

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

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

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

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