

If you know these words, your English is AMAZING!

In this lesson, I'll teach you 15 English words that will help expand your vocabulary, express yourself more effectively and sound absolutely gorgeous while doing it. Some of these words have multiple meanings and can function as different parts of speech, so we'll explore their various uses. Follow along with the video lesson and use this PDF to take your learning even further.



B2 Level Vocabulary

1

reckon v /'rekən/

Meaning:	to think or believe
Example:	"I reckon it's gonna rain soon."

2

core adj, n /kɔː/

Meaning:	<u>adjective</u> : central or key part of something
Example:	"My dad reading me a story before bed is one of my core childhood memories."
Meaning:	<u>noun</u> : the central or most important part of something
Example:	"The core of the problem lies in the lack of communication."

3

deliberate adj /dɪ'libərət/

Meaning:	intentional or planned
Example:	“The teacher made a deliberate mistake to check if the students were still paying attention.”

deliberate v /dɪ'libəreɪt/

Meaning:	to think carefully about something
Example:	“The judges deliberated for hours before reaching their final decision.”

The adjective **deliberate** /dɪ'libərət/ and the verb **deliberate** /dɪ'libəreɪt/ are called **heteronyms**. They are words that are spelt exactly the same way but have different meanings and pronunciations.

Here are a few more examples:

lead v /li:d/	lead n /led/
to guide, direct, or show the way	a soft, heavy metal
tear v /teə/	tear n /tɪə/
to pull or rip something apart	a drop of liquid that comes from the eye
bow v /baʊ/	bow n /bəʊ/
to bend the head or upper body as a greeting or sign of respect	a knot tied with two loops and two loose ends

4

elsewhere adv /,els'weə/

Meaning:

in or to another place

Example:

"The restaurant is fully booked - we'll have to go **elsewhere**."

5

grab v /græb/

Meaning:

to take hold of something quickly

Example:

"Someone just **grabbed** my bag and ran off with it!"

'**Grab**' can also be used as a casual expression meaning **to get something to eat or drink quickly**.

"We've got 30 minutes before the next meeting - should we go and **grab** a coffee?"

6

urge v /ɜ:dʒ/

Meaning:

to strongly recommend or encourage

Example:

"The government **urged** the public to remain calm."

'**Urge**' is a formal word often used in news reports or official statements. It's similar in meaning to '**recommend**' but stronger.

7

gig n /gɪg/

Meaning:

a live musical performance or concert

Example:

"I've just bought tickets for the Coldplay **gig** in September."

'**Gig**' is typically used for popular music concerts like pop, rock or jazz, rather than classical music performances.



C1 Level Vocabulary

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cling v /kɪŋ/

Meaning:

to hold onto something tightly

Example:

"He always **clings** to his girlfriend's arm when they watch horror films together."

The adjective '**clingy**' /'kɪŋi/ describes a person who depends on another person too much and lacks independence.

Sara is a **clingy** child - she never leaves her mother's side.



C2 Level Vocabulary

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gabble v /'gæbl/

Meaning:

to speak quickly and unintelligibly

Example:

“He got nervous in the interview and started to **gabble**.”

‘**Gabble**’ is often used with the prepositions ‘**on**’ and ‘**away**’.

I have to admit, I tend to **gabble on** a bit about Spain.

10

gaslight v /'gæslɑ:t/

Meaning:

to manipulate someone psychologically

Example:

“The boss made a mistake and then **gaslighted** me into thinking it was my fault!”

The term ‘**gaslight**’ comes from the 1930s British play "Gas Light" in which a man manipulates his wife into believing she has a mental illness.

Notice I wrote ‘**gaslighted**’ in my example, not ‘**gaslit**’ - that’s a common mistake!



11

ghost v /gəʊst/

Meaning:

to abruptly end communication without explanation

Example:

“We chatted online for over a year and then she completely **ghosted** me.”

‘**To ghost**’ is a relatively new term often used in the context of online relationships or dating, but it can also apply to friendships or professional relationships.

12

finicky adj /'fɪnɪki/

Meaning:

fussy

Example:

“I’m a bit **finicky** when it comes to coffee, so I always buy from the same independent coffee shop.”

Meaning:

requiring a lot of attention to detail

Example:

“Can you help me put this shelf together - it’s a bit **finicky**.”

13

situationship n /,sɪtʃu'eɪʃnʃɪp/

Meaning:

a relationship that's undefined or between stages



Example:	“I'd love to move things on from being in a situationship to actually being boyfriend and girlfriend.”
<p>‘Situationship’ is a blend of the words ‘situation’ and ‘relationship’ and is becoming increasingly common in modern dating terminology.</p>	

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ableism n /'eɪbəlɪzəm/

Meaning:	discrimination against people with disabilities
Example:	“As a wheelchair user, Sally is forced to face ableism on a daily basis.”
<p>The word ‘ableism’ draws attention to unacceptable attitudes and behaviors towards people with mental and physical disabilities.</p>	

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nomophobia n /,nɒməʊ'fəʊbiə/

Meaning:	fear of not having access to a mobile phone
Example:	“She has a severe case of nomophobia - she can't go anywhere without her mobile.”
<p>‘Nomophobia’ is a combination of ‘no mobile phone’ and ‘phobia’, describing the fear or anxiety people experience when they don't have access to their mobile devices.</p>	



Bonus Words

Word	IPA Transcription	Meaning	Example Sentence
1 albeit conjunction	/ə'lbi:t/	though, even if	"The project was successful, albeit with a few minor setbacks along the way."
2 articulate adjective	/ɑ:'tɪkjələt/	expressing oneself clearly and effectively	"Janice was known for her articulate speeches and well-structured arguments."
3 aspire verb	/ə'spaɪə/	to have a strong desire or ambition to achieve something	"Many young athletes aspire to compete in the Olympics one day."
4 barrier noun	/'bæriə/	an obstacle or circumstance that prevents progress or access	"Language can be a significant barrier to effective communication."
5 breakthrough noun	/'breɪkθru:/	an important discovery or achievement	"Scientists have made a major breakthrough in cancer research."
6 cacophony noun	/kə'kɒfəni/	a very loud mixture of different sounds	"The busy city street was filled with a cacophony of car horns, sirens and shouting."
7 dainty adjective	/'deɪnti/	delicate and small	"Reese picked up the dainty teacup and took a sip."



Word	IPA Transcription	Meaning	Example Sentence
8 decent adjective	/ˈdiːsnt/	acceptable or satisfactory	“The hotel room was decent , but not as luxurious as I expected.”
9 grimace verb	/'grɪməs/	to make a facial expression showing pain, disgust or disapproval	“He couldn't help but grimace when he tasted the bitter medicine.”
10 gross adjective	/grəʊs/	total, without deductions	“The company's gross profits increased by 10% last year.”
11 huddle verb	/'hʌdl/	to have a private conversation in a small group	“The team huddled to discuss their strategy before the game.”
12 on brand idiom	/ɒn brænd/	conforming to the image or identity of a particular company or product	“The new ad is fun, quirky and totally on brand for the company.”
13 phenomenon noun	/fəˈnɒmɪnən/	a remarkable person, thing or event	“The Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon that attracts tourists from around the world.”
14 somewhat adverb	/'sʌmwɒt/	to some extent or degree	“I found the movie somewhat disappointing compared to the book.”
15 trigger verb	/'trɪgə/	to cause or initiate a reaction or series of events	“Certain foods can trigger allergic reactions in some people.”



Activity

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. If this bookshop doesn't have the book I need, I'll try _____.
 - a. elsewhere
 - b. gross
 - c. core

2. The baby monkey _____ to its mother as they move through the trees.
 - a. grimaces
 - b. gaslights
 - c. clings

3. Health experts _____ people to wash their hands frequently.
 - a. ghost
 - b. urge
 - c. gab

4. Our new policy aims to combat _____ in the workplace.
 - a. cacophony
 - b. ableism
 - c. phenomenon

5. After several friendly messages, he suddenly _____ her with no explanation.
 - a. ghosted
 - b. triggered
 - c. gabbed

6. She _____ to become a renowned artist one day.
 - a. grimaces
 - b. aspires
 - c. deliberates

7. The team leaders _____ to discuss the schedule for the morning meeting.
 - a. grimaced
 - b. aspired
 - c. huddled

8. The orchestra's performance ended in a _____ of applause and cheers.
 - a. cacophony
 - b. deliberate
 - c. gross

Answers:

1.a 2.c 3.b 4.b 5.a 6.b 7.c 8.a

