

Word/Phrase	Phonetic spelling	Definition	Sample sentence
Surviving			
be in danger of (disappearing)	bi in ,deɪndʒə(r) əv (,dɪsə'piə(r)ɪŋ)	a situation in which something unpleasant might happen	Rainforests are in danger of disappearing unless we do something about it.
be under threat from	bi 'ʌndə(r) θret frəm	likely to be harmed or damaged	High street shops are under threat from online shopping.
(find it hard) to make ends meet	(faɪnd ɪt hɑ:(r)d) tə meɪk endz mi:t	(find it difficult) to have just enough money to buy the things that you need	My friend is a student and finds it hard to make ends meet .
may not survive much longer	meɪ nɒt sə(r)'vaɪv mʌtʃ ,lɒŋɡə(r)	unlikely to continue to exist	Board games may not survive much longer unless parents encourage their kids to play them.
put the survival of sthg at risk	pʊt ðə sə(r)'vaɪv(ə)l əv (sthg) ət risk	put something in a situation in which it is unlikely to survive	Illegal downloading is putting the survival of cinemas at risk .
stay alive	steɪ ə'laɪv	remain living, survive	You need water to stay alive .
the biggest threat to	ðə bɪɡest θret tə	the largest danger to something	The biggest threat to books is the fact that people don't read enough.
Prepositions with verbs			
agree on sthg	ə'ɡri: ɒn (sthg)	to have the same opinion as someone else	Natasha and Danilo couldn't agree on what film to watch.
apologise for sthg	ə'pɒlədʒaɪz fə(r) (sthg)	to tell someone that you are sorry for doing something wrong or for causing a problem	The football player had to publicly apologise for his behaviour.
apply for sthg	ə'plai fə(r) (sthg)	to make an official request for a job or a place in a college or university, or for permission to do or have something	Kathrine applied for the job last week.
believe in sthg	bɪ'li:v ɪn (sthg)	to think that something is true or real	My niece believes in magic and fairies.
belong to sthg/sbdy	bɪ'lɒŋ tə (sthg/sbdy)	to be owned by someone or something	That book belongs to me.

complain about sthg/sbdy	kəm'pleɪn əˌbaʊt (sthg/sbdy)	to say that you are not satisfied with something or someone	Davide rang the helpline to complain about the poor customer service.
concentrate on sthg	'kɒns(ə)nˌtreɪt ɒn (sthg)	to give all your attention to the thing you are doing	I found it very difficult to concentrate on my work with all the noise outside.
depend on sthg	dɪ'pend ɒn (sthg)	if one thing depends on another, it is changed or affected by the other thing	What we do this weekend will depend on the weather.
dream about sthg/sbdy	dri:m əˌbaʊt (sthg/sbdy)	to experience things in your mind while you are sleeping	I often dream about what I would do if I won the lottery.
forget about sthg/sbdy	fə(r)'get əˌbaʊt (sthg/sbdy)	to be unable to remember a fact or piece of information	Pierre forgot about his wife's birthday.
go by yourself	ɡəʊ baɪ jə(r)'self	to go somewhere alone	Juliette often goes to the cinema by herself .
go on your own	ɡəʊ ɒn jə(r) əʊn	to go somewhere alone	If no one wants to go with you, you could always go on your own .
insist on sthg	ɪn'sɪst ɒn (sthg)	to say very firmly that something must happen or must be done	He insisted on paying the bill.
invest in sthg	ɪn'vest ɪn (sthg)	to use your money with the aim of making a profit from it, for example by buying property or buying shares in a company	Richard invested a lot of money in the company.
listen to sthg/sbdy	'lɪs(ə)n tʊ (sthg/sbdy)	to pay attention to a sound or someone, or try to hear a sound or someone	They listened to the music and relaxed.
look at sbdy	lʊk ət (sbdy)	to direct your eyes towards someone so that you can see them	Please look at me when I'm talking to you.
object to sthg/sbdy	əb'dʒekt tʊ (sthg/sbdy)	to be opposed to something, or to express your opposition to it in words	We strongly object to the new law that the government is proposing.
participate in sthg	pɑ:(r)'tɪsɪpeɪt ɪn (sthg)	to take part in something	Over 100 athletes participated in the competition.
pay for sthg	peɪ fə(r) (sthg)	to give money in order to buy something	I had to pay for a new phone as I lost mine last week.
respond to sthg/sbdy	rɪ'spɒnd tʊ (sthg/sbdy)	to react to something by taking a particular course of action	The man responded angrily to the question the interviewer asked.
result in sthg	rɪ'zʌlt ɪn (sthg)	to be caused directly by something that has happened previously	The conference resulted in an historic agreement to cut emissions.

save up for sthg	seiv ʌp fə(r) (sthg)	to regularly put money in a bank or invest it so that you can use it later	Antonio is saving up for a new guitar.
shout at sbdy	ʃaʊt ət (sbdy)	to say something to someone in a loud voice	The teacher shouted at the student for not doing their homework.
smile at sbdy	smail ət (sbdy)	to raise the corners of your mouth when you are happy, pleased, or being friendly, or when you think something is funny	I always smile at my neighbour when I see them on the street.
stare at sbdy	steə(r) ət (sbdy)	to look at someone very directly for a long time	Can you please stop staring at me?
stay in touch	steɪ ɪn tʌtʃ	to continue to write or speak to someone although you do not see them often	Social media has made it really easy to stay in touch with old school friends.
worry about sthg/sbdy	ˈwʌri əˌbaʊt (sthg/sbdy)	to feel nervous and upset because you keep thinking about a problem that could happen in the future	I'm really worried about taking my driving test next week.
Prepositions with nouns			
at fault	ət fɔːlt	responsible for a bad or unpleasant situation	It was difficult to say who was at fault for the car accident.
at home	ət həʊm	to be at the place where you live	Jack likes to spend his evenings watching TV at home .
at risk	ət rɪsk	in a situation where something unpleasant or dangerous could happen to you	The fire chief said that three hundred homes were at risk from the forest fire.
at work	ət wɜː(r)k	to be at the place where you do your job	I'm afraid Maya isn't here right now – she's at work .
by accident	baɪ ˈæksɪd(ə)nt	by chance, without being planned or intended	I broke a chair at school by accident .
by bus	baɪ bʌs	to travel on a large vehicle with lots of seats	Daniel goes to university by bus .
by chance	baɪ tʃɑːns	the way things happen without being planned or expected	I met my husband completely by chance on a coach.
by heart	baɪ hɑː(r)t	if you know something by heart, you can remember all the words in it without any help	We had to learn the poem by heart for homework.
in charge	ɪn tʃɑː(r)dʒ	if you are in charge, you are in control over something or someone and are responsible for them	The woman in charge of the project said that we had two days to hand in our work.

in danger	in 'deɪndʒə(r)	a situation in which harm, death, damage or destruction is possible	At the time I didn't realise my life was in danger .
in theory	in 'θiəri	used for saying that something is believed to be true, although it may not be true	In theory , it was a great idea but in reality it was a disaster.
in practice	in 'præktɪs	used for talking about what really happens as opposed to what you think will or should happen	Drivers say we need speed limits but, in practice , they don't respect them.
in the end	in ðə end	finally, after a period of time or thought	In the end , Ian decided not to buy the ring.
on average	ɒn 'æv(ə)rɪdʒ	used for talking about what is usually true, although it may not be true in every individual situation	On average , women live between five and seven years longer than men.
on fire	ɒn 'faɪə(r)	burning	The building was still on fire three hours later.
on offer	ɒn 'ɒfə(r)	being sold for a lower price for a short time	These are just some of the items on offer this week.
on purpose	ɒn 'pʊː(r)pəs	deliberately	They think the fire was started on purpose .
out of breath	aʊt ɒv breθ	breathing fast and with difficulty, for example because you have been running	She was out of breath from climbing the stairs.
out of date	aʊt ɒv deɪt	old and no longer legal or safe for modern processes or consumption	The food was out of date and had to be thrown away.
out of order	aʊt ɒv 'ɔː(r)də(r)	a machine or piece of equipment that is out of order is not working correctly	I'm afraid the vending machine is out of order .
out of sight	aʊt ɒv saɪt	in a place that you cannot be seen from where you are	They passed behind the hill and out of sight .