

Word/Phrase	Part of speech	IPA (UK)	IPA (US)	Definition	Sample sentence
Education					
boarding school	noun	'bɔː(r)dɪŋ skuːl	'bɔrdɪŋ skul	a school where students also live full-time	My dad went to boarding school when he was young.
campus	noun	'kæmpəs		an area of land containing all the main buildings of a college	There are rooms for over 2,000 students on campus .
compulsory	adjective	kəm'pʌlsəri		something that must be done because of rules or laws	A school uniform isn't compulsory in many American schools.
curriculum	noun	kə'rɪkjʊləm	kə'rɪkjələm	the subjects studied in a school, college, etc	The science curriculum has changed this year.
elementary school	noun	ˌelɪ'mentri skuːl	ˌelə'ment(ə)ri skul	a school for children between the ages of four or five and eleven	I haven't seen him since we were in elementary school together.
entrance exam	noun	'entrəns ɪg'zæm		a test taken by students applying to join a school, college or university	Congratulations! I heard you passed the entrance exam .
graduate	verb	'grædʒuət	'grædʒu,ert	to complete your studies at a university or college, usually by getting a degree	When did Inês graduate ?
high school	noun	haɪ skuːl	haɪ skul	a school for children between the ages of 14 and 18	I met my best friend in my third year of high school .
higher education	noun	'haɪə(r) ˌedʒu'keɪʃ(ə)n	'haɪər ˌedʒə'keɪʃ(ə)n	education at a university or at a college of a similar level	More students are going on to higher education these days.
lecture	noun	'lektʃə(r)	'lektʃər	a talk to groups of people about a particular subject, especially at a college or university	The course starts next week with a series of lectures and webinars.
private school	noun	'praɪvət skuːl	'praɪvət skul	a school that you pay money to attend	I'm not sure how I feel about sending him to a private school .
scholarship	noun	'skɒlə(r)ʃɪp	'skɒlərʃɪp	an amount of money that an organization gives to someone so that they can study at a particular school or college	Sevban was awarded a scholarship at Stanford.
seminar	noun	'semɪnɑː(r)	'semɪnər	a class at a college or university in which a small group of students discuss a subject with a teacher	I have to go, my seminar starts in five minutes.
state school	noun	steɪt skuːl	steɪt skul	a school that is free because it is funded by the government	There are some excellent teachers in state schools .
vocational	adjective	vəʊ'keɪʃ(ə)nəl	vou'keɪʃən(ə)l	relating to the skills necessary for a particular job	Why not take a vocational course like plumbing?
Compound adjectives					
coming-of-age	adjective	'kʌmɪŋ əv eɪdʒ		the age at which someone is legally considered an adult	It's a coming-of-age movie about five young friends.

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last-minute	adjective	lɑːst 'mɪnɪt	læst 'mɪnɪt	happening or done at the latest possible moment	Sorry, there's been a last-minute change of plans.
old-fashioned	adjective	əʊld 'fæʃ(ə)nd	oʊld 'fæʃ(ə)nd	used in a negative way to refer to methods, attitudes, or machines that are no longer useful or appropriate in the modern world	They have very old-fashioned views about marriage.
seven-bedroom	adjective	'sev(ə)n 'bedru:m	'sev(ə)n 'bed,rum	relating to a building with seven bedrooms	I think I'd get lost in a seven-bedroom house!
up-to-date	adjective	ʌp tə deɪt		including the most recent news and information	For up-to-date departure times, please visit our website.
well-known	adjective	wel nəʊn	wel noʊn	known by many people or by the people involved in a particular situation	I can't believe you haven't heard of him – he's really well-known .
Phrases with make and do					
do away with	phrase	du: ə'weɪ wɪð	du ə'weɪ wɪð	to get rid of something	The company has done away with a lot of the old restrictions.
do one's best	phrase	'du wʌnz best	'du wʌnz best	to put forth a strong effort to try to make something work	Despite the problems, Juan's been doing his best with the business.
do somebody a favor	phrase	du: 'sʌmbədi ə 'feɪvə(r)	du 'sʌmbədi ə 'feɪvər	something that you do for someone in order to help them	I don't suppose you could do me a favor ?
do somebody harm	phrase	'du: 'sʌmbədi hɑ:(r)m	'du 'sʌmbədi harm	to cause serious damage or injury	Have some cake – one slice isn't going to do any harm !
do without	phrase	'du: wɪð'aʊt	'du wɪð'aʊt	to succeed in living or working without someone or something	We've run out of milk so you'll have to do without .
make a good impression	phrase	meɪk ə ɡʊd ɪm'preʃ(ə)n		to make other people notice you in a positive way	Put on your best suit – it's important to make a good impression .
make allowances	phrase	meɪk ə'laʊənsɪz		to consider the reasons for somebody's behavior and not judge them too severely	You might need to make allowances for her lack of experience.
make the best of something	phrase	meɪk ðə best ɒv sʌmθɪŋ	meɪk ðə best ɒv 'sʌmθɪŋ	to be positive about a situation you don't like but can't change	I know it's raining, but let's make the best of our last day on vacation.