

Word/Phrase	Part of speech	IPA (UK)	IPA (US)	Definition	Sample sentence
Clothes and fashion					
baggy	adjective	'bægi		baggy clothes are very loose on your body	I normally wear baggy clothes to feel comfortable.
casual	adjective	'kæʒuəl		casual clothes are comfortable and suitable for wearing in informal situations	It's not a formal occasion, so you can just wear something casual .
costume	noun	'kɒstjʊ:m	'kɒs,tʊm	special clothes people wear to pretend to be a famous person, an animal, a character from a story, etc.	At the party there was a prize for the best celebrity costume .
dress code	noun	dres kəʊd	dres kəʊd	a set of rules about what you should wear in a particular place or at a particular event	The dress code at work is business casual.
fit in with the crowd	phrase	fɪt ɪn wɪð ðə kraʊd		to be correct, suitable or sensible in relation to people in general or a particular group of people	Some people like to be noticed rather than just fit in with the crowd .
outfit	noun	'aʊtfɪt		a set of clothes that are worn together	I need a new outfit for my birthday party.
scruffy	adjective	'skrʌfi		messy or dirty	Don't wear that scruffy old T-shirt again!
stand out from the crowd	phrase	stænd aʊt frɒm ðə kraʊd	stænd aʊt frɒm ðə kraʊd	to be very different and easy to notice	His clothing style makes him stand out from the crowd .
trend follower	noun	trend'fɒləʊə(r)	trend'fəloʊər	someone who behaves in a way that is in fashion	If you do what everybody else does then you're just a trend follower .
trendsetter	noun	'trend,seɪə(r)	'trend,seɪər	someone or something that starts a new fashion	She's always been a trendsetter among her friends.
uniform	noun	'ju:nɪfɔ:(r)m	'ju:nɪ,fɔrm	a set of clothes that you wear to show that you are part of a particular organization or school	He has to wear his school uniform every day.
Metaphors					
catch someone's eye	phrase	kætʃ 'sʌmwʌnz aɪ		if something catches your eye, you suddenly notice it	There was one painting that caught my eye .
in the long run	phrase	ɪn ðə lɒŋ rʌn	ɪn ðə lɒŋ rʌn	not immediately but at some time in the future	Cutting jobs could be more expensive in the long run if we have to hire freelancers.
off-the-rack	phrase	ɒf ðə ræk	ɒf ðə ræk	clothing available to buy without being ordered or designed for a particular customer	She bought an off-the-rack wedding dress.
off-the-shelf	phrase	ɒf ðə ʃelf	ɒf ðə ʃelf	available to buy without being ordered or designed for a particular customer, typically referring to non-clothing items	The company could have a software accounting package tailor-made or buy one off-the-shelf .
on a tight budget	phrase	ɒn ə taɪt 'bʌdʒɪt	ɒn ə taɪt 'bʌdʒɪt	to do something with a small amount of money	They run the magazine on a tight budget .
peanuts	noun	'pi:ˌnʌts	'pi:nəts	a very small amount of money	He bought his house for peanuts and it's worth a lot more now.

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seamless	adjective	'si:mləs	'simləs	changing or continuing very smoothly and without stopping	When the new boss came in, it was a seamless transition.
snap something up	phrasal verb	snæp ʌp		to buy something as soon as it becomes available	By 10 o'clock most of the best bargains had been snapped up .
tailor-made	adjective	'teɪlə meɪd	'teɪlər meɪd	designed for a particular person or group of people	We specialize in tailor-made vacations planned around your interests and schedule.
throw money down the drain	phrase	θrəʊ 'mʌni daʊn ðə dreɪn	θrou 'mʌni daʊn ðə dreɪn	to waste money by spending it on something useless	Buying that old car was like throwing money down the drain .
wound up	adjective	ˌwaʊnd 'ʌp		nervous and worried	I was too wound up to relax.
Prefixes and suffixes					
amateurish	adjective	'æmətəriʃ		done or made without much skill	He did an amateurish job of putting up the shelves.
disaster-prone	adjective	dɪ'zɑ:stə prəʊn	dɪ'zæstər prəʊn	likely to be affected by a disaster or misfortune	My disaster-prone manager broke his phone and his computer in the same week.
hyper-influential	adjective	'haɪpər ˌɪnflu'entʃəl	'haɪpər ˌɪnflu'entʃəl	extremely able to influence the way people think or behave	She's a hyper-influential blogger.
largish	adjective	'lɑ:rdʒ	'lɑ:rdʒɪʃ	fairly big	The room's kind of largish , so there'll be enough space.
re-edit	verb	ri:'edit	ˌri'edət	to edit something again	The text was re-edited after several errors were spotted.
super-lucky	adjective	'su:pə 'lʌki	'supər 'lʌki	extremely fortunate	I was super-lucky to have the opportunity to meet my hero.
tech-savvy	adjective	tek 'sævi		able to understand and use technology well	I need to ask someone more tech-savvy than me to help me fix my computer.
unmute	verb	ˌʌn'mju:t	ˌʌn'mju:t	to turn the sound back on an electronic device	He didn't unmute the mic, so nothing was recorded.
user-friendly	adjective	'ju:zə 'frendli	'ju:zər 'frendli	a user-friendly system or piece of equipment is easy to use or understand	It's the most user-friendly smartphone so far.