

Word/Phrase	Phonetic Spelling	Definition	Sample sentence
Relationships			
close (relationship/ friend/family) <i>adj</i>	kləʊs (ri'leɪʃ(ə)nʃɪp/ frend/'fæm(ə)li)	connected by shared interests and shared feelings such as love and respect	Jamal and I have been close friends since we were six.
close-knit (family) <i>adj</i>	ˌkləʊs 'nɪt ('fæm(ə)li)	consisting of people who do a lot of activities together and look after one another	She comes from a close-knit family.
committed (relationship) <i>adj</i>	kə'mɪtɪd (ri'leɪʃ(ə)nʃɪp)	faithful to something	Tom is in a committed relationship.
complicated (relationship) <i>adj</i>	'kɒmplɪ, keɪtɪd (ri'leɪʃ(ə)nʃɪp)	difficult to do, deal with, or understand	Sandra and Steve have a very complicated relationship.
conventional (upbringing) <i>adj</i>	kən'venʃ(ə)nəl ('ʌp, brɪŋɪŋ)	of the usual, traditional, or accepted type, instead of being new and different	He wanted his children to have a conventional upbringing.
differ <i>v</i>	'dɪfə(r)	to disagree with someone about a subject	Baker also differed with members of Congress over this issue.
dispute <i>n</i>	dɪ'spju:t	a serious disagreement, especially one between groups of people that lasts for a long time	The company has been involved in a legal dispute for years.
extended (family) <i>adj</i>	ɪk'stendɪd ('fæm(ə)li)	a family group that includes grandparents, cousins, aunts etc	My extended family is huge; I have twenty cousins!
fair-weather (friend) <i>adj</i>	feə(r) 'weðə(r) frend	someone who only wants to be your friend when things are going well for you	When I went bankrupt it became clear that I mostly had fair-weather friends.
immediate (family) <i>adj</i>	ɪ'mɪ:diət ('fæm(ə)li)	closely related family members, e.g. sibling, child, parent or a spouse	Most of my immediate family are doctors.
lifelong (friend) <i>adj</i>	'laɪf, lɒŋ (frend)	continuing all through your life	We met when we were four so I think you could definitely call us lifelong friends.
mutual (friend) <i>adj</i>	'mju:tʃuəl (frend)	belonging to or true of two or more people	They were introduced by a mutual friend.

nuclear (family) <i>adj</i>	'nju:klɪə(r) ('fæm(ə)li)	a family unit consisting of a mother, a father, and their children	The nuclear family is in decline; more and more people are from single-parent families.
quarrel <i>v</i>	'kwɒrəl	to have an argument	I often quarrel with my brother over pointless things.
sheltered (upbringing) <i>adj</i>	'ʃeltə(r)d ('ʌp,brɪŋɪŋ)	someone who has had a sheltered upbringing has not had the usual unpleasant experiences that most people have in their lives	My mother, who had a sheltered upbringing, has wonderful memories of her childhood.
stable (relationship) <i>adj</i>	'steɪb(ə)l (rɪ'leɪʃ(ə)nʃɪp)	not changing frequently and not likely to suddenly become worse	Children benefit from stable relationships within the family unit.
strained (relationship) <i>adj</i>	streɪnd (rɪ'leɪʃ(ə)nʃɪp)	not relaxed or friendly	The relationship between the two countries is strained .
strict (upbringing) <i>adj</i>	strikt ('ʌp,brɪŋɪŋ)	definite rules that must be obeyed completely	Dad's very strict with us about table manners.
unusual (upbringing) <i>adj</i>	ʌn'ju:zʊəl ('ʌp,brɪŋɪŋ)	not normal, common, or ordinary	We lived in lots of different countries when I was a kid, so I had an unusual upbringing.
Phrases			
bring up	brɪŋ ʌp	to look after a child until he or she becomes an adult	He was brought up by his grandmother.
drift apart from sbdy	drɪft ə'pɑ:(r)t frəm 'sʌmbədi	if two or more people drift apart, their relationship gradually ends	Most people drift apart from their old school friends.
fall out with sbdy	fɔ:l aʊt wɪθ 'sʌmbədi	to stop being friendly with someone because you have had a disagreement with them	He's fallen out with his brother again.
get back together with sbdy	get bæk tə'geðə(r) wɪθ 'sʌmbədi	if two people who ended their relationship get back together, they start having a relationship with each other again	Tom kept hoping that he would get back together with Rachel.
grow up	grəʊ ʌp	to change from being a baby or young child to being an older child or adult	Did you grow up in the countryside?
hit it off with sbdy	hɪt ɪt ɒf wɪθ 'sʌmbədi	if two people hit it off when they meet for the first time, they like each other	I didn't really hit it off with his sister.
keep at arm's length	ki:p æt ɑ:(r)mz lenθ	in a situation where you avoid dealing with or becoming involved with someone else	Sheryl's unfriendly manner kept most people at arm's length .

keep in touch with sbdy	ki:p in tʌtʃ wɪθ 'sʌmbədi	to continue to write or speak to someone although you do not see them often	They moved away five years ago, but we still keep in touch .
move in the same circles	mu:v in ði: seɪm 'sɜ:(r)k(ə)lz	to socialise or associate with the same group of people as somebody else	He began to move in the same scientific circles as Charles.
on the same wavelength	ɒn ði: seɪm 'weɪv,lɛŋθ	to understand the way that another person thinks because you often have the same ideas and opinions as they do	We are completely on the same wavelength .
put up with sbdy/sthg	pʊt ʌp wɪθ 'sʌmbədi/'sʌmθɪŋ	accept an annoying situation or person without complaining, even though you do not like it	She always puts up with his bad behaviour.
rub shoulders with sbdy	rʌb 'ʃəʊldə(r)z wɪθ 'sʌmbədi	to meet and talk to important or famous people	He's rubbed shoulders with millionaires.
see eye to eye with sbdy	si: aɪ tu: aɪ wɪθ 'sʌmbədi	to agree with someone, or to have the same opinion as them	I don't see eye to eye with my father on many things.
set sbdy up	set 'sʌmbədi ʌp	to arrange for two people you know to go out together because you think they might like each other	I think we should set Ryan up with my cousin.
take after sbdy	teɪk 'ɑ:ftə(r) 'sʌmbədi	to look or behave like an older relative	In looks she takes after her father.
take sbdy in	teɪk 'sʌmbədi ɪn	to allow somebody to stay in your house or your country	We took him in when he had nowhere else to go.
take to sbdy/sthg	teɪk tu: 'sʌmbədi/ 'sʌmθɪŋ	to begin to like somebody or something	I took to John immediately.