

Word/Phrase	Part of speech	IPA (UK)	IPA (US)	Definition	Sample sentence
Descriptive verbs					
crackle	verb	'kræk(ə)l		to make continuous short sounds like the sound of wood burning	The fire crackled gently as they sat and talked.
creak	verb	kri:k	krik	if something creaks, especially something wooden, it makes a high noise when it moves or when you put weight on it	The old wooden chair creaked as he sat down.
crunch	verb	'krʌntʃ		to make a noise like something being crushed	The leaves crunched under our feet as we walked toward the cabin.
groan	verb	grəʊn	groun	if wood, metal, or another material groans, it makes a long low sound as it moves	The bridge groaned under the weight of the truck.
growl	verb	'graʊl		if an animal growls, it makes a frightening or unfriendly low noise	Karim stepped back as the guard dog started to growl .
hiss	verb	hɪs		to make a long 's' sound like the sound that a snake makes	The snake hissed and arched back.
rumble	verb	'rʌmb(ə)l		to make a continuous deep sound	Thunder rumbled in the distance as Tim put another log on the fire.
screech	verb	skri:tʃ	skritʃ	to make a loud, high and unpleasant noise	The car's brakes screeched loudly as it came to a stop.
slam	verb	'slæm		to shut a door or a lid with great force so that it makes a loud noise, often because you are angry	He left the room angrily, slamming the door behind him.
smash	verb	smæʃ		to break something noisily into many pieces by dropping or hitting it with a lot of force	They smashed the window, setting off the alarm.
snap	verb	snæp		to suddenly break something with a short loud noise, or to be broken in this way	The rope snapped under his weight, sending him 150 ft into the water.
trickle	verb	'trɪk(ə)l		if a liquid or a substance such as sand trickles somewhere, a small amount of it flows there slowly	The cave was silent, apart from the sound of water trickling down the walls.
whir	verb	'wɜ:(r)	wɜr	to make a fast repeated quiet sound	The fan whirred quietly in the corner.
Phrasal verbs to describe problems					
deal with	phrasal verb	di:l wɪð	dil wɪð	to accept and control a difficult emotional situation so that you can start to live a normal life again	Dan doesn't deal with stress very well, does he?
go through	phrasal verb	ɡəʊ θru:	ɡou θru	to experience something difficult or unpleasant	That was awful; I hope we never have to go through it again.
put up with	phrasal verb	pʊt ʌp wɪð		to accept someone or something unpleasant in a patient way	I refuse to put up with his insults any longer!
sort out	phrasal verb	sɔ:(r)t aʊt	sɔrt aʊt	to do what is necessary to solve a problem	We still need to sort out the invitations for the wedding.

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talk over	phrasal verb	tɔ:k 'əʊvə(r)	tɔk 'oʊvər	to discuss a problem or a plan	I think you both need to talk over what happened last night.
weigh out	phrasal verb	wɛɪ aʊt		to consider the good and bad aspects of something in order to reach a decision about it	Carefully weigh out the pros and cons before making a decision.
work out	phrasal verb	wɜ:(r)k aʊt	wɜrk aʊt	to solve a problem by considering the facts	We need to work out what to do next.
Dependent prepositions: adjectives					
anxious about	adjective + preposition	'æŋkʃəs ə'baʊt		worried about something in particular because you think something bad might happen	I'm just a little anxious about what we're going to do next.
ashamed of	adjective + preposition	ə'ʃeɪmd ɒv	ə'ʃeɪmd əv	feeling guilty or embarrassed because you have done something wrong, or think that you have not reached a standard that people expect	He says he's ashamed of his behavior and wants to apologize.
aware of	adjective + preposition	ə'weə(r) ɒv	ə'wer əv	knowing about a situation or a fact	Many people are aware of the dangers of smoking, but do it anyway.
envious of	adjective + preposition	'enviəs ɒv	'enviəs əv	unhappy because you really want to do something that someone else does or to have something that they have	I've always been envious of his ability to make new friends.
sensitive toward	adjective + preposition	'sensətɪv tə'wɔ:(r)d	'sensətɪv tə'wɔrd	showing that you care about someone or something and do not want to cause offense or distress	I wish he was more sensitive toward other people's feelings.
sick of	adjective + preposition	sɪk ɒv	sɪk əv	wanting something to end because you are bored with it or annoyed by it	I'm just sick of it now – I can't wait to work on something different.