

Word/Phrase	Part of speech	IPA (UK)	IPA (US)	Definition	Sample sentence
Word families					
design	noun	dɪˈzaɪn		a drawing that shows what something will look like when it is made	We looked at several different designs for the new bridge.
design	verb	dɪˈzaɪn		to decide how something will be made, including how it will work and what it will look like, and often to make drawings of it	The bride wore a cream silk dress that she designed herself.
designer	noun	dɪˈzaɪnə(r)	dɪˈzaɪnər	someone whose job is to decide how to make things or to decide their shape or appearance	Calvin Klein is a famous fashion designer .
engineer	noun	ˌendʒɪˈnɪə(r)	ˌendʒɪˈnɪr	someone who designs or builds things such as roads, railways, bridges, or machines	Tom is studying to become an engineer .
engineer	verb	ˌendʒɪˈnɪə(r)	ˌendʒɪˈnɪr	to design things such as roads, railroads, bridges, or machines	This car is beautifully engineered .
engineering	noun	ˌendʒɪˈnɪərɪŋ	ˌendʒɪˈnɪrɪŋ	the activity of designing things such as roads, railways, bridges, or machines	Sandra is really interested in engineering .
invent	verb	ɪnˈvent		to design or create something such as a machine or process that did not exist before	Alfred Nobel invented dynamite.
invention	noun	ɪnˈvenʃ(ə)n		a machine, tool, or system that someone has made, designed, or thought of for the first time	Inventions like the electric light bulb changed the way people lived.
inventive	adjective	ɪnˈventɪv		good at thinking of new and original ideas or methods	Ronaldo is a versatile and inventive player.
inventor	noun	ɪnˈventə(r)	ɪnˈventər	someone who has invented something or whose job is to invent things	Thomas Edison was an inventor .
produce	verb	prəˈdjuːs	prəˈdus	to make or grow something, especially in large quantities and in order to be sold OR to organize the work and money involved in making a movie, play, television program, CD, etc	Steve McQueen produced and starred in the movie.
producer	noun	prəˈdjuːsə(r)	prəˈdusər	a person or company that grows food or makes goods to be sold OR someone whose job is to organize the work and money involved in making a movie, play, television program, CD, etc	The producer was really angry with the director.
product	noun	ˈprɒdʌkt	ˈprədʌkt	something that is made, grown, or obtained in large quantities so that it can be sold	Consumers are becoming more suspicious of advertising claims about products that they buy.

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productive	adjective	prə'dʌktɪv		working hard and producing or achieving a lot	Samuel is more productive in the morning.
science	noun	'saɪəns		the study and knowledge of the physical world and its behavior that is based on experiments and facts that can be proved, and is organized into a system	Chris is studying science at school.
scientific	adjective	,saɪən'tɪfɪk		relating to science, or based on its methods	Newton made an important scientific discovery.
scientist	noun	'saɪəntɪst		someone who is trained in science, especially someone whose job is to do scientific research	Maria wants to be a scientist when she grows up.
succeed	verb	sək'sɪd	sək'sɪd	to achieve something that you planned to do or attempted to do	I finally succeeded in passing my driving test.
success	noun	sək'ses		the achievement of something that you planned to do or attempted to do	The school has had a lot of success with its literacy program.
success	noun	sək'ses		someone who achieves a lot, especially by becoming rich, famous, respected, etc	She turned out to be a success at marketing.
successful	adjective	sək'sesfl	sək'sesfl	used about someone who does well in their career or business	Her children have all been successful in their chosen careers.
Creative thinking phrases					
block your creativity	phrase	blɒk jɔː ,kriːtɪvəti	blɒk jʊr ,kriːtɪvəti	something stops creative thoughts	Writing in the same space every day may block your creativity .
boost your creativity	phrase	bʊːst jɔː ,kriːtɪvəti	bʊst jʊr ,kriːtɪvəti	something helps creative thoughts	Being outdoors may boost your creativity .
come up with new ideas	phrase	kʌm ʌp wɪð njuː aɪ'diːz	kʌm ʌp wɪð nu aɪ'diːz	to think of something new	We can form a group to come up with new ideas .
generate new ideas	phrase	'dʒenəreɪt njuː aɪ'diːz	'dʒenə'reɪt nu aɪ'diːz	to think of something new	When we generate new ideas , we need to make sure we write them down.
let your mind wander freely	phrase	let jɔː maɪnd 'wɒndə 'friːli	let jʊr maɪnd 'wɒndər 'friːli	to allow your thoughts to be free and not restricted to one thing	Relax, close your eyes and let your mind wander freely .
look at a problem from the outside	phrase	lʊk æt ə 'prɒbləm frɒm ði ,aʊt'saɪd	lʊk æt ə 'prɒbləm frəm ði 'aʊt'saɪd	to consider a situation from different perspectives	It's important to look at a problem from the outside if you want a good solution.
my mind's gone blank	phrase	maɪ maɪndz ɡɒn blæŋk	maɪ maɪndz ɡɒn blæŋk	to not remember something or be able to think of something	I can't remember his name – my mind's gone blank .
think outside the box	phrase	θɪŋk ,aʊt'saɪd ðə bɒks	θɪŋk 'aʊt'saɪd ðə bɒks	to think of an unusual idea	We are getting nowhere, we need to think outside the box .

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use your imagination	phrase	ju:z jɔ:r ɪ,mædʒɪ'neɪʃən	juz jɔr ɪ,mædʒɪ'neɪʃ(ə)n	to be creative with your ideas	Children use their imagination better than adults.
unplug completely	phrase	ʌn'plʌg kəm'plɪtli	ʌn'plʌg kəm'plɪtli	to stop thinking about something, especially things stressing you out	I went on vacation to unplug completely from writing the book.
Positive adjectives					
fascinating	adjective	'fæsɪneɪtɪŋ	'fæsɪ,neɪtɪŋ	making you very interested or attracted	He told me a fascinating story.
gorgeous	adjective	'gɔ:(r)dʒəs	'gɔrdʒəs	very beautiful	She had a gorgeous red and gold silk sari.
impressive	adjective	ɪm'presɪv		you admire it because it is very good, large or shows great skill	The list of their achievements is impressive .
incredible	adjective	ɪn'kredəb(ə)l		surprising, or difficult to believe	They all have incredible stories to tell.
practical	adjective	'præktɪk(ə)l	'præktəkəl	intended to be useful	Despite their wealth, they were always practical about money.
sensible	adjective	'sensəb(ə)l		reasonable and practical	This seems to be a sensible way of dealing with the problem.
sophisticated	adjective	sə'fɪstɪ,keɪtɪd	sə'fɪstɪ,keɪtəd	complicated and advanced in design	There is highly sophisticated surveillance equipment.
suitable	adjective	'su:təb(ə)l	'sutəb(ə)l	right for a particular purpose, person or situation	The nearest suitable alternative was two miles away.
unforgettable	adjective	ʌnfə(r)'getəb(ə)l	ʌnfər'getəb(ə)l	will be remembered for a very long time	The vacation was an unforgettable experience.
unique	adjective	ju:'ni:k		not the same as anything or anyone else	They have a totally unique approach to staff training.