

90 Basic English Words

1. Hello

This is a basic greeting.

2. Goodbye

This is what you say when you are leaving.

3. Yes

This is a word that you say when you agree with something someone has said.

4. No

This is a word that means you disagree with something someone has said.

5. Please

This is a polite way to call someone's attention. When you are asking someone for a favor you should say "please."

6. Thank you

When someone does something for you, this is the polite response.

7. Help

If you need someone to do something for you because you can't do it yourself, you ask for help. If you are in trouble, you should yell "Help!"

8. Sorry

This is what you say if you've done something wrong to someone. You can also use it to ask for their attention or interrupt them.

9. Person and People

This is a word that is used when you are talking about humans. A "person" is the singular form, what you use when referring to an individual. "People" is what you call a group.

10. Man, and Men

A man is a person who is male. Meanwhile, a group of people who are male are men.

11. Woman and Women

A woman is a person who is female. A group of people who are female are women.

12. He or Him

These are used to refer to a male person. The words "person" or "man" are nouns. "He" and "Him" are pronouns which is a shorter word that is use in place of a noun.

13. She or Her

These are pronouns that are used to refer to a female person. You can use these in place of “woman”.

14. They or Them

These are gender neutral pronouns that you can use to refer to people.

15. I

This is a pronoun you can use to refer to yourself.

16. Me

This is a word you can use to refer to yourself.

17. Mine

This is a word that indicates possession. If you say something in “mine” you are saying it belongs to you.

18. You

This is a gender-neutral pronoun that you can use to refer to another person. This is usually what you use when talking directly to someone.

19. We

This is a pronoun that you can use to refer to yourself and other people as a group or collective.

20. Child and Children

These are gender neutral terms that mean a young human or person. A “child” is one young human, while “children” refers to a group of young humans. If someone is below the age of puberty or not yet of legal age, they are usually considered a child.

21. Teenager

If a young human is above the age of puberty, they are referred to as a teenager.

22. Boy

A child or teenager who is male can be called a boy.

23. Girl

A child or teenager who is female can be called a girl.

24. Parent

A parent is someone who takes care of a child. Often this is a blood relation of the child.

25. Father

A father is the male parent

26. Mother

A mother is the female parent.

27. Son

Male offspring.

28. Daughter

Female offspring.

29. Brother

Someone who has the same parent as someone else. If there is more than one male offspring, they will refer to each other as “brother”.

30. Sister

Someone who has the same parent as someone else. If there is more than one female offspring, they will refer to each other as “sister”

31. Thing

An object that is not alive.

32. Animal

A living being that is not human.

33. Plant

A living thing that grows on the earth.

34. This and That

These are pronouns used to refer to things. They can also be used to refer to living things that are not human.

36. These and Those

These are other pronouns used to refer to things. They can also be used to refer to living things that are not human.

37. It

Another pronoun that can be used to refer to things or living things that is not human.

38. Time

This is a concept which means a measurable period when an action happens.

39. Hour

This is a specific unit of time.

40. Day

Can either mean 24 hours of time or the time when the sun is in the sky.

41. Night

The period of time when the sun is not in the sky.

42. When

This is an interrogative word, which is a word that asks a question. When you ask “when” you are looking

to know a specific unit of time.

43. Who

This is an interrogative pronoun. The answer to the question “who” refers to a specific person.

44. What

This is an interrogative pronoun. When you ask “what” you are asking about a particular thing.

45. Why

This is an interrogative pronoun. When you ask “why” you are questioning the reason behind a certain action.

46. Place

This means a venue or address where you are, where another person or object is, or where an action or event is taking place.

47. Where

This is an interrogative pronoun. Where you ask “Where” you are asking about a specific place. Often the answer is a specific place at a specific time and date.

48. Here

This refers to the present location. When you are “here”, it refers to where you are at present.

49. Now

This is a word that means the present time. When you say you are somewhere “now”, it is your present location.

50. Later

This word refers to a future time. When you say you will be somewhere “later”, it refers to your location in the near future.

51. From

When you say something is “from” somewhere, you are talking about where it was before it came to its present location.

52. Building

This is a man-made structure, usually consisting of walls, a floor, and a roof.

53. Home

This is a building that is used as by people or a group of people as a residence. Where they eat and sleep on a daily basis.

54. Store

This is a building where good and services are available for sale.

55. Restaurant

This is a building where meals are available for sale. The meals can be eaten there.

56. Eat

This is the act of taking in food or having a meal.

57. Drink

This is the act of taking in liquids.

58. Breakfast

This is a meal that is taken in the morning. Breakfast is usually the first meal of the day.

59. Lunch

This is the meal that is usually taken around mid-day.

60. Dinner

This is a meal that is taken in the evening. It is usually the last meal of the day.

61. Before

This is a word that refers to the past.

62. After

This is a word that refers to a period of time that occurs after an event.

63. To

This is a word that refers to movement. When you go "to" something you are moving closer to it.

64. School

This is a building where education takes place. People gather at a school to either teach or learn lessons.

65. Student

This refers to someone who goes to school to learn. Gender neutral and can be used to refer to an adult, a child, or a teenager.

66. Teacher

This is someone who goes to school to teach students. Gender neutral and usually meant to refer to an adult.

67. Have

This is a verb, which is an action word. "Have" means something you hold.

68. Go

This is another verb. When you or someone "go" you are moving towards something.

69. Do

This is a verb. When you "do" something, you are performing an action.

70. Get

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This is a verb. When you or someone else “get” something, you move towards it and hold it.

71. See

This is a verb that refers to vision. If you lay eyes on something, you see it.

72. Smell

This is a verb that refers to odor. When you smell something, you are using your nose.

73. Sound

This is a verb that refers to hearing. You hear a sound.

74. Taste

When you taste something, you know its flavor.

75. Touch

When you touch something, you feel it. Usually with your hands, but if almost anything touches your skin, you will feel its “touch”.

76. Know

When you “know” something, you understand it.

77. Make

This is a verb that refers to creation. When you “make” something, you create it.

78. Come

This is a verb that refers to a future action. When you say you will “come” you are saying that you will be at a venue at a specific time, usually this is sometime in the near future.

79. Use

When you perform an action with something, you use it.

80. With

When you are with someone or something, they or it are with you physically. You are in the same place at the same time.

81. Want

When you want something, you desire to have it.

82. For

When you say something if for someone, you are indicating that they possess it.

83. Buy

When you buy something, you give someone else money in order to possess it.

84. Sell

This refers to someone being willing to take money in exchange for an object they possess.

85. Hurt

This refers to feeling bad or being in pain due to an accident.

86. Sick

This refers to feeling bad and maybe being in pain due to illness

87. Doctor

This is someone you should see if you are feeling ill.

89. Hospital

This is a building where you will find a doctor and where you will be taken if you are hurt in an accident.

90. Police

This is a government mandated entity who is supposed to keep peace and security. If you need help you can ask for the police.