

Wordlist

| Word/Phrase | Phonetic spelling | Definition | Sample sentence |
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| Describing decisions | | | |
| complicated <i>adj</i> | 'kɒmplɪˌkeɪtɪd | difficult to do, deal with, or understand, especially because of involving a lot of different processes or aspects | The situation seems to be getting more and more complicated . |
| decisive <i>adj</i> | dɪ'saɪsɪv | making the final result of a situation completely certain | Nick's known for being decisive . |
| easy <i>adj</i> | 'iːzi | not difficult to do, or not needing much work | It wasn't an easy decision to make but I've decided to quit my job. |
| hard <i>adj</i> | hɑː(r)d | difficult to do | I don't know why I'm finding it so hard to decide where to go for dinner. |
| simple <i>adj</i> | 'sɪmp(ə)l | easy to understand, solve, or do | In the end the decision was very simple . |
| straightforward <i>adj</i> | ˌstreɪt'fɔː(r)wə(r)d | not complicated or difficult to understand | Moving house is anything but straightforward . |
| tough <i>adj</i> | tʌf | difficult | It was a tough decision but I'm going to retire at the end of the year. |
| tricky <i>adj</i> | 'trɪki | difficult to do | She found the exam very tricky . |
| Phrases | | | |
| bear in mind | beə(r) ɪn maɪnd | to remember to consider something when you are thinking about or doing something else | When choosing a pet you need to bear in mind a number of factors. |
| change your mind | tʃeɪndʒ jə(r) maɪnd | to change a decision or an opinion | Once she's decided something, she rarely changes her mind . |
| come to a decision | kʌm tʊ ə dɪ'sɪʒ(ə)n | to decide upon something | It takes James no time at all to come to a decision . |
| leave it up to sbdy else to decide | liːv ɪt ʌp tʊ ˌsʌmbədi 'els tʊ dɪˌsaɪd | to let somebody else make a decision because you do not want to or do not feel comfortable doing so | He always leaves it up to someone else to decide things like what to do at the weekend. |
| let your heart rule your head | let jə(r) hɑː(r)t ruːl jə(r) hed | to do something because you want to rather than for practical reasons | Marta usually lets her heart rule her head , she should think more about decisions. |

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| make up your mind | meɪk ʌp jə(r) maɪnd | to make a decision | My problem is that I can never make up my mind! |
| no easy matter | nəʊ ,i:zi 'mætə(r) | not a simple situation | Becoming a qualified surgeon is no easy matter. |
| rush into a decision | rʌʃ ,ɪntə ə dɪ'sɪʒ(ə)n | to decide something without first thinking carefully about it | It's not a good idea to rush into a decision , why don't you sleep on it? |
| take into account | teɪk ,ɪntə ə 'kaʊnt | to consider something when you are trying to make a decision | I need a few days to think about the proposal as there's a lot to take into account. |
| weigh up the pros and cons | weɪ ʌp ðə prəʊz ən kɒnz | to consider the good and bad aspects of something in order to reach a decision about it | John should weigh up the pros and cons before agreeing to do the job. |