

Lesson 1

Basic 23000-1 Words in English

cosmic	(adj) connected with space or the universe [There is a lot of cosmic radiation in space.]
debatable	(adj) not certain : that you could argue about [It's debatable whether people have a better lifestyle these days.]
depress	(v) to make someone unhappy and without hope [The thought of going to work tomorrow really depresses me.]
dip	(v) to put something into liquid and immediately take it out again [Julie dipped her toe into the pool to see how cold it was.]
enclose	(v) to surround something with a wall, fence, etc; to put a thing inside another [The jewels were enclosed in a strong box.]
intend	(v) to plan to do something [I'm afraid I have spent more money than I intended.]
patient	(adj) able to stay calm and not get angry [Please be patient while we are waiting.]
speculate	(v) to make a guess about something [To speculate about the result of the next election.]

divide	(v) to separate into different parts [The building was divided into flats.]
expanse	(n) a large open area (of land, sea, sky, etc). [I lay on my back and stared up at the vast expanse of blue sky.]
moustache	(n) hair that grows on a man's upper lip, between the mouth and nose [He has a small moustache.]
poet	(n) a person who writes poems [Robert Frost is one of America's most famous poets.]
elevate	(v) to move something to a higher place or more important position [He was elevated to the Board of Directors.]
migrate	(v) to go from one place to another [Many Korean parents wish to migrate to another country for the sake of their children's education.]
neglect	(v) to give too little or no attention to something [Don't neglect your health.] [The old house had stood neglected for years.]
negotiate	(v) to talk to someone in order to decide or agree about something [My mother likes to negotiate discounts in stores.]
perk	(v) to make somebody become happier and have more energy [We all perked up when we saw such a handsome guy had come to address us.]
crucial	(adj) extremely important; vital [Early diagnosis of the illness is crucial for a successful treatment.]
precious	(adj) of great value because it is rare or difficult to have [In overcrowded Hong Kong, every small piece of land is precious.]

independent	(adj) free from and not controlled by another person, country, etc. [Many former colonies are now independent nations.]
pantry	(n) a small room where food is kept [The pantry had some beautiful cakes.]
slang	(n) very informal words and expressions that are more common in spoken language [Fag' is slang for 'cigarette' in British English.]
exaggerate	(v) to make something seem larger than it really is [The problems have been greatly exaggerated.]
meanwhile	(adv) during the same time or during the time between two things happening [Meanwhile the students were talking.]
educated	(adj) having studied a lot of things to a high standard [She is a highly educated woman.]
boiling	(adj) very hot [The boiling point of water is 100C]
imitate	(v) to copy the behaviour of somebody/something [Small children learn by imitating their parents.]

Review Exercise

Write each of this lesson's words on the line after its meaning.

1. to move something to a higher place or more important position _____
2. having studied a lot of things to a high standard _____
3. to make a guess about something _____

4. to move from one place to go to live _____
5. able to stay calm and not get angry _____
6. to separate into different parts _____

7. a large open area (of land, sea, sky, etc). _____
8. extremely important; vital _____
9. very hot _____
10. not certain : that you could argue about _____

11. free from and not controlled by another person, country, etc. _____
12. connected with space or the universe _____
13. to plan to do something _____

14. hair that grows on a man's top lip, between the mouth and nose _____
15. to make something seem larger than it really is _____
16. to make someone unhappy and without hope _____

17. of great value because it is rare or difficult to have _____
18. a person who writes poems _____
19. a small room where food is kept _____
20. to put something into liquid and immediately take it out again _____