

## INTERMEDIATE WORD LIST

### UNIT TWO

Word / Phrase	Part of Speech	Phonetic Spelling	Definition	Sample Sentence
ability	noun [count.]	/ə'biləti/	the fact of being able to do something	When humans developed higher cognitive abilities such as language, their sense of smell was less important.
academic	adjective	/ˌækə'demɪk/	good at learning things by studying	I was quite academic at school – I worked hard and I got good grades.
amygdala	noun [count.]	/ə'mɪɡdələ/	the part of the brain that processes emotions and memories	In the human brain, the amygdala is located near the olfactory cortex. This is why smell and emotion are closely linked.
animal	noun [count.]	/ˈænɪm(ə)l/	any living thing that is not a human, a plant, an insect, a bird or a fish	A human's sense of smell is weaker than that of many other animals.
associate something with something/ someone	verb phrase	/ə'səʊsi,eɪt/	to form a connection in your mind between different people or things	I always associate the smell of chocolate with my grandmother's house.
attitude	noun [count.]	/ˈætɪ,tjuːd/	someone's opinions or feelings about something, especially as shown by their behaviour	It's important to have a positive attitude when you start a new job.
authority	noun [count.]	/ɔː'θɒrəti/	people with power over you, usually in an official way	When I was a teenager I always questioned authority, like teachers and my parents.
baby	noun [count.]	/ˈbeɪbi/	a very young child who cannot yet talk or walk.	The sense of smell develops in babies before the sense of vision.
be located	verb phrase	/bi ləʊ'keɪtɪd /	existing in a particular place	In the human brain, the brainstem is located in front of the cerebellum.
beagle	adjective	/ˈbiːg(ə)l/	a dog with short hair and long ears that is kept as a pet or for hunting	My first dog was a beagle named Bonzo.
bloodhound	noun [count.]	/ˈblʌd,haʊnd/	a large dog that can smell very well and has long hanging ears, often used for finding out where someone is or has been	A bloodhound has 220 million smell receptors and so it has an excellent sense of smell.
bored	adjective	/bɔː(r)d/	feeling impatient or dissatisfied because you are not interested in something or because you have nothing to do.	I'm bored at work because every day is the same!
certain	determiner	/ˈsɜː(r)t(ə)n/	used for referring to someone or something without being specific about exactly what or who they are	Certain smells make me think of when we lived in Greece.
child	noun [count.]	/tʃaɪld/	a young person from the time they are born until they are about 14 years old	Did you have any pets when you were a child?

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childhood	noun [uncount.]	/'tʃaɪld,hʊd/	the time of your life when you are a child	She had a happy childhood with her parents and two brothers.
chocolate-chip cookie	noun [count.]	/'tʃɒklət tʃɪp 'kʊki/	a type of biscuit that contains small pieces of chocolate	The smell of chocolate-chip cookies reminds me of my mum, as she used to do a lot of baking.
clearly	adverb	/'klɪə(r)li/	in a way that is sensible and not confused	I can clearly remember the day I got my first puppy.
cognitive	adjective	/'kɒgnətɪv/	in psychology, a cognitive science or process is one that is connected with recognising and understanding things	Humans developed higher cognitive abilities, such as language.
cologne	noun [uncount.]	/kə'ləʊn/	a liquid with a pleasant smell that you put on your skin. It is usually less expensive than perfume.	When I smell that cologne I think of my father as he always wore it.
compare	verb	/kəm'peə(r)/	used for saying how good or bad one thing is in relation to another	How do your test results compare with other students in your class?
country	noun [count.]	/'kʌntri/	an area of land that has its own government and official borders	The country of my birth is France.
cue	noun [count.]	/kju:/	an event, action or statement that tells someone indirectly that they should do something	Researchers have done experiments to compare smell stimuli with other stimuli as memory cues.
danger	noun [count.]	/'deɪndʒə(r)/	a situation in which harm, death, damage or destruction is possible	Animals use their sense of smell to recognise danger and it can be the difference between life and death.
definitely	adverb	/'def(ə)nətli/	without any doubt	I was definitely a party animal when I was at college. I was always out at parties.
dementia	noun [uncount.]	/dɪ'menʃə/	a serious illness affecting someone's brain and memory in which they gradually stop being able to think or behave in a normal way	My father suffers from dementia and now he doesn't know who I am when I visit him.
describe	verb	/dɪ'skraɪb/	to give details about what someone or something is like	Can you describe the man you saw in detail? What did he look like?
emotion	noun [count.]	/ɪ'məʊʃ(ə)n/	a feeling that you experience, for example love, fear or anger	The emotion I felt more than anything after my exams was relief!
emotional	adjective	/ɪ'məʊʃ(ə)nəl/	relating to feelings and the way that they affect your life	Why do smells cause strong emotional responses?
except	preposition	/ɪk'sept/	used for introducing the only person, thing or fact that is not included in your main statement	I got on well with most of my teachers except the Geography teacher who was very strict.
experience	noun [count.]	/ɪk'spɪəriəns/	something that happens to you or a situation that you are involved in	We often forget an experience until we smell something associated with it.

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experiment	noun [count.]	/ɪk'sperɪmənt/	a scientific test to find out what happens to someone or something in particular conditions	Researchers have done experiments to compare smell stimuli with other stimuli.
fair	noun [count.]	/feə(r)/	an event where people ride on special machines and play games to win prizes	When I was a child I loved the rides and the games at the local fair.
feel	verb	/fi:l/	to be in a particular state as a result of an emotion or a physical feeling	How did you feel on your first day at school?
findings	noun [uncount.]	/'faɪndɪŋz/	information that you discover or opinions that you form after doing research	The government seems to have ignored the findings of its own report.
fresh	adjective	/freʃ/	recently done, made or experienced	I love the smell of fresh bread – straight from the oven!
geeky	adjective	/gi:ki/	to be boring, especially because you are interested only in one subject like computers, technology etc	He's a bit geeky. He spends most of the weekend on his laptop and games console.
hear	verb	/hɪə(r)/	to realise that someone or something is making a sound	When I hear that song, it makes me feel sad.
hearing	noun [uncount.]	/'hɪərɪŋ/	your ability to hear sounds	Her hearing is quite poor – you have to speak very loudly.
human	noun [count.]	/'hju:mən/	a person	Human beings have fewer smell receptors than many animals.
immediately	adverb	/ɪ'mi:diətli/	without delay	Smell memories are so strong they can transport us immediately to the past.
implication	noun [count.]	/'ɪmplɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/	a possible effect or result	What medical implications does research in smell and memory have?
importance	noun [uncount.]	/'ɪm'pɔ:(r)t(ə)ns/	the fact of being important or the degree to which something or someone is important	Research emphasises the importance of exercise in reducing blood pressure.
include	verb	/ɪn'klu:d/	to make someone or something part of a group, set or collection of things	Decide which ideas you want to include and organise them.
international	adjective	/'ɪntə(r)'næʃ(ə)nəl/	involving several countries or existing between countries	International aid organisations are appealing for donations from Western governments.
joker	noun [count.]	/'dʒɔʊkə(r)/	someone who likes to tell jokes or to do things to make people laugh	My boss is a bit of a joker – he likes us to have fun at work.
lifetime	noun [count.]	/'laɪf,tʌɪm/	the period of time when someone is alive	He achieved a lot in his short lifetime.
love	noun [count.]	/lʌv/	someone who you have a romantic relationship with	Her perfume reminded him of an old love from his home town.
make changes	verb	/meɪk 'tʃeɪndʒɪz/	make something different	Please don't make any changes to my work – I like it as it is.
medical	adjective	/'medɪk(ə)l/	relating to medicine and the treatment of injuries and diseases	What medical implications does research in smell and memory have?

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memorise	verb	/ˈmeməraɪz/	to learn something so that you remember it perfectly	I memorised my speech so I could say it without the words in front of me.
memory	noun [uncount.]	/ˈmem(ə)ri/	the ability to remember things	My memory is getting worse as I get older. I can't remember people's names.
memory	noun [count.]	/ˈmem(ə)ri/	something that you remember	The memory of that night is still clear in my mind.
memory loss	noun [uncount.]	/ˈmem(ə)ri lɒs/	when you cannot remember things	Researchers have found that when people with memory loss smell something associated with their youth, they are often able to describe a memory in great detail.
million	number	/ˈmɪljən/	the number 1,000,000	People download millions of songs every day.
nose	noun [count.]	/nəʊz/	the part of your face above your mouth that you use for smelling and breathing	Look at the model's face: she has green eyes, a small mouth and a perfect nose.
olfactory cortex	noun [count.]	/ɒlˈfækt(ə)ri ˈkɔː(r)teks/	the part of the brain where our sense of smell is located	In the human brain, the amygdala is located near the olfactory cortex. This is why smell and emotion are closely linked.
party animal	noun phrase	/ˈpaː(r)tɪ ænɪm(ə)l/	someone who enjoys going to lots of parties	Maria is a bit of a party animal – she's always out with her friends at parties.
perfume	noun [uncount.]	/ˈpɜː(r)fjuːm/	a liquid with a pleasant smell that you put on your skin	This perfume smells lovely. Do you want to try it?
personality	noun [count.]	/ˌpɜː(r)səˈnæləti/	the part of a person that makes them behave in a particular way in social situations, for example in a friendly or unfriendly way, or in a confident or shy way. You use the word character when you are talking about whether someone is good or bad, or honest or dishonest	What's her personality like? Is she friendly or quite shy?
physiology	noun [uncount.]	/ˌfɪziˈɒlədʒi/	the way that the body of a particular living thing operates	The reason we react to smells comes down to our human physiology.
poem	noun	/ˈpəʊɪm/	a piece of writing using beautiful or unusual language arranged in fixed lines that have a particular beat and often rhyme	We had to memorise poems at school and say them aloud in our English class.
popcorn	noun [count.]	/ˈpɒp,kɔː(r)n/	a food made from dried grains of maize that swell when they are heated	They always buy popcorn to share when they go to the cinema.
popular	adjective	/ˈpɒpjʊlə(r)/	a popular person is liked by most people	Hayley was very popular at school. Everyone liked her!
puppy	noun [count.]	/ˈpʌpi/	a very young dog	My dog is big now, but when he was a puppy he could sit in the palm of my hand.

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question	verb	/'kwestʃ(ə)n/	to express doubts about something or challenge it	When he was a teenager he used to question authority all the time. He was always arguing with his parents.
rebel	noun [count.]	/'reb(ə)l/	someone who opposes people in authority or opposes accepted ways of doing things	James has always been a bit of a rebel, but he's not a criminal!
recent	adjective	/'ri:s(ə)nt/	happening or starting a short time ago	My hearing has become worse in recent years – it used to be fine.
recognise	verb	/'rekəɡnaɪz/	to know who the person is or what the thing is that you are seeing, hearing etc because you have seen, heard etc them before	Animals use their sense of smell to recognise danger and it can be the difference between life and death.
remind	verb	/rɪ'maɪnd/	to make someone think of someone or something else because of being very similar to them	She reminds me of my sister. They look very similar.
research	noun [uncount.]	/rɪ'sɜ:(r)tʃ/	the detailed study of something in order to discover new facts, especially in a university or scientific institution	Recent research shows that music has a positive effect on patient health.
response	noun [count.]	/rɪ'spɒns/	a reaction	Humans have strong emotional responses to smells.
scan	verb	/skæn/	to read something very quickly, in order to get a general idea of its meaning or to find particular information	Scan the article quickly to find out the main points.
sense of smell	noun [uncount.]	/sens əv smel/	the natural ability that most people have to smell	A human's sense of smell is weaker than that of many other animals.
short	adjective	/ʃɔ:(r)t/	a period of time that is short does not last very long or seems to pass quickly	I gave a short presentation about the new product. It only lasted for a few minutes.
sight	noun [count.]	/saɪt/	a person or thing that you see that has a particular feature	Certain sights or sounds bring back memories.
sight	noun [uncount.]	/saɪt/	the ability to see using your eyes	He has lost 75 per cent of his sight in his right eye.
smell	noun [count.]	/smel/	the pleasant or unpleasant quality of something that you notice when you breathe in through your nose	It's strange how certain smells can bring back vivid memories.
smell	verb	/smel/	to notice or recognise the smell of something	When I smell the sea, I always think of the summers I used to spend there.
smell receptor	noun [count.]	/smel rɪ'septə(r)/	a nerve in your nose that sends messages to your central nervous system	Humans have 20 million smell receptors compared to a bloodhound with 220 million!
song	noun [count.]	/sɒŋ/	a piece of music with words that you sing	When I hear this song it brings back memories of being at university.
sound	noun [count.]	/saʊnd/	something that you can hear	The room was very quiet – I couldn't hear a sound.

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species	noun [count.]	/ˈspiːʃiːz/	a plant or animal group whose members all have similar general features and are able to produce young plants or animals together	An animal's sense of smell enables it to recognise other animals of the same species.
stimuli	noun [count.]	/ˈstɪmjʊliː/	things that produce a reaction in a plant, animal or person	Researchers have done experiments to see the effect of smell stimuli on our memory.
strong	adjective	/strɒŋ/	able to produce a powerful effect	Smell memories are so strong they can transport us immediately to the past.
suddenly	adverb	/ˈsʌd(ə)nli/	quickly and without any warning	A strange feeling suddenly came over him.
suffer from	verb	/ˈsʌfə(r) frɒm/	to have a particular illness or physical problem	She suffered from depression for most of her adult life.
survival	noun [uncount.]	/sə(r)ˈvaɪv(ə)l/	the fact or state of continuing to live or exist, especially in difficult conditions	When humans developed higher cognitive abilities such as language, their sense of smell was less important.
sweet	adjective	/swiːt/	pleasant in smell, sound or appearance	My first puppy was so sweet and gentle.
taste	noun [count.]	/teɪst/	the flavour that something creates in your mouth when you eat or drink it	The smell and taste of chocolate remind me of being a child.
technology	noun [count.]	/tekˈnɒlədʒi/	advanced scientific knowledge used for practical purposes, especially in industry	How has technology changed children's lives?
tend (to)	verb	/tend/	to usually do a particular thing	The gym tends to get very busy at about six o'clock.
think back (to)	phrasal verb	/θɪŋk bæk/	to think about something that happened in the past	I've been trying to think back to the last time I saw her.
times tables	noun [uncount.]	/ˈtaɪmz teɪb(ə)lz/	a multiplication table	We had to memorise our times tables at school and say them aloud in our maths class.
tone of voice	noun [uncount.]	/təʊn əv vɔɪs/	the sound of someone's voice that shows what they are feeling	'Really?' Simone said in a surprised tone of voice.
touch	noun [uncount.]	/tʌtʃ/	the sense that tells you what something feels like, through your skin or when you put your fingers on it	You have to identify the foods through touch and smell – you can't see or taste them!
transport	verb	/trænsˈpɔː(r)t/	to make you imagine or feel as if you are in a different place or time	Certain smells can transport us immediately to the past.
troublemaker	noun [count.]	/ˈtrʌb(ə)l,meɪkə(r)/	someone who causes problems, often by being violent or by making others argue or not obey people in authority	Fred was a troublemaker at school, but now he's a policeman!
uncertain	adjective	/ʌnˈsɜː(r)t(ə)n/	not feeling sure about what to do, whether something is true etc	I left the meeting feeling anxious and uncertain about what to do next.
vaguely	adverb	/ˈveɪgli/	in a way that is not clear	I vaguely remember meeting Kate, but I'm not sure where or when.



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visual	adjective	/ˈvɪʒʊəl/	relating to things that you can see	Television news brings us visual images from around the world.
vivid	adjective	/ˈvɪvɪd/	having or producing very clear and detailed images in the mind	I have a vivid memory of the first time we met. I remember it clearly.
whole	adjective	/həʊl/	all of something	Practise saying the whole presentation so you know it from start to finish.
youth	noun [uncount.]	/juːθ/	the time in someone's life when they are young	In his youth, he had travelled and seen much of the world.

## USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

Useful Expressions	Topic / Category	Sample Sentence
be named	Then and now	My first dog was a beagle named Bonzo.
be stimulated with	Then and now	Memories can often be stimulated with smells.
bring back memories of	Then and now	The smell of the sea brings back memories of childhood holidays.
By the time I was ... I had already ...	Then and now	By the time I was four I had already learned to ride a bike.
get into trouble	Then and now	At school he was really naughty. He was always getting into trouble.
I suppose	Then and now	I suppose he was a bit geeky at school but now he's a very wealthy IT entrepreneur.
in (great) detail	Then and now	He can remember his childhood home in great detail.
make sense	Then and now	I don't understand where I am – the map doesn't make sense.
sort of a ...	Then and now	I remember Joe. He was sort of a rebel at school, wasn't he? He got into trouble a lot!
What about you ...?	Then and now	I've been really busy this week. What about you? What have you been doing?