

PRE-INTERMEDIATE WORD LIST

UNIT ONE

Word / Phrase	Part of Speech	Phonetic Spelling	Definition	Sample Sentence
activity	noun [count.]	/æk'tɪvətɪ/	something that you do because you enjoy it or because it is interesting	What activities do you do on the internet?
advantage	noun [count.]	/əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ/	a good feature or quality that something has	What are the advantages of using the internet to research your project?
affect	verb	/ə'fekt/	to cause physical damage to something	Lots of countries were affected by the heatwave.
air conditioning	noun [uncount.]	/eə(r) kən'dɪf(ə)nɪŋ/	a system that makes the air inside a building, room or vehicle colder	In the summer we need air conditioning in our office.
alone	adverb	/ə'ləʊn/	if you do something alone, you do it without any help from other people	I don't like working in a team, I prefer to work alone.
amazed by	adjective	/,ə'meɪzd ,baɪ/	very surprised	I was amazed by the news that they were married.
angry with	adjective	/'æŋɡrɪ ,wɪð/	very annoyed	I was really angry with him when he was late again.
assignment	noun [count.]	/ə'saɪnmənt/	work that you must do as part of a course of study or as part of your job	I have to do this assignment for my next English lesson.
authority	noun [uncount.]	/ɔ:'θɒrəti/	the power to make decisions or tell people what to do	Children should learn to respect authority.
available	adjective	/ə'veɪləb(ə)l/	able to be obtained, taken or used	Newspapers are available all the time.
blog	verb	/blɒɡ/	to write short articles for a website on your opinions, interests and experiences, either about your daily life or about a subject that interests you	I often blog about my daily life.
century	noun [count.]	/'sentʃəri/	a period of 100 years, usually counted from a year ending in -00. For example, the 20 th century is the period from 1900 to 1999	We are living in the 21 st century.
characteristic	noun [count.]	/,kærɪktə'rɪstɪk/	a particular quality or feature that is typical of someone or something	I have a lot of the characteristics of Millennials.
chat room	noun [count.]	/'tʃæt ,ru:m/	an area on the internet or a computer network where people can exchange messages	I like taking part in online chat rooms.
check	verb	/tʃek/	to examine someone or something in order to find out if something is present	I check my emails several times a day.

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communicate	verb	/kə'mju:nikeɪt/	to express thoughts, feelings or information to another person or animal, for example by speaking or writing	The way people communicate has changed in the last 10 years.
communications	noun [uncount.]	/kə,mju:nɪ'keɪʃ(ə)ns/	a system for sending information	Communications have influenced important events.
company	noun [count.]	/'kʌmp(ə)ni/	an organisation that provides services or that makes or sells goods for money	I don't want to work for the same company for a long time.
connected	adjective	/kə'nektɪd/	able to communicate using a telephone or computer network	I stay connected through my social network.
cool down	verb	/'ku:l 'daʊn/	to become cooler or to make something cooler	I drank lots of cold water, but I couldn't cool down.
correct	adjective	/kə'rekt/	right according to the facts, with no mistakes	On some websites information isn't correct.
culture	noun [uncount.]	/'kʌltʃə(r)/	activities involving music, literature and other arts	There were some important events in the world of culture in the last decade.
damage	noun [uncount.]	/'dæmɪdʒ/	physical harm caused to something so that it is broken, spoiled or injured	Hurricane Katrina caused a lot of damage.
decade	noun [count.]	/'dekeɪd/	a period of ten years, especially one beginning with a year that ends in a 0, for example 1990 to 1999	What happened in the decade 2000–2009?
decision	noun [count.]	/'dɪ'sɪʒ(ə)n/	a choice that you make after thinking carefully	I find it hard to make decisions about important things.
definitely	adverb	/'def(ə)nətli/	without any doubt	I definitely know a lot about technology.
difficult	adjective	/'dɪfɪk(ə)lt/	not easy to do, deal with or understand	Books in my language are difficult to get in the UK.
disadvantage	noun [count.]	/,dɪsəd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ/	something that makes someone or something less effective, successful or attractive	The disadvantage of doing research on the internet is that some of the information isn't correct.
disaster	noun [count.]	/'dɪ:zɑ:stə(r)/	something very bad that happens and causes a lot of damage or kills a lot of people	Hurricane Katrina was a terrible disaster in New Orleans.
download	verb	/,daʊn'ləʊd/	to move information to your computer from another computer system or the internet	I download lots of music from the internet.
effect	noun [count.]	/'ɪfekt/	a change that is produced in one person or thing by another	It was shocking to see the effects of Hurricane Katrina.
email	noun [count.]	/'i:meɪl/	the messages that you receive by email	I check my email every morning.
encyclopaedia	noun [count.]	/'ɪn,sʌɪklə'pi:diə/	a reference resource which provides information about many different subjects or about one particular subject	I don't trust online encyclopaedias as the information isn't always correct.
entertainment	noun [uncount.]	/'entə(r)'teɪnmənt/	performances that people enjoy	Live music is my favourite form of entertainment.
escape	verb	/'ɪskeɪp/	to get away from a place where you are in danger	Many people managed to escape the hurricane.

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event	noun [count.]	/ɪ'vent/	something that happens, especially something that involves several people	Hurricane Katrina was a major event of the 2000s.
excited about	adjective	/,ɪk'saɪtɪd ə,baut/	very happy and enthusiastic because something good is going to happen, especially when this makes you unable to relax	I'm really excited about starting my new job.
expensive	adjective	/ɪk'spensɪv/	something that is expensive costs a lot of money	Travelling abroad is very expensive.
failure	noun [count.]	/'feɪljə(r)/	a lack of success in doing something	His invention was a failure.
false	adjective	/fɔ:ls/	not true	The criminal gave a false name.
file	noun [count.]	/'faɪl/	a set of information on a computer	I save all my documents in files on my computer.
flood	noun [count.]	/flʌd/	a large amount of water that covers an area that was dry before	There were many floods after the heavy rain.
free	adjective	/fri:z/	something that is free does not cost anything	Some online newspapers are free.
generation	noun [count.]	/,dʒenə'reɪj(ə)n/	a group of people in society who are born and live around the same time	My generation knows a lot about technology.
global	adjective	/'gləʊb(ə)l/	including or affecting the whole world	Climate change is a major global issue.
google	verb	/'gu:ɡ(ə)l/	to search for something on the internet using the Google™ search engine	I google new business contacts.
government	noun [count./ uncount.]	/'gʌvə(r)nəmənt/	the people who control a country, region or town and make decisions about its laws and taxes: followed by a singular or plural verb	I looked up the information on an official website from the government.
happy about	adjective	/'hæpi ə,baut/	feeling pleased and satisfied	I was happy about the news that your team won.
heat (the)	noun [uncount.]	/,ðə 'hi:t/	very hot weather	We went into the café to escape the heat.
heatwave	noun [count.]	/'hi:t,weɪv/	a continuous period of very hot weather, especially when this is unusual	There was a heatwave in Europe in 2003.
hurricane	noun [count.]	/'hʌrɪkən/ or /'hʌrɪkeɪn/	a violent storm with extremely strong winds and heavy rain	There are lots of hurricanes in the Caribbean.
important	adjective	/'ɪm'pɔ:(r)t(ə)nt/	something that is important has a major effect on someone or something, for example because it affects someone's life or the way a situation develops	There were many important world events in the 2000s.
incorrect	adjective	/,ɪnkə'rekt/	wrong or not accurate or true	Some online encyclopaedias contain incorrect information.
influence	verb	/'ɪnfluəns/	to affect the way that someone thinks or behaves or to affect the way that something happens	In the 21 st century social media can influence important events.

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information	noun [uncount.]	/,ɪnfə(r)'meɪʃ(ə)n/	knowledge or facts about someone or something	I try to get my information from different sources.
interested in	adjective	/'ɪntrestɪd ɪn/	wanting to know about or take part in something	I'm interested in current affairs.
internet (the)	noun [uncount.]	/'ɒɪ 'ɪntə(r),net/	a computer system that allows people in different parts of the world to exchange information. You can use the internet to get information from websites and to send and receive messages by email.	One of the first things people could use the internet for was email.
issue	noun [count.]	/'ɪʃuː/ or /'ɪʃjuː/	a subject that people discuss or argue about, especially relating to society, politics etc	I'm reading an article about environmental issues.
job	noun [count.]	/dʒɒb/	work that you do regularly to earn money	I want a job in an office.
key	adjective	/kiː/	very important	What were the key events of the 2000s?
message	verb	/'mesɪdʒ/	to send someone a message, especially in an electronic form	I often message my friends on my social networking site.
millennium	noun [count.]	/'mɪ'lenɪəm/	a period of 1,000 years	There have been many major events in the new millennium.
multicultural	adjective	/'mʌltɪ'kʌltʃərəl/	involving or consisting of people of different cultures	The UK is a multicultural society.
normal	adjective	/'nɔː(r)m(ə)l/	something that is normal is how you expect it to be and is not unusual or surprising in any way	Nowadays it is normal to browse the internet to find information instead of using books.
official	adjective	/ə'fɪʃ(ə)l/	used about information that someone in authority provides	I trust official websites from organisations and governments.
online	adjective	/'ɒnlaɪn/	connected to or available through a computer or a computer network (=a group of connected computers), especially the internet	Most companies now sell their products online.
oral	adjective	/'ɔːrəl/	spoken but not written	I have to give an oral report to the group.
organisation	noun [count.]	/,ɔː(r)gənəɪ'zeɪʃ(ə)n/	a group of people who have a particular shared purpose or interest, for example a political party or charity	Many large organisations have informative websites.
permanent	adjective	/'pɜː(r)mənənt/	happening or existing for a long time or for all time in the future	I want to find a permanent job.
popular	adjective	/'pɒpjʊlə(r)/	a popular activity, place, thing etc is one that many people like	The Harry Potter books were some of the most popular books of the last decade.
post	verb	/pəʊst/	to put information on the internet	I've posted new photos on my social networking site.

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reaction	noun [count.]	/rɪ'ækʃ(ə)n/	the way that you feel or behave as a result of something that happens	What was his reaction to the bad news?
report	noun [count.]	/rɪ'pɔ:(r)t/	a spoken or written account that gives information about a particular subject, situation or event	I've just handed in my report.
represent	verb	/,reprɪ'zent/	to be an example of a particular quality or type	I don't think that description represents me.
research	noun [uncount.]	/rɪ'sɜ:(r)tʃ/ or /'ri:sɜ:(r)tʃ/	the detailed study of something in order to discover new facts, especially in a university or scientific institution	I am doing research on the topic of climate change.
resource	noun [count.]	/rɪ'zɔ:(r)s/	something that you can use to help you to achieve something, especially in your work or study	I used a variety of resources to find the information.
respect	verb	/rɪ'spekt/	to feel admiration for someone because of their personal qualities, their achievements or their status and show this by treating them in a polite and kind way	Do young people today respect their teachers?
sea level	noun [uncount.]	/'si: ,lev(ə)l/	the average level of the sea in relation to the land. The heights of parts of the land are measured from sea level	A lot of places below sea level were flooded.
self-confident	adjective	/'self 'kɒnfɪd(ə)nt/	feeling that you can do things well and that people respect you	Actors appear to be very self-confident.
send	verb	/send/	to arrange for a message to be delivered to a person by email	How many emails do you send every day?
set up	phrasal verb	/'set ʌp/	to make a piece of equipment ready for use	When companies set up websites they could sell their products online.
shocked by	adjective	/'ʃɒkt baɪ/	very surprised and upset by something bad that happens unexpectedly	I was about ten when Michael Jackson died, so I remember that. I was shocked by it.
shocking	adjective	/'ʃɒkɪŋ/	something that is shocking makes you feel extremely surprised or upset	It was shocking to see the effects of the floods.
sociable	adjective	/'səʊʃəb(ə)l/	a sociable person is friendly and enjoys being with other people	I am sociable and like working in teams.
social media	noun [uncount.]	/'səʊʃ(ə)l 'mi:diə/	websites used for social networking	In the 21 st century, there was an explosion of social media use.
social network	noun [count.]	/'səʊʃ(ə)l 'net,wɜ:(r)k/	a website such as Facebook or MySpace that allows you to communicate with friends and make new friends	Millennials are 'connected' through social networks.
social networking	noun [uncount.]	/'səʊʃ(ə)l 'net,wɜ:(r)kɪŋ/	communicating with friends and making new friends on a website such as Facebook or MySpace	I use my computer for social networking.

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source	noun [count.]	/sɔ:(r)s/	a person, place or thing that provides something that you need or want	I used a variety of information sources for my research.
specific	adjective	/spə'sɪfɪk/	involving or relating to only one particular thing or type of thing	I am researching a specific topic.
status update	noun [count.]	/'steɪtəs ʌp'deɪt/	a feature on a social networking site where a person can write a short text about events, opinions or other information	I posted a status update on my social networking site.
storm	noun [count.]	/stɔ:(r)m/	an occasion when a lot of rain falls very quickly, often with very strong winds or thunder and lightning	Hurricane Katrina was a very big storm.
success	noun [count.]	/sək'ses/	a plan or an attempt that achieves good results	What were some of the big technology successes of the last decade?
surprised by	adjective	/,sə(r)'praɪzd baɪ/	having the feeling that you get when something unexpected happens	I was surprised by what she told me.
team	noun [count.]	/ti:m/	a group of people who work together	Sociable people prefer to work in teams.
technology native	noun [count.]	/'tek'nɒlədʒi neɪtɪv/	someone who has grown up using technology such as the internet and mobile phones	My generation is a generation of technology natives.
temperature	noun [count.]	/'tempərɪtʃə(r)/	a measurement of how hot or how cold a place or object is. Temperature is measured in degrees Celsius or degrees Fahrenheit, using the symbol °	The temperatures reached more than 40 degrees.
topic	noun [count.]	/'tɒpɪk/	a subject that you write or speak about	I have made notes on the topic.
tweet	verb	/twi:t/	to send a message using the microblogging and social networking service Twitter	I often tweet on my phone about things in the news.
typical	adjective	/'tɪpɪk(əl)/	like most people or things of the same type	Those characteristics are typical of millennials.
upload	verb	/'ʌp,ləʊd/	to send documents or programs from your computer to a larger system using the internet	I've just uploaded a home video onto the internet.
upset about	adjective	/'ʌp'set ə,baut/	very sad, worried or angry about something	I was very upset about failing the exam.
website	noun [count.]	/'web,sait/	a place on the internet where information is available about a particular subject, organisation etc	I don't trust that website.
work	verb	/wɜ:(r)k/	to have a job, usually one that you are paid to do	Do you prefer to work alone or in a team?
worried about	adjective	/'wʌrɪd ə,baut/	unhappy because you are thinking about your problems or about bad things that could happen	I'm worried about my exam results.
young	adjective	/'jʌŋ/	someone who is young has lived for only a short time	Millennials learnt to use technology as young children.

USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

Useful Expressions	Topic / Category	Sample Sentence
Do you remember the ...?	Recalling events	A: Do you remember the London Olympics™? B: Yes, I do.
Do you remember when ...?	Recalling events	A: Do you remember when Barack Obama became President of the USA? B: No, I don't.
How did you feel when/after ...?	Recalling events	A: How did you feel when you started secondary school? B: I felt nervous.
I (don't) remember when ... happened/ came out.	Recalling events	I don't remember when the first iPod came out.
That's the ...	Recalling events	That's the first iPod.
That's when ...	Recalling events	That's when the first Harry Potter film was released.
Was it exciting/scary/dangerous/fun?	Recalling events	A: Was it scary? B: No, it wasn't.
What did you/the people do when ...?	Recalling events	A: What did the people do when Barack Obama became President of the USA? B: They celebrated.
What happened after ...?	Recalling events	A: What happened after you left primary school? B: I started secondary school.
What's that?	Recalling events	A: What's that? B: It's the first iPod.
Getting information from (books) takes/ doesn't take a lot of time.	Talking about advantages and disadvantages of sources of information	Getting information from books takes a lot of time.
Newspapers are available all the time/ difficult to get.	Talking about advantages and disadvantages of sources of information	Newspapers are available all the time.
Newspapers are expensive/free.	Talking about advantages and disadvantages of sources of information	Newspapers are expensive.
Official websites give correct information/may give incorrect or false information.	Talking about advantages and disadvantages of sources of information	Official websites give correct information.