

1000 Basic English Words (Book 3)

Unit 1 Word List

Number	Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Example
481	burn	v.	to be on fire	The paper is burning.
482	exchange	v.	to give something and get something at the same time	The gentlemen exchange phone numbers.
483	introduce	v.	to make a person known to another person	Jane's husband introduces her to his handsome friend.
484	offer	v.	to try to give or do something to help someone	Paul offered the man money, but he was not interested.
485	pardon	v.	to forgive, often used with me	"Pardon me. Can you tell me how to get to the subway?"
486	popular	adj.	liked by many people	This busy street is a popular place to shop.
487	prepare	v.	to make	The cooks prepare a delicious meal in the restaurant.
488	reason	n.	something that says why something was or was not done	He did not have a reason for arriving late at the theater.
489	shake	v.	to hold and move up and down	The woman shakes Sue's hand and congratulates her.
490	shy	adj.	quiet and not wanting to talk to others	The young boy is very shy.

491	bell	n.	something that makes a ringing sound when hit	The bell rings when the gate opens.
492	block	n.	a part of a city with streets on all four sides	There are many houses on each block.
493	borrow	v.	to take and use something belonging to another person	Thank you for letting me borrow your math book this week.
494	bowl	n.	a dish with tall sides	I had a big bowl of soup for lunch.
495	confuse	v.	to make it difficult for someone to understand	Math confuses Scott.
496	knock	v.	to hit something with part of your hand	She continued to knock on the door.
497	result	n.	an exam grade; something that is caused by another	John's doctor was very happy with his test results.
498	seem	v.	to look to be	They seem to be enjoying the funny movie tonight.
499	smart	adj.	good at learning or thinking about things	Chris is a very smart boy.
500	subject	n.	something you study in school	English is the most popular subject at my school.

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Unit 2 Word List

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501	active	adj.	doing many things	Children are very active and like to run and jump.
502	believe	v.	to think that something is true	He believes he is a smart boy.
503	environment	n.	all of the things found in an area, indoors or outdoors	Fresh air is a good reason to live in a clean environment.
504	forest	n.	a big area of trees	The forest seems to be burning.
505	human	n.	a person	The old bridge was built by humans a long time ago.
506	hunt	v.	to look for animals to kill	Some people in North America like to hunt.
507	path	n.	a way to go from one place to another	Both paths take you to the gate of the park.
508	safe	adj.	not dangerous	The gentleman stands in a safe place away from the subway.
509	service	n.	the job of helping visitors at a place like a restaurant	The new restaurant has delicious food and great service.
510	wild	adj.	living or growing without humans' help	Africa is a popular place to see wild animals.
511	area	n.	a part of a larger place	The people living in this area are very poor.
512	choice	n.	something you can choose	It is your choice. Do you want to go north or south?
513	enter	v.	to go in	She enters through the front gate.

514	important	adj.	having great meaning	The king is the most important piece in the game.
515	lie	v.	to be on your back on the ground or in a bed	She lies in the grass and looks up at the sky.
516	mad	adj.	angry	The woman is mad because someone hit her car.
517	nature	n.	everything in the world that is not made by humans	She likes to take pictures of nature.
518	protect	v.	to keep safe from harm	The umbrella protects the people from the hot sun.
519	shout	v.	to say something very loudly	The shy boy surprised everyone by shouting.
520	usually	adv.	most of the time	People usually shake hands when they introduce themselves.

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521	amazing	adj.	causing great surprise or wonder	It is amazing that humans walked on the moon.
522	attend	v.	to go to a class or activity	Many students attend this class on protecting the environment.
523	event	n.	a special, planned activity	There is usually a fun event at the park on a holiday.
524	express	v.	to say, write, or show thoughts or feelings	Marcy expresses her feelings with her face.
525	grade	n.	a level of study in school	Lesley started first grade today.
526	part	n.	a piece; some but not all	The cheese was cut into eight parts.
527	save	v.	to keep something to use later	She is saving this cake to eat tomorrow.
528	set	v.	to choose something	We need to set a date for our trip.
529	space	n.	an empty area where a person or thing can go	Their new apartment has a lot of space.
530	special	adj.	different from the usual	The store is offering special, low prices all week.
531	cheer	v.	to shout to show happiness or to make others feel good	The fans are cheering for their favorite baseball team.

532	contest	n.	an event in which there is a winner	Mila and Victor won the dance contest!
533	gift	n.	something given to someone	His gift came in a pretty red box.
534	magazine	n.	a thin book that comes out once a week or month	"The Week" is my favorite news magazine.
535	perform	v.	to do something like singing or acting in front of people	The popular singer performs all over the world.
536	public	n.	(after in) a place where many people can see you	Shy people do not like to speak in public.
537	scene	n.	a part of a play or movie	The scene with the fight is the most exciting part of the play.
538	secret	n.	something that is kept hidden from other people	Greg is telling Jessica a secret. I wonder what it is!
539	stage	n.	the part of a theater where people perform	Many great actors have performed on this stage.
540	unique	adj.	not like anyone or anything else	That man's hair is unique.

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Unit 4 Word List

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541	electricity	n.	something used to give light and make things work	Humans use a lot of electricity.
542	fact	n.	something that is true	South Korea is a country in Asia. That is a fact.
543	fold	v.	to bend one part of something over another part	She folds her clothes to make more space for them.
544	key	n.	an object used to lock or unlock a door or to start a car	I usually keep my house key in a secret place.
545	mind	v.	to be unhappy about something, usually used with not	She does not mind if you borrow her car.
546	power	n.	something you cannot see that is used to make things work	They turned the power off for a special event.
547	sock	n.	a soft piece of clothing that covers the foot	Jessica gave Holly socks for her birthday.
548	solve	v.	to find the answer	He has to choose the correct path to solve the puzzle.
549	stick	v.	to attach to something	Marsha sticks special notes on the door for her husband.

550	traffic	n.	cars on the road	It is not safe to drive in this area. There is too much traffic.
551	advice	n.	an opinion about what someone should or should not do	He gives them advice about saving money.
552	case	n.	a small box or bag	Max will buy a larger pencil case when he is in the sixth grade.
553	exam	n.	a test	He takes an exam to attend the new school.
554	happen	v.	to take place	The car crash happened in front of the theater.
555	lazy	adj.	not wanting to work or move	John is smart, but he is very lazy.
556	message	n.	information that is sent or given to someone	Gary received an important message last night.
557	stupid	adj.	dumb; foolish	Riding down the rocks in the toy car is a stupid idea.
558	succeed	v.	to do well; to do what you tried to do	Pam's family is happy that she succeeded in school.
559	terrible	adj.	very bad	Dan got a terrible grade on his exam.
560	upset	adj.	worried; not happy	She is upset because she cannot find the book she needs.

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Unit 5 Word List

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561	airplane	n.	a flying machine	The airplane flies through the sky.
562	airport	n.	a place where airplanes arrive and leave	The airplane arrived at the airport early.
563	culture	n.	the way of life of a group of people	Melissa went to Japan to learn about its unique culture.
564	decide	v.	to make a choice	She decided to wear the blue shirt to the event.
565	leave	v.	to go away from	They are leaving their office to go home.
566	modern	adj.	of the latest kind	I saw Jeff's modern house in a magazine.
567	order	v.	to ask for food or drink at a restaurant	They took the waiter's advice and ordered fish for dinner.
568	sand	n.	very tiny pieces of rock	Olivia wrote a message in the sand.
569	spot	n.	an area, place, or location	The beach is a popular spot in the summer.
570	strange	adj.	different from what is usual	The strange animal looks like it is dancing.
571	bill	n.	a piece of paper money	Josh folds the bills before he puts them in his pocket.
572	blow	v.	to move something with air	Kerri blows the seeds into the air.
573	century	n.	one hundred years	Bob was born one century ago.
574	custom	n.	the usual way of doing something in a culture	It is a custom in many countries to give birthday gifts.

575	experience	v.	to see, feel, or do something	They want to experience sleeping in nature.
576	international	adj.	happening in or between two or more countries	Many people attended the international meeting.
577	island	n.	a piece of land in the middle of water	There is no electricity on the island.
578	journey	n.	a long trip	They are going on a journey through the sand.
579	meal	n.	food that is prepared and eaten	She made a terrible meal. No one liked it.
580	return	v.	to come back after being away	We are always happy to return home.

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Unit 6 Word List

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581	actually	adv.	in fact	Actually, we do not mind waiting for you at the airport.
582	camp	v.	to sleep outside in a tent	They camped on an island.
583	collect	v.	to bring things together into one group	She collects shells that she finds in the sand.
584	form	v.	to make	He forms a pot with his hands.
585	kick	v.	to hit something with your foot	Lee kicked the ball to Henry.
586	reach	v.	to stretch out the arm to touch or get with your hand	She reaches for the baby.
587	review	v.	to look at or study something again	The students review their notes for the exam.
588	simple	adj.	easy	He solved a simple problem.
589	soccer	n.	a sport in which a ball is kicked into a goal to win a point	Soccer is a popular sport in many cultures.
590	symbol	n.	a shape with a special meaning	A heart shape is a symbol of love.
591	allow	v.	to let someone do something	Her parents allow her to have a strange hair color.

592	bat	n.	a flying animal that hunts at night	The bat returns to the forest to hunt for food.
593	exercise	v.	to move the body as a way to get healthy	They decided to exercise in the park.
594	force	v.	to make people do things they do not want to do	Wayne's mom forced him to eat all of his meal.
595	leaf	n.	the flat green part of a plant	Each kind of plant has unique leaves.
596	member	n.	a person in a group or club	All of the members wear the same clothing.
597	real	adj.	actually happening; being what it looks like	He looks at the bill to see if it is real.
598	sign	n.	a flat board or paper with a message on it	Follow the sign to the international airport.
599	step	v.	to move your foot up and put it down in a different spot	Sarah stepped on the stones to cross the river.
600	treat	n.	something nice that you do not eat or do often	They enjoy a treat after school.

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Unit 7 Word List

Number	Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Example
601	afraid	adj.	feeling fear	Marta is afraid of bats.
602	fair	adj.	good for everyone	They made a fair exchange.
603	focus	v.	to put all of your thoughts on one thing	He focuses on the yellow spot in the center.
604	foreign	adj.	from a different country	Kate went on a journey to a foreign country in Africa.
605	habit	n.	something you do often, usually without thinking about it	Drinking soda is a terrible habit.
606	invent	v.	to make something for the first time	Nathan invented a robot that can solve puzzles.
607	language	n.	the words and symbols used by people of one country or area	I cannot read the sign. It is in a foreign language.
608	nation	n.	a country	Switzerland is a small nation.
609	still	adj.	not moving	The woman is very still.
610	wise	adj.	knowing the right things to do	My grandfather gives good advice because he is wise.
611	audience	n.	a group of people watching an event or show	The audience waits for the movie to begin.

612	college	n.	a school where students study after high school	Susan attends a college with many international students.
613	comfortable	adj.	feeling relaxed	She is comfortable on her new sofa.
614	honest	adj.	good and saying things that are true	Nick is very honest. He returned the money he found.
615	imagine	v.	to think of things that are not real	The little girl imagines she is a big person in a small world.
616	level	n.	an amount of something	They watched as the water level continued to go up.
617	sentence	n.	a set of words that make a statement or question	Mrs. Hays was upset with Tom, so she made him write sentences.
618	stress	n.	worry caused by problems in your life	She is under a lot of stress from her job.
619	suddenly	adv.	very quickly	Suddenly, a storm blew sand across the road.
620	topic	n.	a subject people talk or write about	The teacher wrote the topic on the board.

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Unit 8 Word List

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621	add	v.	to put one thing with another thing or things	She adds salt to her meal.
622	blind	adj.	not able to see	The dog helps the blind man.
623	button	n.	a small round thing used to close an opening in clothing	Casey's grandmother collects buttons.
624	create	v.	to make something	He creates a unique piece of art with leaves on the top.
625	memory	n.	something from the past that is remembered	They have great memories of their trip to the island.
626	prince	n.	the son of a king or queen	Katherine married a real prince.
627	string	n.	a long thread used to keep things together	The clerk put a string around the gift.
628	thick	adj.	having a large distance from top to bottom	She borrowed a lot of thick books at college.
629	tight	adj.	fitting close to the body	Max is not comfortable wearing this tight shirt.
630	tradition	n.	a custom that has been around for a long time	In some cultures, it is a tradition to paint eggs.
631	board	n.	a flat, wide piece of wood	They invented a simple, outdoor game using a board.

632	brain	n.	the part of the body inside your head	The picture focuses on the man's brain.
633	celebrate	v.	to do something special for an important event	The members of the soccer team celebrate after the game.
634	especially	adv.	in a way that is greater than usual	He is especially smart for his age.
635	hole	n.	an opening that something can pass through	There is a hole in the wall.
636	item	n.	a thing that is usually part of a group	There are many items in the box.
637	match	v.	to look similar to something	Stacy's boots match her umbrella.
638	princess	n.	the daughter of a king or queen	She imagines she is a princess.
639	social	adj.	having a need to be with others	Diane is very social. She has many friends.
640	tear	v.	to pull something into parts	The angry man tears the paper in half.

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Unit 9 Word List

Number	Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Example
641	cross	v.	to go from one side to the other	They are especially careful when they cross a busy road.
642	finally	adv.	after a long time	The long meeting finally finished.
643	follow	v.	to go after; to do what a person or thing says	The baby is following close to its mother.
644	heat	v.	to make something hot	He lighted the fire to heat the cold room.
645	rainbow	n.	a curved line of colors in the sky	There are two rainbows in the sky.
646	spread	v.	to open or place something so that it covers a large area	She is spreading the blanket on the grass.
647	tired	adj.	needing rest or sleep	Nancy was so tired that she fell asleep in English class.
648	tower	n.	a tall and narrow building	Seeing the Eiffel Tower is one of the best memories of my trip.
649	unit	n.	one part of something	The topic of this math unit is difficult.
650	vote	v.	to make a choice for or against a person or thing	The audience voted for the best singer.
651	climb	v.	to go up or down using your feet and hands	Pam likes to exercise by climbing the wall.
652	describe	v.	to talk about what something is like	She is describing the result on the board.

653	energy	n.	power; the ability to be active	The dog has a lot of energy. He plays all day.
654	engine	n.	the part of a car that makes power for it to move	Al reaches into the engine to fix the problem.
655	field	n.	a grassy area that has no trees or buildings	Bob's neighbor allows him to hunt in his field.
656	include	v.	to have a person or thing as part of a group	Our new team members include Joe, Min, and Brian.
657	perfect	adj.	not having anything wrong	Marvin received a perfect score on his college exam.
658	rise	v.	to move upward	The airplane rises in the sky.
659	shape	n.	the outline of something	The cookie is in the shape of a heart.
660	stone	n.	a small rock	Meg added two new stones to her collection.

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Unit 10 Word List

Number	Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Example
661	bake	v.	to make something and cook it in an oven	Mom is baking some muffins.
662	communicate	v.	to share thoughts and feelings with another person	The man and woman communicate well at work.
663	deliver	v.	to take something to a person or place	He delivers the box to the woman.
664	direct	v.	to tell an actor or a group of actors what to do	The woman in the middle is directing the movie.
665	goal	n.	something you are trying to do	He reached his goal of climbing to the top of the mountain.
666	history	n.	events in the past	The pyramids in Egypt are an important part of history.
667	inform	v.	to let others know about something	Ed informed the man that he got the job.
668	mail	n.	letters or packages sent to others	He collects the mail in the afternoon.
669	march	v.	to walk as a group in step with each other	The band is marching down the street.
670	whole	adj.	all of something	I do not want one piece of pizza. I want to eat the whole thing!

671	appear	v.	to be seen	The actress will appear in the play every night this week.
672	community	n.	a group of people living in the same area	Alice lives in a very nice community.
673	festival	n.	a special party with events to celebrate something	People in India throw colors at each other during the Holi festival.
674	interview	v.	to ask someone many questions	Jill was interviewed for an important job at an international airport.
675	million	adj.	of the number 1,000,000	The bag is filled with a million dollars.
676	newspaper	n.	a set of large papers with stories about true events	The newspaper describes events around the world.
677	report	v.	to give news on television or in a newspaper	Maria is reporting the event while it is happening.
678	sport	n.	an active game with rules that people play	The three children like different sports.
679	support	v.	to show you like and want to help a person or group	They are supporting William during this difficult time.
680	uniform	n.	the clothing worn by members of a group	The workers wear different uniforms for their jobs.

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Unit 11 Word List

Number	Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Example
681	brave	adj.	not afraid	The brave man returns to the fire to save more people.
682	goat	n.	a small animal that lives on a farm or in the mountains	The goat is crossing the field.
683	hang	v.	to place something so that it is held at the top	They hang their clothes on the line to dry.
684	ice	n.	frozen water	We put ice in our drinks to cool them.
685	insect	n.	a small animal with six legs	The insect is especially beautiful.
686	raise	v.	to care for an animal or plant as it grows	He spreads food on the ground for the chickens he is raising.
687	roll	v.	to turn over and over	He rolls the snowball across the yard.
688	sore	adj.	hurting	She is putting something cold on her sore arm.
689	tent	n.	a covered place to sleep outside	The children will sleep in tents.
690	village	n.	a very small town	A story about this village appeared in the newspaper.
691	accident	n.	a sudden bad event in which someone might be hurt	Dennis had an accident riding his bicycle. He hurt his leg.
692	adventure	n.	an exciting experience	They had a fun adventure on their vacation.

693	corn	n.	a vegetable with many small yellow seeds	The corn looks delicious and fresh. I cannot wait to eat it.
694	develop	v.	to create something over time	They developed a plan to meet their goal.
695	medicine	n.	something that helps a sick person or animal	This medicine will make your head feel better.
696	own	v.	to pay for something so it belongs to you	They own a house in a beautiful community.
697	product	n.	something that is made or grown and sold	She is trying to decide which product to buy.
698	quite	adv.	very	The tower is quite tall.
699	roof	n.	the top covering on a building	He is fixing a hole in the roof.
700	rope	n.	a very thick and strong string	The children are pulling on the rope.

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Unit 12 Word List

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701	carrot	n.	an orange vegetable that grows under the ground	We raised carrots in our garden.
702	cause	v.	to make something happen	He caused the pieces to fall over.
703	experiment	v.	to try something new	Kelly enjoys experimenting with colors.
704	fry	v.	to cook in oil	He heats the pan and then fries food in it.
705	ground	n.	the land under your feet	The newspaper lies on the ground.
706	kill	v.	to end a life	I felt sad when I killed the insect on my desk.
707	mix	v.	to put two or more things together	I like to mix different kinds of vegetables when I cook.
708	possible	adj.	able to be done	Mary said we could not climb to the top, but I knew it was possible.
709	pot	n.	a deep, round container used for cooking	The corn is cooking in a pot.
710	proud	adj.	feeling good about something done	His parents are proud of him for completing college.
711	lay	v.	to put something down carefully	Ricky is laying the boards on the floor.
712	list	n.	a number of items that are needed	I made a list of things I need to buy at the store.
713	main	adj.	most important	We drove through the village on the main road.

714	mark	n.	a symbol or shape drawn on something	He made a mark in the box next to his answer.
715	mistake	n.	something that is not correct	Does the teacher know she made a mistake?
716	price	n.	the amount that something costs	The woman is looking at the price of the shirt.
717	several	adj.	more than two but not many	There are several goats near the tree.
718	share	v.	to allow someone to use or enjoy something of yours	Marcus shares the tent with his sister.
719	soil	n.	dirt	Carrots and other vegetables grow in the soil.
720	taste	v.	to get the flavor of food in the mouth	The cook tastes the food a final time before it is served.