

Word/Phrase	Part of speech	IPA (UK)	IPA (US)	Definition	Sample sentence
The arts					
audience	noun	'ɔ:diəns	'ɔdiəns	a group of people who have come to a place to see or hear a movie, performance, speech, etc	She would be addressing an audience of 3,000 teachers.
choir	noun	kwaɪə(r)	kwaɪr	a group of singers who perform together, for example in a church or school	Jack was a member of the school choir .
display	noun	dɪ'spleɪ		an arrangement of things for people to look at	Max put up the window display .
exhibit	noun	ɪg'zɪbɪt	ɪg'zɪbət	a public show where art or other interesting things are put so that people can go and look at them	There is an exhibit of paintings by Henri Matisse.
gallery	noun	'gæləri	'gæl(ə)ri	a public building where you can look at paintings and other works of art	They looked around the National Portrait Gallery .
instrument	noun	'ɪnstrʊmənt	'ɪnstrəmənt	a tool or piece of equipment used in science, medicine, or technology	The team used scientific instruments such as microscopes.
live concert	noun	lɪv 'kɒnsə(:)t	lɪv 'kɒnsərt	an event at which an orchestra, band, or musician plays or sings in front of an audience	We went to a live concert at the stadium last week.
musician	noun	mju'zɪʃ(ə)n	mju'zɪʃ(ə)n	someone who performs or writes music, especially as his or her job	He wanted to become a jazz musician .
orchestra	noun	'ɔ:(r)kɪstrə	'ɔrkəstrə	a large group of musicians using many different instruments to play mostly classical music	The performance from the orchestra was fantastic.
perform	verb	pə'fɔ:m	pər'fɔrm	to do something in front of an audience in order to entertain them	He's a terrible actor because he can't perform on stage at all.
performance	noun	pə(r)'fɔ:(r)məns	pə'fɔrməns	the act of performing a play, dance, or other form of entertainment	The first performance of the opera was in 1936.
recording studio	noun	ɪ'kɔ:(r)dɪŋ 'stju:dɪəʊ	rə'kɔrdɪŋ 'stɹu:diəʊ	a place where music or speech can be recorded	They were in the recording studio all day.
rehearsal room	noun	ɪ'hɜ:səl ru:m	ɪ'hɜrsəl rum	a place to practice for a performance of a play, concert, opera etc	We need to find a rehearsal room to practice.
rehearse	verb	ɪ'hɜ:(r)s	ɪ'hɜrs	to practice a play, concert, opera etc before giving a performance	We've been rehearsing for weeks.
scene	noun	sɪ:n	sɪn	a part of a play, book, movie, etc in which events happen in the same place or period of time	They watched the opening scene of Macbeth.
spectator	noun	spek'tetə(r)	'spek,tetər	someone who watches a public activity or event, especially a sports event	The final game attracted a crowd of over 50,000 spectators .
stage	noun	steɪdʒ		the part of a theater where the actors or musicians perform	They had been on stage for over four hours.

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Verbal idioms					
come true	phrase	kʌm truː	kʌm tru	if something that you have hoped for or expected comes true, it really happens	I hope your dreams come true .
draw attention to somebody/something	phrase	drɔː ə'tenʃ(ə)n tuː 'sʌmbədi/'sʌmθɪŋ	drɔ ə'tenʃ(ə)n tu 'sʌm,bədi/'sʌmθɪŋ	to make people notice somebody/something	We have to try and get in without drawing attention to ourselves.
fall flat	phrase	fɔːl flæt	fɔl flæt	to not succeed in entertaining someone or making them laugh	My attempt at a joke fell flat .
get rid of something	phrase	ɡet rɪd ɒv 'sʌmθɪŋ	ɡet rɪd əv 'sʌmθɪŋ	to throw away, give away, or sell a possession that you no longer want or need	We're moving, so we have to get rid of a lot of our furniture.
go wrong	phrase	ɡəʊ rɒŋ	ɡoʊ rɒŋ	used when something stops working or a problem happens	Everything at work went wrong today!
keep track of	phrase	kiːp træk ɒv	kip træk əv	to have all the information that you need about something	We need a system to keep track of all our expenses.
make friends with somebody	phrase	meɪk frendz wɪð 'sʌmbədi	meɪk frendz wɪð 'sʌm,bədi	to become friends	They made friends with the children next door.
make fun of something/somebody	phrase	meɪk fʌn ɒv 'sʌmθɪŋ/'sʌmbədi	meɪk fʌn əv 'sʌmθɪŋ/'sʌm,bədi	to make jokes about someone or something in an unkind way	The other children made fun of her because she was always so serious.
make sure	phrase	meɪk ʃʊː(r)	meɪk ʃʊr	to check something so that you can be sure about it	I think I locked it but we'd better make sure .
make use of something	phrase	meɪk juːz ɒv 'sʌmθɪŋ	meɪk juːz əv 'sʌmθɪŋ	to use someone or something for a particular purpose, especially one that brings a benefit to you	Why doesn't she make use of her singing talent?
pay attention to	phrase	peɪ ə'tenʃ(ə)n tuː	peɪ ə'tenʃ(ə)n tu	to listen to, watch, or consider something or someone very carefully	Pay attention to the warnings printed on the label.
take advantage of	phrase	teɪk əd'vɑːntɪdʒ ɒv	teɪk əd'væntɪdʒ əv	to unfairly get what you want from someone who is easily persuaded to help you, trust you, or do things for you	It's terrible when sales people take advantage of customers.
take note of (something)	phrase	teɪk nəʊt ɒv	teɪk noʊt əv	to notice something and try to remember it because you think it is important	I took note of what she said.
take part (in something)	phrase	teɪk pɑːt	teɪk part	to be involved in an activity with other people	He refuses to take part in it at all.
take place	phrase	teɪk pleɪs		to happen	The Olympics take place every four years.
tell the difference between	phrase	tel ðə 'dɪfrəns bɪ'twiːn		to notice what is different between similar people or things	How do you tell the difference between the kittens?
Reporting verbs					
add	verb	æd		to say something more that is related to what has been said already	'Don't worry,' Jenny added .
admit	verb	əd'mɪt		to agree that something is true, especially when you are unhappy, sorry, or surprised about it	'I can't sing at all,' he admitted .

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advise	verb	əd'vaɪz		to give your opinion to someone about the best thing to do in a particular situation	I'm afraid I'm not able to advise you.
agree	verb	ə'ɡri:		to have the same opinion as someone else	Doreen thought that the house was too small, and Jim agreed .
argue	verb	'ɑ:(r)ɡju	'ɑ:ɡju	to give reasons why you believe that something is right or true	Successful economies, she argues , are those with the lowest taxes.
ask	verb	ɑ:sk	æsk	to speak or write to someone in order to get information from them	I wondered who had given her the ring but was afraid to ask .
explain	verb	ɪk'spleɪn		to tell someone something in a way that helps them understand it better	'My full name is Juliet Avery,' Juliet explained patiently.
insist	verb	ɪn'sɪst		to say very firmly that something must happen or must be done	You must see a doctor immediately – I insist .
mention	verb	'menʃ(ə)n		to say something during a conversation, but not discuss it much or give many details	He didn't mention her all evening.
persuade	verb	pə(r)'sweɪd	pər'sweɪd	to make someone agree to do something by giving them reasons why they should	He did finally come with us, although it took a long time to persuade him.
predict	verb	pri'dɪkt		to say what you think will happen in the future	They're predicting heavy rain for tomorrow.
promise	verb	'prɒmɪs	'prəmɪs	to tell someone that you will definitely do something	The police chief promised tougher action against young criminals.
refuse	verb	rɪ'fju:z	rɪ'fju:z	to say you will not do something that someone has asked you to do	Mom asked him to apologize, but he refused .
remind	verb	rɪ'maɪnd		to tell someone again about an event from the past or about a fact that they used to know	I can't think of his name – can you remind me?
repeat	verb	rɪ'pi:t	rɪ'pit	to say or write something again	Can you repeat what you just said, please?
reply	verb	rɪ'plaɪ		to say, write, or do something as an answer	'I know,' Corbett replied quietly.
say	verb	seɪ		to express something using words	'Pleased to meet you,' he said with a smile.
tell	verb	tel		to give information to someone	If you see anything suspicious, tell the police.
warn	verb	wɔ:(r)n	wɔ:rn	to tell someone that they will be punished or that something bad will happen if they do something	I warned you not to go to that party last night.
whisper	verb	'wɪspə(r)	'wɪspər	to say something very quietly so that other people cannot hear you	'When can I see you again?' he whispered softly.
wonder	verb	'wʌndə(r)	'wʌndər	to think about something because you want to know more facts or details about it	'How did they find out?' she wondered .
yell	verb	jel		to say something in a loud voice	'Stop!' he yelled .