



2000 Core English Words 2 Word List



Unit 1

Word	PoS.	Definition
downtown	adv.	the area of a city with the greatest concentration of businesses
guidebook	n.	an information book used for traveling
harbor	n.	an area of water next to the land where boats stay
lost	adj.	does not know where they are
passport	n.	a book that you need to enter and leave a country.
plane	n.	a vehicle or machine that flies
platform	n.	where people wait for a train
railroad	n.	a system of tracks on which trains travel
scooter	n.	a small machine for driving with two wheels and an engine
sidewalk	n.	a path on the side of the street for people to walk on
sightseeing	n.	the activity of visiting famous places in an area
subway	n.	a system of underground trains
suitcase	n.	a large bag that carries your things when you travel
taxi	n.	a car that takes people to a place in exchange for money
terminal	n.	a building where you can get onto a plane, bus, or ship
ticket	n.	a piece of paper that shows you have paid to do something
tour	n.	a visit to and around a place, area, or country
tourist	n.	someone who travels to a place for fun
transit	n.	the system that is used for moving big groups of people
traveler	n.	someone who is traveling or travels often

Extra Words

rent (v.) to pay money to use a house, room, vehicle, piece of equipment, area of land etc.

cheap (adj.) costing little money

delicious (adj.) tasting or smelling really good

coconut (n.) a large round nut that grows on palm trees

culture (n.) the beliefs, art, and music of a group of people



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Unit 2

Word	PoS.	Definition
adventure	n.	an exciting and sometimes dangerous experience
arrive	v.	to reach a place
away	adv.	when they are not at home or near a certain place, person or thing
camping	n.	the activity of living outdoors and sleeping in a tent
corner	n.	the place where two lines or streets meet
depart	v.	to leave a place to go on a trip
driver	n.	someone who drives a vehicle, such as a car or truck
helicopter	n.	a machine or vehicle that flies using long, thin blades on top of it that spin very fast
highway	n.	a main road that connects cities and towns
motorcycle	n.	a machine for driving with two wheels and an engine
north	n.	the direction on your left when you face the rising sun
parking	n.	a place where a vehicle is put into and left temporarily
passenger	n.	someone who is traveling in a vehicle, such as a car, bus, or train
south	n.	the direction on your right when you face the rising sun
stay	v.	to be at the same place for a period of time
tire	n.	a rubber ring filled with air that goes around a wheel
toward	prep.	you go in the direction of it
traffic	n.	the collection of vehicles using a road
vacation	n.	when people go somewhere to relax or travel
visitor	n.	someone who visits a person or a place

Extra Words

whole (adj.) including every part of something

dangerous (adj.) being unsafe or risky

early (adv.) near the beginning or before the right time

leave (v.) to go away

lunchtime (n.) the time you eat lunch, usually the middle of the day



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Unit 3

Word	PoS.	Definition
chef	n.	a person who makes food for people to eat
chili	n.	a spicy, red or green pepper
cooking	n.	preparing food
cracker	n.	a flat, dry, small piece of baked bread
fried	adj.	cooked in hot oil
garlic	n.	a vegetable like a small onion
ginger	n.	a root of a plant used for cooking
ham	n.	meat from a pig's back or upper leg
jar	n.	a glass container used for storing food
make	v.	to build, create, or produce something
menu	n.	a list of food and drinks
noodle	n.	a thin strip of dough made of flour and water
oil	n.	a thick liquid produced from plants that is used in cooking
pizza	n.	a flat, round bread topped with tomato sauce, cheese, meat, and vegetables
sandwich	n.	two pieces of bread with food such as meat and cheese between them
smell	v.	to use your nose to notice something
steak	n.	a thick, flat piece of meat or fish
taste	v.	to sense the flavor of something you are eating or drinking
toast	n.	a bread that has been heated to make it hot and crispy
yogurt	n.	a food made of milk and bacteria

Extra Words

plain (adj.) being simple and not fancy

healthy (adj.) not sick or injured

history (n.) the study of things that happened in the past

grill (v.) to cook it by putting it on a flat metal frame with bars across it, above or below strong direct heat

neighbor (n.) a person who lives close to you



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Unit 4

Word	PoS.	Definition
biscuit	n.	a type of sweet, soft bread baked in small pieces
cereal	n.	breakfast food made from grain and eaten with milk
chopsticks	n.	thin sticks used to pick up and eat food
cream	n.	the thick part of milk that contains fat
dessert	n.	sweet food eaten after a meal
drink	v.	to take a liquid through the mouth
flour	n.	a powder made from a grain that is used to make bread
jelly	n.	a sweet and soft food made with sugar and fruit juice
lettuce	n.	a plant that has large green leaves used in salads
lime	n.	a small green fruit that has a sour taste
lunchtime	n.	the time in the middle of the day when people eat lunch
mug	n.	a large drinking cup with a handle
nut	n.	a seed or fruit in a shell that you can eat
omelet	n.	a dish made from eggs that have been mixed and fried
plate	n.	a flat dish that is used for eating or serving food
slice	n.	a thin tube that you use for drinking through
straw	n.	a thin tube that you use for drinking through
strawberry	n.	a soft, juicy, red fruit with a green leaf at the top
takeout	n.	food that is cooked in a restaurant and taken by a customer to be eaten at another place
watermelon	n.	a large round fruit with hard green skin, red flesh, and black seeds

Extra Words

celebrity (n.) a famous person

bowl (n.) a deep, round dish

giant (adj.) something that is very big or larger than normal

special (adj.) better or more important than other things

challenge (n.) something that tests strength, skill, or ability, especially in a way that is interesting



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Unit 5

Word	PoS.	Definition
ache	v.	to have a continuous pain
alive	adj.	living and not dead
bleed	v.	to lose blood because of a cut or injury
blind	adj.	unable to see
breath	n.	the air that goes into and out of your lungs
condition	n.	the particular state that something or someone is in
cure	v.	to make someone with a sickness healthy
disabled	adj.	having a condition or injury that makes it difficult to do things
disease	n.	a sickness that affects a living thing
fitness	n.	the condition of being physically strong and healthy
habit	n.	something you do often and regularly
harm	v.	to cause hurt, injury, or damage
heal	v.	to become healthy or well again
hip	n.	the part of your body between your waist and legs
needle	n.	a thin, sharp, metal tube used to take blood out or to put medicine into the body.
often	adv.	it happens many times
painful	adj.	causing emotional or physical pain
result	n.	the information you get from an exam, experiment
tablet	n.	a small round piece of medicine
treatment	n.	the use of medicine and exercise to make a person healthy again

Extra Words

holistic (adj.) based on the principles of holism

focus (v.) to give special attention

develop (v.) to cause something to grow or become bigger or better

acupuncture (n.) a treatment for pain that involves pushing special needles into parts of the body

liquid (n.) a substance that flows freely



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Unit 6

Word	PoS.	Definition
asleep	adj.	sleeping and not awake
belly	n.	a cute name for the stomach
cast	n.	a hard covering that is put on a body part of a broken bone
chubby	adj.	slightly fat in a way that looks healthy
clinic	n.	a place where people get medical help
cough	v.	to force air through your throat with a short, loud noise
deaf	adj.	unable to hear
drug	n.	a substance used as a medicine
emergency	n.	a serious situation that needs immediate action
fever	n.	a body temperature that is much higher than normal
forehead	n.	the part of the face above your eyes
hunger	n.	the feeling you have when you need to eat
illness	n.	a sickness or disease
muscle	n.	a body tissue that can produce movement
nap	n	a short period of sleep, especially during the day
normal	adj.	usual or ordinary
operation	n.	when a doctor cuts someone's body to remove or fix a part of it
recover	v.	to become healthy after being sick or having an injury
virus	v.	something that causes a disease and spreads
weight	n.	a measurement of how heavy something is

Extra Words

sore (adj.) causing pain

check (v.) to look at something or someone carefully

heartbeat (n.) the action or sound of your heart as it pumps blood through your body

suggest (v.) to give some advice

worse (adj.) being not as good; more bad



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Unit 7

Word	PoS.	Definition
agency	n.	a business that provides a particular service
baker	n.	someone who bakes bread and cakes
career	n.	a job that someone does for a long time
company	n.	an organization that makes, buys or sells something for money
department	n.	one part of an organization
designer	n.	someone who plans how something new will look and be made
employer	n.	someone who hires other people to work for them
industry	n.	the people and activities in one type of business
librarian	n.	someone who works in a library
manager	n.	someone who is in charge of an organization
opportunity	n.	a chance to do something good, such as a job
organization	n.	a group formed for a particular purpose
professional	adj.	relating to work that needs special training or education
professor	n.	someone who teaches at a college or university
salary	n.	an amount of money a worker is paid each year
secretary	n.	someone whose job is to handle communication, letters, and records for another person in an office
staff	n.	a group of people who work for an organization or business
trade	v.	to buy and sell goods or services
training	n.	a process of learning the skills you need to do a particular job or activity
writer	n.	someone who writes books, poems, stories, and articles

Extra Words

build (v.) to make something

gain (v.) to obtain or achieve something you want or need

carpentry (n.) the skill or work of a carpenter

plumbing (n.) the work of fitting and repairing water pipes, baths, toilets etc.

session (n.) a period of time used for a particular activity, especially by a group of people



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Unit 8

Word	PoS.	Definition
advertise	v.	to make a public announcement that something is available
athlete	n.	someone who is trained in sports
benefit	n.	a good or helpful result or effect
business	n.	an organization that makes, buys, or sells something for money
deal	n.	an agreement especially in business
detective	n.	someone whose job is to find information about a crime
director	n.	someone who tells the actors what to do
duty	n.	a particular job that has been given to you
firefighter	n.	someone who works to put out fires
journalist	n.	someone who writes news stories
lawyer	n.	someone whose job is to give advice about the law
mayor	n.	someone who is elected to be the leader who governs a town or city
mechanic	n.	someone who repairs machines and keeps them running properly
musician	n.	someone who writes, sings, or plays music
pilot	n.	someone who flies an airplane or helicopter
pirate	n.	someone who attacks and steals from a ship at sea
reporter	n.	someone who tells people the news by any form of media
salesman	n.	a man whose job is to sell things
senior	adj.	high or higher in rank
veterinarian	n.	someone whose job is to give medical care to animals

Extra Words

apply (v.) to ask formally for something, such as a job, usually in writing

discuss (v.) to talk with other people about something

stable (adj.) steady and not likely to move or change

active (adj.) busy with a particular activity

shelter (n.) a place you can go if you need help or are in danger



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Unit 9

Word	PoS.	Definition
clearly	adv.	easy to hear, see, or understand
comment	n.	a spoken or written statement that expresses an opinion
context	n.	the group of words that are used to help to explain meaning
conversation	n.	a talk between two or more people
detail	n.	one of many facts or pieces of information
diary	n.	a book in which you write your experiences and thoughts each day
document	n.	an official paper that gives information about something
explanation	n.	the detail or reason that someone gives to make something clear
internet	n.	a system that connects computers throughout the world
list	n.	a series of names, words, or numbers
meaning	n.	the idea that is represented by words or a phrase
news	n.	new information about something that has happened recently
note	n.	a short piece of writing
notebook	n.	a book with blank pages that is used for writing notes
problem	n.	something that is difficult to handle
repeat	v.	to say something again
shout	v.	to say something very loudly
show	v.	to let someone look at something
speak	v.	to say words in order to express thoughts and opinions
write	v.	to form letters or numbers on a surface with a pen or pencil

Extra Words

method (n.) a way of doing something

example (n.) a thing that shows what something is like

phrase (n.) a few words put together

include (v.) to have something as a part of something else

chat (v.) to talk in a friendly informal way



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Unit 10

Word	PoS.	Definition
bow	v.	to bend forward at the neck or waist as a form of greeting
envelope	n.	a flat, paper container for a letter
forget	v.	to be unable to think of or remember something
fully	adv.	completely done
greet	v.	to meet someone with friendly and polite words or actions
handwriting	n.	the way a person's writing looks
ink	n.	a colored liquid that is used for writing and drawing
invite	v.	to request that someone attend a scheduled event
joke	n.	something that someone says to make people laugh
maybe	adv.	possible but not certain
meeting	n.	a gathering of people for a particular purpose
message	n.	a piece of information that is sent or given to someone
postcard	n.	a card, often with a photo or picture on one side that can be sent without an envelope
print	v.	to put words or images on paper using ink and a machine
sorry	adj.	feeling sorrow or regret
stamp	n.	a small piece of paper with glue on it that is used to mail a letter
sure	adj.	no doubt about something
talk	v.	to say words in order to express your thoughts, feelings and opinions
tell	v.	to say or write something to someone
welcome	v.	to greet in a warm and friendly way

Extra Words

guess (v.) to say something when you do not know much about it

messy (adj.) untidy or dirty; not clean

hiking (n.) a type of activity where you walk and climb up mountains

lonely (adj.) being unhappy because you are alone

nervous (adj.) feeling worried or afraid that something will happen



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Unit 11

Word	PoS.	Definition
academy	n.	a school that provides training in subjects or skills
campus	n.	the area and buildings around a school, university, or college
childhood	n.	the period of time when someone is a child
course	n.	a series of classes about a particular subject in a school
crayon	n.	a stick of colored wax that is used for drawing
difficulty	n.	something that is not easy to do or to deal with
eraser	n.	small piece of rubber that is used to remove something
gym	n.	building or room with equipment for doing exercises
kindergarten	n.	a school or class for very young children
learn	v.	to gain knowledge or skill by studying, practicing
lecture	n.	a talk given to a group of people to teach them
marker	n.	a type of pen that makes wide lines
purpose	n.	the reason why something is done or used
rank	v.	to place something or someone in a particular position
student	n.	a person who attends a school
teach	v.	to show or explain how to do something
understand	v.	to know why or how something happens or works
university	n.	a school where students study at a high level to get a degree
vocabulary	n.	all the words you know in a particular language
whiteboard	n.	a large board that can be written on with special markers

Extra Words

entrance (n.) permission to become a member of or become involved in a profession, university

determine (v.) to find out the facts about something

future (n.) a time that has not happened yet

prepare (v.) to make someone or something ready for some activity or purpose

stress (n.) a worried or nervous feeling that stops you from relaxing



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Unit 12

Word	PoS.	Definition
blackboard	n.	used for writing on with chalk in a classroom
cafeteria	n.	a place where people get food at a counter and carry it to a table to eat
chalk	n.	made into white or colored sticks used for writing
check	v.	to make sure something is correct
classmate	n.	a member of the same class
club	n.	a group of people who meet to participate in an activity
dictionary	n.	book of words in alphabetical order with their meanings
homework	n.	work that a student is given to do at home
junior	adj.	being in a younger group
line	n.	a long narrow mark on a surface
mistake	n.	something that is not correct
PE	n.	a sports and exercise class taught as a subject at school
practice	v.	to do something again and again in order to become better at it
principal	n.	the person in charge of a school
quiz	n.	a short test that is often taken without preparation
remember	v.	to have or keep an image or idea in your mind
scissors	n.	a tool used for cutting items
study	v.	to read, memorize facts, attend school, and do work in order to learn about a subject
tape	n.	a long, narrow piece of sticky material used to stick things together
textbook	n.	a book about a particular subject

Extra Words

miss (v.) to not go somewhere or do something

algebra (n.) a type of mathematics that uses letters and other signs to represent numbers and values

fail (v.) to try and not be able to do something

upset (adj.) feeling angry or unhappy

yell (v.) to shout or say something very loudly



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Unit 13

Word	PoS.	Definition
ashamed	adj.	feeling shame or guilt
astonish	v.	to cause a feeling of great wonder or surprise
careless	adj.	not paying enough attention
clever	adj.	intelligent and able to learn things quickly.
congratulations	n.	a message meaning you are happy for someone
creative	adj.	making new things or thinking of new ideas
emotional	adj.	easily upset or excited
fool	n.	a stupid or silly person
happiness	n.	the state of being happy
helpful	adj.	willing to help or are useful
lazy	adj.	not working hard or being inactive
lovely	adj.	pleasant, enjoyable, or beautiful
pleased	adj.	happy or satisfied
powerful	adj.	able to control and influence people
scary	adj.	causing fear
serious	adj.	not joking or intending to be funny
silly	adj.	not being logical or showing thought
stupid	adj.	not intelligent
surprised	adj.	feeling or showing surprise
talent	n.	a special ability that allows someone to do something well.

Extra Words

remind (v.) to make someone think about something again

personality (n.) how to describe how people are

believe (v.) to think something is true

correct (adj.) being right and having no mistakes

great (adj.) when something is very good



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Unit 14

Word	PoS.	Definition
attitude	n.	the way you think and feel about someone or something
attract	v.	to cause someone to like or be interested in something
background	n.	their education, family, and experiences
boring	adj.	dull and uninteresting
bother	v.	to cause someone to feel troubled, worried, or concerned
calm	adj.	not angry, upset, or excited
careful	adj.	paying attention to what they are doing
cheerful	adj.	feeling or showing happiness
enjoyable	adj.	making you feel happy
excitement	n.	feeling of eagerness, enthusiasm, and interest.
feeling	n.	an emotional state or reaction
gentle	adj.	kind and careful not to upset or hurt anyone
happily	adv.	done in a happy way
interested	adj.	giving a lot of attention to something
lucky	adj.	having good things happen to you by chance
noisy	adj.	making a lot of noise
peaceful	adj.	quiet and calm
realize	v.	to understand or become aware of something
scared	adj.	afraid, nervous, or frightened
wish	v.	to want something to be true or to happen

Extra Words

stressful (adj.) causing someone to feel worried or nervous

selfish (adj.) thinking only about yourself

relaxed (adj.) feeling calm, comfortable, and not worried or annoyed

wellness (n.) the state of being healthy

psychology (n.) the study of the mind and how it influences people's behavior



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Unit 15

Word	PoS.	Definition
average	adj.	usual or typical
beautiful	adj.	very attractive or pleasant
bride	n.	a woman who is getting married
brother	n.	a boy or man who has the same parents as you
clap	v.	to hit your hands together several times
couple	n.	two people who are in a marriage or romantic relationship
cousin	n.	a child of your aunt or uncle
elegant	adj.	stylish and attractive
engagement	n.	an agreement to be married
forever	adv.	it will continue for an endless amount of time
girlfriend	n.	a woman with whom someone is in a romantic relationship
gown	n.	a long, formal dress that a woman wears for a special event
kiss	v.	to touch the lips or face of another person with your lips
marry	v.	to legally become a husband or wife of someone
merry	adj.	cheerful and lively
nephew	n.	the son of your brother or sister
party	n.	a social event where people enjoy themselves
sister	n.	a girl or woman who has the same parents as you
stepbrother	n.	the son of your stepmother or stepfather
white	adj.	having the color of fresh snow or milk

Extra Words

traditional (adj.) being part of the traditions of a country or group of people

exchange (v.) to give someone something and receive the same kind of thing from them

meal (n.) a time for eating

bracelet (n.) a piece of jewelry that you wear around your wrist

embroidery (n.) a pattern sewn onto cloth, or cloth with patterns sewn onto it



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Unit 16

Word	PoS.	Definition
aged	adj.	very old
anniversary	n.	a day on which an important event happened in a previous year
annual	adj.	happening once a year
companion	n.	someone with whom you spend a lot of time or go somewhere
divorce	n.	the ending of a marriage by a legal process
extraordinary	adj.	very special, unusual, or strange
father-in-law	n.	the father of your husband or wife
gender	n.	the state of being male or female
grandparent	n.	parent of your mother or father
hug	v.	to put your arms around someone
marriage	n.	a relationship between a husband and a wife
newborn	adj.	recently born
niece	n.	the daughter of your brother or sister
pure	adj.	not mixed with anything else
refuse	v.	to say that you will not accept something
reveal	v.	to make something known
seek	v.	to search or try to find something
spouse	n.	a husband or a wife
twin	n.	one of two babies that are born at the same time to the same mother
widow	n.	one of two babies that are born at the same time to the same mother.

Extra Words

gathering (n.) a meeting of a group of people

bump into somebody (phrasal v.) to meet someone who you know, when you were not expecting to

difficult (adj.) not easy to work with

pet (n.) an animal a family keeps and takes care of

true (adj.) correct