

Word/Phrase	Part of speech	IPA (UK)	IPA (US)	Definition	Sample sentence
Green vocabulary					
compost heap	noun	'kɒmpəst hi:p	'kɑːmpəst hip	a pile of decaying plants and vegetables that becomes fertilizer	Can you throw the left-over food on the compost heap ?
double glazing	noun	'dʌb(ə)l 'gleɪzɪŋ		windows or doors that have two layers of glass, so that the building will be warmer and quieter	My heating bill is much lower since I had double glazing installed.
energy-efficient lightbulb	noun	'enə(r)dʒi r'fɪ(ə)nt laɪt bʌlb	'enərdʒi r'fɪ(ə)nt laɪt bʌlb	a light-producing electrical device that uses advanced technology to reduce the amount of power it uses	The company has installed energy-efficient lightbulbs throughout the building.
insulation	noun	ˌɪnsjuː'leɪʃ(ə)n	ˌɪnsjə'leɪʃ(ə)n	protection from heat, cold, noise or electricity	Houses have much better insulation than they used to.
rain barrel	noun	reɪn 'bærəl		a large container used for collecting rain that comes off the roof of a house	We use whatever's been collected in the rain barrel to water the garden each night.
smart meter	noun	smaː(r)t 'mɪtə(r)	smart 'mɪtər	an electronic meter that enables users to track their energy use and allows consumption figures to be read remotely	The app allows you to access your smart meter on the go.
solar panel	noun	'səʊlə(r) 'pæn(ə)l	'soulər 'pæn(ə)l	a piece of equipment that uses energy from the sun to create power for a building	The solar panels generate more energy than we actually need.
thermostat	noun	'θɜː(r)məʊstæt	'θɜːrməˌstæt	a piece of equipment that controls the temperature in a building, machine or engine	According to the thermostat , it's over 30 degrees in here!
underfloor heating	noun	'ʌndə(r)flɔː(r) 'hiːtɪŋ	'ʌndərˌflɔːr 'hitɪŋ	a system that warms a building by radiating heat from the floors	It's actually really warm in the kitchen because we have underfloor heating .
wind turbine	noun	wɪnd 'tɜː(r)baɪn	wɪnd 'tɜːrbaɪn	a large machine like a windmill used for producing electricity from the wind	I might get a wind turbine installed on the roof.
Describing areas of a city					
commercial	adjective	kə'mɜː(r)ʃ(ə)l	kə'mɜːʃ(ə)l	relating to business	These buildings are suitable for domestic or commercial use.
housing	noun	'haʊzɪŋ		buildings for people to live in	There's an urgent need for more affordable housing .
industrial	adjective	ɪn'dʌstriəl		relating to industry	Most people work in the industrial area of the city.
residential	adjective	ˌrezɪ'denʃ(ə)l		relating to where people live rather than work	We live in a quiet residential area about ten minutes from the city center.
rural	adjective	'rʊərəl	'rʊrəl	relating to or in the countryside	Many people living in remote rural areas don't have internet access.
slums	noun	slʌmz		a poor area of a town where the houses are in very bad condition	She grew up in the slums on the edge of the city

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suburbs	adjective	'sʌbɜ:(r)bz	'sʌbɜrbz	an area where people live that is outside the city center	Maybe we'll move to the suburbs when we're older.
urban	adjective	'ɜ:(r)bən	'ɜrbən	relating to towns and cities, or happening there	People generally move to urban areas in search of work.
Prefixes					
decontaminate	verb	ˌdi:kən'tæmɪˌneɪt	ˌdɪkən'tæmɪˌneɪt	to remove a dangerous or poisonous substance from something	It took years to decontaminate the area after the chemical leak.
disqualify	verb	dɪs'kwɒlɪfaɪd	dɪs'kwɒlɪˌfaɪd	to not allow someone to take part in a competition, or to force them to leave it, usually because they have done something that is not allowed by the rules	He was disqualified from the competition for cheating.
extraordinary	adjective	ɪk'strɔ:(r)d(ə)n(ə)ri	ɪk'strɔrd(ə)n,eri	very unusual and surprising	Really? Wow, that's an extraordinary story.
illegal	adjective	ɪ'li:g(ə)l	ɪ'lig(ə)l	not allowed by the law	It's illegal to drive without a seat belt.
impossible	adjective	ɪm'pɒsəb(ə)l	ɪm'pasəb(ə)l	extremely difficult to do or to deal with	It would be impossible to get there without a car.
mislead	verb	mɪs'li:d	mɪs'lid	to make someone believe something that was incorrect or untrue	The local community were misled by housing developers.
outperform	verb	ˌaʊtpə(r)'fɔ:(r)m	ˌaʊtpər'fɔrm	to do something better than someone or something else	The new IT system helped them outperform their competitors.
overpopulation	noun	ˌəʊvə(r)ˌpɒpjʊ'leɪʃ(ə)n	ˌoʊvərˌpɒpjə'leɪʃ(ə)n	the state of too many people living in the same area	Overpopulation is a problem in many parts of the world.
overpriced	adjective	ˌəʊvə(r)'praɪst	ˌoʊvər'praɪst	worth less than the price that is being charged	The train is massively overpriced , especially as it's always late!
redevelop	verb	ˌrɪ:drɪ'veləp	ˌrɪdrɪ'veləp	to improve an area that is in bad condition by destroying or improving old buildings and building new ones	The whole area is being redeveloped for residential use.
suburban	adjective	sə'bɜ:(r)bən	sə'bɜrbən	in a suburb, or relating to a suburb	A lot of families and older people live in suburban areas.
underestimate	verb	ˌʌndər'estɪˌmeɪt		to think or guess that something is smaller, less important etc than it really is	I seriously underestimated the cost of having the windows replaced.
unhappy	adjective	ʌn'hæpi		not satisfied	People in New York are pretty unhappy about the cost of housing.
upgrade	verb	ʌp'ɡreɪd		to improve the quality of a service or product	We're going to upgrade the IT system next year.