

B2 English Vocabulary

300 upper-intermediate words with definitions

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#	Word	Definition	✓
1	Absorb	To take in liquid, heat, or another substance.	☐
2	Academic	Related to schools, universities, or study.	☐
3	Accent	A way of pronouncing words typical of a place or group.	☐
4	Access	The ability or right to enter, use, or obtain something.	☐
5	Accord	A formal agreement between people or countries.	☐
6	Accurate	Correct and free from mistakes.	☐
7	Accuse	To say that someone has done something wrong.	☐
8	Achieve	To succeed in doing something after effort.	☐
9	Acquire	To get or buy something.	☐
10	Adjust	Change something slightly so that it works or fits better.	☐
11	Admire	To respect someone for their qualities or achievements.	☐
12	Adopt	Legally take another person into a family as a child.	☐
13	Advice	Suggestions about what someone should do.	☐
14	Advise	To suggest what someone should do.	☐
15	Advocate	A person who publicly supports an idea or cause.	☐
16	Affair	An event or situation that people are concerned about.	☐
17	Affect	To cause a change in someone or something.	☐
18	Afford	To have enough money to pay for something.	☐
19	Agency	A business that arranges services for others.	☐
20	Agenda	A list of subjects to discuss at a meeting.	☐
21	Agent	A person who acts for someone else in business.	☐
22	Alarm	A warning of danger or a device that gives one.	☐
23	Album	A collection of songs released together.	☐
24	Alcohol	The substance in beer, wine, and spirits that makes people drunk.	☐
25	Alert	Quick to notice things and ready to act.	☐

#	Word	Definition	✓
26	Alike	Similar to each other.	☐
27	Alpha	The first letter of the Greek alphabet.	☐
28	Alter	To change something.	☐
29	Amaze	To surprise someone very much.	☐
30	Amount	How much of something there is.	☐
31	Amuse	Make someone laugh or feel entertained.	☐
32	Ancient	Belonging to the very distant past.	☐
33	Angel	A spiritual being believed to carry messages from a god.	☐
34	Angle	The space between two lines that meet, measured in degrees.	☐
35	Annual	Happening once every year.	☐
36	Anxious	Worried about something that might happen.	☐
37	Anyhow	In any case, whatever else may be true.	☐
38	Apparent	Easy to see or understand.	☐
39	Appeal	A strong or serious request for help.	☐
40	Append	To add something to the end of a text or list.	☐
41	Apply	To make a formal request for a job, course, or benefit.	☐
42	Approve	To officially accept or agree to something.	☐
43	Archer	A person who shoots arrows with a bow.	☐
44	Arctic	Related to the area around the North Pole.	☐
45	Arena	A large area surrounded by seats for sports or performances.	☐
46	Argue	To disagree with someone in words, sometimes angrily.	☐
47	Arise	To begin to happen or exist.	☐
48	Armed	Carrying a weapon or weapons.	☐
49	Armor	A strong covering worn to protect the body in battle.	☐
50	Arrest	To take someone away by police because they may have broken the law.	☐
51	Article	A piece of writing in a newspaper, magazine, or website.	☐
52	Aspect	One part of a situation or subject.	☐
53	Assign	To give someone a particular job or task.	☐
54	Assist	To help someone do something.	☐
55	Assume	To believe something is true without being certain.	☐
56	Assure	To tell someone confidently that something is true.	☐
57	Astray	Away from the correct route or direction.	☐

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58	Atomic	Related to the tiny units that make up chemical elements.	☐
59	Attach	To fasten or join one thing to another.	☐
60	Attend	To be present at an event or class.	☐
61	Author	A person who writes a book or other text.	☐
62	Avenue	A wide street, often with trees along it.	☐
63	Average	The value found by adding amounts and dividing by how many there are.	☐
64	Award	A prize given for an achievement.	☐
65	Aware	Knowing that something exists or is happening.	☐
66	Awkward	Making you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable.	☐
67	Baffle	To confuse someone completely.	☐
68	Balance	A steady position that keeps you from falling.	☐
69	Bandit	A robber, especially one who attacks travellers.	☐
70	Bargain	Something bought for less than its usual price.	☐
71	Behalf	Used in a phrase meaning acting for another person.	☐
72	Behave	To act in a particular way.	☐
73	Believe	To accept that something is true.	☐
74	Benefit	An advantage or profit gained from something.	☐
75	Bikini	A two-piece item of clothing worn for swimming.	☐
76	Bishop	A senior Christian leader responsible for churches in an area.	☐
77	Boiler	A device that heats water for a building.	☐
78	Boldly	With courage and confidence.	☐
79	Bomber	An aircraft designed to drop explosive weapons.	☐
80	Bonnet	A hat tied under the chin.	☐
81	Browse	To look through things without a clear plan to buy or read them.	☐
82	Buffer	Something that reduces the effect of a shock or conflict.	☐
83	Burden	A heavy load that someone carries.	☐
84	Bureau	An office or department that provides a service.	☐
85	Bygone	Belonging to an earlier time.	☐
86	Cabinet	A piece of furniture with doors and shelves for storing things.	☐
87	Cactus	A plant that stores water and usually has sharp spines.	☐
88	Capacity	The largest amount that something can hold.	☐
89	Capital	The city where a country's government is based.	☐

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90	Carbon	A chemical element found in every living thing.	☐
91	Cartel	A group of businesses that agree to control prices or supply.	☐
92	Casino	A place where people gamble on games.	☐
93	Category	A group of things with shared features.	☐
94	Cement	A powder mixed with water to help make concrete.	☐
95	Century	A period of one hundred years.	☐
96	Certain	Sure that something is true.	☐
97	Channel	A television station or a source of online videos.	☐
98	Chaos	A state of complete confusion and disorder.	☐
99	Chapel	A small building used for Christian worship.	☐
100	Chrome	A shiny metal coating used to protect and decorate objects.	☐
101	Cigar	A thick roll of tobacco leaves made for smoking.	☐
102	Circuit	A complete path through which electricity can flow.	☐
103	Clause	A group of words that usually includes a subject and a verb.	☐
104	Climate	The usual weather in a place over many years.	☐
105	Clinic	A place where people receive medical advice or treatment.	☐
106	Cobalt	A hard, silver-grey metal used in batteries and strong metal mixtures.	☐
107	Cohort	A group of people with something in common, such as age.	☐
108	Coined	Invented a new word or expression.	☐
109	Coldly	In an unfriendly way without showing care.	☐
110	Combat	Fighting between people or armed forces.	☐
111	Comfort	A state of being relaxed and feeling no pain.	☐
112	Commit	To carry out an action, especially a crime.	☐
113	Company	A business that sells goods or services.	☐
114	Complex	Having many connected parts that are hard to understand.	☐
115	Concrete	A building material made from cement, sand, stones, and water.	☐
116	Confirm	To show that something is true or correct.	☐
117	Conflict	A serious disagreement or struggle.	☐
118	Connect	Join two or more things together.	☐
119	Consent	Permission for something to happen.	☐
120	Context	The situation that helps explain an event or idea.	☐
121	Control	The power to decide what happens or how something works.	☐
122	Convey	To communicate an idea, feeling, or message.	☐

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123	Corpse	The dead body of a person.	☐
124	Cradle	A small baby's bed that can rock from side to side.	☐
125	Criteria	Standards used to judge or choose something.	☐
126	Crucial	Extremely important to the success of something.	☐
127	Crystal	A solid whose particles are arranged in a regular pattern.	☐
128	Culture	The beliefs, customs, and way of life of a group.	☐
129	Current	Happening or existing at the present time.	☐
130	Debris	Broken pieces left after something is damaged or destroyed.	☐
131	Decade	A period of ten years.	☐
132	Decker	A vehicle with a stated number of floors or levels.	☐
133	Decline	To become smaller, weaker, or less.	☐
134	Decree	An official order made by a ruler or authority.	☐
135	Denial	A statement that something is not true.	☐
136	Depart	Leave a place, especially to begin a journey.	☐
137	Deploy	To send people or equipment where they are needed.	☐
138	Design	A plan showing how something will look or work.	☐
139	Detail	An individual feature, fact, or item.	☐
140	Develop	To grow or change over time.	☐
141	Digest	To break down food inside the body.	☐
142	Digital	Using electronic technology to store or process information.	☐
143	Dismal	Causing sadness or loss of hope.	☐
144	Display	Show something so that other people can see it.	☐
145	Dispute	A serious disagreement.	☐
146	Distal	Further from the centre of the body or the point where a part begins.	☐
147	Distant	Far away in space or time.	☐
148	Distinct	Clearly different from something else.	☐
149	Diverse	Including many different types.	☐
150	Divide	To separate something into parts or groups.	☐
151	Divine	Related to a god or heaven.	☐
152	Dominant	More powerful or important than others.	☐
153	Dosage	The amount of medicine to take and how often to take it.	☐
154	Dross	Material of little value or poor quality.	☐
155	Duchess	A woman who holds the same high social rank as a duke.	☐

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156	Ductile	Able to be stretched into thin wire without breaking.	☐
157	Dynamic	Full of energy and new ideas.	☐
158	Effort	The energy you use to do something.	☐
159	Element	One part of something larger.	☐
160	Elements	The separate parts that make up a whole.	☐
161	Eligible	Allowed to do or receive something under the rules.	☐
162	Emblem	A design or object that represents a group or idea.	☐
163	Enclosed	Surrounded on all sides.	☐
164	Enlarged	Made bigger.	☐
165	Enormous	Extremely large.	☐
166	Entail	To involve something as a necessary part or result.	☐
167	Entire	With no part left out.	☐
168	Escape	To get away from danger or a place you cannot leave freely.	☐
169	Estimate	A rough calculation of an amount or cost.	☐
170	Ethnic	Related to a group with a shared culture, language, or history.	☐
171	Events	Things that happen at a particular time or place.	☐
172	Exempt	Free from a rule, duty, or payment that applies to others.	☐
173	External	On the outside of something.	☐
174	Facade	The front of a building.	☐
175	Feature	An important or noticeable part of something.	☐
176	Federal	Relating to the central government of a group of states.	☐
177	Felony	A serious crime in some legal systems, including the United States.	☐
178	Ferric	Describing iron with three positive electrical charges.	☐
179	Feudal	Related to a past system where people served lords in return for land.	☐
180	Fibers	Thin threads that make up cloth or other materials.	☐
181	Fiction	Stories about people and events that are imagined.	☐
182	Fierce	Violent, angry, or ready to attack.	☐
183	Flange	A raised edge that helps join a pipe or part to another.	☐
184	Flavor	The distinctive taste of a food or drink.	☐
185	Former	Having a particular job or position in the past.	☐
186	Freedom	The ability to act or choose without unfair control.	☐
187	Fundamental	Forming the most important or basic part of something.	☐

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188	Fusion	The joining of different things to form one.	☐
189	Gauges	Instruments that measure quantities such as pressure or temperature.	☐
190	Genuine	Real and exactly what it claims to be.	☐
191	Geyser	A hot spring that sometimes shoots water and steam into the air.	☐
192	Glossy	Having a smooth, shiny surface.	☐
193	Gossip	Talk about other people's private lives that may not be true.	☐
194	Graphic	Related to pictures, drawing, or design.	☐
195	Grateful	Feeling thankful for someone's help or kindness.	☐
196	Gravity	The force that pulls things toward the earth.	☐
197	Greyly	In a dull grey colour or light.	☐
198	Ground	The solid surface of the earth.	☐
199	Guarantee	A firm promise that something will happen or meet a standard.	☐
200	Habitat	The natural place where an animal or plant lives.	☐
201	Heritage	Traditions, buildings, and beliefs passed down from the past.	☐
202	Hinder	To make progress difficult or slow.	☐
203	History	Events that happened in the past.	☐
204	Hubcap	A cover over the centre of a car wheel.	☐
205	Hyphen	The punctuation mark used to join words, as in well-known.	☐
206	Identical	Exactly the same.	☐
207	Incident	An event, especially one that is unusual or unpleasant.	☐
208	Inhale	To breathe air into your lungs.	☐
209	Initial	Happening or placed at the beginning.	☐
210	Inquiry	A request for information.	☐
211	Instance	One example of a particular thing.	☐
212	Integrity	The quality of being honest and following strong moral principles.	☐
213	Intense	Very strong or extreme.	☐
214	Internal	Inside something.	☐
215	Ionize	To give an atom an electrical charge by adding or removing electrons.	☐
216	Itched	Felt an uncomfortable need to scratch the skin.	☐
217	Item	A single thing in a collection or list.	☐
218	Jagged	Having a rough edge with sharp points.	☐
219	Jaguar	A large wild cat from the Americas with dark spots.	☐

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220	Jargon	Special words used by people in a particular job or subject.	☐
221	Jersey	A shirt worn by a member of a sports team.	☐
222	Jester	A person once employed to entertain a king or queen with jokes.	☐
223	Journal	A personal written record of experiences and thoughts.	☐
224	Journey	An act of travelling from one place to another.	☐
225	Jurist	An expert in law.	☐
226	Justice	Fair treatment according to what is right.	☐
227	Kernel	A softer, usually edible part of a nut or seed.	☐
228	Kindly	In a kind and caring way.	☐
229	Knight	A medieval soldier given a rank of honor by a ruler.	☐
230	Labels	Small pieces of paper or material giving information about things.	☐
231	Labor	Work that requires physical or mental effort.	☐
232	Latest	The most recent in a series.	☐
233	Launch	To start a new business, product, or activity.	☐
234	Lawyer	A person trained to give advice about the law.	☐
235	Leader	The person who leads or commands a group.	☐
236	Legend	A traditional story passed down through generations.	☐
237	Legitimate	Allowed by law or accepted rules.	☐
238	Length	The measurement from end to end.	☐
239	Lesson	An amount of teaching given at one time.	☐
240	Levels	Positions on a scale of amount, quality, or difficulty.	☐
241	Liable	Legally responsible for something.	☐
242	Liberal	Willing to accept different opinions and ways of living.	☐
243	Liberty	The freedom to live and act without unfair control.	☐
244	Limits	The highest amounts or levels allowed.	☐
245	Liquid	A substance that flows freely but is of constant volume.	☐
246	Lists	Written groups of names, items, or tasks.	☐
247	Living	Alive at the present time.	☐
248	Local	Belonging to the area near where you are.	☐
249	Locate	To find the exact position of something.	☐
250	Logic	A way of thinking that follows clear reasons.	☐
251	Lovely	Very beautiful or attractive.	☐
252	Loyal	Faithful and supportive toward a person, group, or cause.	☐

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253	Luckily	Because of good luck.	☐
254	Luxury	Great comfort, often involving expensive things.	☐
255	Magnet	An object that pulls iron and some other metals toward it.	☐
256	Mainly	More than anything else.	☐
257	Maintain	To keep something in good condition.	☐
258	Major	Very important or large in size or effect.	☐
259	Manage	Control or organize people, work, or resources.	☐
260	Manner	How something is done or how it happens.	☐
261	Manual	A book explaining how to use or do something.	☐
262	Margin	The edge or border of something.	☐
263	Marine	Related to the sea or things that live in it.	☐
264	Marry	Become legally joined to another person as spouses.	☐
265	Master	A person with great skill in a particular activity.	☐
266	Matrix	A set of numbers or items arranged in rows and columns.	☐
267	Matter	The physical substance that things are made of.	☐
268	Maximum	The largest possible quantity.	☐
269	Meadow	A field of grass, often with wild flowers.	☐
270	Medium	About halfway between two extremes.	☐
271	Member	An individual belonging to a group.	☐
272	Memory	The ability to remember information and experiences.	☐
273	Mental	Related to the mind.	☐
274	Merger	The joining of two or more companies into one.	☐
275	Method	A particular way of doing something.	☐
276	Metric	Using metres, grams, and litres to measure things.	☐
277	Middle	The point or position at an equal distance from the sides.	☐
278	Mighty	Very strong or powerful.	☐
279	Modern	Related to the present or recent times.	☐
280	Moment	A very short period of time.	☐
281	Monaco	A small country on the Mediterranean coast next to France.	☐
282	Moral	Related to ideas of right and wrong.	☐
283	Motion	The action or process of moving or being moved.	☐
284	Motor	A machine that uses energy to produce movement.	☐
285	Mountain	A very high natural area of land with steep sides.	☐

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286	Multiple	Involving more than one.	☐
287	Murder	The crime of deliberately killing another person.	☐
288	Muscle	Body tissue that tightens and relaxes to produce movement.	☐
289	Mutual	Shared by two or more people.	☐
290	Mystic	A person who seeks a direct spiritual experience.	☐
291	Narrative	A spoken or written account of events.	☐
292	Narrow	Having only a small distance from side to side.	☐
293	Native	Born in a particular place or country.	☐
294	Nearly	Almost, but not completely.	☐
295	Neatly	In a clean, tidy, and organized way.	☐
296	Needed	Required for a particular purpose.	☐
297	Negate	To make something have no effect.	☐
298	Nephew	A son of your brother or sister.	☐
299	Nerve	A part of the body that carries signals to and from the brain.	☐
300	Nettle	A plant whose leaves can sting your skin.	☐

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