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Describing places					
attractive	adjective	əˈtræktɪv		pleasant in some way	It's a pretty village set in **attractive** countryside.
clean	adjective	kliːn	klin	not dirty	Go and put on a **clean** shirt.
convenient	adjective	kənˈviːniənt	kənˈviniənt	easy to use, or appropriate for a particular purpose	The hotel was only five minutes from the beach, which was **convenient**.
crowded	adjective	ˈkraʊdɪd	ˈkraʊdəd	a place with a lot of people, especially too many	The street was noisy and **crowded**.
dirty	adjective	ˈdɜːr(r)ti	ˈdɜrti	not clean	There was a lot of rubbish in the sea and the water was **dirty**.
inconvenient	adjective	ˌɪnkənˈviːniənt	ˌɪnkənˈviniənt	causing difficulties or extra effort	There are no trains today, which is quite **inconvenient**.
lively	adjective	ˈlaɪvli		full of energy and enthusiasm	They are a **lively** group of students.
loud	adjective	laʊd		used for describing a sound that is strong and very easy to hear	There was a **loud** knocking on the door.
modern	adjective	ˈmɒdə(r)n	ˈmɑdərn	relating to or belonging to the present time	The programme examines the role of women in **modern** society.
noisy	adjective	ˈnɔɪzi		making a lot of noise	Unfortunately we have **noisy** neighbours.
old-fashioned	adjective	ˌəʊld ˈfæʃ(ə)nd		no longer modern or fashionable	Blake was carrying an **old-fashioned** leather briefcase.
peaceful	adjective	ˈpiːsf(ə)l	ˈpisf(ə)l	calm and quiet	The hotel is set in **peaceful** surroundings.
polluted	adjective	pəˈluːtɪd	pəˈlutəd	(about air, water, or land) too dirty and dangerous for people to use in a safe way	The oil spillage has **polluted** the harbour.
quiet	adjective	ˈkwaɪət		making very little or no noise	Electric cars are **quiet** and pollution-free.
ugly	adjective	ˈʌgli		something that is unpleasant to look at	Do you think the colour of this paint is **ugly**?
Verb + preposition					
argue about	verb + preposition	ˈɑːr(r)gju əˈbaʊt	ˈɑrˌgju əˈbaʊt	to discuss something with someone who has a different opinion from you	They are still **arguing about** the details of the contract.
argue with	verb + preposition	ˈɑːr(r)gju wɪð	ˈɑrˌgju wɪð	to speak with someone in an angry way because you disagree with them	Don't **argue with** me – you know I'm right.
help with	verb + preposition	help wɪð		to give someone support or information so that they can do something more easily	Her brother offered to **help** her **with** her homework.
look for	verb + preposition	lʊk fɔːr	lʊk fɔr	to hope to get something that you want or need	He was **looking for** work as a builder.
rely on	verb + preposition	rɪˈleɪ ɒn	rɪˈlaɪ ɑn	to trust someone to do something for you	We can **rely on** my brother to help us.
talk to	verb + preposition	tɔːk tuː	tɔk tu	to have a conversation with someone	I need to **talk to** you.

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Life events					
fall in love	verb phrase	fɔːl ɪn lʌv	fɔl ɪn lʌv	to start to love someone	Why do we **fall in love** with one person rather than another?
get a job	verb phrase	get ə ʤɒb	get ə ʤɑb	to find employment	Andy is going to **get a job** at a factory in Detroit.
get married	verb phrase	get 'mærɪd	get 'merid	to be formally joined in a relationship with another person	We're going to **get married** next year.
get your own place	verb phrase	get jɔːr əʊn pleɪs	get jʊr oʊn pleɪs	to find a place to live	I would love to **get my own place** in the country.
go to college	verb phrase	gəʊ tuː 'kɒlɪdʒ	goʊ tu 'kɑlɪdʒ	to start attending a higher education institution	He doesn't want to **go to college**.
have a baby/ children	verb phrase	hæv ə 'beɪbi/ 'ʧɪldrən	hæv ə 'beɪbi/ 'ʧɪldrən	to be or become a parent	Linda's going to **have a baby**.
learn to swim	verb phrase	lɜː(r)n tuː swɪm	lɜrn tu swɪm	to gain knowledge and experience of being in the water safely	Why did you never **learn to swim** when you were a child?
leave home	verb phrase	liːv həʊm	liv hoʊm	to stop living with your parents and move somewhere else	He didn't **leave home** until he was 24.
leave school	verb phrase	liːv skuːl	liv skul	to stop going to school permanently	At 16 he **left school** to work and support his family.
retire	verb phrase	rɪ'taɪə(r)	rɪ'taɪr	to stop working, typically upon reaching the normal age for leaving employment	At what age do you plan to **retire**?

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