

Word/Phrase	Part of speech	IPA (UK)	IPA (US)	Definition	Sample sentence
Electronic devices					
drone	noun	drəʊn	droʊn	an aircraft that does not have a pilot but is controlled from the ground	The drone buzzed in the sky.
e-reader	noun	'i:ri:də(r)	'iridə(r)	a small machine on which you can read books and documents or connect to the internet	She took her e-reader on the flight.
fitness tracker	noun	'fɪtnəs 'trækə(r)	'fɪtnəs 'trækər	a wearable device or a computer application that records a person's daily physical activity	Kate bought her husband a fitness tracker for his birthday.
GPS	noun	,dʒi: pi: 'es	,dʒi pi 'es	shortened form of global positioning system which is a system for finding exactly where you are anywhere in the world using satellites	We can use GPS to find the way.
laptop	noun	'læp,tɒp	'læp,tap	a small computer that you can carry with you	I'm going to work on the train, so I'll take my laptop with me.
power bank	noun	'paʊə bæŋk		a special battery in a special case with a special circuit to control power flow	I have a power bank in case my phone battery runs down.
tablet	noun	'tæblət		a mobile computing device, larger than a cell phone, that can browse the internet, display email, play music and video, and display e-books	The study notes can be read on your tablets .
USB drive	noun	,ju: es 'bi: draɪv	,ju es 'bi draɪv	Shortened form of universal serial bus which is a way of connecting a printer, keyboard, or other piece of equipment to a computer using a special cable and without having to turn the computer off and on again	I have the file on a USB drive .
Using devices and the internet					
block your account	phrase	blɒk ʤɔ: ə'kaʊnt	blɒk ʤɔ: ə'kaʊnt	access to your account has been stopped, usually because of security issues	I'm afraid the system has blocked your account .
click on a link	phrase	klɪk ɒn ə lɪŋk	klɪk ɒn ə lɪŋk	to make the mouse select a link which takes the user to another screen	If you click on the link on our website, you will see what to do.
computer crashes	phrase	kəm'pjʊ:tə 'kræʃɪz	kəm'pjʊtər 'kræʃɪz	a computer program stops functioning properly	I hate it when my computer crashes .
connect a USB drive	phrase	kə'nekt ə ,ju: es 'bi: draɪv	kə'nekt ə ,ju es 'bi draɪv	to insert a device which stores information into a computer	Mary connected a USB drive and looked for the document.
download an app	phrase	,daʊn'ləʊd ən æp	'daʊn,ləʊd ən æp	to copy an application so that you can use it	You need to download an app to access the information.
make a video call	phrase	meɪk ə 'vɪdɪəʊ kɔ:l	meɪk ə 'vɪdiəʊ kɔl	to see and speak to someone who is not physically with you by using an electronic device	I am making a video call to my aunt in New Zealand.
remember your password	phrase	rɪ'membə ʤɔ: 'pɑ:z,wɜ:(r)d	rɪ'membər ʤɔ: 'pæs,wɜ:rd	to not forget a code which allows access to something	You must remember your password .

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the screen freezes	phrase	ðə skri:n 'fri:zɪz	ðə skrin 'frɪzɪz	when a computer screen stops responding	If the screen freezes , try to restart your computer.
Collocations: science and research					
collect data	verb phrase	kə'lekt 'deɪtə		to gather information about something	He is collecting data for his research.
do experiments	verb phrase	du: ɪk'sperɪmənts	du ɪk'sperɪmənts	to conduct scientific tests to find out what happens to someone or something in particular conditions	He has to do many experiments to get the results.
do research	verb phrase	du: rɪ'sɜ:(r)tʃ	du rɪ'sɜrtʃ	to conduct a detailed study of something in order to discover new facts, especially in a university or scientific institution	Are you doing any research right now?
follow a schedule	verb phrase	'fɒləʊ ə 'ʃedju:l	'fəloʊ ə 'skeɪdʒul	to abide by a plan of activities or events and when they will happen	We have to follow a strict schedule to make sure everything gets done.
look for solutions	verb phrase	lʊk fɔ: sə'lʊ:f(ə)nz	lʊk fɔr sə'lʊf(ə)ns	to try to find a way to solve a problem	I don't know what to do but I will help you look for solutions .
make a discovery	verb phrase	meɪk ə dɪ'skʌv(ə)ri	meɪk ə dɪ'skʌvəri	to learn something that was not known before	They made a surprising discovery in the lab.
make preparations	verb phrase	meɪk ˌprepə'reɪʃ(ə)n		the process of making someone or something ready for something	They need to make preparations before they begin.
make/test new technology	verb phrase	meɪk/test nju: tek'nɒlədʒi	meɪk/test nu tek'nɒlədʒi	to try using a new invention such as a machine or a product to find out whether it works correctly or is satisfactory	They need to test the new technology before selling it to the public.
repair equipment	verb phrase	rɪ'peər ɪ'kwɪpmənt	rɪ'per ɪ'kwɪpmənt	fix the tools, machines, or other things that you need for a particular job or activity	I'm afraid it is broken so we will have to repair the equipment before you can use it.
solve problems	verb phrase	sɒlv 'prɒbləmz	səlv 'prɒbləmz	to find solutions	He is good at solving problems because he thinks logically.