



2000 Core English Words 4 Word List



Unit 1

Word	PoS.	Definition
bay	n.	a large area of water that is part of an ocean or lake
bloom	v.	to produce flowers on a tree or plant
cliff	n.	a high area of rock with a very steep side
climate	n.	the weather conditions and patterns in a region
coast	n.	the land along the sea or ocean
coral	n.	the hard red, white, or pink substance
district	n.	a particular section of a city, town, or country
fossil	n.	the remains of an ancient plant or animal
galaxy	n.	a single, large group of stars that is part of the universe
pollution	n.	anything that makes the air or water dirty
pond	n.	a body of water that is smaller than a lake and surrounded by land
recycle	v.	to use something old to make something new
region	n.	a large or particular area of a country or of the world
scenery	n.	the view of natural features such as mountains, forests, and valleys
shore	n.	where the sea or ocean meets the land
soil	n.	the top layer of earth in which plants grow
stream	n.	a body of water that flows and is smaller than a river
trash	n.	something you throw away
universe	n.	everything that exists in space
wave	n.	a long area of water that rises and moves toward the shore

Extra Words

warm (adj.) slightly hot, especially in a pleasant way

arrangement (n.) plans and preparations that you must make so that something can happen

relaxing (adj.) making you feel relaxed

place (v.) to put someone or something in a particular situation

disappointed (adj.) unhappy because something you hoped for did not happen



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Unit 2

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adapt	v.	to change something to make it easier to live in a certain place
continent	n.	one of the major divisions of land on Earth
disaster	n.	a sudden event that happens, such as a flood or tornado, and causes much destruction
environment	n.	the natural world in which people, animals, and plants live
flame	n.	a burning gas you can see when there is a fire
flood	n.	when a large amount of water from a storm covers an area
flow	v.	to move in a steady, continuous stream
forecast	n.	the weather that you think might happen in the future
freeze	v.	to bring it's temperature to or below 0°C
frozen	adj.	turned into ice
global	adj.	involving the whole world
humid	adj.	having a lot of moisture in the air
impact	n.	a powerful force, effect, or influence
landscape	n.	distinct quality or appearance of a place
oxygen	n.	a chemical in the air that is necessary for breathing
peak	n.	the pointed top of a mountain
polar	adj.	relating to the North or South Pole
rise	v.	to move upward
root	n.	the part of a plant that usually grows under the ground
underwater	adj.	something is locaed or takes place under the surface of the water

Extra Words

surface (n.) the top layer of an area of water or land

seal (n.) a large sea animal that eats fish and lives around coasts

whale (n.) a very large animal that lives in the sea and looks like a fish

melt (v.) to become liquid

leap (v.) to jump high into the air orto jump in order to land in a different place



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border	n.	a line that separates one country, city, town, or neighborhood from another
brake	n.	the part of a vehicle that makes it stop
convenient	adj.	something is easy, useful, or suitable for a particular purpose
crash	n.	an accident between vehicles that causes damage or injury
crew	n.	the people who work on a ship, plane, or train
cycle	v.	to ride a bicycle
eastern	adj.	in or from the east of a region, state, or country
entry	n.	a door, gate, etc. by which you enter a place
expedition	n.	a journey taken by people for a specific purpose
movement	n.	an act of moving the location or position of something
rail	n.	the system of transportation that uses trains
reserve	v.	to make prior arrangements to use something
resort	n.	a place that offers a lot to do when you go on vacation
route	n.	a way to get from one place to another
sailor	n.	a person who works as part of a crew on a boat or ship
souvenir	n.	a thing you buy or keep to help you remember a holiday
tourism	n.	the act of visiting a place for fun or in order to see the sights
transportation	n.	a system used to move people from one place to another
tropical	adj.	very hot, humid, and often near a beach
wander	v.	to walk someplace with no particular destination

Extra Words

discover (v.) to find someone or something

head (v.) to go or travel towards a particular place

book (v.) to make arrangements to stay in a place, eat in a restaurant etc in the future

allow (v.) to let someone do or have something, or let something happen

add (v.) to put something with something else



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Unit 4

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abroad	adv.	to go to a foreign country
ahead	adv.	to be in front of or closer to the front
aircraft	n.	a machine such as a plane or helicopter
baggage	n.	all the personal items that you take on a trip
campsite	n.	a place where you put up your tent
cruise	v.	to travel on a big ship, usually for a vacation
destination	n.	the place someone or something is going
fuel	n.	a material that can be burned for energy
jet	n.	a fast airplane with one or two engines
lane	n.	a part of a road that is separated by painted lines
launch	v.	to shoot something into the air or into space
motor	n.	a machine that makes power or motion
rush	v.	to do something in a hurry
signal	n.	an act that gives information
southern	adj.	in or from the south of a region, state, or country
steer	v.	to control the direction it goes in
tunnel	n.	an underground passage through which cars, trains, and people can pass
vehicle	n.	a machine that carries people or cargo from one place to another
via	prep.	traveling through a place on the way to a destination
western	adj.	in or from the west of a region, state, or country

Extra Words

domestic (adj.) relating to or happening in one particular country

passenger (n.) someone who is travelling in a vehicle, plane, boat etc.

ramp (n.) a slop that has been built to connect two places

unload (v.) to remove a load from a vehicle, ship etc.

lock (v.) to fasten something, usually with a key



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Unit 5

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agent	n.	a person who works on behalf of someone else
apply	v.	to ask for something formally
assistant	n.	a person who helps someone else
chief	n.	the person who is in charge of a group or company
client	n.	a person who pays for a service done by a professional
committee	n.	a group of people who get together to make decisions
editor	n.	a person who makes changes or corrects mistakes in a printed, online, or video production
full-time	adj.	do something for the same number of hours that are considered standard or normal for a job
hire	v.	to give someone a particular job
import	v.	to bring a product into a country to be sold
issue	n.	an important topic that people are concerned about
manufacture	v.	to use machines to make large amounts of something
minister	n.	a person who leads a church and performs services
officer	n.	a person who holds a position of authority in a company or organization
priest	n.	a person who has been trained to perform religious duties
producer	n.	a person who is in charge of making a movie, play, or record
production	n.	the process of making something that will be sold
promotion	n.	a move up to a better position in a company
retire	v.	to stop working after a long time
specialist	n.	a person who has great skill in a particular area of study

Extra Words

encourage (v.) to give someone the courage or confidence to do something

caution (v.) to warn someone that something might be dangerous, difficult etc.

manage (v.) to succeed in doing something difficult

familiar (adj.) well-known to you and easy to recognize

promise (v.) to tell someone that you will definitely do or provide something



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barber	n.	a person who cuts men's hair and beards
boss	n.	a person in charge who tells employees what to do
capable	adj.	have the ability to do something successfully
chart	n.	information presented in a form such as a table or diagram
contract	n.	a legal agreement between two people or companies
debate	n.	a discussion between people who have different views
employ	v.	to give someone a job
expert	n.	a person who knows a lot about a subject or topic
guide	n.	a person who shows visitors interesting places
profession	n.	a job that requires special training or skills
profit	n.	the money a business makes after all expenses have been paid
promote	v.	to make people more aware of its existence
report	n.	a spoken or written description of an event or situation
responsibility	n.	a task, job, or duty that you are required to do
schedule	n.	a plan of how and when things will be done
servant	n.	someone whose job is to cook or clean in someone else's home
signature	n.	a person's name written by that same person
spare	adj.	something that is extra and not currently used
strike	v.	to stop work in order to get your demands met
survey	n.	a questionnaire in which many people are asked about their opinions

Extra Words

require (v.) to officially demand that people do something

rewarding (adj.) making you feel happy and satisfied

anticipate (v.) to expect that something will happen and be ready for it

complicated (adj.) difficult to understand or deal with

bi-monthly (adj.) appearing or happening every two months or twice each month



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Unit 7

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ally	n.	a country that helps another country in a time of war
argue	v.	to disagree about something
armor	n.	special clothing that soldiers wear to protect their bodies
arrow	n.	a type of weapon with a pointy end
attack	v.	to try to hurt or destroy something in a violent way
attention	n.	to stand with your body stiff and straight
captain	n.	an officer of high rank in an army
defeat	v.	to win in a game or war
guard	n.	a person who protects something or someone
gun	n.	a weapon that shoots bullets
helmet	n.	a kind of hat you wear to protect your head
jeep	n.	a small truck that can go over rough surfaces and roads
military	adj.	related to the armed services of a country
navy	n.	the branch of the military that uses ships, submarines, and planes
peace	n.	no war or fighting
radar	n.	a detection system that sends out signals and receives their echoes
soldier	n.	a person who is a member of the military
submarine	n.	a ship that moves under the water
tank	n.	a military vehicle that is covered with armor
weapon	n.	anything that can be used in fighting, such as a gun, a sword, or a knife

Extra Words

metal (adj.) a hard, usually shiny substance such as iron, gold, or steel

outskirts (n.) the parts of a town or city that are farthest from the center

advanced (adj.) very modern

enemy (n.) someone who hates you and wants to harm you

expect (v.) to think that something will happen



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Unit 8

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agreement	n.	a situation in which people have the same opinions
army	n.	a large group of soldiers who fight on the ground
aviation	n.	the practice or business of flying airplanes or helicopters
battle	n.	a military fight between groups of soldiers
capital	n.	the city where a country or region has its government
charity	n.	an organization that helps people
crisis	n.	a situation that needs immediate attention
gain	v.	to get something you value or want
government	n.	the group of people who make decisions for a state or a country
independent	adj.	not controlled by others
leader	n.	someone who guides or leads other people
marine	n.	a soldier who serves both on shipboard and on land
nation	n.	a large area of land that is led by its own government
national	adj.	relating to a whole country or nation
official	adj.	being approved by the authorities
president	n.	the elected head of some governments
public	adj.	affecting all the people in a community
revolution	n.	an attempt to end the rule of a government in power
social	adj.	relating to society
society	n.	a group of people who live together in organized communities

Extra Words

reach (v.) to agree on something or decide something after a lot of discussion or thought

against (prep.) used to say that someone opposes or disagrees with something

last (v.) to continue for a particular length of time

sink (v.) to go down below the surface of water, mud etc.

defeat (v.) to win a victory over someone in a war, competition, game etc.



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Unit 9

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authority	n.	the power to make decisions, direct or control someone
blame	v.	to say or think that someone or something is responsible for something bad
candidate	n.	a person who is trying to get elected to an office
citizen	n.	a person who legally belongs to a country
council	n.	a group of people who are chosen to make rules, laws, or decisions
democracy	n.	a form of government in which the people vote for their officials
deny	v.	to say it is not true
domestic	adj.	something is found within the home country
election	n.	a vote to choose someone to serve as a public official
federal	adj.	something that has to do with the central government
govern	v.	to lead and make decisions that affect a group
influence	n.	the power to change something
massive	adj.	something is large in size, amount, or degree
parliament	n.	a group of people who make the laws in governments
policy	n.	an accepted set of ideas or rules
politician	n.	someone who is active in government and is an elected official
politics	n.	the activities involved with the government
regulation	n.	an official law or rule
republic	n.	a country run by elected officials
royal	adj.	related to a king or queen

Extra Words

majority (n.) most of the people or things in a group

representative (n.) someone who has been chosen to speak or make decisions for someone else

affect (v.) to do something that produces an effect

state (n.) one of the areas with limited law-making powers that together make up a country

neutral (adj.) not supporting any of the people or groups



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Unit 10

Word	PoS.	Definition
clue	n.	an object or piece of information that helps to solve problems
crime	n.	an act that breaks rules or laws
criminal	n.	a person who has committed a crime
danger	n.	something that puts a person at risk
death	n.	what happens when living things reach the end of their lives
evidence	n.	anything used to prove that something is true
guilty	adj.	being responsible for a crime
illegal	adj.	something is against the law and you might be punished for doing it
jail	n.	a place where criminals are kept
justice	n.	the process of making things fair after a crime
law	n.	a rule which everyone must follow
legal	adj.	allowed to do it by law
police	n.	a group of people whose job is to stop others from breaking rules and laws
prison	n.	a building where criminals are locked away
prisoner	n.	a person who is locked away in a prison or jail
punish	v.	to make them suffer in some way
punishment	n.	the act of punishing someone
rule	n.	a fixed way of behaving that people are told to follow
thief	n.	a person who takes things without asking or paying
trick	n.	a lie used to mislead or fool a person

Extra Words

behave (v.) to do things that are good, bad, sensible etc.

flush (v.) to make water go through a toilet

fingerprint (n.) a mark made by the pattern of lines at the end of a person's finger

detective (n.) a police officer whose job is to discover information about crimes and catch criminals

face (v.) to deal with a particular situation



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Unit 11

Word	PoS.	Definition
accuse	v.	to say that the person did something bad
armed	adj.	carrying a weapon
arrest	v.	to capture them for a crime they might have committed
bullet	n.	a small piece of metal that is fired from a gun
commit	v.	to do something bad
cruel	adj.	being mean or nasty to others
deliberate	adj.	intended or planned; it is not an accident
fear	n.	the emotion we feel when we are scared
frighten	v.	to make someone feel scared
hold	v.	to stop someone or something from moving
innocent	adj.	having done nothing wrong
penalty	n.	the punishment you get for a certain crime
potential	adj.	describes something that could happen
pretend	v.	to act like you are something or someone you are not
risk	n.	the possibility that something dangerous may happen
shock	n.	a strong emotion people feel when surprised by something bad
suspect	v.	to think someone might have done something bad
suspicion	n.	the feeling you have when you don't trust someone or something
trial	n.	the process that decides whether someone is guilty or innocent
witness	n.	a person who sees a crime take place

Extra Words

chase (v.) to quickly follow someone or something in order to catch them

crash (v.) to have an accident in a car, plane etc by violently hitting something else

capture (n.) when you catch someone in order to make them a prisoner

grab (v.) to take hold of someone or something with a sudden or violent movement

robbery (n.) the crime of stealing money or things from a bank, shop etc.



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Unit 12

Word	PoS.	Definition
arithmetic	n.	the part of math that deals with numbers
billion	n.	a very large number made up of a thousand million
calculate	v.	to work out the amount or number of something using math
compass	n.	a tool used in math which allows you to draw a perfect circle
divide	v.	to split it into several smaller parts
division	n.	the act of dividing numbers
dozen	n.	another way of saying twelve
equation	n.	a statement that the value of two mathematical expressions are equal
even	adj.	one that can be divided into perfectly equal parts
formula	n.	a mathematical relationship or rule expressed in symbols
fraction	n.	a part of a whole number or thing
graph	n.	a picture that shows us numbers or quantities
less	adv.	smaller in size or value than another
minus	prep.	the part of a sum that tells us to take something away
multiply	v.	to increase a number by adding that number to itself a certain number of times
ordinal	n.	a type of number which tells you where something comes in a list
percent	adv.	a number or value compared to a total value of 100
plus	Prep.	the part of a sum which says a number will be added
quarter	n.	one of four equal parts of a whole number or thing
subtract	v.	to take one number away from another

Extra Words

struggle (v.) to try extremely hard to achieve something

confident (adj.) sure that something will happen in the way you want or expect

prove (v.) to show that something is true by providing facts, information etc

focus (v.) to give special attention to one particular person or thing

spare (n.) an additional thing



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Unit 13

Word	PoS.	Definition
certificate	n.	a piece of paper that proves you can do a certain thing
creativity	n.	the skill which allows people to make or invent things
degree	n.	an award given to a student when they finish at university
demand	n.	to ask strongly for something
direction	n.	instructions that tell you what to do or how to do something
education	n.	the process by which people learn
elementary	adj.	describes the first or simplest stage of something
examination	n.	an important test to check what students know
focus	v.	to think about one thing clearly
instruction	n.	the process of telling people how to do something
intelligence	n.	how clever a person is
knowledge	n.	what a person knows or has learned
major	n.	the main subject that a student studies at university
mark	n.	the score you get for a piece of work
master	v.	to become very good at it
mentor	n.	someone who leads another closely through learning
section	n.	one part of a larger thing
solve	v.	to complete or answer it
standard	n.	the level at which you do something
tuition	n.	money students pay to be taught, especially at a college or university

Extra Words

facility (n.) a place or building used for a particular activity or industry

brand-new (adj.) new and not yet used

range (n.) a number of people or things that are all different

obviously (adv.) used to mean that a fact can easily be noticed or understood

right (adj.) correct and based on true facts



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Unit 14

Word	PoS.	Definition
academic	adj.	related to learning
curriculum	n.	a set of subjects that will be taught
diploma	n.	a certificate that a student receives when they complete a course of study
draft	n.	an early version of a piece of writing
educate	v.	to teach people and improve their knowledge
educational	adj.	providing education or relating to education
fail	v.	to not succeed at a given task or test
graduation	n.	the process of finishing school, college, or university, often involving a ceremony
institution	n.	a large and important organization
lecturer	n.	a teacher at a college or university
literacy	n.	the ability to read and write
midterm	n.	a test taken halfway through a semester
minor	adj.	small or less important than other things
philosophy	n.	the study of knowledge, reality, and existence
progressive	adj.	new and ahead of others
reference	n.	a piece of text which mentions another writer, book, or idea
term	n.	a word or expression used within a particular subject or area
tutor	n.	a teacher who works with small groups or individuals
tutorial	n.	a period of teaching and discussion with a tutor
union	n.	a group of people who share a common goal

Extra Words

semester (n.) one of the two periods that the school or college year is divided into

challenging (adj.) difficult in an interesting or enjoyable way

incredibly (adv.) extremely

enthusiastic (adj.) feeling or showing a lot of interest and excitement about something

celebrate (v.) to show that an event or occasion is important by doing something special



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Unit 15

Word	PoS.	Definition
annoy	v.	to make them slightly angry
belief	n.	the feeling that something is true or real
belong	v.	to be a part of something
charm	n.	the ability to make others like you
cheat	v.	to behave in a dishonest way in order to get what you want
depressed	adj.	being extremely sad
disappoint	v.	to upset someone by not doing what they expected
embarrassed	adj.	feeling like a fool in front of others
intelligent	adj.	someone who is clever
jealous	adj.	when they wish they had what someone else has
lively	adj.	full of energy and enthusiasm
lonely	adj.	feeling sad because they are alone
miserable	adj.	feeling very sad or grumpy
negative	adj.	describes a bad feeling, reaction, or response
nervous	adj.	feeling worried about something in the future
positive	adj.	a good feeling, reaction, or response
pride	n.	the emotion we feel when we are proud
respect	n.	an attitude of admiration or esteem
satisfy	v.	to please yourself or someone else
severe	adj.	very bad or extreme

Extra Words

actually (adv.) used to add new information to what you have just said

alone (adj.) there is no one with you

appear (v.) to start to be seen, to arrive, or to exist in a place, especially suddenly

waitress (n.) a woman who serves food and drink at the tables in a restaurant

maybe (adv.) used to say that something may happen or may be true but you are not certain



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Unit 16

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anger	n.	the emotion we feel when we think something is unfair or wrong
anxiety	n.	the emotion we feel when we are extremely worried or stressed
anxious	adj.	suffering from anxiety
appeal	v.	to seem attractive or tempting
appreciate	v.	to be grateful for something or understand the reason for it
aware	adj.	knowing something has happened or may happen
awkward	adj.	describes an uncomfortable situation, movement, or feeling
comfort	n.	the feeling of being relaxed and satisfied
command	v.	to strongly tell someone to do something
concern	n.	the feeling of worrying about another person or thing
confidence	n.	the emotion we feel when we believe we can succeed
esteem	n.	what we feel about a person we admire
extreme	adj.	far from normal
fright	n.	what we feel when we are sudden
grief	n.	a sad feeling or process we go through, usually when someone we love dies
hopeless	adj.	describes a person or action that has no chance of succeeding
sensible	adj.	describes a person or action that is practical
tense	adj.	describes a feeling of nervousness
thoughtful	adj.	thinking of others' needs and wants
wisdom	n.	a large amount of knowledge gained over a long period

Extra Words

experience (v.) to feel a particular emotion, pain etc.

cope (v.) to succeed in dealing with a difficult problem or situation

constant (adj.) happening regularly or all the time

injured (adj.) having a wound or damage to part of your body

despair (n.) a feeling that you have no hope at all