

Word/Phrase	Part of speech	IPA (UK)	IPA (US)	Definition	Sample sentence
Describing places					
attractive	adjective	ə'træktɪv		pleasant in some way	It's a pretty village set in attractive countryside.
clean	adjective	kliːn	klin	not dirty	Go and put on a clean shirt.
convenient	adjective	kən'viːniənt	kən'vinɪənt	easy to use, or appropriate for a particular purpose	The hotel was only five minutes from the beach, which was convenient .
crowded	adjective	'kraʊdɪd	'kraʊdəd	a place with a lot of people, especially too many	The street was noisy and crowded .
dirty	adjective	'dɜː(r)tɪ	'dɜrtɪ	not clean	There was a lot of rubbish in the sea and the water was dirty .
inconvenient	adjective	ˌɪnkən'viːniənt	ˌɪnkən'vinɪənt	causing difficulties or extra effort	There are no trains today, which is quite inconvenient .
lively	adjective	'laɪvli		full of energy and enthusiasm	They are a lively group of students.
loud	adjective	laʊd		used for describing a sound that is strong and very easy to hear	There was a loud knocking on the door.
modern	adjective	'mɒdə(r)n	'mɑdərn	relating to or belonging to the present time	The programme examines the role of women in modern society.
noisy	adjective	'nɔɪzi		making a lot of noise	Unfortunately we have noisy neighbours.
old-fashioned	adjective	ˌəʊld 'fæʃ(ə)nd		no longer modern or fashionable	Blake was carrying an old-fashioned leather briefcase.
peaceful	adjective	'piːsf(ə)l	'pɪsf(ə)l	calm and quiet	The hotel is set in peaceful surroundings.
polluted	adjective	pə'lʊtɪd	pə'lutəd	(about air, water, or land) too dirty and dangerous for people to use in a safe way	The oil spillage has polluted the harbour.
quiet	adjective	'kwaɪət		making very little or no noise	Electric cars are quiet and pollution-free.
ugly	adjective	'ʌgli		something that is unpleasant to look at	Do you think the colour of this paint is ugly ?
Verb + preposition					
argue about	verb + preposition	'ɑː(r)ɡju ə'baʊt	'ɑːɡju ə'baʊt	to discuss something with someone who has a different opinion from you	They are still arguing about the details of the contract.
argue with	verb + preposition	'ɑː(r)ɡju wɪð	'ɑːɡju wɪð	to speak with someone in an angry way because you disagree with them	Don't argue with me – you know I'm right.
help with	verb + preposition	help wɪð		to give someone support or information so that they can do something more easily	Her brother offered to help her with her homework.
look for	verb + preposition	lʊk fɔː(r)	lʊk fɔr	to hope to get something that you want or need	He was looking for work as a builder.
rely on	verb + preposition	rɪ'leɪ ɒn	rɪ'laɪ ən	to trust someone to do something for you	We can rely on my brother to help us.
talk to	verb + preposition	tɔːk tuː	tɔk tu	to have a conversation with someone	I need to talk to you.

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Life events					
fall in love	verb phrase	fɔ:l ɪn lʌv	fɔl ɪn lʌv	to start to love someone	Why do we fall in love with one person rather than another?
get a job	verb phrase	get ə dʒɒb	get ə dʒɑb	to find employment	Andy is going to get a job at a factory in Detroit.
get married	verb phrase	get 'mæɪd	get 'merɪd	to be formally joined in a relationship with another person	We're going to get married next year.
get your own place	verb phrase	get ʝɔ:r əʊn pleɪs	get ʝʊr oun pleɪs	to find a place to live	I would love to get my own place in the country.
go to college	verb phrase	gəʊ tu: 'kɒlɪdʒ	goʊ tu 'kɑlɪdʒ	to start attending a higher education institution	He doesn't want to go to college .
have a baby/children	verb phrase	hæv ə 'beɪbi/ 'ʃɪldrən	hæv ə 'beɪbi/ 'ʃɪldrən	to be or become a parent	Linda's going to have a baby .
learn to swim	verb phrase	lɜ:(r)n tu: swɪm	lɜrn tu swɪm	to gain knowledge and experience of being in the water safely	Why did you never learn to swim when you were a child?
leave home	verb phrase	li:v həʊm	liv hoʊm	to stop living with your parents and move somewhere else	He didn't leave home until he was 24.
leave school	verb phrase	li:v sku:l	liv skul	to stop going to school permanently	At 16 he left school to work and support his family.
retire	verb phrase	rɪ'taɪə(r)	rɪ'taɪr	to stop working, typically upon reaching the normal age for leaving employment	At what age do you plan to retire ?