

Word/Phrase	Part of speech	IPA (UK)	IPA (USA)	Definition	Sample sentence
Seeing and hearing					
hear	verb	hɪə(r)	hɪr	to realize that someone or something is making a sound	He listened but didn't hear anything else.
listen	verb	'lɪs(ə)n		to pay attention to a sound, or to try to hear a sound	When he speaks, everybody listens .
look	verb	lʊk		to direct your eyes towards someone or something so that you can see them	Looking closely you could see drops of water on the window.
notice	verb	'nəʊtɪs	'noʊtɪs	to become conscious of someone or something by seeing, hearing, or feeling them	I noticed that the door was open.
observe	verb	əb'zɜ:(r)v	əb'zɜrv	to notice someone doing something, or to notice something happening	Similar trends may be observed in most modern societies.
recognise	verb	'rekəɡnaɪz	'rekəɡ,naɪz	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	I hardly recognized you with a beard!
see	verb	si:	si	to notice someone or something using your eyes	She laughed when she saw the expression on his face.
sound	verb	saʊnd	saʊnd	something that you can hear	My car is making strange sounds .
spot	verb	spɒt	spɑt	to notice someone or something	Hugh was spotted by local police and had to leave quickly.
stare	verb	steə(r)	ster	to look at someone or something very directly for a long time	It's rude to stare .
watch	verb	wɒtʃ	wɑtʃ	to look at someone or something for a period of time	Have you been watching the election campaign?
Languages					
accent	noun	'æks(ə)nt	'æksənt	a way of saying words that shows what country, region, or social class someone comes from	Tom hasn't lost his Irish accent .
accurately	adverb	'ækjʊrətli	'ækjərətli	in a way that is correct or true in every detail	Have I described the situation accurately ?
bilingual	adjective	baɪ'lɪŋɡwəl		someone who is bilingual is able to speak two languages extremely well	She speaks French and Spanish so she is bilingual .
fluently	adverb	'flu:(t)əntli	'fluəntli	spoken well and without difficulty	He speaks English fluently .
idiom	noun	'ɪdiəm		an expression whose meaning is different from the meaning of the individual words	'To have your feet on the ground' is an idiom meaning 'to be sensible'.
monolingual	adjective	ˌmɒnəʊ'lɪŋɡwəl	ˌmɑnoʊ'lɪŋɡwəl	speaking, writing, or using only one language	She only speaks French so she is monolingual .
phrase	noun	frɛɪz		a group of words that are used together in a fixed expression	Several of those interviewed used the phrase 'being my own boss'.

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Collocations: making big decisions					
lose heart	phrase	lu:z hɑ:(r)t	luz hart	to stop believing that you can succeed	He never lost heart , even though his rival was way ahead.
make the break/change	phrase	meɪk ðə breɪk/tʃeɪndʒ		to make a decision to change something in your life, usually something significant	I decided to make the break and buy my own place.
make a decision	phrase	meɪk ə dɪ'sɪʒ(ə)n		a choice that you make after thinking carefully	The committee should make a decision later this week.
put a plan into action	phrase	pʊt ə plæn ɪn'tu: 'ækj(ə)n	pʊt ə plæn ɪn'tu 'ækj(ə)n	to start using an idea to succeed in doing something	We are ready to put our plan into action .
set short-term and long-term goals	phrase	set ʃɔ:(r)t tɜ:(r)m ænd lɔŋ tɜ:(r)m ɡəʊls	set ʃɔrt tɜrm ænd lɔŋ tɜrm ɡoʊls	to decide what you want to achieve in the near future and for the future generally	It's important to set short-term and long-term goals for your career.
stay motivated	phrase	steɪ 'məʊtɪveɪtɪd	steɪ 'moʊtɪveɪtəd	to keep enthusiastic and determined to achieve success	Athletes must stay motivated in order to reach the top.
take the next step	phrase	teɪk ðə nekst step		to perform a particular action, usually something significant	They decided to take the next step and get married.
turn a dream into reality	phrase	tɜ:(r)n ə dri:m ɪn'tu: ə rɪ'æləti	tɜrn ə drɪm ɪn'tu ə rɪ'æləti	to make something happen that you have always hoped for	She turned her dream of living in Paris into a reality .
work towards a goal	phrase	wɜ:(r)k tə'wɔ:(r)dz ə ɡəʊl	wɜrk tə'wɔrdz ə ɡoʊl	to do things that help you to make progress towards something that you want to achieve	Daniel is working towards his goal of becoming a chef.
Dependent prepositions (verb/adjective + for/of)					
ask for	phrasal verb	ɑ:sk fɔ:	æsk fɔr	to speak or write to someone because you want them to give you something	You could ask for part-time work.
aware of	phrasal verb	ə'weər ɒv	ə'wer əv	knowing about a situation or a fact	We are aware of this problem.
look for	phrasal verb	lʊk fɔ:	lʊk fɔr	to hope to get something that you want or need	Mike is looking for work.
prepare for	phrasal verb	pri'peə fɔ:	pri'per fɔr	to make plans for a future event so that you will be ready for it	Mary is prepared for retirement.
proud of	phrasal verb	praʊd ɒv	praʊd əv	feeling happy about your achievements, your possessions, or people who you are connected with	He was very proud of himself for winning.
suitable for	phrasal verb	'su:təb(ə)l fɔ:	'sutəbəl fɔr	right for a particular purpose, person, or situation	The film wasn't suitable for a younger person.
typical of	phrasal verb	'tɪpɪk(ə)l ɒv	'tɪpɪk(ə)l əv	used for saying that someone is behaving in the way that they usually behave	The story is typical of this newspaper.
work for	phrasal verb	wɜ:(r)k fɔ:	wɜrk fɔr	to have a job, usually one that you are paid to do	Sara could work for a café.

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Problems and solutions					
agree on	phrasal verb	ə'gri: ɒn	ə'gri ɑn	to have the same opinion as somebody else about something	The committee members all agree on the need for more information.
analyse	verb	'ænləɪz		to study or examine something in detail in order to understand or explain it	You need the ability to analyse and evaluate information.
cause	verb	kɔ:z	kɔz	an event, thing, or person that makes something happen	The major cause of these accidents is drivers going too fast.
come up with	phrasal verb	kʌm ʌp wɪð		to think of something such as an idea or a plan	Is that the best you can come up with ?
deal with	phrasal verb	di:l wɪð	dil wɪð	to take action to do something, especially to solve a problem	The government must now deal with the problem of high unemployment.
solve	verb	sɒlv	sɔlv	to find a solution to something that is causing difficulties	We can help you solve your financial problems.
suggest	verb	sə'dʒest	səg'dʒest	to offer an idea or a plan for someone to consider	The report suggested various ways in which the service could be improved.