

Languages

Word	Phonetic Transcription	Definition
ability	ə b ɪlɪti	Possession of a skill
accent	æksənt	A distinctive way of speaking, typically based on geographical location
alien	e l iən	Unfamiliar
alphabet	ælfəbət	Set of letters used to create a language
authenticity	ɔːθənt i sɪti	Originality
bilingual	baɪ l ɪŋɡwəl	Can speak two languages fluently
by heart	baɪ hɑːt	From memory
challenge	tʃæ l ɪndʒ	Difficult situation that requires skill to overcome
colloquialism	kələ u kwɪəlɪzəm	Phrase used in everyday conversation
communication	kəmjuːn i keɪʃn	Exchanging information between people
dialect	daɪə l ɛkt	A distinctive way of speaking, typically based on geographical location
error	ɛrə	Mistake
fluent	flu u ənt	To speak a language accurately
foreign language	fɔːr i n læŋɡwɪdʒ	A language that is not from your own country
idiom	ɪd i əm	Expression
immersive	ɪm ɜ ːsɪv	Fully surrounded
improvement	ɪm p ruːvmənt	Positive change
interpreter	ɪnt ɜ ːprɪtə	A person who orally translates information

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language barrier	læŋgwɪdʒ bæɪɪə	<i>Difficulty communicating as a result of different languages</i>
lexis	lɛksɪs	<i>Words in a language</i>
lingua franca	lɪŋgwə fræŋkə	<i>Common language</i>
to master	tuː mɑːstə	<i>To learn very well</i>
methodology	mɛθə dɒ lədʒi	<i>System of teaching/learning</i>
mother tongue	mʌ ðə tʌŋ	<i>Language that somebody has spoken all their life</i>
native	neɪ tɪv	<i>Language that somebody has spoken all their life</i>
out of practice	aʊt ɒv præktɪs	<i>Not used in a long time</i>
phonetics	fəʊ nɛ tɪks	<i>The study of speech and sounds</i>
proficiency	prə fɪ ʃənsi	<i>A very high level</i>
pronunciation	prənʌns ɪeɪ ʃn	<i>The way words and sounds are said</i>
random	ræ ndəm	<i>Unexpected</i>
to respond	tuː rɪ s pɒnd	<i>To answer</i>
to review	tuː rɪ v juː	<i>To look at again</i>
role play	rəʊl pleɪ	<i>Acting a scenario</i>
set phrase	sɛt freɪz	<i>Words that have a specific meaning when used together in a phrase</i>
skill	skɪl	<i>Expertise</i>
slang	slæŋ	<i>Informal language</i>
to sound	tuː saʊnd	<i>Pronounce</i>
start from scratch	stɑːt frɒm skrætʃ	<i>From the beginning</i>
target	tɑː ɡɪt	<i>Objective</i>

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to teach oneself	tʊː tɪːtʃ wʌnsɛlf	<i>To learn something without formal instruction</i>
tone	təʊn	<i>The pitch, quality and strength of a voice</i>
translator	trænsleɪtə	<i>A person who expresses information in a different language in written form</i>
trilingual	traɪlɪŋgwəl	<i>Can speak three languages fluently</i>
variation	veərɪeɪʃn	<i>Different form</i>
vocabulary	vəʊkæbjʊləri	<i>Words and phrases</i>
widely spoken	waɪdli spəʊkən	<i>Popular and used by lots of people</i>