

Word/Phrase	Part of speech	IPA (UK)	IPA (US)	Definition	Sample sentence
Noun + preposition collocations					
congratulations on	noun + preposition	kən,grætʃʊ'leɪʃ(ə)nz ɒn	kən,grætʃə'leɪʃ(ə)nz ɒn	used for telling someone that you are pleased about their success, good luck, or happiness on a special occasion	Congratulations on the new job – it sounds perfect for you.
course in	noun + preposition	kɔ:(r)s ɪn	kɔrs ɪn	a series of classes or lectures on an academic subject or a practical skill	Have you thought about taking a course in first aid?
places in	noun + preposition	'pleɪsɪz ɪn		a particular town, country, building, store, etc	I'm hungry; let's go to the new Italian place in town.
possibility of	noun + preposition	'pɒsə'bɪləti ɒv	'pasə'bɪləti ɒv	the chance that something might happen or be true	Is there any possibility of seeing someone about it today?
risk of	noun + preposition	rɪsk ɒv	rɪsk ɒv	the possibility that something unpleasant or dangerous might happen	The company is at serious risk of going out of business.
time for	noun + preposition	taɪm fɔ:(r)	taɪm fɔr	a particular point when something happens	Could you call me when it's time for lunch?
Nouns and verbs with the same spelling					
balance	verb	'bæləns		to create or preserve a good or correct balance between different features or aspects	We have to balance the needs and tastes of all of our customers.
balance	noun	'bæləns		a situation in which different aspects or features are treated equally or exist in the correct relationship with each other	Right now, I just don't seem to have a good work-life balance .
benefit	verb	'benɪfɪt	'benəfɪt	to get help or gain an advantage from something	Thousands of households could benefit under the system.
benefit	noun	'benɪfɪt	'benəfɪt	an advantage you get from a situation	The new recreational center will bring lasting benefits to the community.
challenge	verb	'tʃælɪndʒ	'tʃæləndʒ	to test someone's skill and abilities	This class just isn't challenging enough for her.
challenge	noun	'tʃælɪndʒ		something that needs a lot of skill, energy, and determination to deal with or achieve	I've been at my current job for a long time and need a new challenge .
control	verb	kən'trəʊl	kən'troul	to make people behave in the way that you want them to behave	Does your teacher find it difficult to control the class?
control	noun	kən'trəʊl	kən'troul	the power to make decisions about something and decide what should happen	When Noah retired, his daughter took control of the business.
influence	verb	'ɪnfluəns		to affect the way that someone thinks or behaves, or to affect the way that something happens	Claims in advertising can influence people's shopping habits.
influence	noun	'ɪnfluəns		a person or thing that has an effect on someone or something	I've always thought you were a good influence on Emily.

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produce	verb	prə'dju:z	prə'dʊs	to make or grow something, especially in large quantities in order to be sold	The factory will produce an extra 100,000 cars each year.
produce	noun	'prɒdju:z	'prɒʊ,dʊs	fruit, vegetables, and other things that farmers grow	The farm sells its produce at the market every Saturday.
reject	verb	rɪ'dʒekt		to not agree to an offer, proposal, or request; to disagree with an idea	She rejected his proposal to merge their companies.
reject	noun	'ri:dʒekt	'ri,dʒekt	someone or something not accepted because it is not up to standard	The rejects from the factory were donated to a local charity.
upgrade	verb	ʌp'ɡreɪd		to make a machine more powerful or effective; to improve the quality of a service or product	At the start of the year, we will upgrade all of our equipment.
upgrade	noun	'ʌp,ɡreɪd		a piece of equipment or software designed to make a computer more powerful	The latest system upgrade will increase our productivity.
Intensifiers					
considerably	adverb	kən'sɪd(ə)rəbli		a lot	The bill was considerably more than he expected.
disastrously	adverb	dɪ'zɑ:stɹəsli	dɪ'zæstɹəsli	in a way that causes a lot of damage, harm or failure	The company was disasterously mismanaged for several years.
entirely	adverb	ɪn'taɪə(r)li	ɪn'taɪrli	completely, or in every way	People born a few miles apart can have entirely different accents.
especially	adverb	ɪ'speɪ(ə)li		used when mentioning conditions that make something more relevant, important or true	It is a very hot country, especially in the summer.
extremely	adverb	ɪk'stri:mli	ɪk'strɪmli	very: used for emphasizing an adjective or adverb	She's extremely good at Arabic and French.
firmly	adverb	'fɜ:(r)mli	'fɜrmli	strongly	I firmly believe that we must support each other.
greatly	adverb	'ɡreɪtli		very much	Tickets vary greatly in price depending on where you sit.
incredibly	adverb	ɪn'kredəbli		extremely	It was incredibly difficult to find a time that everyone was available.
intensely	adverb	ɪn'tensli		very great or extreme	It's an intensely competitive industry to work in.
significantly	adverb	sɪɡ'nɪfɪkəntli		in a way that is relevant or that has an important effect on something	Unemployment has risen significantly over the past decade.
totally	adverb	'təʊt(ə)li	'təʊt(ə)li	completely	Oh no! I totally forgot Simon's birthday.

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undoubtedly	adverb	ʌn'daʊtɪdli	ʌn'daʊtədli	used for saying that something is certainly true or is accepted by everyone	Stress has undoubtedly contributed to her decision to leave.
utterly	adverb	'ʌtə(r)li	'ʌtərli	completely: often used for emphasizing how bad someone or something is	He's still utterly dependent on his parents.
widely	adverb	'waɪdli		by a lot of people, or in a lot of places	Organic foods are now much more widely available.