

Word / Phrase	Part of speech	Phonetic Spelling	Definition	Sample Sentence
abundant	adjective	/ə'bʌndənt/	existing or available in large quantities	The country has an abundant supply of fossil fuels.
adverse	adjective	/æd'vɜːs/	negative, unpleasant, or harmful	The drug has, so far, had no adverse effect on patients.
bacteria	noun [plural]	/bæk'tɪriə/	microorganisms that consist of a single cell (some types of bacteria cause diseases and others cause things to decay)	Boil the water for 10 minutes to kill any bacteria.
badly/poorly organized	phrase	/'bædli/ / /'pɔːrli/ /'ɔːrgənaɪzd/	not planned well and not effective	The whole campaign was badly organized.
badly/poorly thought out	phrase	/'bædli/ / /'pɔːrli/ /'θɔːt aʊt/	not carefully considered, so not effective or successful	The scheme was badly thought-out and lacked clear guidelines.
become extinct	phrase	/bɪ'kʌm/ / /ɪk'stɪŋkt/	if an animal or plant becomes extinct, it no longer exists	Many of these species are becoming extinct before they are even studied.
breed	verb	/brɪd/	if animals breed, they become the parents of young animals	These birds have bred successfully for the past six years.
congregate	verb	/'kɒŋgrə,geɪt/	to gather together in a group	Tourists congregated along the river's edge.
diversity	noun [noncount]	/dɪ'vɜːsəti/	the fact that different people, animals, or things exist within a group or place	Coral reefs are known for their rich diversity of fish.
domino effect	noun [singular]	/'dɒmɪnoʊ/ / /ɪ'fekt/	a situation in which one event causes a whole series of other events to happen one after the other	There was a domino effect throughout the project when a single design was modified.
endangered species	noun [count]	/ɪn'deɪndʒə(r)d 'spɪʃɪz/	a type of animal or plant that may soon become extinct	The national park is home to a number of endangered species.
highly effective	phrase	/'haɪli/ / /ɪ'fektɪv/	someone or something that is highly effective works very well	The new vaccine is highly effective against all strains of the disease.
highly successful	phrase	/'haɪli/ / /sək'sesfəl/	very good at achieving the result that you want	He starred in a string of highly successful movies.
in captivity	phrase	/ɪn/ / /kæp'tɪvəti/	wild animals in captivity are kept in a place, such as a zoo, instead of being allowed to live in their natural environment	Sometimes animals raised in captivity lose the instincts they need to find food.
manipulate	verb	/mə'nɪpjə,leɪt/	to change and control something, especially in a clever or dishonest way	The statistics are manipulated to suit the argument.
natural habitat	noun [count]	/'nætʃ(ə)rəl/ /'hæbɪ,tæt/	the type of place where a particular plant or animal lives naturally	This rare bird is in danger of losing its natural habitat.
overestimated	adjective	/,oʊvər'estɪ,meɪtɪd/	a number or an amount that is overestimated is not as high as someone thinks or guesses	They overestimated the number of guests and had a lot of food left over.
overpopulated	adjective	/,oʊvər'pɒpjə,leɪtəd/	a place that is overpopulated has too many people or animals living in it	Some people believe the world is already overpopulated.

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pest	noun [count]	/pest/	an insect or small animal that damages plants or supplies of food	There are many strategies for controlling garden pests.
pesticide	noun [count/ noncount]	/ˈpestɪsaɪd/	a chemical used for killing insects, especially those that damage crops	Organic farmers do not use toxic pesticides.
pollinate	verb	/ˈpɒləneɪt/	to place pollen from one flower on another flower in order to help it to produce seed	Bees are needed to pollinate the flowers.
predator	noun [count]	/ˈpredətər/	an animal that kills and eats other animals	The birds have to be protected from foxes and other predators.
prey on	phrasal verb	/preɪ//ɒn/	to hunt another creature in order to eat it	Ranchers have killed a number of wolves suspected of preying on livestock.
release	noun [noncount]	/rɪˈliːs/	the act of letting an animal leave the place where you have been keeping it	The release of the animals back into the wild is our ultimate aim.
sanctuary	noun [count]	/ˈsæŋktʃuəri/	a special area where animals live in a natural environment protected from people	The Serengeti National Park is Africa's most famous wildlife sanctuary.
set something in motion	phrase	/set/ ˈsɪmθɪŋ/ ɪn/ ˈmʊʃ(ə)n/	to make a series of events or a process start happening	We want to set in motion talks involving all sides in the conflict.
smuggler	noun [count]	/ˈsmʌg(ə)lɑ(r)/	someone who secretly and illegally takes things into or out of a country as a way of earning money	These species are major targets for smugglers.
the wild	noun [singular]	/waɪld/	an environment that is natural	Most of us have never seen elephants in the wild.
underestimated	adjective	/ˌʌndərˈestɪmeɪtɪd/	a number or an amount that is underestimated is higher than someone thinks or guesses	The university underestimated the amount of time needed to install the system.
underpopulated	adjective	/ˌʌndərˈpɒpjəleɪtəd/	an underpopulated area has very few people or animals living in it	This is a remote and underpopulated corner of the country.
underutilized	adjective	/ˌʌndərˈjuːtɪəlaɪzd/	not used enough, so that people do not get all the benefits that they could	That is land that is underutilized by western standards.
virus	noun [count]	/ˈvaɪrəs/	a simple living thing that is smaller than bacteria and that can enter your body and make you sick	Malaria is caused by a virus carried by mosquitos.
well organized	phrase	/wel/ ˈɔrgənaɪzd/	planned carefully and effectively	The competition was extremely well-organized.
well thought out	phrase	/ˈwel/ ˈθɔt/ ˈaʊt/	considered carefully in every aspect	His plan is practical and well thought-out.