

Week 1

ahead

We are driving behind a big slow bus. The bus is ahead of us.

although

Although he is very tall, he does not play basketball.

anyway

It is raining, but I want to go for a walk anyway.

aside

Do not use your books during the test. Put them aside.

barrel

They measure oil by the barrel.

bend

You cannot bend a pencil. It will break.

block

I walk only one block to school. I cross only one street.

break

It is easy to break an egg. It is hard to break a coconut.

burn

The water is too hot! Be careful or you will burn your hand.

captain

He is the leader of the soccer team. He is the captain.

cave

The explorers found a cave in the rocks on the side of the mountain. It looked like someone had lived there as there was a circle of black rocks where there had been a fire.

certain

I know he is 21 years old. I am 100% certain.

chimney

The smoke came out of the chimney on the cold winter day.

cliff

The car drove off the high cliff and landed in the river below.

common

Homesickness is a common feeling for international students living in a new country.

content

We look in the Table of Contents to find out what a book is about.

cough

If you have a cold that is in your lungs, you cough a lot; if it is in your nose, you sneeze a lot.

criminal

A person who steals or kills people is a criminal.

daily

Something you do every day is a daily activity.

department

She just got a job at JC Pennys. She will work in the shoe department.

diamond

A common custom in the USA is for a boy to give the girl he plans to marry a diamond engagement ring.

director

A director is the main person in charge of a business or project. One famous film director is M. Night Shyamalan.

divide

You can divide the pie into 8 pieces.

dust

There is a lot of dust on the furniture. I need to clean my house.

engine

The engine of your car makes the car move.

event

People usually have a party for a special event like a birthday.

explain

Please explain these words. I don't understand them.

fancy

Do you like fancy hotels with lots of expensive decorations? I prefer a simple room.

field

Farmers grow vegetables in a field.

flow

Does the Mississippi River flow from north to south?

formal

Men often wear suits to formal dinners.

fry

Let's fry these potatoes in hot oil.

god

Some religions believe in more than one god.

gun

In cowboy movies, many people shoot guns.

hang

Please hang your coat in the closet.

heavy

The package is very heavy. I can't lift it.

honest

A political leader should be an honest person.

hurry

You must hurry. I don't want to be late for school.

inch

One inch is the same as 2.5 centimeters.

interest

I want to learn French. I have an interest in languages.

joy

New babies bring joy to their parents.

kiss

He kisses his wife before he goes to work.

lay

Please lay the book on the table.

lid

Put the lid on the pot so the water will boil quickly.

lock

Please don't lock the door. I don't have a key.

lovely

The actress has a lovely face.

may

The sky is cloudy. It may rain.

message

She got an email message from her friend.

mineral

The symbol for the mineral iron is "Fe."

must

Students must obey the rules in the lab.

needle

I have a needle and some thread in my sewing kit.

note

Students must bring a note from the doctor if they miss class.

offer

My friend offered to help me move.

ought

You ought to read this book. It is very interesting.

pair

I need to buy a new pair of shoes.

peace

The U.N. is working on a plan for peace to end the war.

piece

I need a piece of paper to write a letter.

plenty

He has plenty of free time now because he has no job.

popular

Mark is very popular. Everyone likes him.

prefer

We prefer to drink tea instead of coffee.

product

Advertisers try to sell their products by advertising on TV and in magazines.

public

In some countries, it is not polite to kiss in public. Kissing should be private.

rail

It was my first time to ice skate, so I had to hold on to the rail. I didn't want to fall.

razor

Men use razors to shave their faces.

religion

Islam and Judaism are two religions.

reward

After studying hard for a big test, Maiko rewards herself with ice cream.

roll

The ball rolled out into the street. Cars stopped so the children could get the ball.

saddle

Tim put the saddle on the horse so he could ride it.

save

They saved their money so they could take a vacation.

screw

You can use a screw of a nail to repair the broken chair.

serve

Waiters serve food in restaurants.

shadow

The robber did not stand in the light. He was hiding in the dark shadows so no one could see him.

shave

My husband shaves every morning because he doesn't want a beard.

should

You should study vocabulary every day.

should

The librarian told the students, "Don't shout or scream. You should be quiet in the library."

situation

I do not know his situation. Does he live at home or in the dorm?

solid

Water is usually liquid, but when it freezes into ice, it is solid.

special

Today is a special day. It is her birthday.

spot

The dog is white with black spots.

sting

If the bee stings you, it will hurt.

strict

Some schools are very strict and have many rules.

subject

The book is about sports. Sports is an interesting subject.

sweep

My roommate and I clean our room on Saturday. We sweep the floor.

term

A term at IELI is eight weeks.

through

The boys looked through the window into the old house.

tip

My teacher gives me helpful information. When I study, I use her tips.

tower

The Bell Tower is a tall building.

trunk

You can put your bags in the trunk of the car.

until

He usually sleeps from 10:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m.

voice

I like this singer. She has a beautiful voice.

way

Please tell me a good way to learn new words. I want to know how to learn new words.

western

Texas is in the western United States.

whom

Whom are you talking to?

wish

People wish for money, good health, and happiness.

yet

Weather in Texas is very hot, yet it is not in England.

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