

Unit 10 Getting on Wordlist

Word/Phrase	Phonetic spelling	Definition	Sample sentence
Relationships			
break sbdy's heart	breɪk (sbdy's) hɑ:(r)t	to upset someone very much, especially by letting them know that you do not love them	It broke my heart when the band split up.
get on sbdy's nerves	get ɒn (sbdy's) nɜ:(r)vz	if someone or something gets on your nerves, they make you feel annoyed or nervous	Her laugh really gets on Dave's nerves .
made for each other	meɪd fə(r) i:tʃ 'ʌðə(r)	if two people are made for each other, they are perfect partners for each other because they have similar personalities	Stephen and Janet are made for each other – they have so much in common.
keep in touch with sbdy	ki:p ɪn tʌtʃ wɪθ (sbdy)	to continue to write or speak to someone although you do not see them often	Emily still keeps in touch with her old boss.
keep on the right side of sbdy	ki:p ɒn ðə raɪt saɪd ɒv (sbdy)	to ensure that someone is always on good terms with you	It's important to keep on the right side of him ; otherwise he can make life difficult for you.
take an instant dislike to sbdy	teɪk ən 'ɪnstənt dɪs'laɪk tə (sbdy)	an immediate feeling of not liking someone	My mum took an instant dislike to my friend Jake , she doesn't want me hanging out with him.
Qualities you look for in a friend			
considerate <i>adj</i>	kən'sɪd(ə)rət	thinking about the feelings and needs of other people	It was very considerate of you to invite me to your party.
humorous <i>adj</i>	'hju:mərəs	funny	Kevin is very humorous , everyone always laughs at his stories.
interest <i>n</i>	'ɪnrəst	a feeling of wanting to know about or take part in something	Bryan and Jamie share an interest in art.
knowledgeable <i>adj</i>	'nɒlɪdʒəb(ə)l	knowing a lot about many different subjects or about one particular subject	Patrick is very knowledgeable about current affairs.

reliable <i>adj</i>	rɪ'laɪəb(ə)l	a reliable person is someone who you can trust to behave well, work hard, or do what you expect them to do	Alice is a very reliable and hard worker.
sensitive <i>adj</i>	'sensətɪv	showing that you care about someone or something and do not want to cause offence	My friends are very sensitive and understanding.
tolerant <i>adj</i>	'tɒlərənt	willing to accept someone else's beliefs, way of life etc without criticizing them, even if you disagree with them	Jack is very tolerant of Paul's changes of mood.
Other phrases			
be surrounded by (friends)	bɪ sə'raʊndɪd baɪ (frendz)	to be near somebody/thing (friends) all the time	Carla likes to be surrounded by friends who don't take things too seriously.
good at listening	ɡʊd ət 'lɪs(ə)nɪŋ	the ability to listen, understand and empathise with others	My cousin is good at listening to other people's problems.
be keen on	bɪ ki:n ɒn	very interested in an activity that you do often because you enjoy it	Brad's not keen on hockey.
sbdy you can turn to	(sbdy) jʊ kən tɜ:(r)n tʊ	a person who will always be there for you when you need them	You can always turn to Emelia if you have a problem.
sbdy you can depend on	(sbdy) jʊ kən dɪ'pend ɒn	a person who will always be there to rely on when you need to	I need a friend I can depend on – someone who won't let me down.
think about others	θɪŋk ə'baʊt 'ʌðə(r)z	people who think about others are considerate	I warm to people who think about others before themselves.
Age			
adolescent <i>n</i>	ˌædə'les(ə)nt	a boy or girl who is changing into a young man or woman	Adolescents may need a lot of reassurance from their parents as it's a very sensitive age.
elderly <i>adj</i>	'eldə(r)li	an elderly person is old	An elderly gentleman was standing at the reception desk.
getting on in years	ɡetɪŋ ɒn ɪn jɪə(r)z	fairly old	My dog is getting on in years and doesn't like going for walks as much anymore.
in one's twenties/thirties/forties	ɪn wʌnz 'twentɪz, 'θɜ:(r)tɪz, 'fɔ:(r)tɪz	to be between 20–29/30–39/40–49 years old	Greta travelled the world when she was in her twenties .

middle-aged <i>adj</i>	'mɪd(ə)l,eɪdʒd	no longer young but not yet old	He seems prematurely middle-aged .
newborn <i>n</i>	'njuː,bɔː(r)n	a baby who has just been born	I went to visit my friends and their newborn .
preteen <i>n</i>	'priː,tɪːn	a child between the ages of 9 and 12	Lots of companies are now trying to market their products to preteens .
retired <i>adj</i>	rɪ'taɪə(r)d	no longer working because you have reached the age where you are officially too old to work	My father's retired now and enjoys gardening.
senior citizen <i>n</i>	,siːniə(r)'sɪtɪz(ə)n	someone who is more than 60 years old	Senior citizens can travel by bus for free.
teenager <i>n</i>	'tiːn,eɪdʒə(r)	a young person between the ages of 13 and 19	Both of Amanda's sons are teenagers .
toddler <i>n</i>	'tɒdlə(r)	a very young child who is learning how to walk	The toddler knocked the cup off the table.
youngster <i>n</i>	'jʌŋstə(r)	a child, or a young person	He is still a youngster with his whole life ahead of him.