

Word/Phrase	Phonetic spelling	Definition	Sample sentence
Memory			
forgetful <i>adj</i>	fə(r)'getf(ə)l	often unable to remember things	I'm getting more and more forgetful as I get older.
from memory	frəm 'mem(ə)ri	to do something based on what you remember or have learned in the past	Can you write down five people's phone numbers from memory ?
have a good memory for facts and figures	həv ə gʊd 'mem(ə)ri fə(r) fæktz ən 'fɪgə(r)z	to have the ability to remember pieces of information well	Sophie has a good memory for facts and figures .
keep forgetting	ki:p fə(r)'getɪŋ	to continually not remember	I keep forgetting to post this letter.
learn by heart	lɜ:(r)n baɪ hɑ:(r)t	to memorise; to learn something so well that you can write or recite it without thinking	She learned the lyrics by heart .
memorable <i>adj</i>	'mem(ə)rəb(ə)l	worth remembering or easy to remember, because of being special in some way	The concert was a very memorable experience.
memorise <i>v</i>	'meməraɪz	to learn something so that you remember it perfectly	Sara is able to memorise large amounts of information.
remember names and faces	rɪ'membə(r) neɪmz ən 'feɪsəz	to have the ability to not forget people's names or people you've seen before	I am terrible at remembering names and faces .
remind you of sbdy	rɪ'maɪnd jʊ ɒv (sbdy)	to make you think of someone because of being very similar to them	He really reminds me of my brother.
unforgettable <i>adj</i>	ˌʌnfə(r)'getəb(ə)l	something that is unforgettable will be remembered for a very long time	The trip was an unforgettable experience.
Describing people's feelings			
bored <i>adj</i>	bɔ:(r)d	feeling impatient or dissatisfied, because you are not interested in something or because you have nothing to do	I was so bored in the lecture – I thought it would never end.

depressed <i>adj</i>	dɪˈprest	if you are depressed, you feel very unhappy because of a difficult or unpleasant situation that you feel you cannot change	Rainy days make me feel depressed .
emotional <i>adj</i>	ɪˈməʊʃ(ə)nəl	relating to feelings and the way that they affect your life	I felt very emotional at my graduation ceremony.
pleased <i>adj</i>	pliːzd	happy and satisfied	Thomas was pleased with his score on the test.
worried <i>adj</i>	ˈwʌrɪd	unhappy because you are thinking about your problems or about bad things that could happen	Everyone was very worried when Juan didn't show up.
Describing personality			
aggressive <i>adj</i>	əˈɡresɪv	behaving in an angry or rude way that shows you want to fight, attack, or argue with someone	Jorge can be very confrontational and aggressive .
attention-seeking <i>adj</i>	əˈtenʃ(ə)nˌsiːkɪŋ	attempting to get other people's attention, especially by behaving badly or in a very noticeable way	She never used to be so attention-seeking and spoilt.
modest <i>adj</i>	ˈmɒdɪst	a modest person does not like to talk about themselves, their achievements, or their abilities, even if they are successful	Peter is very modest about his extraordinary achievements.
moody <i>adj</i>	ˈmuːdi	likely to become unhappy or angry for no particular reason	Lack of sleep is making Sheila really moody .
placid <i>adj</i>	ˈplæsɪd	rarely showing or experiencing excitement or anger	Sonia was a very placid baby.
polite <i>adj</i>	pəˈlaɪt	someone who is polite behaves towards other people in a pleasant way that follows all the usual rules of society	The receptionist was polite but not very friendly.
rebellious <i>adj</i>	rɪˈbeljəs	opposing authority or accepted ways of doing things	Ben has never been very rebellious , he's always done what he's told.
respectful <i>adj</i>	rɪˈspektf(ə)l	feeling or showing respect	Farah is very respectful of her grandparents.
timid <i>adj</i>	ˈtɪmɪd	shy and nervous	We need to encourage Matthew to be less timid .

vain <i>adj</i>	veɪn	someone who is vain is very proud and thinks they are very attractive or special	She's so vain she's constantly taking selfies.
Arts and culture			
abstract <i>adj</i>	'æbstrækt	abstract ideas exist as thoughts in the mind, and are not related to physical objects or real events and actions	His painting are very abstract so not everyone understands them.
ballerina <i>n</i>	,bælə'ri:nə	a woman who performs in ballets, especially as her job	The ballerina danced beautifully.
ballet <i>n</i>	'bæleɪ	a type of dancing used for telling a story, with complicated movements that need great skill and a lot of training	His dream had been to study ballet .
best-seller <i>n</i>	best'selə(r)	a book that many people buy	<i>The Fault in our Stars</i> was a best-seller .
biography <i>n</i>	baɪ'ɒgrəfi	a book that someone writes about someone else's life	The biography tells the story of how Tom Cruise became a star.
cartoon <i>n</i>	kɑ:(r)'tu:n	a humorous drawing in a magazine or newspaper, often with words written below	There was a very funny satirical cartoon in <i>The Daily Times</i> the other day.
choir <i>n</i>	kwaɪə(r)	a group of singers who perform together, for example in a church or school	Alison sings in the school choir .
chorographer <i>n</i>	,kɔri'ɒgrəfə(r)	someone whose job is to plan the movements that dancers perform on stage	He is a choreographer for Broadway shows.
classical <i>adj</i>	'klæsɪk(ə)l	relating to music written according to standard European forms or structures by people such as Mozart and Beethoven	When I'm trying to relax I listen to classical music.
comic <i>n</i>	'kɒmɪk	a magazine for children that contains stories told in a series of drawings	<i>The Amazing Spiderman</i> was the first comic I ever bought.
composer <i>n</i>	kəm'pəʊzə(r)	someone who writes music, especially classical music	He is one of the most famous composers of our time.
concert hall <i>n</i>	'kɒnsə(r)t hɔ:l	a large building where people go to listen to concerts	I prefer to listen to music in small venues rather than in a great big concert hall .

exhibition <i>n</i>	ˌeksiˈbɪʃ(ə)n	a public show where art or other interesting things are put so that people can go and look at them	There is an exhibition of paintings by Matisse at the gallery.
exhibits <i>n</i>	ɪgˈzɪbɪts	objects that are part of an exhibition	There are many interesting exhibits at the British Museum.
gallery <i>n</i>	ˈgæləri	a public building where you can look at paintings and other works of art	The gallery on main street only has modern works of art.
graffiti <i>n</i>	græˈfiːti	words or pictures drawn on walls in public places	Some people think graffiti is vandalism but I think it's art.
graphics <i>n</i>	ˈgræfɪks	pictures produced by computers	The video game's graphics were stunning.
graphic novel <i>n</i>	ˌgræfɪk ˈnɒv(ə)l	a novel that uses drawings to tell the story	Andy loves to collect graphic novels .
hip-hop <i>n</i>	ˈhɪphɒp	a type of music that developed among African-American musicians using rap and samples that are repeated and combined with musical instruments	Hip-Hop is one of the most popular types of music in our country.
instrument <i>n</i>	ˈɪnstɹəmənt	an object such as a piano, guitar, or drum that you use for playing music	I wish I had learned to play a musical instrument when I was younger.
jazz <i>n</i>	dʒæz	a type of music that developed in the late 19th century in which there is a strong lively beat and the players often improvise	The one type of music I can't stand is jazz .
lead singer <i>n</i>	liːd ˈsɪŋə(r)	the main person in a music group who sings	Rafael is the lead singer of the band.
lyrics <i>n</i>	ˈlɪrɪks	the words of a song	The singer forgot the lyrics halfway through the song.
musician <i>n</i>	mjuːˈzɪʃ(ə)n	someone who performs or writes music, especially as their job	She is an extremely accomplished musician .
novel <i>n</i>	ˈnɒv(ə)l	a long written story about imaginary or partly imaginary characters and events	J K Rowling's first novel was <i>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone</i> .
novelist <i>n</i>	ˈnɒvəlɪst	someone who writes novels	Tina is an award-winning novelist .
opera <i>n</i>	ˈɒp(ə)rə	a type of play performed by singers and an orchestra	We usually go to the opera once or twice a year.

orchestra <i>n</i>	'ɔ:(r)kistrə	a large group of musicians using many different instruments to play mostly classical music. The person in charge of an orchestra is its conductor	Vanessa is a violinist in a famous orchestra .
painting <i>n</i>	'peɪntɪŋ	a picture made using paint	The <i>Mona Lisa</i> is probably the most famous painting in the world.
paperback <i>n</i>	'peɪpə(r), bæk	a book with a cover made of thick paper	I usually buy paperback books as they're cheaper than hardbacks.
performance <i>n</i>	pə(r)'fɔ:(r)məns	the act of performing a play, dance, or other form of entertainment	The college drama society will give a performance of <i>Hamlet</i> .
play <i>n</i>	pleɪ	a piece of writing intended to be performed by actors in a theatre or on television or the radio	Denise should be very proud of her performance in the play .
playwright <i>n</i>	'pleɪ,raɪt	someone who writes plays, especially as their job	William Shakespeare was an English playwright .
poem <i>n</i>	'pəʊɪm	a piece of writing using beautiful or unusual language arranged in fixed lines that have a particular beat and often rhyme	We sometimes had to write poems at school.
poet <i>n</i>	'pəʊɪt	someone who writes poetry	I never knew Gregory was such a gifted poet .
portrait <i>n</i>	'pɔ:(r)trɪt	a painting, drawing, or photograph of someone, especially of their face only	Stefan is paying an artist a lot of money to paint his portrait .
sculpture <i>n</i>	'skʌlptʃə(r)	a solid object that someone makes as a work of art by shaping a substance such as stone, metal, or wood	There is a sculpture that I want to buy at the auction.
self-portrait <i>n</i>	self'pɔ:(r)trɪt	a picture of you that you draw or paint yourself	Vermeer painted several self-portraits throughout his life.
soap opera <i>n</i>	səʊp'ɒp(ə)rə	a television or radio series about the imaginary lives of a group of people. A soap opera is often simply called a soap	I recognise that actor from that soap opera set in Mexico.
solo <i>n</i>	'səʊləʊ	a piece of music or a part of a piece of music that is performed by one person	The trumpeter did a brilliant solo in the middle of the song.

stage <i>n</i>	steɪdʒ	the part of a theatre where the actors or musicians perform	Frederick has never acted on stage before.
storyline <i>n</i>	'stɔ:riˌlaɪn	the events in a book, film etc	This series' storyline hasn't been as interesting as the first series'.
studio <i>n</i>	'stju:diəʊ	a room or rooms where music or a film, television show, or radio show is recorded	Tamsin is going to the studio today to record her album.
venue <i>n</i>	'venju:	the place where an activity or event happens	The venue was absolutely packed with people.