

# Lesson 1

## Basic 24000-1 Words in English

- cosmic (adj)**            connected with space or the universe  
here 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 top 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 move from one place to go to live  
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.

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| <b>precious (adj)</b>    | of great value because it is rare or difficult to have<br>In overcrowded Hong Kong, every small piece of land is precious.        |
| <b>independent (adj)</b> | free from and not controlled by another person, country, etc.<br>Many former colonies are now independent nations.                |
| <b>pantry (n)</b>        | a small room where food is kept<br>The pantry had some beautiful cakes.   |
| <b>slang (n)</b>         | very informal words and expressions that are more common in spoken language<br>'Fag' is slang for 'cigarette' in British English. |
| <b>exaggerate (v)</b>    | to make something seem larger than it really is<br>The problems have been greatly exaggerated.                                    |
| <b>meanwhile (adv)</b>   | during the same time or during the time between two things happening<br>Meanwhile the students were talking.                      |
| <b>educated (adj)</b>    | having studied a lot of things to a high standard<br>She is a highly educated woman.  |
| <b>boiling (adj)</b>     | very hot<br>The boiling point of water is 100.  |
| <b>imitate (v)</b>       | to copy the behaviour of somebody/something<br>Small children learn by imitating their parents.                                   |
| <b>overcharge (v)</b>    | to ask someone to pay too much money for something<br>The taxi driver overcharged me.   |