

Pre-Intermediate 1
Unit 1: Vocabulary
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ability ≠ inability

able (adj.) ⇔ be able to do something = can do something

➤ *Robert is able to write computer programs.*

ability (n.) = what you can do

➤ *Robert has the ability to write computer programs.*

applaud (v.) = clap hands for somebody

➤ *They rose to applaud the speaker.*

➤ *The audience applauded loudly.*

applause (n.) = the clapping of hands for somebody

➤ *Give her a big round of applause!*

audience = listeners and viewers

➤ *The audience was/were clapping for 10 minutes.*

➤ *The museum is trying to attract a wider audience.*

depressed (adj.) = very sad, hopeless, unhappy

➤ *You mustn't let yourself get depressed.*

➤ *She felt very depressed about the future.*

➤ *She was depressed over the recent death of her mother.*

depression (n.) = sadness, unhappiness, sorrow

➤ *She suffered from severe depression after losing her job.*

disaster (n.) = complete failure

➤ *As a doctor, he's a disaster.*

disastrous (adj.) = highly unsuccessful

➤ *It was a disastrous start to the season for the team.*

feel dizzy = have vertigo

➤ *Climbing so high made me feel dizzy.*

vertigo = dizziness

educated ≠ uneducated

➤ *They were poorly educated and spoke little English.*

emotion (n.) = feeling

➤ *Fear is a normal human emotion.*

emotional (adj.) = showing emotions

➤ *The coach of our team made an emotional speech.*

entertain (v.) = amuse

➤ *He entertained us for hours with his stories and jokes.*

entertainment (n.) = amusement

➤ *Everyone just sits in front of the television for entertainment.*

focus = concentrate

➤ *Each exercise focuses on a different grammar point.*

humor = jokes

sense of humor = the ability to make people laugh

➤ *Iranians have a strong sense of humor.*

impress ≠ disappoint

➤ *He impressed her with his honesty.*

impress = make people think positively of you

disappoint = make people think negatively of you

inspire = motivate

➤ *The actors inspired the kids with their enthusiasm.*

medication = drugs, medicine

mind (n.) = the ability of our brain to think

- *There were all kinds of thoughts running through my mind.*
- *I felt refreshed in mind and body.*

mental (adj.) = related to the mind

- *Do you have a mental picture of what it will look like?*

physician (American) = General Practitioner (British) = G.P.

physician = a doctor who can treat all types of common diseases and sicknesses

possible ≠ impossible

- *It is possible to get there by bus.*
- *I'd like the money back by next week if possible.*

present (v.) = give or show facts to other people

- *Mary presented some interesting facts about the market in the meeting.*
- *Are you presenting a paper at the conference?*

presentation (n.) = the activity of presenting a document to other people

speech = lecture

make a speech = give a speech

- *The queen of England usually makes a speech on New Year's Day.*

treat (v.) = cure

- *The clinic has treated several thousand patients free of charge.*
- *The hospital treated forty cases of malaria last year.*

treatment (n.) = cure, medical care

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