



2000 Core English Words 4

Word Test



Unit 1

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

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

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

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 or to jump in order to land in a different place



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Unit 3

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

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

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

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

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

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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Unit 6

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

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

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

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 centre

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Extra Words

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

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

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