

BEGINNER WORD LIST

UNIT ONE

Word / Phrase	Part of Speech	Phonetic Spelling	Definition	Sample Sentence
address	noun [count.]	/ə'dres/	the name of the place where you live or work including the house or office number and the name of the street and town	'What's your address?' '17 Bridge Street, New Town.'
afternoon	noun [count./ uncount.]	/,ɑ:ftə(r)'nu:n/	the period of time between the middle of the day and the beginning of the evening	I like studying in the afternoon, after lunch.
again	adverb	/ə'gen/	used for saying that something happens or someone does something one more time when it has already happened or been done before	I finish an exercise in class and then I do it again at home.
a little	adverb	/,ə 'lɪt(ə)l/	to a small degree	Can you speak a little louder?
all over	preposition	/,ɔ:l 'əʊvə(r)/	in or to many parts of something	I have friends from all over the world.
alphabet	noun [count.]	/'ælfə,bet/	a set of letters that are used for writing a language	L and M are letters of the alphabet.
also	adverb	/'ɔ:lsəʊ/	used for adding another fact or idea to what you have already said	I watch English films and I also listen to English songs.
ask	verb	/ɑ:sk/	to speak or write to someone because you want them to give you something	If you don't understand the exercise ask the teacher for help.
at	preposition	/æt/ or /ət/	used for stating where someone or something is	I speak English at home.
brother	noun [count.]	/'brʌðə(r)/	a son of your parents	Her younger brother Jim lives at home with her and her parents.
capital	adjective	/'kæpɪt(ə)l/	the large form of a letter, for example 'A' or 'B', that you use at the beginning of a sentence or name	The word 'English' begins with a capital letter.
car	noun [count.]	/kɑ:(r)/	a road vehicle for one driver and a few passengers.	Lewis Hamilton can drive Formula 1 cars.
CD	noun [count.]	/,si: 'di:z/	compact disc: a small round piece of hard plastic with sound recorded on it or computer information stored on it	I play music CDs in my car.
class	noun [count.]	/kla:s/	a group of students who are taught together	Julia is a student in my English class.
come	verb	/kʌm/	to move or travel to the place where you are	Come to my house after school.
concert	noun [count.]	/'kɒnsə(r)t/	an event at which a band or musician plays or sings in front of an audience	I like going to rock concerts.



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conversation	noun [count./ uncount.]	/ˌkɒnvə(r)'seɪʃ(ə)n/	a talk between two or more people, usually a private and informal one	I had a conversation in English with my friend.
correct	adjective	/kə'rekt/	right according to the established rules or ways of doing something	I try to speak English words with the correct pronunciation.
credit card	noun [count.]	/'kredɪt ˌkɑː(r)d/	a small plastic card that you use to buy things	'Can I pay by credit card?' 'Yes. What's your credit card number?'
date of birth	noun [count.]	/'deɪt əv ˌbɜː(r)θ/	the day, month, and year when you were born	My date of birth is 6/3/1987.
day	noun [count.]	/deɪ/	one of the periods of time that a week is divided into, equal to 24 hours	There are seven days in a week.
dictionary	noun [count.]	/'dɪkʃən(ə)ri/	a book that gives a list of words in alphabetical order and explains what they mean	Look up words you don't know in the dictionary.
different	adjective	/'dɪfrənt/	not the same as another person or thing, or not the same as before	I work with different partners in class.
do	verb	/duː/	to perform or complete a job or a piece of work	I do lots of grammar exercises.
double	phrase	/'dʌb(ə)l/	used when spelling a word or giving a number, to say that a letter or number is repeated	'Hello' is spelt H-E-double L-O.
eight	number	/eɪt/	the number 8	Eight is the number 8.
email address	noun [count.]	/'iːmeɪl ˌædres/	the letters, numbers and symbols that you use to send someone an email	'What's your email address?' 'jennyh@myschool.com'
English	noun [uncount.]	/'ɪŋɡlɪʃ/	the main language that people speak in the UK, the US, Canada, Australia and some other countries	I am studying English at university.
evening	noun [count./ uncount.]	/'iːvnɪŋ/	the part of the day between the end of the afternoon and night, including the time when the sun goes down	I am going to the cinema at 7.00pm this evening.
every	determiner	/'evri/	used for showing how often something happens or how far apart things are, especially when there is a regular time or distance between them	I read an English newspaper every day.
everyone	pronoun	/'evri,wʌn/	every person in a group	Good luck with the exam, everyone.
everything	pronoun	/'evri,θɪŋ/	all the things, activities etc that are involved in a situation	I practised everything we had learnt in class.
exercise	noun [count.]	/'eksə(r)saɪz/	an activity or set of activities that you do in order to learn how to do something	I have done all the exercises in this unit.
favourite	adjective	/'feɪv(ə)rət/	your favourite person or thing of a particular kind is the one that you like the best	Adele is my favourite singer.
finish	verb	/'fɪnɪʃ/	to do the last part of something so that it is complete	I want to finish my homework before I go out.



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first	adverb	/fɜː(r)st/	if you do something first, you do it before you do anything else	First I listen to the CD, then I read the text.
first name	noun [count.]	/'fɜː(r)st ,neɪm/	the name that comes before your family name	'What's your first name?' 'It's Norah.'
five	number	/faɪv/	the number 5	Five is the number 5.
for example	phrase	/,fə(r) ɪg'zɑːmp(ə)l/	used when mentioning something that shows the type of thing that you are talking about and helps to explain what you mean	I eat a lot of fruit, for example, apples and bananas.
four	number	/fɔː(r)/	the number 4	Four is the number 4.
friend	noun [count.]	/frend/	someone you know well and like but who is not a member of your family	Mia is my friend. We often go out together.
from	preposition	/frɒm/ or /frəm/	used for stating the place where someone lives or used to live, or their general situation in life	I have got friends from all over the country.
goal	noun	/gəʊl/	something that you hope to achieve	My goal for this year is to read an English newspaper every week.
great	adjective	/gret/	very good at doing something	She's a great dancer.
have	verb	/hæv/	to do something	My friends and I have conversations in English.
he	pronoun	/hiː/	used to refer to a man or boy	This is James. He's my friend.
hear	verb	/hɪə(r)/	to listen to something such as a speech, performance, or programme	I want to hear the news before we go out.
help	noun [uncount.]	/help/	to give someone support or information so that they can do something more easily	I use my dictionary to help me pronounce words correctly.
her	possessive adjective	/hɜː(r)/	belonging to a woman or girl	This is Stefi. Her real name is Stefani Germanotta.
here	adverb	/hɪə(r)/	in or to this place	Alice is here.
high	adjective	/haɪ/	a high sound is near the upper end of a range of sounds	The boy had a very high voice. He sounded like a girl.
his	possessive adjective	/hɪz/	belonging to a man or boy	His real name is Curtis Jackson.
home	noun [count./uncount.]	/həʊm/	the place where you live	I watch English films at home.
home number	noun [count.]	/'həʊm ,nʌmbə(r)/	the phone number at your house	'What's your home number?' '14385 765487.'
how	question word	/haʊ/	used for asking or talking about the method of doing something	How do you pronounce this?
ID number	noun [count.]	/,aɪ'diː ,nʌmbə(r)/	the number on a document that shows who you are	My ID number is 00004543.
initial	noun [count.]	/'ɪnɪʃ(ə)l/	the first letter of someone's name	'What's his middle initial?' 'It's H.'
intonation	noun [count./uncount.]	/,ɪntə'neɪʃ(ə)n/	the way in which your voice rises or falls when you speak	It is important to use the correct intonation when you speak English.



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introduce	verb	/,ɪntrə'dju:s/	to tell someone another person's name when they meet for the first time	I would like to introduce you to Bill Reid.
introduction	noun [count./ uncount.]	/,ɪntrə'dʌkʃ(ə)n/	the process of telling someone another person's name when they meet for the first time	Mary made the introductions when her parents and her teacher met.
last name	noun [count.]	/'lɑ:st ,neɪm/	the name that you share with the other members of your family	My last name is Robinson.
like	preposition	/laɪk/	similar or in a similar way	Mark is like his father. They are both good musicians.
listen	verb	/'lɪs(ə)n/	to pay attention to a sound, or to try to hear a sound	I listen to English songs.
long	adjective	/lɒŋ/	measuring a large amount from one end to the other	Long words are hard to pronounce.
loud	adjective	/laʊd/	used for describing a sound that is strong and very easy to hear	He spoke in a loud voice so everyone could hear him.
meet	verb	/mi:t/	to come together in order to talk to someone who you have arranged to see	I meet my friends in a café after school.
middle name	noun [count.]	/'mɪd(ə)l ,neɪm/	a second name that some people have between their first name and their family name	My first name is Richard and my middle name is John.
morning	noun [count./ uncount.]	/'mɔ:(r)nɪŋ/	the part of the day from when the sun rises until midday	I like to get up early in the morning.
my	possessive adjective	/maɪ/	used for showing that something belongs to you when you are the person speaking or writing	My phone number is (541) 555-8426.
name	noun [count.]	/neɪm/	a word or set of words by which a person or thing is usually known	'What's your name?' 'Janet Smith.'
new	adjective	/nju:/	recently obtained	My new English teacher is very young.
nice	adjective	/naɪs/	friendly, kind and pleasant	I like my brother's girlfriend. She is very nice.
nickname	noun [count.]	/'nɪk,neɪm/	an informal name that your friends or family call you that is not your real name	My name is Patrick but my nickname is Pat.
night	noun [count./ uncount.]	/naɪt/	the part of each 24-hour period when it is dark	I often study late at night and don't go to bed until 1.00am.
nine	number	/naɪn/	the number 9	Nine is the number 9.
now	adverb	/naʊ/	at the present time	I work in a restaurant now.
number	noun [count.]	/'nʌmbə(r)/	a sign or word that represents an amount or quantity. 1 2 3 etc are numbers	Five is the number 5.
office	noun [count.]	/'ɒfɪs/	a room or building where the people in an organisation or department work	This is the company my dad works for. His office is on the third floor.
one	number	/wʌn/	the number 1	One is the number 1.
online	adjective	/'ɒnlaɪn/	connected to the internet	You buy tickets online.



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other	determiner	/'ʌðə(r)/	used for referring to additional people or things of the type already mentioned or known about	I meet other English speakers online.
our	possessive adjective	/aʊə(r)/	belonging to you and the group of people that you are a part of when you are the person speaking or writing	Our names are Joe, Kevin and Nick. We're the Jonas Brothers.
partner	noun [count.]	/'pɑ:(r)tnə(r)/	someone who you do a particular activity with	I practise English in class with different partners.
people	noun [plural]	/'pi:p(ə)l/	the plural of person	There are lots of people in a city.
personal information	noun [uncount.]	/'pɜ:(r)s(ə)nəl ɪnfə(r)'meɪʃ(ə)n/	facts about someone	We can exchange personal information.
phone number	noun [count.]	/fəʊn nʌmbə(r)/	numbers that you press on a telephone to call someone	What's your phone number?
phonetic	adjective	/fə'netɪk/	using special symbols as a way of showing speech sounds in writing	The dictionary gives a phonetic transcription of each word.
practise	verb	/'præktɪs/	to repeat an activity regularly so that you become better at it	I practise speaking English with tourists.
professor	noun [count.]	/'prɒ'fesə(r)/	a senior teacher in a college or university	He works as a professor at the university.
pronounce	verb	/'prə'naʊns/	to say the sounds of letters or words	I use my online dictionary to help me pronounce words correctly.
pronunciation	noun [count./ uncount.]	/'prɒ,nʌnsi'eɪʃ(ə)n/	the way in which a word or language is pronounced	I repeat sentences from my English CD to help with pronunciation.
question	noun [count.]	/'kwɛstʃ(ə)n/	something that someone asks you when they want information	Can I ask you a question?
real	adjective	/rɪəl/	not false	My real name is Joseph but my friends call me Joe.
repeat	verb	/rɪ'pi:t/	to say or write something again	Could you repeat that, please? I didn't hear you properly.
say	verb	/seɪ/	to express something using words	How do you say this in English?
school	noun [count.]	/sku:l/	a place where children go to be taught	He is a teacher at the local school.
set	verb	/set/	to give something to someone to do or to achieve	I always set myself goals at the start of the year.
seven	number	/'sev(ə)n/	the number 7	Seven is the number 7.
show	noun [count.]	/ʃəʊ/	a performance especially in a theatre	He's at a dance show.
sing	verb	/sɪŋ/	to make music using your voice	I like to sing English songs.
singer	noun [count.]	/'sɪŋə(r)/	someone who sings especially as a job	She's a great singer.
six	number	/'sɪks/	the number 6	Six is the number 6.
song	noun [count.]	/sɒŋ/	a piece of music with words that you sing	<i>Turning Tables</i> is my favourite song.
Spain	noun	/speɪn/	a country in south-western Europe	Juan is from Madrid in Spain.



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speak	verb	/spi:k/	to be able to talk in a particular language	My friends and I speak English together after school every day.
speaker	noun [count.]	/'spi:kə(r)/	someone who is able to speak a particular language	I meet English speakers online.
spell	verb	/spel/	to know the letters of a word in the correct order	'How do you spell your surname?' 'J-O-N-E-S.'
stressed	adjective	/strest/	a stressed word or syllable (=part of a word) is pronounced more loudly or with greater force than other words or syllables	The second syllable is stressed in 'address' .
student	noun [count.]	/'stju:d(ə)nt/	someone who goes to school	He's a law student at the university.
surname	noun [count.]	/'sɜ:(r),neɪm/	the name that you share with other members of your family. In English it is the last part of your full name.	My first name is Phil and my surname is Davies.
syllable	noun [count.]	/'sɪləb(ə)l/	a word or a part of a word that has only one vowel sound	The word 'morning' has two syllables.
teacher	noun [count.]	/'ti:tʃə(r)/	someone whose job is to teach	My maths teacher's name is Mrs Rowland.
ten	number	/ten/	the number 10	Ten is the number 10.
their	possessive determiner	/ðeə(r)/	belonging to a group of people that you are not part of	I like British bands like Blur, Pulp and Oasis. Their songs are great.
then	adverb	/ðen/	used for introducing the next thing that happens	First I have a shower, then I have breakfast.
three	number	/θri:/	the number 3	Three is the number 3.
tick	verb	/tɪk/	to mark something with the symbol ✓ to show that it is correct or that you have dealt with it	Tick the things that you like doing.
ticket	noun [count.]	/'tɪkɪt/	a piece of paper that shows you have paid to go somewhere like a concert or a football game	Buy a concert ticket online.
transcription	noun [count./uncount.]	/træn'skrɪpʃ(ə)n/	the process of writing something down, especially a conversation or speech	My dictionary gives a phonetic transcription of each word, showing how to pronounce it.
try	verb	/traɪ/	to attempt to do something	I try to read an English newspaper every week.
two	number	/tu:/	the number 2	Two is the number 2.
the United Kingdom	noun	/,ðə ju:'naɪtɪd 'kɪŋdəm/	England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland considered as a political unit	He's from Cardiff in the United Kingdom.
university	noun [count.]	/,ju:nɪ'vɜ:(r)səti/	a place where students study for degrees	Greg studies engineering at university.
use	verb	/ju:z/	to do something using a machine, tool, skill, method etc in order to do a job or to achieve a result	I try to use the correct stress when I speak English.
way	noun [count.]	/wei/	a method for doing something	Find a new way to practise speaking English.



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website	noun [count.]	/ˈweb,saɪt/	a place on the internet where information is available about a particular subject	Buy a ticket on the website.
what	pronoun	/wɒt/	used for referring to a particular thing, action, or idea	I listen to my English CD and repeat what I hear.
which	question word	/wɪtʃ/	used for asking for a specific choice from a limited number of possibilities	Which student is like you?
with	preposition	/wɪð/	if one person or thing is with another or does something with them, they are together or they do it together	I speak English with tourists in my dad's restaurant.
work	verb	/wɜː(r)k/	to spend time trying to achieve something, especially when this involves using a lot of effort	When we have to do speaking activities in class I work with my two best friends.
world	noun [singular]	/wɜː(r)ld/	society in general, in all countries	I have online friends from all over the world.
your	possessive determiner	/jɔː(r)/	belonging to the person or people that you are talking or writing to	Your name is Mark.
zero	number	/ˈzɪərəʊ/	the number 0	Zero is the number 0.

USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

Useful Expressions	Topic / Category	Sample Sentence
Bye	Greetings	Bye, Neil. See you.
Fine thanks.	Greetings	Hi. I'm fine thanks.
Good morning/afternoon/evening/night.	Greetings	Good morning. How are you?
Goodbye!	Greetings	See you later! Goodbye!
Hello.	Greetings	Hello. How are you?
Hey.	Greetings	Hey, John. This is Carol.
Hi.	Greetings	Hi. I'm fine thanks.
How are you?	Greetings	Hello. How are you?
I'm ...	Greetings	Hello. I'm John.
Nice to meet you.	Greetings	Hello. Nice to meet you.
See you later!	Greetings	See you later! Goodbye!
Sorry!	Greetings	Sorry! I can't help you.
This is ...	Greetings	This is my brother ...
Welcome.	Greetings	Welcome to our home!
What's your ...?	Greetings	Hello. What's your name?
How do you pronounce this?	Asking for help	A: How do you pronounce this? B: Num-ber.
How do you say this in English?	Asking for help	A: How do you say this in English? B: Mobile phone.
How do you spell your name?	Asking for help	A: How do you spell your name? B: S-A-R-A-H.
What does that mean?	Asking for help	'Occupation.' What does that mean?
capital ...	Spelling words	A: How do you spell your name? B: Capital J-U-L-I-E.



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double ...	Spelling words	A: How do you spell 'hello?' B: H-E-double L-O.
Please.	Polite language	What's your name, please?
Thanks.	Polite language	A: What's your phone number, Alan? B: It's 0473873758. A: Thanks.
Thank you	Polite language	A: Welcome, Mr Evans. B: Thank you, Carl.