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### Important words to learn: Essential Improver Advanced

**A**

*letter*: (plural *A's*, a *plural a's*) *noun* [C] the 1st letter of the English alphabet

- from A to B from one place to another: Using this software a driver can now work out the quickest route from A to B.
- from A to Z including everything: This book tells the story of her life from A to Z.

*A minor*: *noun* *(C or U)* (plural *A's* or *As*) a note in Western music: This concerto is in the key of A major.

*A mark*: *noun* *(C or U)* (plural *A's* or *As*) a mark in an exam or for a piece of work that shows that your work is considered excellent: Sophie got an A for English.

- *A straight As*: (= All her marks were As) in her end-of-year exams.
- *A straight A student*: (= All his marks are A).

**A electricity**: *written abbreviation* for ampere *electricity*

- *A fist-size*: *weak* in *strong* *leq* *determiner* *(also an)* 1 used before a noun to refer to a single thing or person that has not been mentioned before, especially when you are not referring to a particular thing or person, or you do not expect listeners or readers to know which particular thing or person you are referring to: I've bought a car. *She's got a boyfriend.*
- *A sudden loud noise*: What a shame that you couldn't go to the party. *I heard a child crying.*
- *A bit of wool*: *Is he a friend of yours* (= one of your friends)?
- *A very mild cheese*: Experts think the painting may be a Picasso (= by Picasso).
- *A mean to any or every thing or person of the type you are referring to: Can you ride a bike?* *A cheetah can run faster than a lion.*
- *A teacher needs to have a lot of patience*: Used before the noun to refer to a single thing or person something or someones: She wants to be a doctor when she grows up.
- *A ring to:* I'd love a coffee.

**A teacher needs to have a lot of patience.**

- *A's got straight As*: (= All her marks were As) in her end-of-year exams.
- *A's* got straight As as (= one of your friends).

**A week**

- *0* one tablet three times a day.
- *0* I swim once a week.
- *0* we used when saying how much someone earns or how much something costs in a certain period: She earns $100 000 a year.
- *0* My plumber charges $20 an hour.
- *0* I pay $5 a week for my parking permit.

*An A paper*: (plural *A's*) *noun* [U] a paper that is a standard European size of 21 centimetres by 29.7 centimetres: a sheet of A4 = A4 paper.

**AA degree**: *noun* [C] *abbreviation* for Associate in Arts: a degree given by an American college to someone after they have completed a two-year course, or a person who has this degree.

**AA meetings**: *noun* [S] *abbreviation* for Alcoholics Anonymous: an organization for people who drink too much alcohol and want to cure themselves of this habit: an AA meeting.

**The AA meetings**: *noun* [S] *abbreviation* for the Automobile Association: a British organization which gives help and information to drivers who are members of it.

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*AAah*: *exclamation* another spelling of *ah*

**AA Evens**: *noun* [C or U] (= one of your friends) *exclamation* ANOTHER SPELLING OF *ah*.

**AAEvans**: *noun* [U] a square or rectangular frame holding an arrangement of small balls on metal rods or wires, which is used for counting, adding and subtracting.

**Abalone**: *noun* [C] small edible sea animal that lives inside a shell that is the shape of an ear with a white shiny inside.

**Abandon**

- *verb* [T] to leave a place, thing or person forever: We had to abandon the car.

- *verb* [T] to stop doing an activity before you have finished it: The match was abandoned after half-time because of the poor weather conditions.

- *verb* [T] to do away with or stop something that you have started doing: The party has now abandoned its policy of unilateral disarmament.

**Abandon (noun)** 1 *noun* [U] a place where animals are killed for their meat.

**Abbas**: *noun* [C] a woman who is in charge of a convent.

**Abbay*: *noun* [C] a building where monks or nuns live or used to live. Some abbeys are now used as churches: Westminster Abbey.
abhor /æbˈhɔːr/ noun [C] a man who is in charge of a
MONASTERY
abbreviate /əˈbreviət/ verb [t usually passive] to make
a word or phrase shorter by using only the first letters of
each word; ‘Daniel’ is often abbreviated to ‘Dan’. ○ Chief
Executive Officer” is abbreviated as ‘CEO’. abbreviated
/əˈbreviətɪd/ verb [t or p] (adj ‘Daniel’. ‘D’ is the abbreviated form
of ‘Diane’. abbreviation /əˌbreviəˈkeɪʃən/ noun [C]: ‘TV’
is the abbreviation for ‘Independent Television’.
ABC ABBRIDGER /əbˈɛriːdʒər/ noun [t] (US UNSPECIFICALLY)
ABBRIDG.
M The alphabet: He’s learning his ABC at school.
2 basic information about a subject: What I need is a book
that contains the ABC of carpentry.
ABDUCT /əbˈdʌkt/ verb [t] to force someone to go some-
where with you, often using threats or violence: The
company director was abducted from his car by terror-
ists. abduction /əbˈdʌkʃən/ noun [C or U]. There has been
a series of abductions of young children from schools in
the area. ○ He was charged with abduction. abductor
/əbˈdʌktər/ noun [C]. She was tortured by her
abductors.
aberrant /əˈberənt/ adj FORMAL different from what is
typical or usual, especially in an unacceptable way:
aberrant behaviour/sexuality
aberration /əˈberərən/ noun [C or U] FORMAL a temporary
change from the typical or usual way of
behaving. In a moment of aberration, she agreed to go
with him. ○ I’m sorry I’m late – I had a mental
aberration and forgot we had a meeting today.
abeyance /əˈbiːəns/ noun [U]/ˈbɛɪəns/ noun [C]
FORMAL a state of not happening or being used at present: Hostilities between
the two groups have been in abeyance since last June.
○ The project is being held in abeyance until agreement
is reached on funding it.
abhor /əˈbɔːr/ noun [C] (adj ‘abhorrent’ is used with modal
and auxiliary verbs, where
ability /əˈbɪləti/ noun [C or U] the physical or mental power or skill needed to do
something: There’s no doubting her ability. ○ [to do sth]
she had the ability to explain things clearly and concisely.
○ She’s a woman of considerable abilities. ○ I have children
in my class of very mixed abilities (= different levels of
skill or intelligence). ○ a mixed ability class. SSe also
able able-bodied /əˈblɪdəd/ noun [t] describes someone who is healthy and has no illness, injury or
condition that makes it difficult to do the things that
other people do. All able-bodied young men were forced
to join the army. the able-bodied plural noun: It is hard
for the able-bodied to understand the difficulties that
disabled people encounter in their daily lives.
Important words to learn:

- Abortion is the act of ending a pregnancy, usually by a medical professional. A defendant is someone who performs abortions to end unwanted pregnancies, which is illegal in many countries.

- Abound is the act of being very successful or growing rapidly. In this case, it's used to describe the success rate of something.

- Abominable refers to something that is extremely bad or unpleasant. Ablution is the act of washing or cleansing, often as part of religious ceremonies.

- Abode refers to where someone lives, especially in a more permanent or significant sense. Ablution is part of some religious ceremonies. Abolition refers to the act of stopping or removing something, such as a law or activity.

- Abnormal refers to something that is not normal or usual. Ablution is part of some religious ceremonies. Abortion is the act of ending a pregnancy, usually by a medical professional.

- Ablation is the act of removing or erasing something. Ablution is part of some religious ceremonies.
above-mentioned adj [F] [FORMAL] refers to things or people in a document or book that have been mentioned earlier: All of the above-mentioned films were nominated for Oscars.

abracadabra n [L] [EXCLAMATION] said by someone who is performing a magic trick, in order to help it perform it successfully:

abrade v [T] [SPECIALIZED] to remove part of the surface of something by rubbing:

abrasion n [S] [SPECIALIZED] 1 [U] the process of rubbing away the surface of something: There seems to have been some abrasion of the surface. 2 [C] a place where the surface of something, such as skin, has been rubbed away: She had a small abrasion on her knee.

abrasive adj [S] [SPECIALIZED] a substance used for rubbing away the surface of something, usually to clean it or make it shiny: You'll need a strong abrasive for cleaning this sink: abrasive n [S] adj: an abrasive cleaner/powder/liquid.

abroad adv [S] [LIT.] outside; not at home:

abroad v [P] [LIT.] 1 describes two or more people who are with each other and moving in the same direction: We were running/cycling in two abreast. 2 The motorcyclists came abreast of her car and shouted abuse at her.

abroad adj 1 describes something: He is currently abroad on business. We always go abroad in the summer.

abroad v [P] [LIT.] 1 LITERARY OR OLD USE outside, not at home: Not a soul was abroad that morning.

abrogate v [T] [FORMAL] describes ideas, feelings and opinions that are shared by many people: There's a rumour abroad that she intends to lose her inheritance.

abrupt v [P] [S] [FORMAL] describes something that is sudden and unexpected, and often unpleasant: an abrupt change/movements. Our conversation came to an abrupt end when George burst into the room. 2 The road ended in an abrupt (sudden and very steep) slope down to the sea. abruptly adv: The talks ended abruptly when one of the delegations walked out in protest.

abrupt adj (abruptly adv) using too few words when talking, in a way that seems rude and unfriendly: an abrupt manner/reply. He is sometimes very abrupt with clients. abruptly adv: He just abruptly left her umbrella on the bus.

ABS n [S] [AUS] abbreviation for anti-lock braking system: a brake fitted to some road vehicles that prevents skidding (= uncontrolled sliding) by reducing the effects of sudden braking.

abs v [P] plural n [LIT.] INFORMAL ABDOMINAL muscles: exercises to tone/build your abs.

abscess n [S] [NOMINAL] a painful swollen area on or in the body, which contains pus (= thick, yellow liquid): She had an abscess on her gum.

abscend v [P] [US] to go away suddenly and secretly in order to escape from somewhere: Two prisoners absconded last night. 2 She absconded from boarding school with her boyfriend.

abscend v [P] [US] A 14-year-old absconder from a children's home in Bristol was never found. 2 He was unable to perform it successfully.

abscend v [P] [US] to go away suddenly and secretly because you have stolen something, usually money: They absconded with £10 000 of the company's money.

abseil v [P] [FORMAL] to go down a very steep slope by holding on to a rope which is fastened to the top of the slope: She abseiled down the rock face.

absence n [S] [FORMAL] 1 [U] absence makes the heart grow fonder, SAYING: This means that we feel more affection for people we love when they are not with us. 2 absent adj not in the place where you are expected to be, especially at school or work: John has been absent from school/work for three days now.

abseunt v [P] [FORMAL] to forget to go to a place where you are expected to be, especially a school or place of work: You cannot choose to absent yourself (from work/school) on a whim.

absent adj 1 describes a person or the expression on their face when they are not paying attention to what is happening near them, and are thinking about other things: absent adj [S] not present: Any sign of remorse was completely absent from her face.

absent v [P] [FORMAL] to forget to go to an election can vote on and send in by post.

absentee n [S] [LIT.] a person who rents out a house, apartment or farm to someone, but rarely or never visits it.

absent-minded adj (absent-mindedly adv) describes someone who tends to forget things or does not pay attention to what is happening near them because they are thinking about other things:

absolute adj 1 very great or to the largest degree possible: a man of absolute integrity/discretion. 2 There was no absolute proof of fraud: 2 [before noun] used when expressing a strong opinion: He's an absolute idiot! 3 That's absolute rubbish!

absolutely adv completely: I believed/trusted him absolutely.

absolute n [S] [LIT.] [FORMAL] 1 [U] an absolutely undisputable fact: 4 absolutely not used as a way of strongly saying 'no': "Are you too tired to continue?" Absolutely not!

absolutely adv [LIT.] completely: don't depend on anything else: true; right; the same in all situations: an absolute law/principle/doctrine.
absolve

absolve /æbˈsɔlv/ • /əbˈsɔlv/ verb [t] FORMAL, especially in religion or law, to free someone from guilt, blame or responsibility: The report absolved him from all blame for the accident. • The priest absolved him (of all his sins).

absolution /æbˈsɔluʃən/ • /əbˈsɔluʃən/ noun [C] FORMAL official forgiveness, especially in the Christian religion, for something bad that someone has done or thought: She was granted/given absolution.

absorb /æbˈsɔrb/ • /əbˈsɔrb/ verb [t] 1 to take something in, especially gradually: Plants absorb carbon dioxide. • In cold climates, houses need to have walls that will absorb heat. • Towels absorb moisture. • The drug is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream. • Our country is increasingly being absorbed by/into the large cities. • See also self-absorbed. 2 to understand facts or ideas; to remember them: It's hard to absorb much information. 3 to reduce the effect of a physical force, shock or change: The barrier absorbed the main impact of the blow. 4 if someone's work, or a book, film, etc. absorbs them, or they are absorbed in it, they listen to it or use it without thinking about something else: He had apparently experienced a lot of abuse and had apparently abstracted some major crime.

absorbed /æbˈsɔrbəd/ • /əbˈsɔrbəd/ adj able to take liquid in through the surface and to hold it: absorbent paper

absorbency /æbˈsɔrbənsi/ • /əbˈsɔrbənsi/ noun [U] the ability to absorb liquid

absorption /æbˈsɔrpʃən/ • /əbˈsɔrpʃən/ noun [U] 1 the ability of something, especially food, to take something into the body: Some poisonous gases can enter the body by absorption through the skin. 2 the act of absorbing something, especially another person: She gave her attention to the novel so completely that she hardly noticed me come in.

absorber /æbˈsɔrbər/ • /əbˈsɔrbər/ noun [C] a device that absorbs something: The plant grows abundantly in woodland. • You're making your feelings abundantly clear (very clear).

abundant /æbˈdʌnt/ • /əbˈdʌnt/ adj FORMAL more than enough: There is abundant evidence that cars have a harmful effect on the environment. • Cheap consumer goods are abundant (= exist in large amounts) in this part of the world. • abundance /æbˈdʌnts/ noun [U] formal. • There was an abundance of wine at the wedding. • We had wine in abundance.

abundantly /æbˈdʌntli/ • /əbˈdʌntli/ adv FORMAL The plant grows abundantly in woodland. • You've made your feelings abundantly clear (very clear).

abuse /əˈbjuːz/ • /əˈbjuːz/ verb [t] to use or treat someone or something wrongly or badly, especially in a way that is to your own advantage: She is continually abusing her position/authority by getting other people to do things for her. • I never expected that he would abuse the trust I placed in him. • Several of the children had been sexually/physically/emotionally abused.

abuse /əˈbjuːz/ • /əˈbjuːz/ noun [C or U] when someone uses or treats someone or something wrongly or badly, especially in a way that is to their own advantage: an abuse of privilege/power/someone's kindness • sexual/physical/mental abuse (= bad treatment) • She claimed to have been a victim of child abuse (= the treatment of children in a bad, esp. sexual, way). • Drug and alcohol abuse (= Using these substances in a bad way) contributed to his early death.

abuser /əˈbjuːzər/ • /əˈbjuːzər/ noun [C] someone who abuses someone or something: a child abuser • a drug/solvent abuser

abuse /əˈbjuːz/ • /əˈbjuːz/ verb [t] to speak to someone rudely or cruelly: The crowd started abusing him after he hurled (a stream/orrent of) abuse at her (= He said a lot of rude things to her).
and offensive things to her. • "Idiot!" is a mild term of abuse (= an insulting expression).

abuse /ˈə.bʌs/ adj using rude and offensive words; an abusive language; a telephone call • He was apparently abusive to the flight attendants.

abut /əˈbʌt/ verb [T never passive; I prep] (c)t- FORMAL if a building or area of land abuts on something, it is next to it or touches it on one side. Mexico abuts on (onto) some of the richest parts of the United States. • Their house abuts onto the police station.

a cappella /əˈkæpələ/ adj; noun [usu] LITERARY a very high quality which seems to have no bottom 2 a difficult situation that brings trouble or destruction: The country is sinking/plunging into an abyss of violence and lawlessness. • She found herself on the edge of an abyss.

academic /əˈkrədik/ adj; noun [usu] LITERARY especially universities, that is connected with studying and thinking, not with practical skills: academic subjects/qualifications/books • an academic institution • the academic year (= the time, usually from September/October to the following June, during which students go to school or college) • academic standards 2 describes someone who is clever and enjoys studying: I was never a particularly academic child. academically (adj) • a purely academic job • to emphasize a particular feature of something or to make something more noticeable: Her dress was tightly belted, accentuating the slimness of her waist.

accelerate /əˈkrɛlərət/ verb [I or T] to happen: Inflation is likely to accelerate this year, adding further upward pressure on interest rates. • They use special chemicals to accelerate the growth of crops. • The acceleration in the decline of manufacturing industry is being blamed on the high value of sterling.

access [ˈeɪsɛs] noun [C or U] 1 the way in which people in a particular area, country or social group pronounce words: He’s got a strong French/Scottish accent. • She’s French but she speaks with an impeccable English accent. • He talks with a broad/heavy/strong/thick Yorkshire accent.

accentuate /əˈsɛntjʊeɪt/ verb to emphasize a particular feature of something or to make something more noticeable: Her dress was tightly belted, accentuating the slimness of her waist. • The new policy only serves to accentuate the inadequacy of provision for the homeless.

accept /əkˈsept/ verb [I or T] to agree to take something: Do you accept credit cards? • She was in London to accept an award for her latest novel. • I offered her an apology, but she wouldn’t accept it. • I accept full responsibility for the failure of the plan. • The new telephones will accept coins of any denomination.

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acclimatize /əˈklaɪmətɪz/ verb [T] to make someone acclimatized to a new climate or environment, which means to adapt themselves to living in a very hot or very cold place.

access /ˈækses/ noun [C](U) 1 something that someone has the possibility of using, visiting, getting, or seeing: She had access to all the files.

accessory /ˈæksesəri/ noun 1 something added to something to make it more useful or pleasant: She accessorized her dress with a silver necklace.

accessory after the fact /əˈkæsərəri ˈæfər dəkˈfækt/ noun a company that provides access to something that is not owned by them: They offered me the job and I agreed to take it.

access pro vider /əˈkæsərəri ˈprəʊvʌrdə/ noun (C) a company that provides access to the Internet, allows you to use email, and gives you space on the Internet to display documents.

access route /ˈækses rəut/ noun 1 a road leading from one place to another: 2 a road leading to a motorway.

access time /ˈækses tɪm/ noun [usually singular] the amount of time it takes a computer to find information.

accidental /əˈkənsidətl/ adjective 1 something that happens unexpectedly: an accidental death.

accident /əˈsɪdnt/ noun [C] (U) 1 something that happens unexpectedly and unintentionally, and which often damages something or injures someone: an accident-prone driver.

acclaim /əˈkleɪm/ noun [U] (U) public approval and praise: Despite the critical acclaim, the novel did not sell well.

acclaim /əˈkleɪm/ verb [T] often passive] to give public approval and praise: She was universally/widely acclaimed for her contribution to the discovery.

acceptable /əˈseptəbl/ adjective 1 having the quality that makes something suitable or suitable: an acceptable level of radiation.

acceptable /əˈseptəbl/ adjective satirical and able to be agreed to or approved of: Clearly we need to come to an agreement that is acceptable to both parties.

acceptance /əˈseptəns/ noun, plural acceptances (or acceptance) 1 the fact that someone asks you to do something: They offered me the job and I agreed to take it.

access provider /əˈkæsərəri ˈprəʊvərdə/ noun a company that provides access to the Internet.

accessory /əˈkæsərəri/ noun [C] shorthand for something that someone asks you to do: She was wearing a little black dress, accessorized with a silver necklace.

access to something /əˈkæsərəri tɔ sməθəmənt/ verb [I] access is a word that means the ability to use or get to something: Access to the Internet is free in this country.

access to something /əˈkæsərəri tɔ sməθəmənt/ verb [I] the ability to use or get to something: She has access to all the company files.

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accomplish /əˈkɒmplɪʃ/ verb [T] to finish something successfully or to achieve something: The students accomplished the task in less than ten minutes. She accomplished such a lot during her visit. I feel as if I’ve accomplished nothing since I left my job.

accomplishment /əˈkɒmplɪʃmənt/ noun [C] something that is successful, or that is achieved after a lot of work or effort: Getting the two leaders to sign a peace treaty was his greatest accomplishment. She also accomplished the completion of something else: We celebrated the successful accomplishment of our task.

accomplished /əˈkɒmplɪʃt/ adj skilled: She’s a very accomplished pianist/painter/horsewoman. He was accomplished in all the arts.

accomplishment /əˈkɒmplɪʃmənt/ noun [C] a skill: Cordon-bleu cookery is just one of many accomplishments. She’s an expert in her field, and is paid accordingly.

accurate /əˈkjuːrət/ adj correct: She’s an accurate account of the event. The weather forecast was accurate.

accuracy /əˈkjuːrəsi/ noun [U]: The accuracy of the report is in question. The accuracy of his figures is disputed.

accurately /əˈkjuːrətli/ adv: She accurately described the event. I accurately predicted the result.

accurate /əˈkjuːrət/ adj: Hi, you’re an accurate accountant. She’s an accurate accountant.

accurately /əˈkjuːrətli/ adv: I was received accurately by his family. The message was received accurately.

accurate /əˈkjuːrət/ adj: She accurately anticipated the outcome. She accurately perceived the situation.

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punished: We must ensure that the responsible people for the violence are brought to account.
• by your own account Something that is true by your own account is what you claim is true: By his own account, he's quite wealthy.
• account (to sb) for sth EXPLAIN phrasal verb to explain the reason for something or the cause of something: Can you account for your absence last Friday? • She was unable to account for over $5000 (= she could not explain where the money was). • He has to account to his manager for (= tell his manager about and explain) all his movements.
■ there's no accounting for taste, saying EXPLAIN phrasal verb to say that it is difficult to explain why different people like different things, especially things which you do not like: “I love weekend.” “Well, there’s no accounting for taste, is there!”
• account for sth phrasal verb to form the total of something: Students account for the vast majority of our customers.
• accountable /əˈkaʊntəbəl/ adj Someone who is accountable is completely responsible for what they do and must be able to give a satisfactory reason for it. She is accountable only to the managing director. • The recent tax reforms have made government more accountable for the spending. • Politicians should be accountable to the public who elected them.
• accountability /əˈkaʊntəbɪləti/ noun [U] There were furious demands for greater police accountability (= for the police to be made to explain their actions to the public).
• accountant /əˈkaʊntənt/ noun (C) someone who keeps or examines the records of money received, paid and owed by a company or person: a firm of accountants
• accoumtancy /əˈkaʊntənti/ noun [U] accountancy is the job of being an accountant: He works in accountancy. • an accountant firm

accounting /əˈkaʊntɪŋ/ noun [U] accounting is the skill or activity of keeping records of the money a person or organization earns and spends and prepares 2 (UK accountancy) the job of being an accountant.
• accounts /əˈkaʊntz/ plural noun an official record of all the money a person or company has spent and received: I keep my own accounts.
• accoutrements /əˈkaʊtəmənts/ noun (C or U) accoutrements the equipment needed for a particular activity or way of life
• accredit /əˈkrɛdɪt/ verb [T] to officially recognize, accept or approve of someone or something: The agency was not accredited by the Philippine Consulate to offer contracts to Filipinos abroad.
• accredited /əˈkrɛdɪtɪd/ adj officially recognized or approved: an accredited drama school • accredited war correspondents accreditation /əˈkrɛdɪtɪd/ noun [U] The college received was given full accreditation in 1965.
• accretion /əˈkriʃən/ noun [C or U] accretion gradual increase or growth by the addition of new layers or parts: The fund was increased by the accretion of new shareholders. • The room hadn’t been cleaned for years and showed several accretions of dirt and dust.
• accrual /əˈkruːl/ noun [C or U] a gradual increase in an amount of money
• accrue /əˈkruː/ verb [I] accrue to increase in number or amount over a period of time: Interest will accrue on the account at a rate of 7%. • Little benefit will accrue to London (= London will receive little benefit) from the new road scheme.
• accumulate /əˈkjuːmələt/ verb [T 1 + obj + noun or adj] formal to accumulate a large number of things over a longer period of time: As people accumulate more wealth, they tend to spend a greater proportion of their incomes. • The company said the debt was accumulated during its acquisition of nine individual businesses. • We’ve accumulated so much rubbish over the years. 2 [T] to gradually increase in number or amount: A thick layer of dust had accumulated in the room. • If you don’t sort out the papers on your desk on a regular basis they just keep on accumulating. • Accumulation of sand can be formed by the action of waves on coastal beaches.
• accumulator /əˈkjuːmələtər/ noun (C or U) US storage battery a battery that collects and stores electricity.
• accuracy noun [U] see at accurate.
• accurate /əˈkjuːrət/ adj correct, exact and without any mistakes: an accurate machine • an accurate description • The figures they have used are just not accurate. • Her novel is an accurate reflection of life in post-war Spain. • We hope to become more accurate in predicting earthquakes. • The opposite is inaccurate.
• accurately /əˈkjuːrətli/ adv: The plans should be drawn as accurately as possible, showing all the measurements. • accuracy /əˈkjuːrəsi/ noun [U]: We can predict changes with a surprising degree of accuracy.
• accrued /əˈkjuːrd/ adj [before noun] used very annoying: I can’t get around like I used to – it’s this accrued rheumatism.
• accusation noun [C or U] see at accuse.
• accusative /əˈkjuːzətɪv/ noun [U] the form of a noun, pronoun or adjective which is used in some languages to show that the word is the direct object of a verb accusative /əˈkjuːzətɪv/ noun [U]: the accusative plural
• accuse /əˈkjuːz/ verb [T 1] to say that someone has done something wrong, morally wrong, illegal or unfair: “It wasn’t my fault.” “Don’t worry, I’m not accusing you.” • He’s been accused of robbery/murder. • Are you accusing me of lying? • The surgeon was accused of negligence.
• stand accused of sth formal If you stand accused of doing something wrong, people say that you have done it. The government stands accused of eroding freedom of speech.
accompany yourself to sth phrasal verb [k] to make yourself familiar with new conditions: "It'll take me some time to accustom myself to the changes.

Such a statement told me a great deal about the man that we three were forced to meet without delay.

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acquaint /əkˈweɪnt/ verb [with sb] to make someone aware of something, often by telling them or showing them it: Take time to acquaint yourself with the rules. [with sb] 1 to introduce or familiarize oneself with someone or something: The Broadcasting Museum also offers Saturday workshops to acquaint children with the world of radio. 2 to become familiar with something: The museum has acquired a large collection of musical instruments.

acquaintance /əkˈweɪntʃərn/ noun 1 [C] a person that you know but do not know well: a business acquaintance 2 [U] formal; used in some expressions about knowing or meeting people: It was at the Taylors’ party that I first met him. 3 formal; used with knowledge of a subject: He has a background in acoustics. 4 formal; used with acquaintance with a fact: my acquaintance with Spanish literature is rather limited.

acquainted /əkˈweɪntid/ adjective having had knowledge or experience of something: Ours was a strictly professional acquaintance.

acquiescent /əkˈwiːsənt/ adjective formal; used to accept or agree to something, often unwillingly: Reluctantly, he acquiesced to/in the plans.

across /əkrəs/ preposition 1 through or over a surface or space: clouds of acrid smoke 2 as an alternative to: He preferred across the road to walking through the park.

acrimonious /ˌɛkrəˈmiːniəs/ adjective formal; used about arguments or disagreements: the acrimonious dispute 2 long-running and acrimonious divorce

acrobatics /ˌækraʊˈbætɪks/ noun plural the skill of doing difficult and physical stunts, such as balancing, leaping or tumbling:

acrophobia /ˌækroʊˈfoʊbiə/ noun 1 a fear of heights 2 a fear of the elderly

acronym /ˈækroʊnəm/ noun plural a word formed by taking the initial letters of other words: AIDS is an acronym for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

acquire /əkrwaɪr/ verb [I] 1 to gain possession or ownership of something: The museum has acquired a large collection of musical instruments. 2 to gain skill in or knowledge of something: I can’t acquire the differences in spelling. 3 to gain something by working hard: In order to acquire the skill you need to practice hard.

acquisitive /ˌækwiˈsɪtɪv/ adjective formal; used to describe a person who enjoys collecting things: She was an acquisitive person and enjoyed collecting antiques.

acquitted /əkˈwiːtɪd/ adjective 1 not guilty: He was acquitted of the charges against him. 2 not found guilty: He was found not guilty of the charges.

acquire /əkˈwɜːr/ verb [I] 1 to get something: He acquired a new car. 2 to gain knowledge of or possession of something: He acquired a new skill through practice.

acquittal /əkˈwɜːtʃəl/ noun a court decision that a person is not guilty: He was granted acquittal.

acquit /əkˈwɜːt/ verb [I] to clear someone of a charge or of a claim: I am acquitted.

I applied for the job but was acquitted.

acquiescence /əkwiˈesəns/ noun the act of accepting something: He acquiesced to the request from his boss.

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increasing profits or reducing losses.  The initiative has crossed-the-board support.

acrostic əˈkrɒstɪk noun [C] SPECIALIZED a text, usually a poem, in which particular letters, such as the first letters of each line, spell a word or phrase

acrylic əˈkrɪlk noun 1 a type of cloth or plastic produced by chemical processes from a type of acid: acrylic scarf/sweater 2 acrylic paint

act əkt noun 1 [C] an act of aggression/bravery/madness-terrorism 2 a kind/thoughtless/selfish act 3 The sexual act itself meant little to her.  4 The simple act of telling someone about a problem can help.  5 Primitive people regarded storms as an act produced by chemical processes from a type of acid:

act as sth əkz ə sth verb [I] to do something for a particular purpose, or to behave in the stated way: [to infinitive] Engineers acted quickly to repair the damaged pipes.

act on impulse ək ə inˈpʌls verb [I] (= without thinking first) can get you into a lot of trouble.

act of sth əkz ə sth noun 1 an act of occurring or taking place 2 an act of something done: 3 a legal or formal decision: 4 a political act of a parliament or other group of elected law-makers: an act of parliament 5 the Betting and Gaming Act 6 Almost two hundred suspects were detained in Britain last year under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.  7 The state legislature passed an act banning the sale of automatic weapons.

act up əkz ʌ p verb informal If a person, especially a child, acts up, they behave badly: Sophie got bored and started acting up.

act as sth əkz ə sth verb [I] to perform the actions and say the words of a situation or story: The children acted out their favourite poem.

actor əkˈtɔr noun 1 [C] a person who usually does that job is not there: She’s the highest-paid actress in Hollywood.

adjective əˈktrɪs noun 2 a in a film, play, etc:

actor for/ on behalf of (= who is representing the defendant?)

act on impulse ək ə inˈpʌls noun 3 (= starts to work)

act of parliament əkz ə ˈpɑlmənt noun 4 a law or formal decision: 5 an act of parliament

across the board support əˈkros ə ˈbɔrd əˈsərt support 6 The state legislature passed an act banning the sale of automatic weapons.

akstɪsk Important words to learn: ③ Essential ④ Improver ⑤ Advanced
activity /ˌæk.tɪˈvɪ.ti/ noun [u] something that is done for enjoyment, especially an organized event: His spare-time activities include cooking, tennis and windsurfing. • We offer our guests a wide range of outdoor sporting activities.

actor /ˈæktə(r)/ noun [C] also actress • She acts in TV programmes.

actually /ˈæktəli/ adverb 1 in fact or really: I didn’t actually see her – I just heard her voice. • So what actually happened?

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actual /ˈæktʃuəl/ adjective 1 real or actual: He’s been a trade union/party member for six months. 2 actual as you can: Enemy forces remain active in the mountainous areas around the city. 3 actual number: The actual number was much higher.

acuity /ˈækjʊəti/ noun [u] acuity • He’s keen eyed.

actualize /ˈækʃuəlaɪz/ verb 1 to make something happen: an actualizer is any device containing an explosive that is activated by heat, percussion, friction, or electricity. • He was actually a man of great political acuity.

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acumen /əˈkjuː.mən/ noun [U] FORMAL skill in making correct decisions and judgments in a particular subject, such as business or politics: She has considerable acumen.

acupuncture /əˈkjuː.pər.tʃən/ noun [U] a treatment for pain and illness in which thin needles are positioned just under the surface of the skin at special nerve centres around the body: Acupuncture originated in China.

acute [ˈæk.tjuː] adj 1 If a bad situation is acute, it causes severe problems or damage: She felt acute embarrassment/anxiety/concern at his behaviour. 2 The problem of poverty is particularly acute in rural areas. 3 An acute form of illness is one that you develop very severe: acute abdominal pains

acutely /əˈkjuː.tli/ adv completely or extremely: Manage- ment is acutely aware of the resentment that their decision may cause. 2 Another scandal would be acutely embarrassing for the government.

acuteness /əˈkjuː.tnəs/ noun [U]

acupuncture /əˈkjuː.pər.tʃən/ noun [U] a type of plug ELECTRICAL DEVICE which makes it possible to connect two or more pieces of equipment to the same electrical supply

add /æd/ verb [I or T] to put something with something else to increase the number or amount or to improve the whole: If you add (= calculate the total) three and four you get seven. 2 Beat the butter and sugar together and slowly add the eggs. 3 She’s added a Picasso to her collection. 4 Her colleagues’ laughter only added to (= increased) her embarrassment. 5 She was sad, she said, but added (= said also) that she felt she had made the right decision. 6 [+] speech “Oh, and thank you for all your help!” he added as he was leaving. 7 It’s $45 – $50 if you add in (= include) the cost of postage. 8 Don’t forget to add on your travelling expenses/add your expenses on.

addition /æd.tʃən/ noun [C] ABBREVIATION FOR a-de-camp

add up to sth 1 to calculate the total of two or more numbers: If you add those four figures up, it comes to over $500. She added the bill up. I’m not very good at adding up! 2 not add up INFORMAL If a situation does not add up, there is no reasonable or likely explanation for it: Why would she disappear the day before her holiday? It just doesn’t add up.

adder /ˈæd.ə/ noun [C] a type of poisonous snake

adder root /ˈæd.ə.roʊt/ noun [C] a root of an adder

adder-tongue /ˈæd.i.təng/ noun [C] a plant that makes slight changes to a book, play or other piece of text so that it can be performed

ADC ex vac/əˈvæk/joʊ/ noun [C] ABBREVIATION FOR a-de-camp

addicted [ˈæd.i.təktid] adj [T] ABBREVIATION FOR a-de-camp

addicted /əˈdɪ.təktɪd/ adj [T] ABBREVIATION FOR a-de-camp

adder /ˈæd.ə/ noun [C] a person who makes slight changes to a book, play or other piece of text so that it can be performed

addict /ˈæd.ikt/ noun [C] a person who cannot stop doing or using something, especially something harm-
ful: a drug/heroin addict  ◦ a gambling addict
○ menorous I'm a chocolate/shopping addict.
addicted a/adj (adj) By the age of 14 he was addicted to heroin.  ◦ I'm addicted to (= very often eat/drink) chocolate/lattes.  ◦ I know that if I start watching a soap opera I immediately become hopelessly addicted.
addiction a/adj [n or u] drug addiction  ◦ his addiction to alcohol
addictive a/adj (adj) 1 An addictive drug is one which is not stop taking once you have started: Tobacco is highly addictive.  2 describes an activity or food that you cannot stop doing or eating once you have started: The problem with video games is that they're addictive.  ◦ These nuts are addictive – I can't stop eating them.  3 addictive personality a/an accelerator personality is a set of characteristics shared in a computer's memory which can be added to food in order to improve its taste or appearance or to preserve it: food additives.  This margarine is full of additives – just look at the label!
addle a/adj (adj) MAINLY HUMOROUS 1 to make someone feel confused and unable to think clearly: I think my brain's been addled by these drugs.  2 MAINLY HUMOROUS I'm afraid my sun-addled (= confused) brain couldn't make any sense of the instructions.
add-on a/adj (adv) (adj) 1 a piece of equipment which can be connected to a computer to give it an extra use: A modem is a useful add-on.  2 an extra part which is added, especially to an officially organized plan, system, agreement, etc: Legal expenses cover is often sold as an add-on to household insurance policies.
address a/adj (adj) MAINLY HUMOROUS 1 the number of the house and name of the road and town where a person lives or works and where letters can be sent to, or addressed to, the person: He likes to be addressed to, or touching: They work in adjacent buildings.  ◦ They lived in a house adjacent to the railway.
address a/adj (adj) a formal phrase meaning 'in a way that is polite or formal': ∅ adjective: an address ○ I'll just look her phone number up in my address book.  2 a place where a piece of information is stored in a computer's memory ○ to write a name or address on an envelope or parcel: The parcel was wrongly addressed.  ◦ so why did you open a letter that was addressed to me?  3 a person whose name or address is written on a letter or parcel ○ to speak or write to: He addressed a few introductory remarks to the audience.  ◦ He likes to be addressed as 'Sir' or 'Mr Partridge'.
address a/adj (adj) a formal phrase meaning 'in a way that is polite or formal': ∅ adjective: an address ○ to speak to, or touching: The Stable adjutant the adjutant the house.  ◦ It's at this point that these three neighbourhoods adjutant
adjunct a/adj (adj) 1 a word that describes a noun or pronoun: Big, boring, purple, 'quick' and 'obvious' are all adjectives.  ◦ adjunct a/adj for an adjective: an adjective phrase adjectively.  ◦ adjunct a/adj in 'kitchen table', the noun 'kitchen' is used adjectively.
adjourn a/adj (adj or n) (verb) to have a pause or rest during a formal meeting or trial: The meeting was adjourned until Tuesday.  ◦ Shall we adjourn for lunch?  ∅ adjective: an adjournment ○ adjournment a/adj in 'court'  ○ adjournment a/adj in 'court'
adjunctive a/adj a formal phrase meaning 'in a way that is polite or formal': ∅ adjective: an adjunct ○ an adjective phrase adjectively
defend a/adj (adj) (verb) to defend petrol prices  ○ to defend the petrol prices  ○ to defend the petrol prices  ○ to defend the petrol prices.
adequate a/adj (adj) 1 enough or satisfactory for a particular purpose: Have we got adequate food for twenty guests?  ◦ I didn't have adequate time to prepare.  ◦ It's not by any means a brilliant salary but it's adequate for our needs.  ◦ The council's provision for the elderly is barely adequate (= is not enough).  ◦ to infinite infinitive (= will be adequate) 2 future oil supplies be adequate to meet world needs?  ◦ The opposite is inadequate.  adequately adv (adj)
adjectively a/adj (adv or n) (adj) While some patients can be adequately cared for at home, others are best served by care in a hospital.  adequacy a/adj (adj) the adequacy of public health care has been brought into question.
adjudicate a/adj (verb) to make a decision or consider something, especially officially: (= to infinitive) Half an hour into the game Paterson was adjudged to have fouled Jackson and was sent off.  ◦ to decide
ADHD a/adj (adj) (noun) (abbreviation for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder)  ◦ to diagnose ADHD.
**Important words to learn:**

- **Adjunct**
- **Adjudicate**
- **Adjudication**
- **Administrative**
- **Administrator**
- **Admiral**
- **Admission**

**WORDS THAT GO WITH admission**

- express
- feel
- have
- earn
- gain
- win
- (be)
- admire
- genuine
- great
- profound
- grudging
- sneaking
- admire
- for
- sb/sth
- (gaze/gasp/watch, etc)
- in
- with
- admission

| admission | noun | [u or c] | Die admittance that something is true.
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| admittance| noun | [c or u] | (admit) The act or an instance of admitting someone or something.
| administer| noun | [c or u] | The act of administering a dose of medicine.
| administration| noun | [c or u] | The act of managing or controlling a business or organization.
| administrator| noun | [c or u] | A person who manages or controls a business or organization.

**administrative**

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admit \admit\ /ad-mit/ verb [t (ct) 1] to allow someone to enter a place. Each ticket admits one member and one guest. ○ Men will not be admitted to the restaurant without a fee. ○ A gap between the curtains admitted the faint glimmer of a street lamp. 2 to allow a person or country to join an organization: Spain was admitted to the European Community in 1986. 3 to allow someone to enter a hospital because they need medical care: She was admitted to hospital (to the hospital) suffering from shock.

admission \ad-mish-n/ noun [C or U] when someone is given permission to enter a place, or the money that you pay to enter a place. Admission to the exhibition will be by invitation only. ○ How much do they charge for admission? ○ The admission charge/fee is £2.

adolescent \ad-oo-luh sent/ /ad-ə-lənt/ noun [C] a young person who is developing into an adult. 1 being or relating to an adolescent: an adolescent boy ○ adolescent concerns/traumas/problems 2 describes an adult or an adult’s behaviour ○ adolescent humour ○ adolescence 3 the period of time in a person’s life when they are developing into an adult; a troubled adolescence ○ yet another novel about the joys and sorrows of adolescence

adoption \ad-op-sh-n/ /ad-əp-shən/ noun [C or U] She was homeless and had to put her child up for adoption (= asked for the child to be taken by another adult or family). ○ The last ten years have seen a dramatic fall in the number of adoptions.

adjective \ad-jukt/ /ad-jukt/ noun [U] An adjective is a word that describes something or someone. A descriptive adjective is one that describes something or someone. For example:

**admirable** (=desirable in an admirable way)

**amusing** (=making you laugh)

**beautiful** (=very attractive or pleasing)

**brave** (=very skilful and quick in the way you think or move)

**charming** (=very lovable and attractive)

**faithful** (=always loyal and dependable)

**famous** (=very well-known)

**frightening** (=very frightening)

**good** (=very nice)

**important** (=very necessary)

**лишь** (=very nearly)

**likable** (=very nice)

**lovely** (=very attractive and nice)

**notably** (=very)

**overjoyed** (=very happy)

**perfect** (=very good)

**very** (=very)

**wonderful** (=very nice)

adoptive \ad-op-tiv/ /ad-əp-tiv/ adjective [formal] someone who has adopted a child:

adoptive parent is one who has adopted a child.

adoptive \ad-op-tiv/ /ad-əp-tiv/ adjective [t (ct) 1] to accept or start to use something new: I think it’s time to adopt a different strategy in my dealings with him. ○ The new tax would force companies to adopt energy-saving measures.

adopter \ad-op-tər/ /ad-əp-tər/ noun [C] He’s adopted a remarkably light-hearted attitude towards the situation.

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