

**Official Wordlist**

**Level 1 Words**

**1. head**

*/ˈhɛd/ noun* the part of the body containing the brain, eyes, ears, nose, and mouth  
*She patted the dog on the head.*

**2. road**

*/ˈroʊd/ noun* a hard flat surface for vehicles, people, and animals to travel on  
*In the spring the road was full of potholes.*

**3. seat**

*/ˈsi:t/ noun* something (such as a chair) that you sit on  
*The bicycle seat was uncomfortable.*

**4. glove**

*ˈglɒv/ noun* a covering for the hand that has separate parts for each finger  
*Jim's dog had chewed up his leather glove.*

**5. leaf**

*ˈli:f/ noun* one of the flat and typically green parts of a plant that grow from a stem or twig  
*We watched as the last leaf on the tree fell.*

**6. glue**

*ˈglu:/ noun* a substance used to stick things tightly together  
*Bill needed glue to repair the chair.*

**7. move**

*ˈmu:v/ verb* to cause (something or someone) to go from one place or position to another  
*Dad moved the TV to a bigger room.*

**8. curl**

*ˈkɜ:l/ verb* to twist or form (something) into a round or curved shape  
*The boy would usually curl the spaghetti around his fork.*

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**9. dove**

*/ˈdʌv/ noun* a small wild bird that is related to pigeons

*The dove is often used as the symbol of peace.*

**10. each**

*/i:tʃ/ adjective* every one of two or more people or things considered separately

*A rope was tied to each end of the boat.*

**11. edge**

*/ˈɛdʒ/ noun* the line or part where an object or area begins or ends

*Don't stand too close to the edge of the cliff.*

**12. none**

*/nʌn/ pronoun* not any of a group of people or things

*I went for another cookie, but there was none left.*

**13. else**

*/els/ adverb* in a different or additional manner or place

*We decided to go somewhere else for dinner.*

**14. lose**

*/lu:z/ verb* to be unable to find (something or someone)

*Did you lose your keys again?*

**15. year**

*/jiə/ noun* a unit of time that is equal to 12 months or 365 or sometimes 366 days

*I haven't seen my cousin in a year.*

**16. faith**

*/ˈfeɪθ/ noun* strong belief or trust in someone or something

*Our faith in the government was badly shaken.*

**17. guess**

*/ɡes/ verb* to form an opinion or give an answer about something when you do not know much or anything about it

*Can you guess how many people were there?*

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**18. feast**

*/'fi:st/ noun* a special meal with large amounts of food and drink

*The family provided a feast after the wedding.*

**19. dead**

*/'dɛd/ adjective* no longer alive or living

*Ted removed the dead branches from the tree.*

**20. false**

*/'fɑ:ls/ adjective* not real or genuine

*John had to get used to eating with his new false teeth.*

**21. soup**

*/'su:p/ noun* a food made by cooking vegetables, meat, or fish in a large amount of liquid

*Jane had a bowl of chicken soup for lunch.*

**22. suit**

*/'su:t/ noun* a set of clothes that usually consists of a jacket and a skirt or pair of pants that are made out of the same material

*Tim's job requires him to wear a suit each day.*

**23. paint**

*/'peɪnt/ noun* a liquid that dries to form a thin colored layer when it is spread on a surface

*It took two gallons of paint to cover the walls.*

**24. own**

*/'aʊn/ verb* to legally possess (something)

*We hope to own a home someday.*

**25. learn**

*/'lɜ:n/ verb* to gain knowledge or skill by studying, practicing, being taught, or experiencing something

*The teenager was eager to learn how to drive.*

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**26. urge**

*/'ɜːdʒ/ noun* a strong need or desire to have or do something

*He felt an urge for some candy.*

**27. soak**

*/'sɔʊk/ verb* to put (something) in a liquid for a period of time

*Soak the beans in water overnight.*

**28. monk**

*/'mʌŋk/ noun* a member of a religious community of men who usually promise to remain poor, unmarried, and separated from the rest of society

*A bearded monk in a black robe welcomed us to the monastery.*

**29. graph**

*/'græf/, British /'grɑːf/ noun* a drawing that uses a series of dots, lines, etc., to show changes

*The graph showed the temperature changes during the month.*

**30. guide**

*/'gaɪd/ noun* a person who leads or directs other people on a journey

*We hired a guide for a tour of the city.*

**31. ouch**

*/'aʊtʃ/ interjection* used to express sudden pain

*Ouch! That hurts.*

**32. health**

*/'heɪlθ/ noun* the overall condition of someone's body or mind

*My parents are in excellent health.*

**33. gown**

*/'gaʊn/ noun* a long, formal dress that a woman wears especially during a special event

*Sally bought a gorgeous gown for the prom.*

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**34. loaf**

*/ˈloʊf/ noun* an amount of bread that has been baked in a long, round, or square shape

*Our family consumes a loaf of bread every day.*

**35. switch**

*/ˈswɪtʃ/ verb* to make a change from one thing to another

*She wanted to switch to another telephone service.*

**36. pawn**

*/ˈpɑːn/ noun* one of the eight small pieces that have the least value in the game of chess

*The player lost a pawn to a knight.*

**37. itch**

*/ɪtʃ/ verb* to have or produce an unpleasant feeling on your skin or inside your mouth, nose, etc. that makes you want to scratch

*His eyes began to itch because of his allergies.*

**38. quart**

*/'kwɔːt/ noun* a unit of liquid measurement equal to two U.S. pints or 0.946 liters

*We use about a quart of milk for cereals each day.*

**39. raid**

*/'reɪd/ noun* a surprise attack on an enemy by soldiers or other military forces

*The commander ordered a raid against the fortress.*

**40. fault**

*/'fɔːlt/ noun* responsibility for a problem, mistake, bad situation, etc.

*Jared said that the accident was not his fault.*

**41. hype**

*/'haɪp/ noun* talk or writing that is intended to make people excited about or interested in something or someone

*The new movie got a lot of promotional hype.*

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**42. ooze**

*'u:z/ verb to flow out slowly*

*Butter and syrup ooze over the pancakes.*

**43. judge**

*'dʒʌdʒ/ verb to form an opinion about (something or someone) after careful thought*

*Do not judge people by their appearance.*

**44. view**

*'vju:/ noun the things that can be seen from a particular place*

*Our new house has a view of the lake.*

**45. launch**

*'lɑ:ntʃ/ verb to send or shoot (something, such as a rocket) into the air or water or into outer space*

*When will the space agency launch another satellite?*

**46. grease**

*'gri:s/ noun an oily substance*

*The car's axles needed grease.*

**47. noun**

*'naʊn/ noun a word that is the name of something (such as a person, animal, place, thing, quality, idea, or action)*

*We had to underline the noun in each sentence.*

**48. zeal**

*'zi:l/ noun a strong feeling of interest and enthusiasm that makes someone very eager or determined to do something*

*The politician was known for his zeal for reform.*

**49. knee**

*'ni:/ noun the joint that bends at the middle of your leg*

*Martha fell and injured her knee.*

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**50. laugh**

*/ˈlæf/*, British */'lɑ:f/* *verb* to show that you are happy or that you think something is funny by smiling and making a sound from your throat

*People laugh at his jokes.*

**51. height**

*/'haɪt/* *noun* a measurement of how tall a person or thing is

*What is the height of the building?*

**52. calm**

*/'kɑ:m/* *adjective* not angry, upset, excited, etc.

*The teacher advised the students to remain calm after the fire alarm went off.*

**53. knife**

*/naɪf/* *noun* a usually sharp blade attached to a handle that is used for cutting or as a weapon

*Each dinner guest gets two forks, a knife, and a spoon.*

**54. lynx**

*/'lɪŋks/* *noun* a large wild cat of North America

*The lynx has a short stubby tail.*

**55. eighth**

*/'eɪtθ/* *adjective* occupying the number eight position in a series

*Her son is in the eighth grade.*

**56. moan**

*/'moun/* *verb* to make a long, low sound because of pain, unhappiness, or physical pleasure

*The wounded soldiers moan in pain.*

**57. lamb**

*/'læm/* *noun* a young sheep

*She's as gentle as a lamb.*

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**58. strength**

*/ˈstreŋkθ/ noun* the quality or state of being physically strong

*He did not have the strength to lift the box.*

**59. though**

*/ˈðoʊ/ conj.* despite the fact that

*She was in good health, though a bit overweight.*

**60. dumb**

*/ˈdʌm/ adjective* not showing or having good judgment or intelligence : stupid

*How can you watch that dumb TV show?*

**61. myth**

*/ˈmɪθ/ noun* an idea or story that is believed by many people but that is not true

*That money brings happiness is an enduring myth.*

**62. debt**

*/ˈdɛt/ noun* an amount of money that you owe to a person, bank, company, etc

*Maria was worried about her credit-card debt.*

**63. nymph**

*/ˈnɪmf/ noun* a spirit in the shape of a young woman who lives in mountains, forests, meadows, and water

*In Greek myth, the nymph Daphne was turned into a laurel tree.*

**64. oath**

*/ˈoʊθ/ noun* a formal and serious promise to tell the truth or to do something

*They were required to take an oath of loyalty.*

**65. hoax**

*/ˈhoʊks/ noun* an act that is meant to trick or deceive people

*The bomb threat proved to be a hoax.*

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**66. knit**

*/ˈni:t/ noun* to make (a piece of clothing) from yarn or thread by using long needles or a special machine

*Sara decided to knit me a sweater for my birthday.*

**67. once**

*/'wʌns/ adverb* one time only

*We go to the movies about once a month.*

**68. gorge**

*/'gɔə-dʒ/ noun* a deep, narrow area between hills or mountains

*The hikers followed the trail along the top of the gorge.*

**69. ghost**

*/'gəʊst/ noun* the soul of a dead person thought of as appearing to living people

*It is said that a ghost haunts that house.*

**70. jinx**

*/'dʒɪŋks/ noun* someone or something that causes bad luck

*The player blamed his poor performance on a jinx.*

**71. numb**

*/'nʌm/ adjective* unable to feel anything in a particular part of your body because of cold, injury, etc.

*My fingers were numb from the cold.*

**72. oust**

*/'aʊst/ verb* to cause or force (someone or something) to leave a position of power, a competition, etc.

*The rebels planned to oust the dictator from power.*

**73. calf**

*/'kæf/, British /'kɑ:f/ noun* a very young cow

*The calf did not stray far from its mother.*

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**74. flaunt**

*/ˈflɑːnt/ verb* to show (something) in a very open way so that other people will notice

*She liked to flaunt her wealth by wearing expensive jewelry.*

**75. knob**

*/ˈnɑːb/ noun* a round switch on a television, radio, etc.

*Turn the knob to change the volume of the sound.*

**76. bomb**

*/ˈbɑːm/ noun* a device that is designed to explode in order to injure or kill people or to damage or destroy property

*A bomb destroyed the 15-ton truck.*

**77. sigh**

*/saɪ/ verb* to take in and let out a long, loud breath in a way that shows you are bored, disappointed, relieved, etc.

*Many students sigh with relief as they see their grades.*

**78. gnat**

*ˈnæt/ noun* a small fly that bites people and animals

*A gnat kept flying around my ear.*

**79. doubt**

*ˈdaʊt/ verb* to believe that (something) may not be true or is unlikely

*I doubt my parents will let me go to the party.*

**80. sign**

*ˈsaɪn/ noun* a piece of paper, wood, etc., with words or pictures on it that gives information about something

*There's a stop sign at the next intersection.*

**81. hymn**

*ˈhɪm/ noun* a religious song

*The congregation sang a hymn of praise.*

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**82. soot**

*/'sʊt/ noun* a black powder that is formed when something (such as wood or coal) is burned

*Candle-burning is a source of soot in the home.*

**83. tease**

*/'ti:z/ verb* to laugh at and criticize (someone) in a way that is either friendly and playful or cruel and unkind

*His brothers tease him about being short.*

**84. tomb**

*/'tu:m/ noun* a building or chamber above or below the ground in which a dead body is kept

*King Tut's tomb contained many valuable artifacts.*

**85. gnaw**

*/'nɑ:/ verb* to bite or chew (something) repeatedly

*Dogs like to gnaw on bones.*

**86. whale**

*/'weɪl/ noun* an often very large animal that lives in the ocean and that is a mammal rather than a fish

*We were able to see a whale from our fishing boat.*

**87. crypt**

*/'kript/ noun* a room under a church in which people are buried after they have died

*The late bishop was buried in the crypt under the cathedral.*

**88. cruise**

*/'kru:z/ noun* a journey on a boat or ship to a number of places as a vacation

*Her parents went on a cruise to Bermuda..*

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**89. bright**

*'braɪt/ adjective* producing a lot of light

*He needed a bright light for his work.*

**90. seize**

*'si:z/ verb* to get or take (something) in a forceful, sudden, or violent way

*The woman said that a man tried to seize her purse.*

**91. sketch**

*'sketʃ/ noun* a quick, rough drawing that shows the main features of an object or scene

*He made a sketch of the state capitol.*

**92. waltz**

*'wɑ:lts/ noun* a dance in which a couple moves in a regular series of three steps

*Many people enjoy dancing a waltz.*

**93. limb**

*'lɪm/ noun* a leg or arm

*As a result of wounds, the soldier lost a limb.*

**94. yield**

*'ji:ld/ verb* to produce or provide (something, such as a plant or crop)

*Each year the apple trees yield an abundant harvest.*

**95. lynch**

*'lɪntʃ/ verb* to kill (someone) illegally as punishment for a crime

*The angry mob wanted to lynch the accused killer.*

**96. wren**

*'rɛn/ noun* a small bird with brown feathers and a short tail that points upward

*Ellen spotted a wren feasting on some insects.*

**97. cyst**

*'sɪst/ noun* a growth filled with liquid that forms in or on your body

*The doctor removed the cyst from Irma's neck.*

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**98. morgue**

*/ˈmɔːɡ/ noun* a place where the bodies of dead people are kept until they are buried or cremated

*The police will try to identify the body in the morgue.*

**99. chic**

*/ʃiːk/ adjective* following the current fashion or style : fashionable

*Gloria was known for her chic clothes.*

**100. sphinx**

*/ˈsfɪŋks/ noun* a creature with the body of a lion and the head of a person

*The large statue is in the shape of a sphinx.*

**Level 2 Words**

**101. useful**

*/ˈjuːsfəl/ adjective* capable of being put to use for a purpose.

*The map proved useful on our trip to New York.*

**102. animal**

*/ˈænəməl/ noun* a living being that differs from a plant typically in being able to move about, in not having cell walls made of cellulose, and in depending on plants and other animals as sources of food.

*A mule can be a very stubborn animal.*

**103. dinosaur**

*/ˈdaɪnəˌsɔːl/ noun* any of a group of extinct mostly land-dwelling reptiles that lived millions of years ago.

*The museum exhibited the skeleton of a huge dinosaur.*

**104. airplane**

*/ˈeəˌpleɪn/ noun* an aircraft with a fixed wing that is heavier than air, driven by a propeller or a jet engine, and supported by the action of the air against its wings.

*Dave's first ride in an airplane was to Disney World.*

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**105. snowflake**

*/ˈsnəʊˌfleɪk/ noun* a snow crystal : a small mass of snow crystals.

*Gail liked the sweater with an image of a snowflake on the front.*

**106. uniform**

*/'ju:nəˌfoʊəˌm/ noun* special clothing worn by members of a particular group.

*As a security guard, Bill had to wear a special uniform.*

**107. staircase**

*/'steəˌkeɪs/ noun* a flight of stairs with their supporting structure and railings.

*An ornate staircase led customers upstairs to the bedding department.*

**108. giraffe**

*/dʒəˈræf/, British /dʒəˈrɑːf/ noun* a spotted mammal of Africa that has a long neck and chews the cud.

*The giraffe bent down to eat the fruit in Rita's hand.*

**109. carrot**

*/'kerət/ noun* the long orange edible root of a garden plant.

*Marie sliced the carrot for the salad.*

**110. eagle**

*/'i:gəl/ noun* any of several large birds of prey noted for keen sight and powerful flight.

*The eagle built its nest on a mountain ledge.*

**111. sandwich**

*/'sændˌwɪtʃ/, British /'sænˌwɪdʒ/ noun* two or more slices of bread or a split roll with a filling or spread.

*Sam made a ham and cheese sandwich.*

**112. toad**

*/'təʊd/ noun* a tailless leaping amphibian that has rough skin and usually lives on land.

*To survive in winter, a toad buries itself in the soil below the frost line.*

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**113. troll**

*/ˈtrɒl/ noun* a dwarf or giant of folklore living in caves or hills.

*For her birthday, Sonja received a book about a mischievous troll.*

**114. bounce**

*/ˈbaʊns/ verb* to spring back or up after hitting a surface.

*Terry watched the thrown ball bounce into the street.*

**115. float**

*/ˈflaʊt/ verb* to rest on the surface of a liquid.

*The cork will float on the water.*

**116. jungle**

*/ˈdʒʌŋɡəl/ noun* a large area of land usually in a tropical region covered with a thick tangled growth of plants.

*The military unit spent a month learning how to survive in the jungle.*

**117. railroad**

*/ˈreɪlˌroʊd/ noun* a permanent road that has parallel steel rails that make a track for cars.

*The railroad extended from one coast to the other.*

**118. balloon**

*/bəˈluːn/ noun* a toy consisting of a rubber bag that can be blown up with air or gas.

*When the balloon hit the ceiling, it burst.*

**119. hospital**

*/ˈhɒːspɪtəl/ noun* a place where the sick and injured are cared for.

*The accident victim was taken to a local hospital.*

**120. tornado**

*/təˈneɪdɔːs/ noun* a violent whirling wind accompanied by a cloud that is shaped like a funnel and moves overland in a narrow path.

*The tornado destroyed the mobile homes in its path.*

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**121. unicorn**

*/ˈjuː.nə.koʊ.nəl/ noun* an imaginary animal that looks like a horse with one horn in the middle of the forehead.

*Zoe's toy unicorn makes a noise when its horn is squeezed.*

**122. squash**

*/ˈskwɑːʃ/ noun* the fruit of any of several plants related to the gourds that is cooked as a vegetable or used for animal feed.

*At Thanksgiving Grace served squash and potatoes with the turkey.*

**123. address**

*/əˈdres/ noun* the place where a person can usually be reached.

*Penny asked her mother for her uncle's address.*

**124. lonely**

*/ˈloʊnli/ adjective* longing for companions.

*The movie was about a lonely nine-year-old boy and his dog.*

**125. thirsty**

*/ˈθɚːsti/ adjective* feeling dryness in the mouth and throat that accompanies a need for liquids.

*While watching the movie's desert scenes, Mike became very thirsty.*

**126. gorilla**

*/gəˈrɪlə/ noun* a very large ape of the forests of central Africa that lives mostly on the ground.

*The zoo is going to increase the outdoor space for its gorilla.*

**127. sentence**

*/ˈsentəns/ noun* a group of words that makes a statement, asks a question, or expresses a command, wish, or exclamation.

*A sentence always begins with a capital letter.*

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**128. chicken**

*/ˈtʃɪkn/ noun* the common domestic fowl especially when young.

*Peg cooked the egg that her chicken laid.*

**129. taxicab**

*/ˈtæksɪkæb/ noun* an automobile that carries passengers for a fare usually determined by the distance traveled.

*We rode in a taxicab from the airport to the hotel.*

**130. lightning**

*/ˈlaɪtnɪŋ/ noun* the flashing of light caused by the passing of electricity from one cloud to another or between a cloud and the earth.

*When the lightning started, the golfers headed for home.*

**131. fireplace**

*/ˈfajəˌpleɪs/ noun* a structure with a hearth on which an open fire can be built for heating or especially outdoors for cooking.

*The skiers came into the lodge and sat near the fireplace.*

**132. storehouse**

*/ˈstoʊˌhaʊs/ noun* a building for storing goods.

*Trucks transported goods from the storehouse to the local markets.*

**133. kitchen**

*/ˈkɪtʃən/ noun* a room in which cooking is done.

*Joan asked her family to stay out of the kitchen while she was preparing the meal.*

**134. costume**

*/ˈkɔːstuːm/, British /ˈkɒstjuːm/ noun* special or fancy dress (as for wear on the stage or at a masquerade).

*George bought a new costume for the Halloween party.*

**135. terrible**

*/ˈterəbəl/ adjective* causing great fear.

*Dan woke up crying from a terrible nightmare.*

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**136. starlight**

*/ˈstɑːlaɪt/ noun* the light given by the stars.

*Night-vision goggles enable soldiers to see when only starlight is available.*

**137. hamburger**

*/ˈhæm,bɜːgə/ noun* a sandwich made of a patty of ground beef on a split bun.

*Ryan's hamburger also contained lettuce and pickles.*

**138. building**

*ˈbɪldɪŋ/ noun* a permanent structure built as a dwelling, shelter, or a place for human activities or for storage.

*The company moved into its new building.*

**139. umpire**

*ˈʌm,pajə/ noun* a sports official who rules on plays.

*Fans yelled at the umpire, but he didn't take it personally.*

**140. vacation**

*ˌveɪˈkeɪʃən/ noun* a period spent away from home or business in travel or amusement.

*Josh thought he needed a vacation from schoolwork.*

**141. tadpole**

*ˈtæd,pəʊl/ noun* the larva of a frog or toad that has a long tail, breathes with gills, and lives in water.

*When a tadpole changes into a toad, it loses its tail.*

**142. horseshoe**

*ˈhoʊ.sjuː/ noun* a protective iron plate that is nailed to the rim of a horse's hoof.

*Kate found a rusty horseshoe in the abandoned stable.*

**143. library**

*ˈlaɪbrəri/, British ˈlaɪbrəri/ noun* a place where especially literary or reference materials are kept for use but not for sale.

*Tony borrowed some videos from the library.*

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**144. understood**

*/ˌʌndəˈstʊd/ verb* got the meaning of.

*The teacher asked if the class understood how to do long division.*

**145. elephant**

*/'ɛləfənt/ noun* a huge thickset mammal with the nose drawn out into a long trunk and two large curved tusks.

*The piano keys were made from the tusks of an elephant.*

**146. surprise**

*/səˈpraɪz/ verb* to cause to feel wonder or amazement because of being unexpected.

*The players decided to surprise their coach with a gift.*

**147. different**

*/'dɪfrənt/ adjective* not of the same kind.

*Dad wanted something different for dinner, so he took the family out to eat.*

**148. spacecraft**

*/'speɪs,kraɪft/, British /'speɪs,krɑːft/ noun* a vehicle for travel beyond the earth's atmosphere.

*The engineer talked about the challenges of building a spacecraft.*

**149. weakness**

*/'wiːknəs/ noun* lack of strength.

*Sam's doctor suggested physical therapy to treat his muscle weakness.*

**150. healthy**

*/'heɪθi/ adjective* aiding or building up health.

*Exercise is necessary for a healthy body.*

**151. quarter**

*/'kwɔːtə-/ noun* one of four equal parts into which something can be divided.

*Mom saved a quarter of the pie for Dad.*

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**152. sparrow**

*/ˈsperəʊl/ noun* a small brownish bird related to the finches.

*The children watched the sparrow splashing in the birdbath.*

**153. pumpkin**

*/ˈpʌmpkən/ noun* a large round orange or yellow fruit related to the squash that is used as a vegetable or as feed for farm animals.

*Pat carved a face in the large pumpkin.*

**154. valentine**

*/ˈvælənˌtaɪn/ noun* a greeting card or gift sent or given on Saint Valentine's day.

*Joe sent a valentine to every girl in his class.*

**155. usually**

*/'ju:zəwəli/ adverb* commonly, ordinarily.

*After doing his homework, Don usually plays his video games.*

**156. roughly**

*/'rʌfli/ adverb* in a harsh or violent manner.

*The boy was warned not to treat his pet roughly.*

**157. frighten**

*/'fraɪtŋ/ verb* to drive away or out by making afraid.

*The scarecrow was put up to frighten the crows away from the crops.*

**158. dolphin**

*/'dɔ:lfən/ noun* a small whale with teeth and a long nose.

*At the aquarium a dolphin thrilled the audience with its performances.*

**159. lullaby**

*/'lʌləˌbaɪ/ noun* a song for helping babies to sleep.

*Mary cradled her baby and sang a soothing lullaby.*

**160. thought**

*/'θɔ:t/ verb* had as an opinion or belief.

*Emily thought that her brother was selfish.*

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**161. horizon**

*/hə'raɪzən/ noun* the line where the earth or sea seems to meet the sky.

*We sat on the beach watching the sun sink below the horizon.*

**162. talkative**

*'tɑ:kətɪv/ adjective* fond of talking.

*Our talkative school bus driver described what school was like in his youth.*

**163. whisper**

*'wɪspə/ noun* a low soft way of speaking that can be heard only by persons who are near.

*"I don't want to hear even a whisper," the teacher warned as we began the test.*

**164. sword**

*'soəd/ noun* a weapon having a long blade usually with a sharp point and edge.

*The museum displayed a 300-year old samurai sword.*

**165. gerbil**

*'dʒəbəl/ noun* a small Old World leaping desert rodent.

*Jeff brought his pet gerbil to school for show-and-tell.*

**166. strength**

*'streŋkθ/ noun* the quality of being strong.

*A good athlete must have strength, stamina, and determination.*

**167. tightrope**

*'taɪt,roʊp/ noun* a rope or wire stretched tight on which an acrobat performs.

*The crowd hushed as they watched the acrobat balance himself on the tightrope.*

**168. blizzard**

*'blɪzəd/ noun* a long heavy snowstorm.

*Traffic slowed to a standstill during the blizzard.*

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**169. crocodile**

*/'krɔ:kə,dajəl/ noun* a very large animal related to the alligator that crawls on short legs about tropical marshes and rivers.

*The skin of a crocodile is used to make handbags and shoes.*

**170. subtract**

*/səb'trækt/ verb* to take away (as from one part or number from another).

*Barbara was asked to subtract 34 from 68.*

**171. toughen**

*/'tʌfən/ verb* to make or become tough.

*Hikers toughen their legs and lungs by mountain climbing.*

**172. beauty**

*/'bjʊ:ti/ noun* the qualities of a person or thing that give pleasure to the senses or to the mind.

*Steve described the Grand Canyon as a place of great beauty.*

**173. canoe**

*/kə'nu:/ noun* a long light narrow boat with sharp ends and curved sides usually driven by paddles.

*The scouts paddled their canoe across the lake.*

**174. trapeze**

*/træ'pi:z/ noun* a short horizontal bar hung from two parallel ropes and used by acrobats.

*The orangutan entertained the zoo's visitors by swinging on a trapeze.*

**175. substitute**

*/'sʌbstə'tu:t/, British /'sʌbstə'tju:t/ noun* a person or thing that takes the place or function of another.

*When our teacher was sick, a substitute took over her classes.*

**Official Wordlist**

**176. triangle**

*/ˈtraɪ.æŋɡəl/ noun* a figure that has three sides and three angles.

*The town park is in the shape of a triangle.*

**177. cough**

*/ˈkɑːf/ verb* to force air from the lungs with a sharp short noise.

*When Naomi's mother heard her cough so much, she called the doctor.*

**178. wallop**

*/ˈwɑːləp/ verb* to beat thoroughly : trounce.

*After a slow start, our hockey team went on to wallop the opposition.*

**179. woodchuck**

*/ˈwʊd,tʃʌk/ noun* a reddish brown rodent that hibernates : a groundhog.

*The woodchuck, or groundhog, as it is sometimes called, gets a lot of attention on February 2.*

**180. cougar**

*/ˈkuːgə/ noun* a large yellowish brown North American wild animal related to the domestic cat.

*The park ranger identified the tracks as those of a cougar.*

**181. whistle**

*/ˈwɪsəl/ verb* to make a shrill sound by forcing the breath through the teeth or lips.

*Greg's friends teased him because he couldn't whistle very well.*

**182. typhoon**

*/taɪˈfuːn/ noun* a tropical cyclone in the region of the Philippines or the China Sea.

*The typhoon caused floods and landslides throughout the island.*

**183. shriek**

*/ˈʃriːk/ noun* a sharp shrill cry.

*Dorothy let out a shriek when she saw the mouse.*

**Official Wordlist**

**184. weird**

*/ˈwiəd/ adjective* very unusual : strange.

*The principal asked Earl to explain his weird behavior in class.*

**185. stomach**

*/ˈstʌmək/ noun* the pouch into which food goes after it leaves the mouth and has passed down the throat.

*Kyle complained about pain in his stomach.*

**186. midnight**

*/ˈmɪdˌnaɪt/ noun* twelve o'clock at night.

*Harry worked on his science project until midnight.*

**187. pineapple**

*/ˈpaɪˌnæpəl/ noun* a large juicy heavy fruit of a tropical plant that has long stiff leaves with spiny margins.

*Slices of pineapple were served with the ham.*

**188. octopus**

*/ˈɑːktəˌpʊs/ noun* a marine animal with no shell that has a rounded body with eight long flexible arms about its base which have sucking disks able to seize and hold things.

*The children were amazed to see the octopus open the jar with its tentacles.*

**189. meteor**

*/ˈmiːtɪjə-/ noun* one of the small pieces of matter in the solar system that enter the earth's atmosphere where friction may cause them to glow and form a streak of light.

*A meteor that survives the fall to earth is called a meteorite.*

**190. wreck**

*/ˈrɛk/ verb* to damage or destroy by breaking up.

*When Phil asked to borrow his father's car, he promised not to wreck it.*

**Official Wordlist**

**191. nickname**

*/ˈnɪkˌneɪm/ noun* a usually descriptive name given in addition to the one belonging to an individual.

*Claude always went by the nickname "Butch."*

**192. penguin**

*/ˈpɛŋgwən/ noun* a seabird that cannot fly, has very short legs, and is found in the cold regions of the southern hemisphere.

*Cathy had a picture of a penguin looking at its reflection in the water.*

**193. pollution**

*/pəˈluːʃən/ noun* the action of polluting or the state of being polluted.

The government enacted laws to reduce environmental pollution.

**194. permission**

*/pəˈmɪʃən/ noun* the consent of a person in authority.

*Rob asked for the principal's permission to start a chess club.*

**195. wrench**

*ˈrɛntʃ/ noun* a tool for holding, twisting, or turning (as nuts and bolts).

*Bill searched for the proper wrench for installing the new sink faucets.*

**196. palace**

*ˈpæləs/ noun* the home of a ruler.

*The palace was surrounded by high walls.*

**197. weasel**

*ˈwiːzəl/ noun* a small slender active animal related to the minks that feeds on small birds and animals.

*The zoologist said that the weasel is intelligent, fearless, and very strong for its size.*

**198. ache**

*ˈeɪk/ noun* a dull continuous pain.

*As Martha finished vacuuming, she felt an ache in her back.*

**Official Wordlist**

**199. gopher**

*/ˈɡoʊfə-/ noun* a burrowing animal that is about the size of a rat and has strong claws on the forefeet and very large outside cheek pouches.

*The gopher is considered a pest by farmers because it does much damage to gardens and alfalfa fields.*

**200. peaceful**

*/ˈpiːsfəl/ adjective* untroubled by conflict, agitation, or commotion.

*Jack and Pam wanted a peaceful vacation on a Caribbean island.*

**201. champion**

*/'tʃæmpijən/ noun* the winner of first place in a competition.

*The speller lasted 15 rounds to become the national champion.*

**202. wisdom**

*/'wɪzdəm/ noun* knowledge and the ability to use it to help oneself or others.

*The players learned to work together and to pay attention to the wisdom of the coaches.*

**203. discipline**

*/'dɪsəplən/ noun* strict training that corrects or strengthens.

*The military emphasizes discipline in its training programs.*

**204. opposite**

*/'ɑːpəzət/ adjective* being at the other end, side, or corner.

*Near the library, but on the opposite side of the street, is one of the city's finest restaurants.*

**205. laughable**

*/'læfəbəl/, British /'lɑːfəbəl/ adjective* causing or likely to cause laughter.

*Grandpa was never at a loss for a laughable story.*

**206. heighten**

*/'haɪtən/ verb* to make greater : increase.

*The upcoming final exam may heighten student anxieties.*

**Official Wordlist**

**207. curious**

*'kjə-rɪjəs/ adjective* eager to learn : given to seeking information.

*Readers are curious as to what is ultimately going to happen to Harry Potter.*

**208. ambulance**

*'æmbjələns/ noun* a vehicle meant to carry sick or injured persons.

*The motorist pulled over to let the ambulance go by.*

**209. scissors**

*'sɪzə-zl/ noun* a cutting instrument with two cutting blades fastened together so that the sharp edges slide against each other.

*Judy usually uses scissors to cut out coupons from the newspaper.*

**210. ordinary**

*'oə-də,neri/, British 'ɔ:dənri/ adjective* to be expected : normal, usual.

*The heroic rescuer said that he was just an ordinary man who did what was needed.*

**211. engineer**

*ˌɛndʒə'niə-/ noun* a person who runs or has charge of an engine or of machinery or technical equipment.

*The driver of a locomotive is called an engineer.*

**212. humility**

*'hju'mɪləti/ noun* the quality of being not bold or proud.

*It took humility for the boy to admit his mistakes.*

**213. protector**

*'prə'tektə-/ noun* a person or thing that protects or is intended to protect.

*An armed protector was stationed at every entrance to the bank.*

**214. tiresome**

*'tʃə-səm/ adjective* likely to tire one because of length or dullness : boring.

*The senator's speech was tiresome and yawn-inducing.*

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**215. wasteful**

*/ˈweɪstfəl/ adjective* spending or using in a careless or foolish way.

*The Congressional committee suggested ways to reduce wasteful spending.*

**216. calendar**

*/ˈkæləndə-/ noun* a chart showing the days, weeks, and months of the year.

*Important historical events are usually noted on the calendar.*

**217. excitement**

*/ɪkˈsaɪtmənt/ noun* the state of being excited : something that excites or stirs up.

*Alex said that the only excitement in his life was playing video games.*

**218. aspirin**

*/ˈæspərən/ noun* a white drug used to relieve pain and fever.

*When Virginia felt a headache coming on, she took some aspirin.*

**219. confidence**

*/ˈkɔːnfədəns/ noun* a feeling of trust or belief.

*Eric had great confidence in his doctor.*

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**220. consonant**

*/ˈkɔːnsənənt/ noun* a letter in the English alphabet other than a, e, i, o, or u.

*The letter "t" is a frequently used consonant in English.*

**221. hypnotize**

*/ˈhɪpnəˌtaɪz/ verb* to affect by producing a state like sleep in which a person in this state will respond to suggestions made by the hypnotist.

*Bob asked his therapist to hypnotize him into giving up smoking.*

**222. marriage**

*/ˈmɛrɪdʒ/ noun* the act of getting married.

*Joan wanted to put off marriage until she finished college.*

**Official Wordlist**

**223. nourishment**

*/ˈnəʊrɪʃmənt/ noun* something (as food) that causes one to grow or live in a healthy state.

*Blood vessels carry nourishment to all parts of the body.*

**224. radiator**

*/ˈreɪdɪeɪtə/ noun* a device to heat air (as in a room) or to cool an object (as an automobile engine).

*Jack's car radiator started to leak.*

**225. shrubbery**

*/'ʃrʌbəri/ noun* a group or planting of shrubs.

*Gary spotted a garter snake in the shrubbery by the back door.*

**226. widespread**

*/'waɪd'spreɪd/ adjective* widely scattered.

*Because of the movie's widespread appeal, the theater showed it several times a day.*

**227. patriotic**

*/ˌpeɪtri'ɑːtɪk/, British /ˌpætri'ɒtɪk/ adjective* having or showing love of one's country.

*The town sponsored a patriotic concert on the Fourth of July.*

**228. competition**

*/'kɑːmpə'tɪʃən/ noun* a contest between rivals.

*The competition for class president was intense.*

**229. instructor**

*/'ɪn'strʌktə/ noun* a teacher.

*Ben's father is a biology instructor at the local college.*

**230. lubricate**

*/'luːbrəˌkeɪt/ verb* to apply oil or grease to.

*Fred finally decided to lubricate the squeaky screen door.*

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**231. drudgery**

*/ˈdrʌdʒəri/ noun* hard or dull work.

*Tyler considered raking leaves monotonous drudgery.*

**232. nincompoop**

*/ˈnɪŋkəmˌpuːp/ noun* a person without good sense or judgment : a fool.

*The actor won an Emmy for playing a pompous nincompoop in the sitcom.*

**233. composition**

*/ˌkɑːmpəˈzɪʃən/ noun* a short piece of writing done as a school exercise.

*The class was assigned to write a composition on their favorite pastime.*

**234. machinery**

*/məˈʃiːnəri/ noun* machines in general or as a working unit.

*The factory's machinery is controlled mostly by computers.*

**235. interference**

*/ˌɪntəˈfɪərəns/ noun* the act or process of taking a part in the concerns of others.

*The environmentalist warned of the consequences of human interference with nature.*

**236. malicious**

*/məˈlɪʃəs/ adjective* doing mean things for pleasure.

*The malicious bully was suspended from school.*

**237. original**

*/əˈrɪdʒənəl/ adjective* of or relating to the origin or beginning.

*The original name of New York City was New Amsterdam.*

**238. intelligent**

*/ɪnˈtelədʒənt/ adjective* having or showing the ability to learn or understand.

*The teacher described the pupil as intelligent but a bit lazy academically.*

**239. orphanage**

*/'oʊ-fənɪdʒ/ noun* an institution for the care of children whose parents are dead.

*The townspeople collected toys and sent them to the local orphanage.*

**Official Wordlist**

**240. muscular**

*/ˈmʌskjələ-/ adjective* having well-developed muscles.

*The president was protected by muscular bodyguards.*

**241. expedition**

*/ˌɛkspəˈdɪʃən/ noun* a journey for a particular purpose (as for exploring).

*Scientists were sent on an expedition to Antarctica to study the penguins there.*

**242. believable**

*/bəˈli:vəbəl/ adjective* possible to believe.

*A good writer creates believable characters.*

**243. foliage**

*/ˈfəʊlɪdʒ/ noun* the leaves of a plant.

*Every autumn the area's colorful foliage attracts tourists.*

**244. exhaust**

*/ɪgˈzɔːst/ noun* the gas that escapes from an engine.

*Automobile exhaust is a major source of air pollution.*

**245. glutton**

*ˈglʌtən/ noun* a person or animal that overeats.

*The glutton regularly eats at the all-you-can-eat buffet.*

**246. parachute**

*ˈperəʃuːt/ noun* a folding device of light material shaped like an umbrella and used for making a safe jump or drop from an airplane.

*Medical supplies were dropped to the earthquake victims by parachute.*

**247. dynamic**

*ˈdaɪˈnæmɪk/ adjective* full of energy : forceful.

*Kyle proved to be the basketball team's most dynamic player.*

**248. efficient**

*ˈɪfɪʃənt/ adjective* capable of bringing about a desired result with little waste.

*The staff was trained to work in an efficient timesaving manner.*

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**249. halibut**

*/ˈhæləbət/ noun* a very large flatfish much used for food.

*The halibut was coated with batter, deep-fried, and served with chips.*

**250. ignorance**

*/ˈɪgnərəns/ noun* the state of having little or no knowledge.

*The commentator maintained that prejudice is a product of ignorance.*

**251. optimistic**

*/ˌɑːptəˈmɪstɪk/ adjective* expecting everything to come out all right.

*The band is optimistic about the success of its new album.*

**252. pistachio**

*/pəˈstæʃiəʊ/ noun* the green edible seed of a small tree related to the sumacs.

*Mark counted every pistachio in his dish of ice cream.*

**253. aquarium**

*/əˈkwɛrɪjəm/ noun* a container as a tank or bowl in which living water animals or water plants are kept.

*The fish in Sheila's aquarium include mollies, tetras, and guppies.*

**254. preparation**

*/ˌprɛpəˈreɪʃən/ noun* the act of making ready beforehand or for some special reason.

*Lauren reviewed her notes in preparation for the math test.*

**255. recognize**

*/ˈrɛkɪgˌnaɪz/ verb* to know and remember upon seeing.

*At his class reunion Bob almost didn't recognize some classmates because they had changed so much.*

**256. restaurant**

*/ˈrɛstəˌrɑːnt/ noun* a public eating place.

*The restaurant offered a brunch every Sunday.*

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**257. transparent**

*/træns'perənt/ adjective* clear enough or thin enough to be seen through.

*The lens of the eye is a transparent structure that focuses light.*

**258. pronounce**

*/prə'naʊns/ verb* to use the voice to make the sounds of.

*How do you pronounce "apricot"?*

**259. incredible**

*/ɪn'krɛdəbəl/ adjective* too strange or unlikely to be believed.

*It seems incredible that no one has built bungalows along this gorgeous beach.*

**260. trampoline**

*/ˌtræmpə'li:n/ noun* a canvas sheet or web supported by springs in a metal frame used for springing and landing in acrobatic tumbling.

*The trampoline has allowed children to bounce higher and longer than ever before.*

**261. governor**

*'gʌvənə-/ noun* a person who governs and especially the elected head of a state of the United States.

*The governor announced that he would not seek reelection.*

**262. disguise**

*/dɪ'skaɪz/ noun* clothing put on to hide one's true identity or to imitate another's.

*Roy attended the party in a pirate's disguise.*

**263. achievement**

*ə'tʃi:vmənt/ noun* something accomplished especially by great effort.

*The principal congratulated the honor roll students on their achievement.*

**264. foreign**

*'fɒrən/ adjective* located outside of a place or country and especially outside of one's country.

*Spending a year in a foreign country is a good way to learn another language.*

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**265. rebellion**

*/rɪˈbɛljən/ noun* open opposition to authority.

*The rebellion turned into civil war, which led to the overthrow of the government.*

**266. upholstery**

*/ˌʌpˈhoʊlstəri/ noun* materials used to make a soft covering for a seat.

*For the den, Dad wanted a sofa with dark brown leather upholstery.*

**267. atmosphere**

*ˈætməˌsfɪə/ noun* the gas surrounding a celestial body.

*The volcano pumped a huge plume of gas, steam, and ash into the atmosphere.*

**268. cafeteria**

*ˌkæfəˈtɪrɪjəl/ noun* a restaurant where the customers serve themselves or are served at a counter but carry their own food to their tables.

*Students had no time to dillydally in the school cafeteria.*

**269. cemetery**

*ˈsɛməˌtəri/, British ˈsɛmətri/ noun* a place where dead people are buried.

*The local unit of veterans visits the cemetery on Memorial Day.*

**270. juvenile**

*ˈdʒuːvəˌnəjəl/ adjective* of, relating to, or characteristic of children or young people.

*Mandy thought that her sister's books were too juvenile for her.*

**271. coleslaw**

*ˈkoʊlˌslɑː/ noun* a salad made of sliced or shredded raw cabbage.

*The fried chicken was served with coleslaw.*

**272. lacrosse**

*ˈləˌkrɔːs/ noun* a ball game using a long-handled stick with a shallow net for catching, throwing, or carrying the ball.

*In lacrosse Jerry was an outstanding attackman.*

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**273. citizenship**

*/ˈsɪtəzənʃɪp/ noun* the state of being a person who owes loyalty to a government and is protected by it.

*Voting is one of the privileges of citizenship.*

**274. leisurely**

*/ˈliːʒəli/, British /ˈleɪzəli/ adjective* not hurried.

*The couple next door like to take leisurely strolls with their dog.*

**275. description**

*/dɪˈskrɪpʃən/ noun* an account of something especially of a kind that presents a picture to a person who reads or hears it.

*The police asked the victim to give them a description of her assailant.*

**276. emphasize**

*/ˈɛmfəˌsaɪz/ verb* to give special force or importance to.

*Group assignments promote social skills and emphasize teamwork.*

**277. reservoir**

*/ˈrezəˌvɔɹə-/ noun* a place where something (as water) is kept in store for future use.

*No swimming or boating was allowed in the reservoir.*

**278. exaggerate**

*/ɪgˈzædʒəˌreɪt/ verb* to enlarge or increase beyond the normal.

*Stage actors tend to exaggerate their reactions and gestures.*

**279. bulletin**

*ˈbʊlətən/ noun* a short public notice usually coming from an informed or official source.

*The TV bulletin announced the closing of schools due to the snowstorm.*

**280. tortoise**

*ˈtɔɹ-təs/ noun* any of a family of turtles that live on land.

*A tortoise may take about five hours to walk one mile.*

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**281. innocent**

*/ˈɪnəsənt/ adjective* free from guilt or blame.

*The law presumes a citizen innocent until proven guilty.*

**282. vegetable**

*/ˈvedʒtəbəl/ noun* a plant or plant part grown for use as human food and usually eaten with the main part of a meal.

*Sarah serves at least one vegetable with every meal.*

**283. suspicious**

*/səˈspɪʃəs/ adjective* likely to suspect or distrust.

*The villagers were deeply suspicious of outsiders.*

**284. toboggan**

*/təˈbɑːɡən/ noun* a long light sled made without runners and curved up at the front.

*Our toboggan picked up speed as it slid down the steep hill.*

**285. chandelier**

*/ʃændəˈliə-/ noun* a lighting fixture with several branches that usually hangs from the ceiling.

*A huge crystal chandelier brightened the ballroom.*

**286. courageous**

*/kəˈreɪdʒəs/ adjective* having or showing courage.

*The boy's courageous father rescued him from the quicksand.*

**287. immediately**

*/ɪˈmiːdiətli/ adverb* right away.

*When the teacher asked the question, Angela immediately raised her hand.*

**288. manufacture**

*/ˌmænʃəˈfæktʃə-/ verb* to make from raw materials by hand or machinery.

*The auto industry is being encouraged to manufacture more fuel-efficient cars.*

**Official Wordlist**

**289. rehearse**

*/rɪ'hə:s/ verb* to practice in private in preparation for a public performance.

*The cast members have been meeting every night to rehearse the school play.*

**290. pursuit**

*/pə'su:t/, British /pə'sju:t/ noun* the act of following after in order to catch or destroy.

*A police car sped down the highway in pursuit of the robbers.*

**291. moccasin**

*'mɑ:kəsən/ noun* a soft shoe with no heel and the sole and sides made of one piece.

*Charlotte said that the moccasin felt very comfortable on her foot.*

**292. fascination**

*'fæsə,neɪt/ noun* the state of being greatly attracted.

*Since he was given a telescope, Matt has had a fascination with constellations.*

**293. broccoli**

*'brɑ:kəli/ noun* an open branching form of cauliflower whose green stalks and clustered flower buds are used as a vegetable.

*Eileen usually serves broccoli with a cheese sauce.*

**294. vengeance**

*'vendʒəns/ noun* punishment given in return for an injury or offense.

*The gang sought vengeance for the attack on one of its members.*

**295. personnel**

*,pə-sə'nɛl/ noun* a body of persons usually employed (as in a factory, office, or organization).

*The agency bought new computers for all its sales personnel.*

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**296. mayonnaise**

*/ˈmeɪjəˌneɪz/ noun* a dressing made of egg yolks, vegetable oils, and vinegar or lemon juice.

*Ryan likes plenty of mayonnaise in his chicken sandwiches.*

**297. technician**

*/tɛkˈnɪʃən/ noun* a specialist in the technical details of a subject or occupation.

*We had to take our computer to a technician to be repaired.*