

VOCABULARY: (almost) all the words you need!

- ⊗ In order to pass your exam, you need a good grasp of English vocabulary, both basic and advanced. To this end, your English teacher has compiled lists of the most important words.
- ⊗ All words are presented in context, i.e. in example sentences, with the relevant word replaced by the symbol ~.
- ⊗ When studying, fold away the left-hand column, then read the sentences until you are able to come up with the missing word. The right-hand columns are there to give you hints or related words and expressions.
- ⊗ It is essential that you write down all the missing words - just being able to say them is not enough!

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BASIC VOCABULARY (1) : THINKING

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
a thought (n) (be lost) in thought	We all agreed that this was an extremely interesting ~. He didn't hear what I said since he was completely ~.	→	→ thoughtful (adj)
imagination (n)	Poets, artists, and inventors need a lively ~.		→ imaginative (adj)
consider (sb as : v) take into consideration	His boss ~s him as not suitable for the job. They will take every serious offer into ~.		= regard (as) (v) → considerable (adj)
take sth seriously	He simply refused to take anything ~ (= accept that sth is important and deserves your attention).		Is that a joke or are you serious?
a belief (n)	After the accident, she seemed to have lost her ~ in God.		= faith (n) → believe in sth (v)
estimate (v)	We had ~d that the work would take about an hour but we were proved wrong.		→ an estimation (n)
expect (v) an expectation (n)	What time do you ~ her to arrive? In the twentieth century people's ~ of life has greatly increased.		→ ~ a baby = life expectancy (n)
(make up your) mind (change your) mind	I can't make ~ my ~ about what to do next. He got his bike, but then he ~d his mind and went by bus.		= decide = ~ your opinion
memory (n)	That day remained in her ~ for the rest of her life.		→ remember sth
remind sb (of sth : v)	We must ~ him to return the book that he has borrowed.		→ That ~s me.
misunderstand (sth) (misunderstood, ~)	She had completely ~ what I was trying to say and took it as an insult.		→ misunderstanding (n)
emphasise (-ize : v) emphasis (n)	Their instructor had ~d the importance of driving carefully, especially in wet weather. My high school puts great ~ on studies that prepare its students for college.		= stress sth (v)
an opinion (n) public opinion (n)	In my ~ there is no difference between the two. Public ~ is strongly against higher taxes.		= I'm of the ~ that ...
a point of view (n)	They interviewed many people in order to get several points of ~.		= a perspective
concerned (adj)	As far as I'm ~, I would be more than willing to give it a try.		= from my point of view
criticize (-ise) (sb for sth : v) a critic (n)	His insurance has ~d him for taking unnecessary risks. By winning a gold medal she has proved to her ~s that she is still in great shape.		→ criticism (n) → be critical of sth (adj)
an inquiry (also: en-) (n)	We are getting a lot of ~ies from travel agencies about our new London-Berlin service.		
research (n) investigate (v)	The government spends millions of dollars on ~ into the causes of cancer. When he heard a noise, he went downstairs to ~.		→ carry out medical / scientific ~ → an investigator
an outline (n) summarise sth (v)	The book is basically an ~ of the most important steps in the development of the English language. You should be able to ~ the author's main ideas in no more than 150 words.		= a summary (n) = sum up (v)
a message (n)	As you weren't at home I left a ~ in your letter box. - send (↔) receive) a message -		→ ~ in a bottle
refer to sth (v)	Although she didn't mention our names, everyone knew who she was ~ring to.		→ a reference book (n)
a survey (n)	According to a recent ~, 36% of all women don't feel safe walking home alone at night.		→ a nationwide ~
a questionnaire (n)	Please fill in all the answers and return the ~ to the address given above.		→ question sb (v)
report sth (v)	The royal wedding was ~ed in the press yesterday.		→ ~ed speech (n)
a quotation (n)	"To be or not to be" is a famous ~ by Shakespeare.		→ quote sb / sth (v)
an encyclopaedia (n) (also: -edia)	An ~ is a large book that contains background information about many topics in alphabetical order.		≠ dictionary

BASIC VOCABULARY (2) : LINKING WORDS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
when if	I will phone you ~ I get home. I will be home at seven ~ I catch the train at 5 p.m.		= as soon as = on condition that
unless	She will die ~ the doctors operate on her immediately.		= if not
even if	~ you are just going on a short drive, you should always have your driving license with you.		
while whereas	Maria cleaned the kitchen ~ I did the bathroom. The south of the country is hot and dry, ~ the north gets quite a lot of rain.		
until	Black people were denied the right to vote in the US ~ well into the 1950's.		= till
after	Ten years ~ I had bought the painting I discovered that it was fake.		= ~ buying ↔ before
first (of all) then finally	We had a great holiday. ~ we spent some days skiing in Switzerland. ~ we drove to Italy and stayed on the coast for a few days. ~, we went back to the Swiss Alps and met some old friends there.		= in the beginning = after that / afterwards = in the end
first(ly) secondly thirdly	Why can't we go away this weekend? - ~ because I'm busy this weekend. ~ you have got a lot of school work to do. And ~ we are planning to go away next weekend.	= to begin with = for one thing = besides = for another (thing) = to conclude = anyway	
furthermore	The set meal is just \$15, which is excellent value. ~, you get a free glass of house wine.		= in addition = what's more
although despite	She still won the match ~ she had injured her knee. He didn't pass his exams ~ the help I had given him.		= though/ even though = in spite of
however	Most big cats, e.g. tigers and leopards, are quite solitary creatures. Lions, ~, spend most of their time in a group.		= on the other hand
nevertheless	He insisted that everything would be all right. ~, I couldn't help feeling anxious.		= all the same
due to	~ the repeated power cuts last night, I missed part of the late film on TV.		= because of
so that	We moved house ~ we could send our children to this school.		= The purpose of moving was...
therefore	She is extremely hardworking. ~ she has deserved being promoted.		= for that reason
provided (that)	I don't mind if he joins us on the trip ~ he pays for his own meals.		= on condition that
on the one hand ... on the other hand	~ I really want to sell the house, but ~ I can't bear the thought of having to move again.		
similarly	At the conference, men have to wear a jacket and tie. ~, women are asked to wear a skirt or dress.		
on the contrary	It was not wise to act that way. ~, I think it was a huge mistake.		= by contrast
to sum up	~, our first priority should be to concentrate on staff training.		= overall
to conclude	~, I would like to once again thank the court for giving me this opportunity to speak.		→ draw a conclusion
in order to	~ understand how the human body works, you need to have some knowledge of chemistry.		
in addition	The hotel itself can accommodate 80 guests. ~, there are also ten self-catering apartments.		= additionally = on top of that
either ... or neither ... nor	~ the room is too small ~ the piano is too large. She has met ~ her father ~ her mother.		
not only ... but (also)	~ did they break into his office, ~ they also stole all his books.		
consequently	Both the manager and her assistant were ill. ~, there wasn't anybody to take any decisions.		= as a result

BASIC VOCABULARY (3) : LEISURE

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
spare time (n) leisure (n)	Most people spend their ~ watching television. Shorter working hours mean that people have more ~. - ~ activities / facilities / clothing / centre -		= free time (n)
a pastime (n)	His favourite ~ is collecting stamps.		= hobby (n)
recreation (n)	What do you do for ~? - Well, I enjoy drawing and painting.		≠ relaxation (n)
equipment (n)	If you want to go mountaineering, it is essential for you to have all the necessary ~.		→ equip (sb with sth :v)
cater for sb (v)	They have founded a holiday company that ~s for elderly tourists.		= provides them with everything they need
at sb's disposal (n)	He seems to have a considerable sum of money at his ~.		
favourite (adj)	Who's your ~ actor - Tom Cruise or Chris Hemsworth?		→ favour / prefer sb / sth (v)
(do / take) exercise (n)	Everybody should do at least fifteen minutes of ~ each day.		= work out (v)
a gym(nasium) (n)	A ~ is a hall that has equipment for doing physical exercise.		→ gymnastics (n)
rewarding (adj) a sense of achievement (n)	Most people who work out regularly say that doing sports is extremely ~ because it provides you with a sense of ~.		→ a reward (n) → achieve sth (v)
a competition (n) a competitor (n)	Leeds United were knocked out of the European ~ in the first round. The other British ~s were more successful.		→ compete (with sb:v) competitive (adj)
participate (in : v)	Many of the competitors were invited to ~ in TV talk shows.		= take part (in) → a participant (n)
DIY	She has just bought a book on ~ in order to be able to make her own furniture.		= do-it-yourself → a DIY-store (n)
a collection (n)	His only interest was his ~ of rare old books.		→ collect sth (v) → a collector (n)
a host / a hostess (n)	The ~ welcomed all the guests personally when they arrived.		↔ a guest (n)
(visit) relatives (n)	Visiting ~ at the weekend is one of the social obligations many people dislike.		→ be related (to sb)
farewell (n)	He went away without saying ~, he didn't even write her a ~ letter.		→ say goodbye
gamble (v)	~ing, e.g. roulette, is not allowed in most American states.		→ take a gamble
luck (n)	Whether you win or lose in roulette is just a question of ~.		→ good ~ → bad ~
guess (v)	If you don't know the exact answer, just ~.		= have a guess (v)
cheat (v)	Jack always tries to ~ at cards, so we usually watch him carefully during games.		→ a cheat (n)
a spectator (n)	The friendly match between the two national teams attracted more than 40,000 ~s.		
an audience (n)	The ~ began clapping and cheering when the curtain rose and the star of the evening entered the stage.		→ a live ~
crowded (with : adj) busy (adj)	The five o'clock train is always ~ with commuters. Oxford Street was so ~ that we could hardly move.		→ a crowd (n) → a ~ telephone line
a conductor (n)	A ~ is someone who stands in front of a group of musicians and directs their playing.		→ conduct (v) (an experiment)
a supporter (n)	Many people in England don't like football ~s because they think they're all hooligans.		→ support (a team) (v)
outdoor (adj)	Lisa prefers ~ activities like hiking and cycling to staying at home.		↔ indoor (Adj) → an indoor arena
wrestle (v)	I spent two hours ~ing with my maths homework.		→ a wrestler (n)

BASIC VOCABULARY (4) : TRAVELLING

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
a vacation (n: AmE)	They are going to France for their ~.		→ holiday (n)
a travel agency (n)	Thomas Cook is one of Britain's largest ~ies.		→ a business traveller → travel by rail/sea/air
arrive (at / in) (v) depart (from) (v)	I hope our train to the airport will ~ on time. Our tour ~s from Heathrow Airport on March 31 and returns April 16.		→ arrival (n) → departure (n) → a departure lounge
go abroad (v)	She works for an international corporation, so she regularly goes ~ on business.		
a resort (n)	Thirty years ago, Blackpool was Britain's most popular holiday ~.		→ a seaside resort (n) → a mountain resort
a spa (n)	A ~ is a resort with a spring of mineral water which is supposed to improve your health.		→ the source of a river
a flight (n)	The last ~ to Nuremberg leaves Heathrow at 9 p.m.		→ fly / flew / flown (v) → a flight attendant
a package tour (n)	Today modern technology enables travellers to book a ~ up to three hours before their departure.		→ the packaging of a product
a journey (n) a voyage (n) a cruise (n)	After a long ~ we finally arrived in East Asia. The voyage from England to India used to take six months. We have booked a ~ through the Mediterranean Sea.		→ a trip (n) → a cruise liner (n)
a return ticket (n)	A ~ is often cheaper than two singles.		↔ a single ticket (n)
sight-seeing (n)	After two days of ~ he was so tired that he fell asleep on the bus.		→ at first sight
a guided tour (n)	They offer a ~ of the cathedral every other hour.		→ a guide (n)
luggage (n) a suitcase (n)	All ~ should be checked in at the airport at least one hour before departure. His ~ was so full that he wasn't able to shut its lid.		= baggage (n: AmE) → ~ reclaim (n)
a vacancy (n)	The sign outside the hotel said: No ~ies.		→ vacant (adj)
a youth hostel (n)	Children over fourteen are welcome to stay at British ~s on their own.		→ YHA = ~ Association
a visa (n)	She arrived in the United States with a tourist ~ but she didn't possess a work permit.		→ a work permit (n)
customs (n) declare sth (v)	When we had collected our luggage we had to pass through ~. Customs officer: "Have you got anything to ~"		→ a customs officer → a duty-free shop (n)
a trailer (n)	In American English, a ~ is a vehicle that can be pulled behind a car, used for living and sleeping in.		→ mobile home / RV (recreational vehicle)
a camp site (n) a tent (n)	She was staying at a ~ in the middle of the wilderness. It took us two hours to put up our new ~.		→ go camping
a pavement (n)	You are not permitted to ride your motorbike on the ~.		= a sidewalk (US)
a pedestrian (n) a pedestrian crossing a pedestrian precinct	Pavements are for ~s only. The accident happened at the ~ when a car didn't stop. Vehicles are not permitted to use ~s.		→ cross the street = a pedestrian mall (n)
a bend (n)	He crashed when he drove too fast round a narrow ~.		→ to bend (bent / ~)
a crossroads (n)	When you come to the next ~, turn right.		= an intersection (US)
traffic lights (n)	He went across the crossroads although the ~ were red.		→ traffic signs (n)
a traffic jam (n)	The accident caused a long ~ on the motorway.		→ traffic congestion
a car park (n) a parking space (n)	He parked the rental car in the underground ~. She drove along slowly, looking for a ~.		= a parking lot (AmE)
public transport (n)	There would be fewer traffic jams if more people used ~, i.e. buses and trains.		→ go by tube / subway
a fare (n)	Young people under 26 can travel at a reduced ~.		→ a coach / train ~
a residential area (n)	A ~ is a part of town consisting of private houses rather than factories or offices.		→ local residents (n)
suburbs (n)	~s are residential areas outside the city centre.		→ suburban (adj)

BASIC VOCABULARY (5) : VERBS AND NOUNS

WORDS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
a solution (n)	That problem was hard; its ~ took several hours.		→ solve a problem
manage to do sth (v)	How did they ~ to get out of the burning building unharmed?		→ a manager (n)
ability (n) disability (n)	He has the ~ to solve complex technical problems. The government tries to help people who are unable to work because of illness or ~.		→ be (un)able (to do sth) → be disabled
a volunteer (n) voluntary (adj)	He asked for two ~s to clean the blackboard. She does ~ work in the nearby hospital.		→ ~ to do sth (v) = unpaid
intend (v) intention (to do sth : n)	This medicine did not have the ~ed effect. I'm sorry. It wasn't my ~ to hurt you.		→ intentional (adj)
mean (to do sth : v) (meant / ~)	I ~ [PAST] to ask you to buy some bread on your way home but I completely forgot about it.		≠ X means Y
act (v) an actor (n)	If we don't ~ quickly, it will be too late. An ~ is a person who acts on a stage, in motion pictures or on television.		↔ do nothing → Tom Cruise is a famous ~.
invent sth (v) an invention (n)	When she had no good reason for being late, she simply ~ed some excuse. Television is a modern ~.		→ an inventor (n) → inventive (adj)
afford (to do sth) (v)	They had to walk home since they couldn't ~ to take a taxi.		→ affordable prices
consist of (v)	This cake has been made from a ready-made mixture ~ing of flour, milk, eggs and raisins.		= be composed of
belong (to sb/sth :v) sb's belongings (n)	Our planet does not ~ to mankind. On the contrary, mankind ~s to our planet. Several passengers lost all their ~ in the fire.		= own / possess sth (v) = possessions (n)
lend (lent , ~) (v) borrow (sth from sb:v)	I'll ~ you \$ 5 till Friday. But only if you promise to pay it back. Could I ~ some money ~ you, please?		→ a moneylender (n)
achieve sth (v) achievement (n)	I've tried to convince her, but I haven't ~d anything. Many people think that the computer is the greatest ~ of our century.		= succeed in reaching a goal
affect (v) affected by	Politicians take decisions which ~ our lives. Help will be sent to the areas most ~ by the hurricane.		= have an effect on
develop (v) a development (n)	All land animals are believed to have ~ed from sea animals. Her child had had a difficult birth, so her doctor followed its ~ closely.		→ ~ing countries
appeal (v)	The Murrays have ~ed to the public for any information about their missing daughter		→ an appeal (n)
fail (v) succeed (in doing sth)	He tried hard to learn to sing properly, but he ~ed. He was extremely tired, but he didn't ~ in finding an empty seat.		→ a failure (n) → a success (n) successful (adj)
practise (doing sth) (v / US: -ce) practice (n)	When he broke his arm, he had to ~ writing with his left hand. ~ is as important for great sportsmen as it is for great musicians.		→ Practice makes perfect. (Proverb)
revise sth (v) (do) revision (n)	A stubborn person is unwilling to ~ his or her opinion. If you want to pass your final exam, you'll have to do quite a lot of ~.		= change / alter sth = study (v)
additional (adj) in addition	The government is providing an ~ \$ 25 million in order to expand this service. In ~, fifty ambulances will be on duty until midnight.		→ add sth (v) → addition (n) ↔ subtraction (n)
attach sth (v)	A copy of my CV is ~ed to this letter.		→ an attachment (n)
abbreviate sth (v) an abbreviation (n)	We can ~ "mile" to "m", "inch" to "in", "hour" to "hr." etc. "UK" is the ~ for United Kingdom.		= to shorten sth (v) → brief (adj)

BASIC VOCABULARY (6) : MORE VERBS AND NOUNS

WORDS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
pretend (to do sth : v) a pretence (n / US: -se)	Are these people really mad or are they only ~ing to be? Under the ~ of picking up her handkerchief, she took the money he had lost.		→ ~ to be ill = act as if (you were ill)
a liar (n) lie (to sb: v) (lying / lied)	You should never believe anything he tries to tell you - He is the greatest ~ on earth. He was ~ing to us when he said he hadn't touched the money.		= a person who does not tell the truth → a lie (n) tell lies
lie (v: lay / lain) lay (v: laid / laid)	He ~ (PAST) on his back, enjoying the warm afternoon sun. Make sure you ~ the baby down gently.		→ ~ in bed → lay eggs
burst (v: burst / burst)	The pipes had ~ and the house was under two feet of water.		→ ~ with excitement
ignore sth (v) ignorant (adj)	As usual, he ~d all my warnings. Saying that the earth is flat is an ~ remark.		↔ pay attention to → ignorance (n)
confuse (v)	I always ~ her with her twin sister. They look absolutely similar.		= mix up X with Y → confusing (adj)
disturb (v)	She'll get angry if you ~ her while she's working.		→ a disturbing fact (= alarming : adj)
annoy (v)	It ~s me that you always act so selfishly. Please don't cry, I didn't mean to ~ you.		→ annoying (adj) = upset sb (v)
(be/get) used to (doing sth) used (to do sth)	He is ~ getting up early (He does it every day). She thought she would never get ~ to living in a big city. I ~ to smoke, but I gave it up a couple of years ago. (= I smoked regularly, but I have quit)		= accustomed to → in the past
a habit (n)	It is all right to borrow money occasionally, but you shouldn't let it become a ~.		→ get used to sth
an advantage (n) a drawback (n)	One ~ of having a car is an increase in flexibility. Our trip was extremely interesting, but the rainy weather was a real ~.		= a disadvantage (n)
influence sb / sth (v) influence (n)	It is a well-known fact that our thoughts are ~ed by what we read. His parents no longer have any ~ over him.		→ an influential man → drive under the ~
convince (sb that) (v)	She wasn't able to ~ her father that she needed more money.		→ convincing (adj)
force (sb to do sth : v) (use) force (n)	Give it to me at once, or I will ~ you to do it. The robber had to use ~ to get into the house.		= violence (n)
bury (v) a graveyard / a cemetery (n)	He was ~ied in the graveyard of St Mary's. In his dreams he saw the spirits rising from the ~.		→ a burial (n)
refuse (to do sth : v) a refusal (n)	No clever person would ~ to accept such an offer. His ~ to pay the fine got him into even more trouble.		→ the offer seemed too good to ~
predict sth (v) predictable (adj)	They have ~ed wet and cool weather for the weekend. The film was boring and its ending was ~.		= a weather forecast
to encourage sb (to do sth : v) courage (n)	He felt ~d by the progress he had been able to make so far. It has always been my intention to ask the manager for more money but I lack the ~ to actually do it.		↔ discourage sb (v) → courageous (adj)
bottom (n) from top to bottom	Sign your name at the ~ of the page, please. Police searched her flat from ~ but couldn't find any clues.		→ your signature (n)
divide sth (v) multiply sth (v)	If you ~ 81 by 9, you get 9 as the result. 11 ~ied by 10 is 110.		→ division (n) → multiplication (n)
blame sb (for sth) (v)	I don't ~ you ~ what you have done - I think your action was completely justified.		→ take the blame (for sth)
disagree with (sb / sth) (v)	I strongly ~ with spending such a large amount of money on a car.		→ reach an agree- ment (n)

BASIC VOCABULARY (7) : EVEN MORE VERBS AND NOUNS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
a remark (n) remarkable (adj)	His ironic ~s led to a heated argument. It was ~ that the only injury he got in the accident was a bruised elbow.		= a comment (n) → exceptional (adj)
demand sth (v)	When the doctor ~ed payment for his treatment, she had to admit that she was broke.		→ a demand (n) reasonable ~s
claim (that : v) a claim (n)	Strangely enough, after the battle both sides ~ed victory. His only ~ to fame is that he was at school with our present prime minister.		= assert sth (v)
complain (about : v)	When she ~ed about her food, the waiter promised to bring her something else immediately.		→ a complaint (n)
disappointing (adj)	With cool and wet weather the summer has been rather ~ this year.		→ (be) disappointed
defeat sb (v)	The opposition parties hope to ~ the government in the next election.		→ a defeat (n) → admit defeat (n)
gain (n) gain (v)	One person's loss is another person's ~. The sport has ~ed in popularity in recent years.		→ gain strength / weight etc.
an aim (n)	The ~ of the course is to improve students' language skills.		= a goal (n)
attempt (v) an attempt (to do sth : n)	Several prisoners ~ed an escape, but they failed. My first ~ to bake a chocolate cake was a complete failure - it tasted really awful!		→ attempted murder → a rescue attempt
(make an) effort (n)	We made a real ~ to finish the test in time, but there were simply too many questions.		→ a waste of time and effort
available (adj) availability (n)	There are still some tickets ~ for tonight's play at the theatre's box office. This special offer is subject to ~.		= sth that can be obtained
a discovery (n)	American biologists have recently made some important new ~ies.		→ discover sth (v)
(be in) doubt (n)	You shouldn't marry him if you are still in ~ about his character.		→ without any doubt → doubt sth (v)
nod (your head) (v)	Kindly ~ your head if you understand what I'm saying and shake it if you don't.		↔ shake (shook/shaken :v)
continue (v)	According to the latest forecast wet weather is likely to ~ for a few more days.		→ ~ing uncertainty → to be continued
embarrassed (adj)	There was a long ~ silence after he had confessed to his parents that he was gay.		→ an embarrassing question / incident
deceive (v)	You won't pass your exams without working hard, so don't ~ yourself into thinking you can. He has been ~ing his wife for years.		→ deceit (n) = be unfaithful to sb
be determined (to do sth)	He always says that he is ~ to succeed at university, but his actions tell a different story.		→ act with determination
a decline (n / v) decrease (v)	There has been a ~ in the size of families. The birth rate in Western Europe has been ~ing for several decades.		= a decrease (n) → an economic decline
notice sth (v)	When the pilot ~d that his plane was losing fuel it was already too late.		→ a noticeable (increase)
experience (n)	Few people in wealthy countries have had the ~ of real hunger. We all learn by ~.		→ know sth from ~ → experienced (adj) an ~ driver
happen (v) happen (to do sth: v)	Jane hasn't arrived - I really hope nothing has ~ed to her. He ~ed to walk past the building when a bank robbery took place.		→ Don't worry - this could ~ to anybody.
delay (n)	It is already quite late. We should really start working now without any further ~.		→ be delayed (adj)
to run out of sth (v) charge (v)	Watch out - we will be ~ning ~ petrol shortly. The hotel ~s \$125 a night.		= nothing left → a charge card

BASIC VOCABULARY (8) : SOME ADDITIONAL VERBS AND NOUNS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
an insult (n)	She completely misunderstood what I had said and took it as an ~.		→ to insult sb = to offend sb
offend sb (v)	Make sure you choose your words carefully when you talk to him. He is known to be easily ~ed.		→ insult sb (v)
a permission (n)	She went home after she had received ~ to leave work early.		→ be permitted / allowed to do sth
obey sb / sth (n)	Soldiers are trained to ~ the orders of their superiors.		→ carry out an order
deserve sth (v)	He had failed his test, but everybody agreed that he ~d another chance.		→ an undeserved win / loss
sympathy (n)	She showed no ~ when I told her how badly I had been treated. (= she showed no pity)		= (have) compassion with sb
recognise sb (v)	He had changed so much that I almost failed to ~ him.		→ a recognised method
prove sth (v)	He wasn't able to ~ to the police that he was innocent.		→ proof (n) = evidence (n)
deteriorate (v) improve (v)	After the water quality of the lake had ~. (become worse) for several years, it finally started to ~ (get better) again.		→ deterioration (n) → improvement (n)
support sb (v)	Fortunately, her friends and relatives ~ed her during this severe crisis.		→ a (football) supporter
join sth (v)	He didn't fulfil the requirements to ~ the club. He built a simple tool by ~ing several pieces of wood with glue.		= become a member = link several parts ↔ separate (v)
float (v)	When she raised her head she saw a huge balloon ~ing across the sky.		→ a floating voter
remove sth (v)	He argued that it wasn't enough to support poor people, but to ~ the causes of poverty, too.		→ ~ a tumour → a removal (n)
scatter sth (v)	When he came in, the children had ~ed all their toys on the floor.		
waste sth (v) a waist (n)	Sadly, he seems to have ~d his inheritance on women and gambling. During the performance he tried to put his arm around her ~, but she didn't let him.		→ nuclear / toxic ~ → ~ disposal (n) (= part of the body)
a relationship (n)	When she found out that he had been unfaithful to her repeatedly, she put an end to their ~.		→ be related to sb sb's relatives (n)
similarity (n) similar (to sth) (adj)	There are many ~ies between the inhabitants of Europe and North America. Their twin daughters look quite ~ - I can never manage to tell them apart.		= they are similar (to each other) / = resemble (each other)
differ (from : v)	The twins ~ from each other in their interests.		→ a difference (n)
share sth (v) a share (n)	We weren't quite satisfied with our holiday flat since we had to ~ a bathroom with our neighbours. He wanted his ~ of the prize money.		→ buy Microsoft shares / stocks
obtain sth (v)	Vitamins and fibre are best ~ed through natural food, such as fruit and vegetables.		= acquire sth (v)
supply (n)	In some areas of the country, the ~ of raw materials to factories had practically come to a standstill.		↔ demand (n) = provide (v)
restrict sth (v)	After continuous protests by animal rights groups the government decided to ~ fox hunting.		→ a restriction (n) ≠ ban sth (v)
interrupt sb / sth (v)	He really is an awful chatterbox. He always ~s other people when they try to say something.		→ uninterrupted (adj)
responsible (for sth) (adj)	In the US, the Secretary of State is ~ for foreign affairs.		↔ irresponsible → responsibility (n)
a judge (n) judge (v)	After listening to all the witnesses, the ~ passed a verdict of not guilty. You shouldn't ~ people by the way they look.		→ Judgement Day

BASIC VOCABULARY (9) : SOME FINAL VERBS AND NOUNS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
an introduction (n)	The ~ of steel as a building material made very tall buildings possible.		→ introduce sth (v) introductory (adj)
a purpose (n)	His ~ was to discover how long these guests intended to stay.		→ do sth on ~
admiration (n)	Her great achievements earned her the ~ of all her friends and relatives.		→ admire sb (v)
a request (n)	Brochures with further information are available on ~.		= ask for sth politely
object to (v)	Many people ~ to loud noise for the simple reason that it gives them a headache.		= be opposed to sth = dislike sth (v)
a quarrel (n)	They have had a furious ~ and now they refuse to speak to each other.		= have an argument (with sb)
struggle (to do sth : v) a struggle (n)	He ~d to keep back the tears. Making babies eat their spinach is always a ~.		= make a great effort = try hard
a participant (n)	There are three ~s in the competition representing Germany.		→ participate in (v) = take part in
involve sth (v) be involved in sth	Housekeeping ~s cooking, washing dishes, sweeping, and cleaning in general. The police claims that he was ~ in last week's armed robbery.		= include / comprise → participate in (v)
an opportunity (n: to do sth)	I have had no ~ to give him your message, simply because I haven't met him yet.		= an occasion (n)
patience (n) impatient (adj)	The cat watched the mouse hole with great ~. His mother has to remind him regularly not to become ~ with his little sister.		→ lose patience ↔ be patient
an approach (n)	Each of the speakers suggested a different ~ to the problem.		→ approaching (adj)
prevention (n)	They sprinkled their roof with water as a ~ against the approaching wood fire. "Prevention is better than cure". (Proverb)		→ prevent sb (from doing sth)
regard sb as (v) regarding (prep)	He is ~ed as the leading eye specialist in town. The policeman asked many questions ~ the accident.		= consider sb as (v) = concerning (prep)
a settlement (n)	The English ~ of North America started in the seventeenth century.		→ densely / sparsely settled
unspoiled (adj)	The Amazon region has been called one of the last remaining ~ wildernesses on earth.		→ spoil sb / sth (v) a spoiled child
threaten (v)	The farmer ~ed to shoot any dog that tried to kill one of his sheep.		→ threatening (adj)
distribute sth (v) distribution (n)	Blankets and tents were ~d among civil-war refugees. The UN organised the ~ of aid supplies.		= divide and give out in shares
abandon sth (v) abandoned (adj)	When his car broke down, he had to ~ it in the snow. We saw several ~ villages on our trip.		→ ~ all hope = deserted (adj)
damage (n) damages (n)	Severe thunderstorms have caused millions of dollars' worth of ~. He took his company to court (= sued it) and won \$ 100,000 in ~.		= cause harm = compensation (n)
scare sb (v)	The watchdog has ~d away the robber by barking loudly and fiercely.		→ a scarecrow (n) → That's scary!
scarce (adj)	During the war food, shoes and furniture were often ~ and of a poor quality.		= hard to get / rare → scarcity (n)
lack (sth) (v) a lack (of sth) (n)	Alex's real problem is that he ~s confidence. A ~ of vitamins can cause a number of symptoms.		= a shortage of sth
a shortage (of sth) (n)	Nowadays there is a ~ of skilled workers in the electronics industry.		
get rid of sth (v)	Let's ~ of all that old furniture and buy something new.		= remove sth (v)

BASIC VOCABULARY (10) : -ING OR INFINITIVE AFTER VERBS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
finish + ING	I will go shopping as soon as I have ~ed [clean] our flat.		↔ begin/start + ING
avoid + ING	During our conversation I realized that he ~ed [answer] my questions.		→ unavoidable (adj)
dare + to-INF	He didn't ~ [tell] his parents that he had failed all his exams.		→ a daredevil (n)
consider + ING	Have you ever ~ed [go] to live in another country.		= think about + ING
decide + to-INF	It was already quite late, so we ~d [take] a taxi home.		→ take a decision (to do sth)
want sb + to-INF	He doesn't ~ me [know] anything about his financial problems- in fact, he doesn't want anybody to know.		<u>NOT: want that !!!</u>
enjoy + ING	When he is on holiday, he always ~s not [have] to get up early.		= be fond of + ING
promise + to-INF	You have ~d [take] your little niece to the zoo today - so go ahead and do it!		→ give a promise (to do sth)
quit + ING (quit / ~)	She ~ [smoke] after her mother had died miserably of lung cancer.		= give up + ING
carry on + ING	We have to do something to improve our lives - we can't ~ [live] like this.		= go on + ING = keep on + ING
expect sb + to-INF	Every company ~s its employees [come] to work punctually (= on time).		→ an expectation (n)
tend + to-INF	I am really fond of him, but unfortunately he ~s [talk] too much.		→ have a tendency (to do sth)
imagine + ING	I apologise for laughing at him, but I really can't ~ him [ride] a motorbike.		→ imagination (n)
admit + ING	After having been questioned by the police for several hours, she ~ed [have] stolen the money.		↔ deny + ING → an admission (n)
deny + ING (denied / ~)	She still ~d [steal] the money, even though two witnesses saw her taking it.		= she ~d that she had stolen the money
pretend + to-INF	She ~ed not [see] me as we passed each other in front of a department store.		= she acted as if she hadn't seen me
agree + to-INF	He really was in a difficult situation, so I ~d [lend] him some money to smooth things over.		→ reach an agreement (n)
remind sb + to-INF	Could you please ~ her [phone] Ann tomorrow? She has left five messages on our answering machine.		≠ remember sth (v)
to remember + ING + to-INF	He could ~ [drive] along the road just before the accident happened, but he had forgotten about all the rest. Please ~ [post] the letter today. It is urgent.		→ keep sth in your memory (n)
suggest + ING	After two days at the holiday flat we were all a little bit bored, so I ~ed [go] to the cinema for a change.		= I ~d that we go ... → suggestion (n)
learn + (how) to-INF	At what age did you ~ how [drive] a car?		→ a slow learner (n)
appear + to-INF	Have you seen their mansion? - They really ~ [have] plenty of money.		= seem + to-INF
order sb + to-INF	The officer ~ed the soldiers [dig] five knee-deep trenches.		= give an order
warn sb + to-INF	He emphasised that this switch was dangerous and he ~ed me not [touch] it.		= give a warning
recommend + ING	I really wouldn't ~ [stay] at that hotel - I think it is a complete dump!		→ I ~ that you look for a better hotel.
regret + ING + to-INF	She really ~ted [call] him a lazy bastard - she knew that their relationship would never be the same again. We ~ [inform] you that we are unable to offer you a job in our company.		= be sorry for → a regrettable incident
forget + ING + to-INF	He noticed too late that he had completely ~ [do] his homework. Make sure you don't ~ [do] your homework today.		→ He is always so forgetful ! (adj)

BASIC VOCABULARY (11) : ADJECTIVES

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
scientific	This report is based on ~ research and data.		→ a scientist (n) science (n)
actual	Some scientists claim that the ~ number of AIDS victims is much higher than statistics show.		→ actually (adv)
definite	Researchers have emphasised that it was too early to give a ~ answer to that question.		→ 'the' is a ~ article
superficial	Unfortunately, he had just a ~ knowledge of economics, so he was unable to answer their questions.		↔ detailed (adj)
thorough comprehensive	Investigators will to carry out a ~ investigation. The factory has been given a ~ safety inspection.		= careful and detailed = including everything
urgent	Due to the drought there is an ~ need for food and water in the whole area.		= needs to be dealt with as soon as possible
economic economical	~ growth is expected to slow down this year. It is more ~ to wash a full load of laundry than several small ones.		→ the economy (n) = using a minimum of time or effort
generous general	He had fallen in love with one of the waitresses, so he always gave her an extremely ~ tip. We're trying to raise awareness about the environment in ~ and air pollution in particular.		= giving more than is usual or expected → as a ~ rule
obvious	It had been ~ from the start that the suspect had something to hide.		= apparent (adj)
invisible	Germs and bacteria are ~ to the naked eye.		= cannot be seen
advanced	German scientists were able to develop the most ~ telescope in the world.		= sophisticated (adj) → OALD
senior	Mr. Jones is the ~ member of the firm, i.e. he is higher in rank than other employees.		→ senior citizens (n)
sensible sensitive	Her parents had always thought she was too ~ to do anything foolish. She was careful about what she said to him as she knew he was extremely ~ to criticism.		= reasonable / rational (adj) = easily hurt or offended (a lotion for ~ skin)
precious	Gold, silver, and platinum are often called ~ metals.		= having great value → appreciate (v)
convenient suitable (for)	Will it be ~ for you to bring your lunch to school? The town's new playground is particularly ~ for small children.		= not troublesome (adj) = appropriate (adj)
artificial artistic	At night you have to read by ~ light, i.e. electric light or candlelight. Our museum is proud of its many ~ works (works of art), especially its large collection of sculptures.		↔ natural (adj) → an artist (n)
temporary	He took some painkillers, but they only provided ~ relief from his toothache.		= lasting for a short time ↔ permanent (adj)
gradual	A child's growth into an adult is ~.		= step by step
essential	Good food and enough rest are ~ for good health.		= indispensable / vital
previous (to)	~ to her departure she invited all her friends and relatives to a big farewell party.		= before / preceding (prep)
ancient	In Egypt, we saw the ruins of an ~ temple which had been built six thousand years ago.		= belonging to times ... long past
inherited	All his wealth is ~, he has done nothing himself to deserve it.		→ inherit sth from sb bequeath sth to sb
historic historical	German reunification was an event of ~ significance. It is a ~ fact that George Washington was the first President of the United States.		= important in history = concerning history
literal figurative	A ~ translation, i.e. a word-by-word translation, is often misleading. Baptism is a ~ ceremony, which symbolises cleaning by washing away sin.		≠ literary (adj) / literature (n) = symbolic / metaphorical

BASIC VOCABULARY (12) : MORE ADJECTIVES

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
bad-tempered	The ~ old man always chased the children away when they were playing in front of his house.		= having a bad temper / irritable (adj)
dishonest	Lying, cheating, and stealing are ~.		→ honour (n) honest (adj)
indifferent (to)	She had dozens of admirers, but she was ~ to all of them.		= showing no interest
careless	Eventually a ~ mistake ruined the whole experiment.		↔ careful (adj)
aware (of)	I was too sleepy to be ~ of how cold it actually was.		= conscious (adj)
unconscious	He was knocked ~ as soon as the car struck him. The ~ is the part of the mind containing thoughts and feelings of which a person is not fully aware.		→ lose consciousness → unconscious fears, thoughts, desires etc.
self-conscious	Since she reached puberty, their daughter is extremely ~ in public		= easily embarrassed
self-confident	~ people believe in their own abilities, power or judgement.		↔ self-conscious (adj) → confidence (n)
sincere genuine	He made a ~ effort to pass his exams. He was cheated by an art dealer who was able to persuade him that this painting was a ~ Picasso.		= real / honest = original (adj)
ordinary	In ~ life we use a great many words with a total disregard for logical precision		= usual; common; normal; regular (adj)
contradictory	First reports of the election were so ~ that we could not tell who had won.		= saying the opposite
unexpected	A sudden and ~ change in the weather put the mountaineers at great risk.		↔ expected / anticipated (adj)
ridiculous	It would be ~ to walk backward all the time.		= silly / unreasonable
determined	Scott, the ~ explorer, kept on marching in spite of a severe ice storm.		= resolved / having made up one's mind
faithful	His ~ dog always followed him and kept him company.		= loyal (adj) → have / lose faith in sb
jealous	When their little son sees his mother holding their new baby, he becomes ~ immediately.		→ jealousy (n)
physical	Even before your exams you shouldn't forget to take regular ~ exercise.		→ a ~ disability
mental	An increase in ~ problems and illnesses, for example depressions, is common to all wealthy societies.		→ body and mind (n)
harmful	Many sweets contain ~ substances, for example artificial colouring or additives.		↔ harmless (adj) → do sb harm (n)
acid (adj / n)	Several kinds of fruit, e.g. lemons or grapefruit, contain some amount of ~.		→ Acids have a pH value of less than 7.
impatient	He says that he doesn't mind looking after their baby, but he always gets ~ after a short while.		→ lose patience (n) ↔ patient (adj)
compulsory	Smoke detectors are ~ in all new buildings.		= obligatory ↔ voluntary
severe	The judge imposed a ~ sentence on the criminal.		= strict / harsh (adj)
sufficient	Prosecutors were unable to provide ~ proof of the man's guilt.		= enough (adj) ↔ insufficient (adj)
likely	One ~ result of this heavy rain is the rising of the river. Due to this heavy rain the river is ~ to rise.		= probably (adj) ↔ unlikely (adj)
convincing	The arguments of his lawyer were so ~ that the jury unanimously voted not guilty.		→ convince/persuade sb.
unreliable	As existing statistics were rather ~, researchers decided to carry out an additional survey.		→ rely (on sb to do sth) (v)
customary	In Western societies, it is ~ to exchange gifts at Christmas.		= usual (adj) → customs/traditions (n)
widespread	It is a ~ though erroneous belief that spinach is extremely rich in iron.		→ spread sth widely

BASIC VOCABULARY (13) : ADVERBS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
actually	He pretended to be dumb and deaf, but ~ he was able to understand everything we said.		↯ current(ly) ↯ "aktuell" (dt.)
apparently	~, the company is losing a lot of money.		= as it appears
already	When she arrived at the airport, I had ~ left for Cologne.		↔ not ... yet
not ... yet	I'm sorry, but I haven't finished my essay ~. I'm afraid I'll need another fifteen minutes.		
just	I was ~ leaving my flat when the telephone rang.		
eventually	~, someone expressed publicly what they had all thought themselves.		= finally = at last ↯ "eventuell" (dt.)
at least	He did not achieve very good results, but ~ he was able to pass the course.		↯ at last
immediately	When they saw a huge army approaching, they surrendered ~.		= at once
automatically	All lights will be turned off ~ at 9 p.m.		
before	In 1941, nylon was first used to make stockings, and the year ~, it had first been used to produce toothbrushes.		↔ after
ago	Harold won a gold medal in the Olympics four years ~.		= "vor" (dt.)
besides	I don't like the colour and, ~, it costs far more than I can afford.		= in addition additionally
furthermore	He does not receive any visitors in the afternoon. ~, he left explicit orders not to be disturbed today.		= moreover / what is more
consequently	I crashed his car when I borrowed it. ~, I had to pay for all the repairs.		= as a result
sufficiently	His instructions were not ~ clear for us to understand.		= (clear) enough
equally	Although they always try to divide the housework ~, she always complains about having to do everything herself.		
approximately	The plane will be landing in ~ 20 minutes.		= about
fortunately	~, the fire was discovered soon after it had started.		= luckily
unfortunately	~, we couldn't visit the museum as it was closed.		
generally	Their plans for building a new shopping mall in the city centre have been ~ accepted by the public.		→ widely
hardly	The heat became almost unbearable, so that we could ~ breathe.		↯ hard (adj / adv)
however	Sales have been rather poor for the last few months. There may, ~, be an increase before Easter.		= nevertheless
instead	He decided not to join the army. ~, he wanted to go to university and study engineering.		≠ in spite of (prep)
perhaps	There were three, ~ four thousand people at the concert.		= maybe
mainly	Most tourists were from Northern Europe, ~ from Denmark and Sweden.		= primarily / predominantly
almost	~ one million people have been out of work for more than twelve months.		= nearly
particularly	She hates being interrupted, ~ while she is working.		= especially
probably	~ these two problems are interrelated, so we can't solve one without tackling the other one as well.		= it is likely that ...
therefore	Our manager was very busy. ~ she was not able to attend yesterday's meeting.		= because of that / on account of that
thoroughly	He always says that he has ~ enjoyed his school days.		= completely / entirely
undoubtedly	Britain has ~ changed for the better but voters seem to be ungrateful.		= without any doubt
under no circumstances	~ should you lend him any money. You can be sure not to be paid back.		= never ever
deliberately	He was found guilty of ~ destroying his neighbour's property.		= intentionally

BASIC VOCABULARY (14) : WORDS FOLLOWED BY PREPOSITIONS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
listen to (v)	We often ~ the news in the evening.		≠ to hear (heard / ~)
agree with (v)	My brother never ~s ~ me. His opinions are always the opposite of what I think.		= be of the same opinion
depend on (v)	We are not sure whether to go out for a walk today - it really ~s ~ the weather.		→ independence (n)
suffer from (v)	He has ~ed ~ a rare form of diabetes since his childhood.		→ human suffering (n)
apologise for (v)	The management are going to ~ their mistakes, which led to a drop in profits.		→ an apology (n)
apply for (v) (applied / ~)	When she got unemployed, she ~ied ~ a new position, but unfortunately without success.		→ an application (n)
worry about (v)	Don't ~ your exams - I am sure you will be able to pass them.		→ be worried (adj)
complain about (v)	When she ~ed ~ her food, the waiter promised to bring her something different immediately.		→ a complaint (n)
spend on (v: spent / ~)	He seems to ~ all his money ~ clothes and cigarettes.		→ a spendthrift (n)
belong to (v)	You can't simply take that dictionary with you. After all, it ~s ~ me.		→ own sth (v) be the owner (n)
good at (adj) (~ / better / best)	English is no problem for her, but unfortunately she has never been ~ mathematics.		↔ be bad at (adj) (~ / worse / worst)
frightened of (adj)	She always takes the train because she is ~ flying / taking a plane.		= be afraid of (adj)
enthusiastic (adj: about sth)	He is very ~ Italian food, especially pasta. (= be fond of / be keen on)		→ enthusiasm (n)
similar to (adj) different from (adj)	People always remark that she looks quite ~ her sister (they are like twins), but completely ~ her brother.		→ a striking similarity
interested in (adj)	He has always been ~ reading books on history and science.		= take an interest in ≠ This is interesting!
surprised at / by (adj)	We were quite ~ the weather - we hadn't expected that it would rain almost every day.		→ a surprise (v) → surprising (adj)
aware of (adj)	I think she is ~ the problems in her class but she is not sure what to do about it.		= realise sth (v)
fed up (with sth)	I am ~ watching television all day - let's do something different for a change.		= be tired of
crowded with (adj)	As on every weekend, the streets in the old town were ~ tourists of all nationalities.		= full of (adj) → a crowd (n)
capable of (adj)	She is a grown-up person, so surely she's perfectly ~ calling a doctor herself.		= having the abilities to do sth
responsible for (adj)	After a long investigation police were able to arrest the man who was ~ the crime.		↔ irresponsible (adj) → responsibility (n)
rely on (v) (relied / ~)	A real friend is a friend that one can always ~ - in good and in bad times.		→ (un)reliable (adj)
by accident	I took his pen ~ - I thought it was mine.		= by mistake
by chance	We met ~ in the city centre - We hadn't planned it - it was just luck.		= we happened to meet
on purpose	I am sure that he broke that vase ~ - he had always intended to do it because he hated having to look at it.		= deliberately (adv) → intend to do sth
opposed to on the contrary	The principles of socialism and capitalism are ~ each other. This must have been a terrible experience. - ~, I enjoyed every second of it.		→ the opposite (n) → contrary to popular belief
approve of (v)	Catherine's parents have never ~ed ~ her marriage to John - they have always been opposed to it.		↔ be opposed to
except (prep)	He is rather dull as he hasn't got any interests ~ collecting stamps.		= apart from (prep) ≠ expect sb (v)