

# Oxford Practice Grammar Intermediate

## Learn these words and phrases!

These words and phrases are included in the Diagnostic Test at Intermediate 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 Wordpower Dictionary](#).

| Word or phrase             | Meaning  | Word or phrase in your language |
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| Section 1                  |  |                                 |
| <b>the gym</b>             | a place with equipment for doing physical exercise   |                                 |
| <b>being redecorated</b>   | being repainted  |                                 |
| <b>fit</b>                 | strong and in good physical health   |                                 |
| Section 2                  |  |                                 |
| <b>nervous</b>             | worried or afraid  |                                 |
| <b>under pressure</b>      | having too much to do  |                                 |
| <b>sales figures</b>       | figures showing the number or value of items sold  |                                 |
| <b>be promoted</b>         | be given a higher position or more important job   |                                 |
| Section 3                  |  |                                 |
| <b>set off</b>             | start a journey  |                                 |
| Section 4                  |  |                                 |
| <b>familiar</b>            | well-known to you. If someone is <b>vaguely familiar</b> you think you recognize them but you are not certain. |                                 |
| <b>in contact</b>          | regularly speaking or writing to each other  |                                 |
| Section 5                  |  |                                 |
| <b>a robot</b>             | a machine that works automatically and does some tasks that humans can do                                      |                                 |
| <b>take something over</b> | get control of something or get responsibility for something   |                                 |
| <b>a planet</b>            | a large round object in space that moves around the sun or another star  |                                 |
| <b>an alien</b>            | a creature that comes from another planet  |                                 |
| <b>solve something</b>     | find a way of dealing with something that is difficult   |                                 |
| Section 6                  |  |                                 |
| <b>reply</b>               | say or write something in answer to someone  |                                 |
| <b>a key</b>               | a metal object used for locking and unlocking a door   |                                 |
| <b>a cyclist</b>           | a person who rides a bicycle   |                                 |
| <b>a helmet</b>            | a type of hard hat that you wear to protect your head  |                                 |

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| Section 7                             |  |                                 |
| <b>a match</b>                        | an organized game or sports event  |                                 |
| <b>an oyster</b>                      | a type of shellfish with a rough irregular shell   |                                 |
| Section 8                             |  |                                 |
| <b>a puppy</b>                        | a young dog  |                                 |
| Section 9                             |  |                                 |
| <b>a giveaway price</b><br>(informal) | a very low price   |                                 |
| <b>mend something</b>                 | repair something that is damaged or broken   |                                 |
| <b>restore a building</b>             | put a building back into its former condition  |                                 |
| <b>be haunted</b>                     | a house is said to <b>be haunted</b> if people think that ghosts are living there              |                                 |
| Section 11                            |  |                                 |
| <b>stuffy</b>                         | a room is <b>stuffy</b> if it is too warm and has no fresh air                                 |                                 |
| <b>accuse someone</b>                 | say that someone has done something wrong  |                                 |
| <b>the countryside</b>                | land which is away from towns and cities, where there are fields, woods, etc.                  |                                 |
| Section 12                            |  |                                 |
| <b>ashamed</b>                        | feeling guilty or embarrassed  |                                 |
| <b>swerve</b>                         | suddenly change direction  |                                 |
| <b>avoid doing something</b>          | try to stop yourself from doing something  |                                 |
| Section 13                            |  |                                 |
| <b>at first sight</b>                 | at the first time they met or saw each other   |                                 |
| Section 14                            |  |                                 |
| <b>reserved</b>                       | shy and keeping your feelings hidden   |                                 |
| Section 16                            |  |                                 |
| <b>a robbery</b>                      | an event in which something is stolen  |                                 |
| <b>give someone a lift</b>            | take someone in your car to the place they want to go to                                       |                                 |
| Section 17                            |  |                                 |
| <b>melt</b>                           | change from a solid to a liquid. If ice <b>melts</b> it turns to water.                        |                                 |
| <b>hesitate to do something</b>       | feel uncertain about doing something because you are not sure that it is the right thing to do |                                 |
| Section 18                            |  |                                 |
| <b>apologize</b>                      | say you are sorry for something you have done  |                                 |
| <b>cash</b>                           | money in the form of coins or notes  |                                 |
| <b>propose to someone</b>             | ask someone to marry you   |                                 |
| Section 19                            |  |                                 |
| <b>appear</b>                         | seem to be   |                                 |

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| <b>boundless energy</b>    | if you have <b>boundless energy</b> it seems that you never get tired |                                 |
| <b>twinkle</b>             | look bright; shine  |                                 |
| <b>an infectious laugh</b> | a laugh that makes other people laugh too                             |                                 |
| Section 20                 |   |                                 |
| <b>apologize profusely</b> | say very strongly that you are sorry for something you have done      |                                 |
| <b>insist on something</b> | say strongly that something must be done                              |                                 |