

1000 Basic English Words (Book 1)

Unit 1 Word List

Number	Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Example
1	cry	v.	to show sadness	He cries when he is sad.
2	drive	v.	to make a car move	He drives to work.
3	funny	adj.	causing to laugh	The dog looks funny.
4	hope	v.	to want something to happen	She hopes the sun comes out.
5	laugh	v.	to show how happy you are	Jan laughs a lot.
6	nice	adj.	kind	Mary is very nice.
7	smile	v.	to make a happy face	She always smiles.
8	strong	adj.	powerful	My uncle is very strong.
9	student	n.	a person who goes to school	The student has many books.
10	young	adj.	living only a short time so far	The young girl loves her grandma.
11	big	adj.	large	The red apple is big.
12	boy	n.	a young male	The boy is ten years old.
13	child	n.	a young boy or girl	The child plays in the sand.
14	have	adj.	to own something	She has a cat.
15	loud	adj.	making a lot of sound	The music is too loud.
16	story	n.	the events in a book	We read a story at bedtime.

17	swim	v.	to move through water using the arms and legs	He can swim.
18	today	adv.	on this day	What day is it today?
19	watch	v.	to look at something	They watch a movie.
20	worry	v.	to feel troubled about something	She always worries before a test.

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Unit 2 Word List

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21	able	adj.	having enough skill to do something	She is able to swim.
22	alone	adj.	without others	She cries when she is alone.
23	animal	n.	a living thing that is not a plant or person	The boy watches the animal.
24	become	v.	to change or grow	The child wants to become a teacher.
25	call	v.	to shout	Dad calls my name.
26	catch	v.	to stop something and hold it with your hands	He catches the ball.
27	country	n.	the area outside of a town	The farm is in the country.
28	monkey	n.	a small animal with a long tail	The monkey is in the tree.
29	thin	adj.	having a small distance between the sides	The laptop is thin.
30	word	n.	letters put together that mean something	A story has many words.
31	baby	n.	a very young child	The baby cries a lot.
32	clean	v.	to remove dirt	She cleans the floor.
33	eat	v.	to chew and swallow food	The students eat lunch.

34	enjoy	v.	to like	She enjoys art class.
35	family	n.	a group of people who are related	My family is big.
36	fruit	n.	a food that grows on a tree or plant	She eats fruit every day.
37	jump	v.	to go quickly up then down	They jump into the water.
38	kind	n.	one of a group of common things	There are many kinds of apples.
39	man	n.	an adult male	The man laughs at the funny story.
40	parent	n.	a father or mother	Their parents are nice.

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Unit 3 Word List

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41	address	n.	the words and numbers that direct an email or letter	My email address is fun54@yoohoo.com.
42	afternoon	n.	the middle part of the day	He cleans his car in the afternoon.
43	come	v.	to get to a place	Please come with me.
44	home	n.	a house or apartment	Their home has three bedrooms.
45	letter	n.	a message in writing	She often writes funny letters to her family.
46	lunch	n.	the middle meal of the day	She eats a sandwich for lunch every day.
47	make	v.	to cause to be	My parents make good pies.
48	need	v.	to have to get or have something	We need water to live.
49	people	n.	human beings	There are a lot of people here.
50	start	v.	to begin	The man starts to run.
51	cook	v.	to use heat to make food	Dad cooks dinner for us.
52	day	n.	one of the seven parts of a week	Which day do you have art class?
53	drink	v.	to put a liquid in your mouth and swallow it	What kind of juice do you want to drink?

54	front	n.	the forward part of something	The boy stands at the front of the classroom.
55	great	adj.	very good	Nick does a great job on tests!
56	play	v.	to do a sport or game	We are able to play soccer after school today.
57	see	v.	to notice with your eyes	He sees the baby smile.
58	send	v.	to cause something to go somewhere	I send about ten emails a day.
59	small	adj.	not large	Betty has a small dog.
60	time	n.	a certain minute or hour shown on a clock	What time is it now?

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Unit 4 Word List

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61	again	adv.	another time	He needs to write the letter again.
62	bad	adj.	not good	The fruit is bad.
63	buy	v.	to pay for with money	She buys a small gift.
64	end	n.	the last part	Some people cry at the end of a movie.
65	find	v.	to look for and see something	He finds his lunch in the bag.
66	friend	n.	a person you enjoy being with	He plays baseball with his friends in the afternoon.
67	say	v.	to tell	Please say your address again.
68	speak	v.	to talk	The teacher speaks to the student.
69	sweet	adj.	having a lot of sugar	She likes to eat sweet snacks.
70	true	adj.	correct	Is it true that you have a monkey?
71	answer	n.	what you say or write when someone asks a question	Karen is able to give the right answers.
72	learn	v.	to come to know	He learns how to make pizza.
73	like	v.	to enjoy	He likes to drink milk.
74	long	adj.	not short	That is a long word!
75	minute	n.	sixty seconds	Class starts in five minutes.
76	sing	v.	to make music with your voice	She sings a great song.

77	sit	v.	to rest on your bottom	The man sits under the tree.
78	star	v.	to have the main part in a movie or play	Beth stars in the play.
79	think	v.	to use the mind	He thinks about what to cook.
80	town	n.	a small city	Three hundred people live in this town.

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Unit 5 Word List

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81	breakfast	n.	the first meal of the day	What time do you eat breakfast?
82	carry	v.	to move something as you hold it	She carries the animal to the car.
83	cheap	adj.	not needing a lot of money to buy	She buys cheap clothes.
84	count	v.	to say each number in order	He counts the people again.
85	cut	v.	to open or divide something with a knife	Lisa cuts fruit for her friends to eat.
86	early	adv.	before a set time; sooner than at other times	Rob gets up early on weekdays.
87	finish	v.	to end	They finish running.
88	flower	n.	the colorful part of a plant	She finds a red flower.
89	food	n.	fruits, vegetables, meats, and other things people eat	This food is not sweet.
90	vegetable	n.	a food that grows on a plant, often in a garden	My family likes to eat vegetables.

91	begin	v.	to start	The horses begin to run.
92	excuse	n.	a reason given for doing or not doing something	Her mother does not like her long excuse.
93	heavy	adj.	having a lot of weight	The bag is heavy.
94	market	n.	a place where things are sold, often outside	She buys vegetables at the market in town.
95	meat	n.	a part of an animal that is eaten	He cuts the meat.
96	money	n.	coins or bills used to buy things	It is true. He has a lot of money!
97	put	v.	to move something to another place	She puts money in the piggy bank.
98	station	n.	a stopping place for buses or trains	She sits in the train station.
99	visit	v.	to go to see someone	She speaks English when she visits her friends.
100	yesterday	n.	the day before today	Yesterday was bad. She was alone all day.

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Unit 6 Word List

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101	cold	adj.	not hot	It is very cold today.
102	dark	adj.	having little or no light	I cannot see well when it is dark.
103	dinner	n.	the last meal of the day	We eat a lot of food for dinner.
104	dish	n.	a plate or bowl	Where did you find this dish?
105	evening	n.	the early part of the night	They drive home in the evening.
106	sick	adj.	ill; not well	He goes to bed early because he is sick.
107	snowy	adj.	having a lot of snow	It is snowy by our home.
108	sugar	n.	something added to food to make it sweet	I do not put sugar on fruit.
109	tea	n.	a drink made with hot water and leaves	I like to drink tea.
110	world	n.	the earth and everything on it	We learn about the world in school.
111	hard	adj.	not easy	It is hard to carry the heavy box.
112	late	adj.	getting somewhere after a set time	He is late. I hope he has a good excuse!
113	life	n.	the time a person is alive	The man has a great life.
114	look	v.	to move the eyes to see	He looks at the flowers.
115	love	v.	to like a lot	Billy loves his dog.

116	night	n.	the time after evening when it is dark	The market is also open at night.
117	same	adj.	not different	I think the apples are the same size.
118	sleep	v.	to close your eyes and rest	He sleeps for a long time.
119	water	n.	the thing people drink and need to live	I need to drink more water.
120	weak	adj.	not strong	The rope is weak.

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Unit 7 Word List

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121	fine	adj.	good	It is a fine day to go to the country.
122	give	v.	to let someone have something	He buys flowers and gives them to his friend.
123	help	v.	to make it easier for someone to do something	They give food to help people around the world.
124	hour	n.	sixty minutes	She slept for only one hour last night.
125	meet	v.	to come together	They meet for dinner in the evening.
126	page	n.	a piece of paper	I could not finish the last page of the book.
127	pay	v.	to give money to get something	She pays \$5 for the vegetables.
128	rain	v.	to fall as water from clouds	It starts to rain on her way to town.
129	sell	v.	to give something to someone for money	She sells shoes at the mall.
130	tree	n.	a woody plant	All of those trees are snowy.
131	chair	n.	something for a person to sit on	The chair is red.
132	hear	v.	to listen to	She thinks she hears a person singing.
133	number	n.	a word or symbol that shows an amount	Can you count to the number 10 in Spanish?

134	park	n.	a grassy place in or near a city	Yesterday, we went to the park.
135	poor	adj.	having little money	The poor man needs money.
136	ready	adj.	set to do something	They are ready to go.
137	ride	v.	to sit in or on something that you or someone else moves	She rides her bike to the market.
138	table	n.	something that people sit at to do things like eat	The table is heavy.
139	work	n.	a job	He is late for work.
140	write	v.	to make words with a pen or pencil	He starts to write a letter.

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Unit 8 Word List

Number	Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Example
141	door	n.	something that you open to go into a building or room	He goes through a big door at work.
142	easy	adj.	not hard to do	Tea is easy to make.
143	grow	v.	to get bigger	The plant needs water to grow.
144	hate	v.	to dislike very much	He hates vegetables.
145	morning	n.	the first part of the day	She drinks coffee early in the morning.
146	music	n.	sounds made by instruments or voices	He learns to play music.
147	o'clock	adv.	being on the hour	It is five o'clock.
148	ring	n.	a piece of jewelry worn on the finger	This ring is not cheap.
149	stop	v.	to no longer move	Cars stop when the light is red.
150	study	v.	to read and practice in order to learn	He studies for two hours every night.
151	mirror	n.	something that people look in to see themselves	He looks in the mirror when he gets ready for work.
152	nurse	n.	a person who helps sick people and works with a doctor	The nurse helps the sick woman.

153	pocket	n.	something on clothing to put things in	He puts the number in his pocket.
154	pretty	adj.	nice to look at	The tree is pretty.
155	problem	n.	something that is hard to do	She has a problem with her car.
156	pull	v.	to hold onto something and move it toward you	She pulls the bag.
157	sad	adj.	not happy	The child is sad.
158	try	v.	to make an effort to do something	The cat tries to catch the fish.
159	want	v.	to wish for	She wants new shoes.
160	wrong	adj.	not correct	I wrote the wrong answer.

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Unit 9 Word List

Number	Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Example
161	high	adv.	for above the ground	The pretty balloons are high in the sky.
162	keep	v.	to put and leave something in one place	We keep the sugar in a jar.
163	know	v.	to have information already	She knows how to fix the problem.
164	let	v.	to allow; to agree to	Mom lets me listen to music when I study.
165	move	v.	to put in a different place	They move the chair.
166	pass	v.	to throw to another person	He is ready to pass the ball.
167	point	v.	to use your finger to show someone where something is	He points to the numbers on the page.
168	push	v.	to move something away from you	The nurse pushes the wheelchair.
169	quick	adj.	fast	The boy is quick.
170	together	adv.	with others	They play together in the park.
171	fall	v.	to come or go down quickly	He fell when he ran to the door.
172	lady	n.	a woman	The lady is sad.
173	rest	v.	to take a break	She rests after work.

174	run	v.	to use the legs to move fast	I run at six o'clock in the morning.
175	season	n.	the time of year when something usually happens	They are ready for football season
176	short	adj.	not tall; not long	This tree is short. It does not grow tall.
177	sky	n.	the space above us and around the world	The sky is dark at night.
178	stand	v.	to be on your feet	He stands in the same place for many hours.
179	tall	adj.	long from top to bottom	Kayla is a tall girl.
180	wear	v.	to have clothing or jewelry on the body	He wears a jacket with a pocket.

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Unit 10 Word List

Number	Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Example
181	bottle	n.	a glass or plastic container for liquids	The bottle is on the table.
182	change	v.	to become different	It changes into another animal.
183	cool	adj.	a little bit cold	He wears a jacket on a cool day.
184	cover	v.	to put something over something else	He covers the food to keep it warm.
185	dry	v.	to take away water	The lady dries the dishes.
186	egg	n.	something round made by a mother bird	I give the eggs to my mom.
187	expensive	adj.	costing a lot of money	The car is expensive.
188	fast	adj.	able to move quickly	The plane high in the sky is very fast.
189	fish	n.	an animal that lives in water	The fish is ready for me to eat.
190	knife	n.	a sharp tool used for cutting	My parents do not let me use the knife.
191	full	adj.	having no room for more	The bags are full.
192	garden	n.	an area where flowers or vegetables are grown	The plants in the garden are short.
193	hot	adj.	having a lot of heat	The soup is hot.
194	ill	adj.	sick; not well	Betty is ill. She needs to rest.

195	kitchen	n.	a room where people cook food	There is not a table in the kitchen.
196	light	v.	to start a fire	The matches are easy to light.
197	milk	n.	a white drink that comes from animals	I like to drink milk.
198	potato	n.	a round vegetable that grows under the ground	She pulled the potatoes out of the dirt.
199	warm	adj.	a little bit hot	She knows how to stay warm.
200	wash	v.	to clean	Dave stands at the sink and washes the dishes.

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Unit 11 Word List

Number	Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Example
201	beautiful	adj.	very nice to look at	The sky is very beautiful today.
202	bicycle	n.	a thing with two wheels that you can ride	They ride bicycles together.
203	city	n.	a very big town	There are many tall buildings in the city.
204	east	adv.	the direction from which the sun rises	We need to go east.
205	far	adv.	not close	He goes far to get to work.
206	map	n.	a drawing of an area that shows where places are	I have an old map of the world.
207	open	v.	to let people in	They open the store at eight o'clock.
208	road	n.	a wide and hard thing that people drive cars on	I like to drive on this long road.
209	shoe	n.	something that covers the foot	He wears these shoes to run.
210	side	n.	the place right next to something	They stopped on the side of the road.
211	air	n.	the gases around the earth that people breathe	The air is not clean. It makes people ill.
212	fly	v.	to move through the air	The bird flies high in the sky.

213	half	adv.	by 50 percent	The glass is half full.
214	left	adv.	on or to the side opposite of right	Turn left on this road.
215	little	adj.	small	It drinks from a little bottle.
216	new	adj.	not old	She wants a new ring.
217	shop	n.	a small store	The lady works in a flower shop.
218	show	v.	to let someone see	He shows her a pink shoe.
219	use	v.	to put something into action	He uses the knife to cut the fish.
220	wait	v.	to stay in one place until something happens	He waits for the bus.

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Unit 12 Word List

Number	Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Example
221	ask	v.	to say a question	She asks the students about the book.
222	break	v.	to cause to be in two or more pieces	I broke the egg to make breakfast.
223	desk	n.	a small table in an office or classroom	There are many desks in the room.
224	seat	n.	a place to sit	The seats are by the side of the pool.
225	stairs	n.	a set of steps	Sara's little shop is at the top of the stairs.
226	stay	v.	not to leave	Bill tells his dog to stay. It waits for Bill to come back.
227	talk	v.	to speak to another person	The beautiful lady talks to the man.
228	understand	v.	to know the meaning of	He understands a house and car are expensive.
229	walk	v.	to use the legs to go from one place to another	He walks on this road to get home.
230	year	n.	twelve months	These birds fly east at this time of the year.
231	act	v.	to behave in a certain way	They know how they must act in class.
232	bring	v.	to take something to another place	She brings the food to the table.
233	glad	adj.	happy	They are glad they live in the city.
234	lesson	n.	an activity used to teach	He teaches a lesson about maps.

235	listen	v.	to use the ears to hear	She listens to a beautiful song.
236	pencil	n.	a writing tool	She uses a pencil to write.
237	question	n.	a sentence that asks for an answer	The man asks a lot of questions.
238	right	adj.	correct	She does not know the right answer.
239	teach	v.	to help someone learn	Kayla's mom teaches her how to grow a garden.
240	way	n.	how someone does something	My mom shows me a way to cook eggs.