

Unit 1 Who do you think you are?

WORDS AND PHRASES

Word / Phrase	Part of Speech	Phonetic Spelling	Definition	Sample Sentence
be affected by	phrase	/bi ə'fektəd baɪ/	to be changed or influenced by something	The area has been badly affected by pollution.
common sense	noun [uncountable]	/,kɒmən 'sens/	the ability to make sensible decisions by using your judgment	Common sense is just as important as intelligence.
culture	noun	/'kʌltʃə(r)/	a society that has its own set of ideas, beliefs and ways of behaving	Some cultures place a lot of value on social identity.
deal with	phrasal verb	/'di:l wɪð/	to solve a problem, organise something or get along well with someone	I find my boss very difficult to deal with.
discrimination	noun [uncountable]	/dɪ'skrɪmɪ'neɪʃ(ə)n/	unfair treatment of someone because of their religion, race, etc	Immigrants to a country are often victims of discrimination.
emotion	noun	/'ɪməʊʃ(ə)n/	a feeling, for example happiness, sadness, etc	Happy people experience more positive than negative emotions.
family background	noun	/,fæm(ə)li 'bækgraʊnd/	the kind of family you come from	Your family background can have an enormous influence on the type of person you become.
family values	noun	/,fæm(ə)li 'væljuz/	beliefs that you learn from your family	Family values have a strong impact on a child's life goals.
genocide	noun [uncountable]	/'dʒenə'saɪd/	the murder of large numbers of people belonging to a particular race	News of the genocide in Rwanda shocked the world.
identity	noun	/aɪ'dentɪti/	the qualities that make someone or something what they are, and different from other people	Most people have many different social identities.
life goals	phrase	/'laɪf ,gəʊlz/	the things you hope to achieve in the future	Doing voluntary work abroad was always one of my life goals.
loyalty	noun [uncountable]	/'lɔɪəlti/	support that you always give to someone or something because of your feelings of duty and love toward them	They have a strong sense of loyalty to their group.
make sense of	phrase	/meɪk 'sens əv/	to be able to understand something	My teacher speaks too quickly – I can't make sense of what she's saying.
novel	noun	/'nɒv(ə)l/	a long, written story about imaginary or partly imaginary characters and events	Have you read the new novel by Dan Brown?
persecution	noun [uncountable]	/,pɜː(r)sɪ'kjuːʃ(ə)n/	extremely unfair treatment of someone because of their religion, race, appearance, etc	Unfavourable racial stereotypes can contribute to persecution.

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pleasure	noun	/'pleʒə(r)/	something that makes you feel happy	Trying to be positive helps you appreciate the pleasures of life.
podcast	noun	/'pɒd,kɑːst/	a radio programme or video that can be downloaded from the internet onto a computer or mobile device	You can download our weekly podcast for free.
poem	noun	/'pəʊɪm/	a piece of writing, sometimes using beautiful language, that is arranged in fixed lines which usually has a rhythm	I prefer reading novels to poems.
prejudice	noun [uncountable]	/'preɪdʒəɪs/	an unreasonable opinion or feeling, especially the feeling of not liking a particular group of people	We must work together to try to end racial prejudice.
sense	verb	/sens/	to know about something through a natural ability or feeling, without being told	We can often sense when someone has a problem.
sense of humour	noun	/'sens əv 'hju:mə(r)/	the ability to see the funny side of a situation	We get on well together and share the same sense of humour.
sense of identity	noun	/'sens əv aɪ'dentɪti/	the feeling you have about what type of person you are and how you are different from other people	It's important to have a strong sense of identity.
sense of responsibility	noun	/'sens əv rɪ'spɒnsə'bɪləti/	the feeling of wanting to behave in a way to fulfil your moral duty	Teenagers often lack a sense of responsibility.
sensible	adjective	/'sensəb(ə)l/	reasonable and practical	Sensible people always think before they act.
sensitive	adjective	/'sensətɪv/	able to understand other people's feelings easily	She's very sensitive to other people's emotions.
sensitive	adjective	/'sensətɪv/	likely to upset people	He doesn't like talking about sensitive subjects.
social group	noun	/'səʊʃ(ə)l ,gru:p/	your friends	Most people feel the need to belong to a social group.
social status	noun [uncountable]	/'səʊʃ(ə)l 'steɪtəs/	the position that someone has in society	People with a lot of money tend to have higher social status than people who don't.
source	noun	/sɔː(r)s/	a person, place or thing that provides something that you want	A person's nationality can be a source of pride for them.
stereotype	noun	/'steriə,təɪp/	a very firm and simple idea about what a particular type of person or thing is like	What is the national stereotype of a British person?

USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

Expression	Topic / Category	Sample Sentence
I couldn't agree more.	Agreeing and disagreeing	A: People are too selfish nowadays. B: I couldn't agree more.
I'm afraid I can't agree.	Agreeing and disagreeing	A: I think individuals are more important than society. B: I'm afraid I can't agree.
I'm sorry, but I just don't think that's true.	Agreeing and disagreeing	A: I don't think your family should ever force you to act in a certain way. B: I'm sorry, but I just don't think that's true. Sometimes your family understands what is best for you.
In a way, you're right, but ...	Agreeing and disagreeing	A: People have the right to be themselves. B: In a way, you're right, but in some situations it's not always possible.
Well, yes, to a certain extent ...	Agreeing and disagreeing	A: People have the right to be themselves. B: Well, yes, to a certain extent but sometimes it's not always possible.
Yes and no.	Agreeing and disagreeing	A: Do you think the internet is a good thing? B: Yes and no.