

Word/Phrase	Part of speech	IPA (UK)	IPA (US)	Definition	Sample sentence
Word families					
belief	noun	bɪ'li:f	bɪ'lif	an idea that you are certain is true, especially involving religion or politics	It's important to respect everyone's personal beliefs .
believable	adjective	bɪ'li:vəb(ə)l	bɪ'livəb(ə)l	seeming possible or true	I enjoyed the story, but it wasn't very believable .
believably	adverb	bɪ'li:vəbli	bɪ'livəbli	in a way that seems true	I thought his apology was believably sincere.
believe	verb	bɪ'li:v	bɪ'liv	to think that what someone has said is true	The police didn't believe Julie's story.
hero	noun	'hɪərəʊ	'hɪrou	someone who has done something brave, for example saving a person's life or risking their own life	Tony was regarded as a local hero after rescuing a two-year-old girl from drowning.
heroic	adjective	hɪ'rəʊɪk	hɪ'rouɪk	very brave and deserving of admiration	The medical staff does heroic work in difficult conditions.
heroically	adverb	hɪ'rəʊɪkli	hɪ'rouɪkli	in a way that shows great determination to achieve something	The goalie played on heroically , despite injuring his shoulder.
myth	noun	mɪθ		an ancient traditional story about gods, heroes and magic	We learned about Greek myths and legends at school.
mythical	adjective	'mɪθɪk(ə)l		relating to or existing only in myths	She loves stories with mythical beasts and monsters.
represent	verb	,reprɪ'zent		to speak or act officially for another person, group, or organization	I need to find a good lawyer to represent me in court.
representation	noun	,reprɪzen'teɪʃ(ə)n		a sign, symbol or picture of something	I thought the movie was an accurate representation of life in the northeast.
representative	adjective	,reprɪ'zentətɪv		typical of people or things in a particular group	Orlando property prices are not representative of Florida in general.
representatively	adverb	,reprɪ'zentətɪvli		in a way that is typical of people or things in a group	The population wasn't surveyed representatively ; we only have data from men.
tradition	noun	trə'dɪʃ(ə)n		an activity that happens regularly and has become the usual thing	Going for a walk on New Year's Day is a tradition in my family.
traditional	adjective	trə'dɪʃ(ə)nəl	trə'dɪʃən(ə)l	relating to or based on very old customs, beliefs or stories	The performers wore traditional costumes.
traditionally	adverb	trə'dɪʃ(ə)nəli	trə'dɪʃ(ə)nəli	in a way that follows or is based on very old customs, beliefs or stories	The bride was dressed traditionally in a red sari.
transform	verb	træns'fɔ:(r)m	træns'fɔrm	to make someone or something completely different, usually in a way that makes them more attractive, easier to use etc	The internet has transformed the way we shop.

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transformation	noun	ˌtrænsfə(r)'meɪʃ(ə)n	ˌtrænsfər'meɪʃ(ə)n	a change into someone or something completely different, or the process by which this happens	There's been a total transformation in his behavior.
transformationally	adverb	ˌtrænsfə(r)'meɪʃ(ə)nli	ˌtrænsfər'meɪʃ(ə)nli	in a way that results in a change from one thing into another	Transformationally speaking, the project was a huge success.
Easily confused verbs					
touch	verb	tʌtʃ		to put your hand or part of your body on someone or something	Anna reached out and touched the statue's shoulder.
feel	verb	fi:l	fil	to touch something with your hand so that you can discover what it is like	She felt his head to see if he had a temperature.
hear	verb	hɪə(r)	hɪr	to realize that someone or something is making a sound	Could you turn the radio up, please? I can't hear it.
listen	verb	'lɪs(ə)n		to pay attention to a sound, or to try to hear a sound	I listen to a podcast about science and skepticism.
look	verb	lʊk		to direct your eyes toward someone or something so that you can see them	Look over there – I think that's an eagle.
see	verb	si:	si	to notice someone or something using your eyes	Can you see who it is?
watch	verb	wɒtʃ	watʃ	to look at someone or something for a period of time	I think I'm just going to stay in and watch TV tonight.
Crime					
arrest	verb	ə'rest		if the police arrest someone, they take that person to a police station because they believe he or she has committed a crime	Two suspects were arrested and will stand trial next month.
blackmail	verb	'blæk,meɪl		to make someone give you money or do what you want by threatening to tell people embarrassing information about them	They found out that he had lied to the police and used this information to blackmail him.
bribe	verb	braɪb		to give money or presents to someone so that they will help you by doing something dishonest or illegal	They were found guilty of trying to bribe city officials.
burglary	noun	'bɜ:(r)gləri	'bɜrgləri	the crime of entering a building illegally in order to steal things	She was jailed for nine months for burglary .
catch	verb	kætʃ		if the police catch someone, they find them and arrest them	I hope the police catch him before he hurts anyone else.
charge	verb	tʃɑ:(r)dʒ	tʃardʒ	to accuse someone officially of committing a crime	A man has been charged in connection with the theft.
commit	verb	kə'mɪt		to do something illegal or morally wrong	The panel was concerned that he would go on to commit further crimes if released.

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fraud	noun	frɔ:d	frɒd	the crime of obtaining money from someone by tricking them	Police are investigating a complex fraud case involving the company director.
identity theft	noun	aɪ'dentɪti θeft	aɪ'dentəti θeft	the crime of stealing information about someone that makes it possible to use their bank account or credit card	The new laws are meant to protect consumers from identity theft .
innocent	adjective	'ɪnəs(ə)nt		not guilty of a crime	He claimed he was innocent , despite the evidence against him.
investigate	verb	ɪn'vestɪɡeɪt	ɪn'vestɪˌɡert	to try to find out the facts about something in order to learn the truth about it	A journalist came to investigate the rumors.
punishment	noun	'pʌnɪʃmənt		the process of punishing someone, or of being punished	Perhaps imprisonment isn't always the best punishment .
question	verb	'kwɛstʃ(ə)n		to ask someone questions formally or officially	Police are eager to question the suspect as soon as possible.
robbery	noun	'rɒbəri	'rabəri	the crime of taking money or property illegally, often by using threats or violence	Over \$10,000 was stolen in the robbery last month.
sentence	verb	'sentəns	'sent(ə)ns	when a judge sentences someone, they officially state what someone's punishment will be	He was sentenced to 15 years in prison.
witness	noun	'wɪtnəs		someone who sees a crime, accident or other event happen	A witness reported seeing two men leave the property.