

Oxford Practice Grammar Basic

Learn these words and phrases!

These words and phrases are included in the Diagnostic Test at Basic level. See what they mean and try to learn them. Write the words and phrases in your own language in the column on the right.

Many of these words and phrases have more than one meaning. Look them up in the [Oxford Essential Dictionary](#).

Word or phrase	Meaning	Word or phrase in your language
Section 1		
keep fit	do physical exercise to stay healthy	
jogging	running slowly and steadily as a form of exercise	
Section 2		
live abroad	live in another country	
Section 3		
by bike	if you go somewhere by bike , you use a bicycle as your form of transport	
a tent	a shelter made of canvas, nylon, etc., supported by poles. You sleep in a tent when you go camping.	
a market	a place where people go to buy and sell things	
under the stars	outside at night	
spend time	use time in a particular way	
explore a place	look around a place to learn about it	
Section 4		
feel grumpy	feel a little angry or bad-tempered	
give something up	stop doing or having something	
Section 5		
order something from the bar	order a light meal at a bar in a pub	
Section 6		
take time	need an amount of time	
fall over something	catch your feet on something and drop to the ground	
ill	not well; not in good health	
Section 7		
it's not healthy	it's not good for you; it may make you ill	
a workplace	a place such as an office or factory, where people work	
look pale	have little colour in your face; look tired or unwell	
a shelf	a long flat piece of wood attached to a wall or in a cupboard, for putting things on	

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Section 8		
fill in a form	write answers in the spaces in a document	
Section 9		
outside	not inside a building; in the open air	
Section 10		
a present	a thing that you give to someone to please them	
a receptionist	a person who helps you when you arrive at a hotel, an office, etc.	
a barbecue	a party or a meal at which food is cooked on a fire outside	
Section 11		
a pint of beer	a large glass of beer (1 pint = 0.57 litres)	
a pie	a type of cooked food made of pastry with meat, fruit, or vegetables inside	
put on weight	become fatter and heavier. See also lose weight below (Section 16).	
be on a strict diet	eat only special foods because you want to become thinner or because some foods are bad for your health	
Section 12		
a handle	a thing attached to a door, container, or tool, to help you open it or hold it	
instructions	information that tells you what you must do or how to do something	
a disaster	something very bad that happens	
Section 13		
take someone ages (informal)	cause someone to spend a long time doing something	
Section 14		
tidy up	make a place look neat by putting things where they belong	
a mess	a dirty or untidy state	
afford something	have enough money to pay for something	
Section 15		
redecorate a room or house	put new paint or wallpaper on the walls etc. of a room or house	
Section 16		
the coast	the part of the land that is next to the sea	
miss the bus	arrive at a bus stop too late to get on the bus you want	
lose weight	become thinner and less heavy. See also put on weight above (Section 11).	
Section 17		
delayed	if a train is delayed it is going to arrive late	
work on the line	repairs to the railway tracks	

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qualifications	exams or training that you need to do a job	
chilly	cold	
Section 18		
claim something	say that something is true	
remind someone	make someone remember something	
unlocked	not closed with a key	
Section 19		
a doll	a child's toy that looks like a baby or small child	
Section 20		
batsman	the person who is hitting the ball in a game of cricket	
feel sick	feel that food is going to come up from your stomach	
fence	a structure made of pieces of wood or metal that is put up around an area of land	