˌtʃaɪld/ | noun | This project is his brainchild. He first came up with it a year ago and he has been developing it since then. |
| **bring up** | /ˌbrɪŋ ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | [Brown](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/brown_1) [said](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/said_1) the [issue](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/issue_1) would be [brought](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/brought) up again at the next [climate](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/climate) [conference](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/convention). |
| **cheery** | /ˈtʃɪəri/ | adjective | [Jack](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/jack_1) was his [usual](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/usual) cheery and happy self. |
| **clarify** | /ˈklærəfaɪ/ | verb | Could you clarify your [remarks](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/remark_1)? I don’t think many people understood. |
| **convey a message** | /kənˌveɪ ə ˈmesɪdʒ/ | phrase | This film conveys a powerful message about the impact of climate change. |
| **crash course** | /ˈkræʃ ˌkɔː(r)s/ | noun | Jenny is doing a crash course in learning to drive because she wants to pass her test quickly. |
| **credit** | /ˈkredɪt/ | verb | He’s been credited with raising awareness of this problem. |
| **cut in** | /ˌkʌt ˈɪn/ | phrasal verb | Sue kept cutting in and asking questions. |
| **cut off** | /ˌkʌt ˈɒf/ | phrasal verb | Don’t [cut](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/cut_1) me off when I’m [talking](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/talk_1). |
| **dementia** | /dɪˈmenʃə/ | noun | My grandma struggles to remember things because she’s got dementia. |
| **denote** | /dɪˈnəʊt/ | verb | In the [table](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/table_1), T [denotes](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/denote) time and W [weight](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/weight_1). |
| **dizzying array** | /ˈdɪziɪŋ əˌreɪ/ | noun | There’s a dizzying array of products available online which makes it hard to choose. |
| **draw** | /drɔː/ | verb | The new shopping centre has drawn a lot of visitors to the town. |
| **find something puzzling** | /ˌfaɪnd sʌmθɪŋ  ˈpʌz(ə)lɪŋ/ | phrase | I find it puzzling how he never talks about his family. |
| **fundamental** | /ˌfʌndəˈment(ə)l/ | adjective | Equality is a fundamental [principle](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/principle) of a fair society. |
| **get the wrong end of the stick** | /ˌget ðə rɒŋ ˌend əv ðə ˈstɪk/ | phrase | I think you’ve got the wrong end of the stick. That’s not what I meant at all. |
| **get through to** | /ˌɡet ˈθruː tuː/ | phrasal verb | I feel I’m not getting through to some of the kids in my class. They just don’t understand. |
| **give somebody (your) word** | /ˌɡɪv sʌmbədi jə(r) ˈwɜː(r)d/ | phrase | I gave him my word that I wouldn’t tell anybody his secret. |
| **go-to** | /ˈɡəʊ ˌtuː/ | noun | He’s the go-to if you need any help with IT issues. He knows everything about computers. |
| **grasp** | /ɡrɑːsp/ | noun | She has a [good](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/good_1) grasp of English grammar. |
| **hit upon** | /ˈhɪt əˌpɒn/ | phrasal verb | They hit upon the [idea](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/idea) of [celebrating](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/celebrate) the [occasion](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/occasion_1) with a [concert](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/concert). |
| **hooked** | /hʊkt/ | adjective | He loves that new TV series. He’s hooked. |
| **impairment** | /ɪmˈpeə(r)mənt/ | noun | She’s got a hearing impairment, so she wears a hearing aid. |
| **in a word** | /ˌɪn ə ˈwɜː(r)d/ | phrase | ‘[Did](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/did) you [like](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/like_1) Vince?’ ‘In a [word](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/word_1), no.’ |
| **inequality** | /ˌɪnɪˈkwɒləti/ | noun | Her [book](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/book_1) is about the inequality between [women](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/women) and [men](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/men). |
| **internationalist** | /ˌɪntəˈnæʃnəlɪst/ | adjective | This new government is more internationalist in its approach and wants to work with other countries. |
| **keep (your) word** | /ˌkiːp jə(r) ˈwɜː(r)d/ | phrase | She always [keeps](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/keep_1) her [word](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/word_1). You can rely on her. |
| **leaf through** | /ˌliːf ˈθruː/ | phrasal verb | She [sat](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sat_1) [leafing](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/leaf_2) through a [newspaper](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/newspaper), [watching](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/watch_1) the [door](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/door_1). |
| **let on** | /ˌlet ˈɒn/ | phrasal verb | How [did](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/did) she [plan](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/plan_1) the [surprise](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/surprise_1) [party](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/party_1) without [letting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/let_1) on to her [husband](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/husband)? |
| **level playing field** | /ˌlev(ə)l ˈpleɪɪŋ ˌfiːld/ | noun | We need to ensure there’s a level playing field so that it’s fair for all candidates. |
| **lingua franca** | /ˌlɪŋɡwə ˈfræŋkə/ | noun | German is a [useful](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/useful) lingua franca for [tourists](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/tourist) in the Czech [Republic](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/republic). |
| **lose face** | /ˌluːz ˈfeɪs/ | phrase | The [government](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/government) will [lose](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/lose) [face](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/face_1) if they do not go [ahead](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/ahead) with this*.* |
| **make a gaffe** | /ˌmeɪk ə ˈɡæf/ | phrase | The policitican made a big gaffe at the news conference and later had to apologise. |
| **make a witty remark** | /ˌmeɪk ə ˌwɪti rɪˈmɑː(r)k/ | phrase | He’s always making witty remarks. He thinks he’s so clever and funny but he’s just annoying. |
| **make out** | /ˌmeɪk ˈaʊt/ | phrasal verb | Can you [make](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/make_1) out a [face](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/face_1) here on the [photograph](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/photograph_1)? |
| **misinterpret** | /ˌmɪsɪnˈtɜː(r)prɪt/ | verb | He [insisted](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/insist) his [views](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/view_1) had been [misinterpreted](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/misinterpret) by his [critics](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/critic) and that wasn’t what he’d meant. |
| **miss out** | /ˌmɪsˈaʊt/ | phrasal verb | An [important](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/important) [fact](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/fact) had been [missed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/miss_1) out which should have been included. |
| **monolingual** | /ˌmɒnəʊˈlɪŋɡwəl/ | adjective | I prefer using a monolingual dictionary rather than an English-French one. |
| **not in so many words** | /nɒt ɪn ˈsəʊ ˌmeni ˌwɜː(r)dz/ | phrase | ‘[Did](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/did) he [say](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/say_1) he was [unhappy](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/unhappy)?’ ‘Not in so many [words](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/word_1).’ |
| **omnipresence** | /ˌɒmnɪˈprez(ə)ns/ | noun | The omnipresence of social media in society has caused huge change. |
| **on the spur of the moment** | /ɒn ðə ˌspɜː(r) ɒv ðə ˈməʊmənt/ | phrase | I can’t decide on the spur of the moment. I need some time to think about it. |
| **open up (to)** | /ˌəʊpən ˈʌp/ | phrasal verb | It’s [taken](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/taken_1) a few [months](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/month), but Katy is [finally](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/finally) [starting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/start_1) to [open](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/open_1) up to me and talk about how she feels. |
| **pamphlet** | /ˈpæmflət/ | noun | They were handing out pamphlets at the conference which contained information about the speakers. |
| **paradoxically** | /ˌpærəˈdɒksɪkli/ | adverb | [Paradoxically](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/paradoxically), it is their [differences](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/difference) that [bring](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/bring) them [closer](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/close_2) to each other. |
| **pick up on** | /ˌpɪk ˈʌp ɒn/ | phrasal verb | I’d [just](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/just_1) [like](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/like_1) to [pick](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/pick_1) up on a [couple](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/couple_1) of [points](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/points) that you made. |
| **point out** | /ˌpɔɪnt ˈaʊt/ | phrasal verb | He [pointed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/pointed) out that we had two [hours](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/hour) of [free](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/free_1) time before [dinner](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/dinner). |
| **pop up** | /ˌpɒp ˈʌp / | phrasal verb | The [daffodils](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/daffodil) and [tulips](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/tulip) are [popping](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/poppin) up everywhere. |
| **proficiency** | /prəˈfɪʃ(ə)nsi/ | noun | He has a high level of proficiency in Arabic. |
| **prominent** | /ˈprɒmɪnənt/ | adjective | The [order](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/order_1) was [given](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/given_1) by a prominent [member](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/member) of the [government](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/government). |
| **put words into somebody’s mouth** | /pʊt ˈwɜː(r)dz ɪntə sʌmbədiz ˌmaʊθ/ | phrase | He [accused](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/accuse) the [interviewer](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/interviewer) of [putting](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/putting) [words](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/word_1) into his [mouth](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/mouth_1). |
| **resolutely** | /ˈrezəluːtli/ | adjective | She’s resolutely determined to go to that particular university. She doesn’t want to go anywhere else. |
| **sacrifice** | /ˈsækrɪfaɪs/ | verb | Would you sacrifice some of your [salary](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/salary) for more [holiday](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/holiday_1) time? |
| **(just) say the word** | /dʒʌst ˌseɪ ðə ˈwɜː(r)d/ | phrase | We can go whenever you [like](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/like_1). [Just](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/just_1) [say](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/say_1) the [word](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/word_1). |
| **sentiment** | /ˈsentɪmənt/ | noun | I had [considerable](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/considerable) [sympathy](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sympathy) with the [sentiments](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sentiment) [expressed](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/express_1) in his [letter](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/letter). |
| **speak out (against)** | /ˌspiːk ˈaʊt əˌɡenst/ | phrasal verb | He has always spoken out against inequality. He strongly believes in equal rights for all. |
| **spell out** | /ˌspel ˈaʊt/ | phrasal verb | It’s [frustrating](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/frustrating) when the students don’t understand and you have to [spell](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/spell_1) everything out for them. |
| **spread the word** | /ˌspred ðə ˈwɜː(r)d/ | phrase | They are [spreading](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/spread_1) the [word](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/word_1) on the [need](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/need_1) for [healthy](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/healthy) [eating](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/eat). |
| **take somebody’s word for it** | /ˌteɪk sʌmbədiz ˈwɜː(r)d fə(r) ɪt/ | phrase | Take my word for it. This is not going to be easy. |
| **take something literally** | /ˌteɪk sʌmθɪŋ ˈlɪt(ə)rəli/ | phrase | [Children](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/children) take [things](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/thing) literally when they [hear](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/hear) them from a [teacher](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/teacher). |
| **talk at cross purposes** | /ˌtɔːk ət ˌkrɒs ˈpɜː(r)pəsɪz/ | phrase | [Hold](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/hold_1) on, I [think](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/think_1) we may be [talking](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/talk_1) at cross [purposes](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/purpose). I think you’ve misunderstood. |
| **talk down to** | /ˌtɔːk ˈdaʊn tuː/ | phrasal verb | [Try](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/try_1) not to [talk](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/talk_1) down to your [employees](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/employee). They’re not children. |
| **tell off** | /ˌtel ˈɒf/ | phrasal verb | The [teacher](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/teacher) [told](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/told) me off for [talking](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/talk_1) again [today](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/today_1). |
| **tinker (away)** | /ˈtɪŋkə(r) əˌweɪ/ | verb | Sylvia has nearly finished her assigment. She’s been tinkering away at it for a few days. |
| **turn to** | /ˈtɜː(r)n tuː/ | phrasal verb | [Let](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/let_1)’s [turn](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/turn_1) to more [important](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/important) [matters](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/matter_1) now. |
| **underpin** | /ˌʌndə(r)ˈpɪn/ | verb | These [beliefs](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/belief) underpin our whole [lives](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/lives). |
| **understand nuances** | /ˌʌndə(r)ˌstænd ˈnjuːɒnsɪz/ | phrase | A translator has to understand every nuance of what the speaker is saying. |
| **utopian-minded** | /juːˈtəʊpiən ˌmaɪndɪd/ | adjective | He’s very utopian-minded and believes in a perfect society. |
| **words fail (me)** | /ˌwɜː(r)dz ˈfeɪl miː/ | phrase | I can’t believe he did that. Words fail me. |
| **(or) words to that effect** | /ˌwɜː(r)dz tə ðæt ɪˈfekt/ | phrase | He [told](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/told) me, ‘Go [away](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/away_1),’ or [words](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/word_1) to that [effect](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/effect_1). |
| **write off** | /ˌraɪt ˈɒf/ | phrasal verb | He [thought](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/thought_1) the [teachers](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/teacher) had [written](https://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/written_1) him off as a failure. |