

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 |
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| 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 | |