

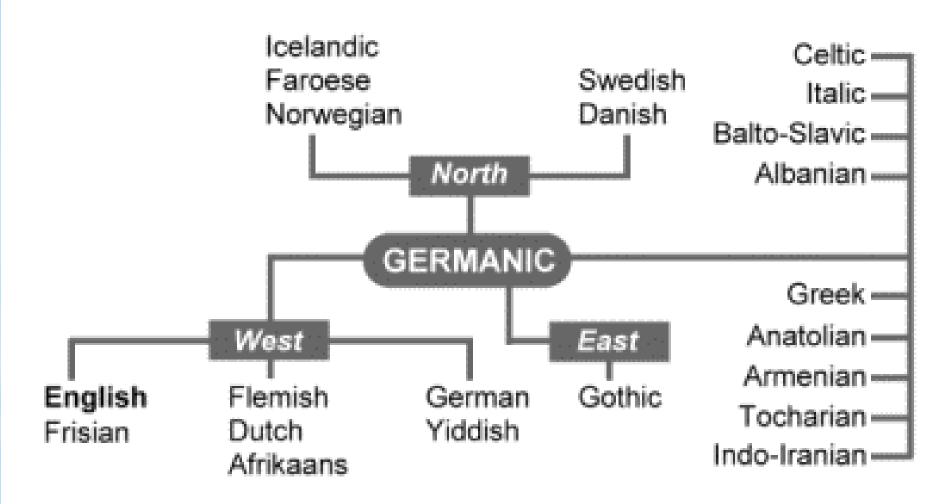
# Vocabulary

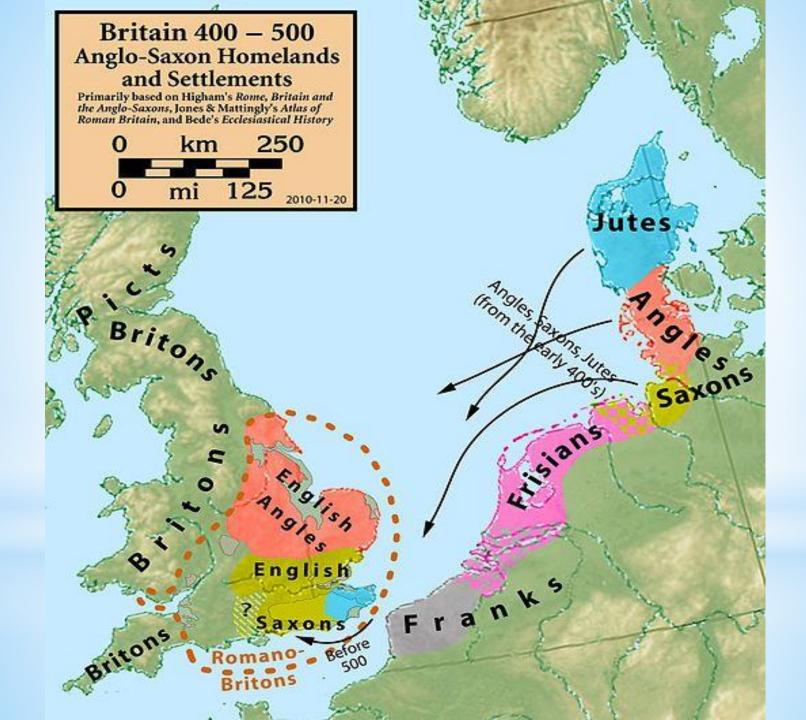
- What I intend to do in this presentation
- A very short historical perspective of the English language
- >A brief description of vocabulary and what it means
- The amount of words we require to learn another language
- How are words remembered
- Why do we forget words
- What makes words difficult
- What would you get out this presentation

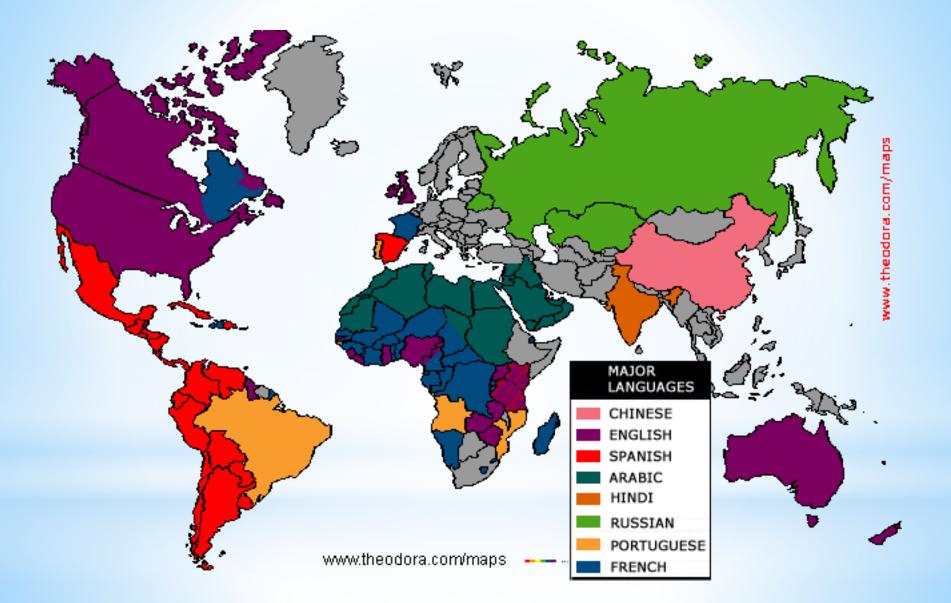
### Second part

- ► A TPR session
- Question and answers

AS you may know English belongs to the Indo-European Family Language Part of Germanic family group.







### A brief chronology of English

- 55 BC Roman invasion of Britain by Julius Caesar Local inhabitants speak Celtish
- AD 43 Roman invasion and occupation. Beginning of Roman rule of Britain
- 436 Roman withdrawal from Britain complete
- 449 Settlement of Britain by Germanic invaders begins

450-480 Earliest known Old English inscriptions

#### Old English

1066 William the Conqueror, Duke of Normandy, invades and conquers England

c1150 Earliest surviving manuscripts in Middle English

#### Middle English

- 1348 English replaces Latin as the language of instruction in most schools
- 1362 English replaces French as the language of law. English is used in Parliament for the first time
- c1388 Chaucer starts writing *The Canterbury Tales*
- c1400 The Great Vowel Shift begins
- 1476 William Caxton establishes the first English printing press

#### Early Modern English

- 1564 Shakespeare is born
- 1604 The first English dictionary is published
- 1607 The first permanent English settlement in the New World (Jamestown) is established
- 1616 Shakespeare dies
- 1623 Shakespeare's First Folio is published
- 1702 The first daily English-language newspaper, *The Daily Courant*, is published in London
- 1755 Samuel Johnson publishes his English dictionary
- 1776 Thomas Jefferson writes the American Declaration of Independence
- **1782** Britain abandons its colonies in what is later to become the USA

#### Late Modern English

- 1828 Webster publishes his American English dictionary
- 1922 The British Broadcasting Corporation is founded (BBC)
- **1928** The Oxford English Dictionary is published

Source: https://www.englishclub.com/history-of-english/

# What is Vocabulary?

#### **Definition of vocabulary**

vo·cab·u·lar·y: All the words the person knows or uses or all the words in a particular language Word Origin: Latin vocabularius, from Latin vocabulum, from Vocare 'call' (Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary)

#### Definition of vocabulary

plural vocabularies

1. a list or collection of words or of words and phrases usually alphabetically arranged and explained or defined : lexicon

**2.** a : a sum or stock of words employed by a language, group, individual, or work or in a field of knowledge b : a list or collection of terms or codes available for use (as in an indexing system)

**3:** a supply of expressive techniques or devices (as of an art

**form)** https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/vocabulary

# What is a Word?

"A word is a microcosm of human consciousness" (Vygotsky)

All languages have words.

Languages emerged first as words historically and the way people learn the first language and subsequent languages. (Jermy Harmer: How to teach vocabulary)

- How much vocabulary do learners need to know?
- 2. How many words are there in a language?
- 3. How much vocabulary do you need to use another language?

## How many words does a learn need to know?

It is estimated that an educated native speaker would probably have a vocabulary of around 20,000 words (or more precisely, 20,000 word families), such as: play, play+er, play+ful, re-play (Nation: Learning Vocabulary in another language)

The Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English, for example, boasts 80, 000 words and phrases, while the Oxford English Dictionary contains half a million entries and the number is increasing rapidly.

Most adult second language learners, will be lucky to have acquired 5000 word families even after several years of study. This has to do not with aptitude but exposure. (Nation: Learning Vocabulary in another language)

**Given the constraint how many words does the learner need to know?** A figure of 2000 words is often quoted as a core vocabulary that will serve in most situations. This is around the number of words that native speakers use on their daily conversation. Moreover, the passive knowledge of 2000 words will provide a reader with familiarity with nearly nine out of every ten words in most written text. (Nation: Learning Vocabulary in another language)

### How are words Remembered?

Researchers into the workings of memory distinguish between the following systems.

#### Short term store

The brain capacity to hold information for up to a few seconds.

The time you mange to dial a number or repeat a word that you just heard.

#### Working memory

Many cognitive tasks such as reasoning, learning, understanding depend on working memory. It is thought like an workbench, information is first studied and moved about before its filed away for later retrieval. Material remains here for about 20 seconds.

<u>Articulatory loop</u> which is a process of subvocal repetition, a bit like like an audio tape going round and round. It enables the short term store to be refreshed. (tangi....tangi....) assuming that not too many other new words are competing for space on the loop.

#### Long term memory

This can be thought as a filing system unlike working memory this one has enormous capacity. However this a continuum 'the quickly forgotten' to 'the never forgotten' the great challenge is to achieve the second phase. Research shows that in order to move to the long term memory a number of principles needs to be observed.

#### **Repetition**

While the material is still in the working memory (Articulatory Loop), simple rote learning does not seem to suggest that word would transferred to long term if the the word has been met 7 times or more during reading especially spaced intervals then the chances are great for the word to be remembered.

#### **Retrieval**

The retrieval practice effect, by retrieving the word from the memory increases the chances of remembering it. Use a new word in written sentences, this oils the path.

#### **Spacing**

Its better to distribute memory work across a period of time then to mass it together in a single block (cramming). This is known as the distributed practice. e.g. learn the first three items and then go back test these, then back track again and so on.

#### Pacing

Learners have different learning styles and process data at different rate, so ideally they should be given the opportunity to pace their won rehearsal activities. This could be individual memory work while they are learning vocabulary items.

#### Use

Put the words to use in an interesting way help to add the new words to the long term memory, the principle is known as 'Use it or lose it'.

#### Cognitive depth

The more decision the learner makes about the word the better e.g. mango/tango.

#### Personal organizing

The judgment the learner make about a word are most effective if they personalized. Those who read sentences louder do better than those who reads the sentences quietly, but those that create their own sentences they do even better.

#### Imagining

The learners who silently visualize a mental picture to go with a word do much better than other the do not use their visualization.

#### **Mnemonics**

These are tricks to help retrieve items or rules that are not yet automatically retrieved, it can help with tricky spellings, e.g. i before e except after c (receive). Motivation

Simply wanting to learn new words is no guarantee that words will be remembered.

The only difference a strong motivation is that the learners is likely to spend more time rehearsing and practising. But even the unmotivated learners remember words if they have been set tasks that require them to make decision about them.

#### **Attention/arousal**

You cannot improve your vocabulary by listening to a tape while you are a sleep, some degree of consciousness is required. A high degree of attention correlates with more recall. Words that trigger emotional response especially swear words seem to be remembered better.

#### **Affective depth**

Affective (i.e. emotional) information is stored along with cognitive (i.e. intellectual)

Do I like the sound, do I like that thing the words represents, does the word evokes any pleasant or unpleasant association.

Words the primary school children learn key vocab have a strong emotional charge. Mummy, daddy, kiss, frightened, ghost etc. (Jermy Harmer: How to teach vocabulary)

#### Why do we forget words

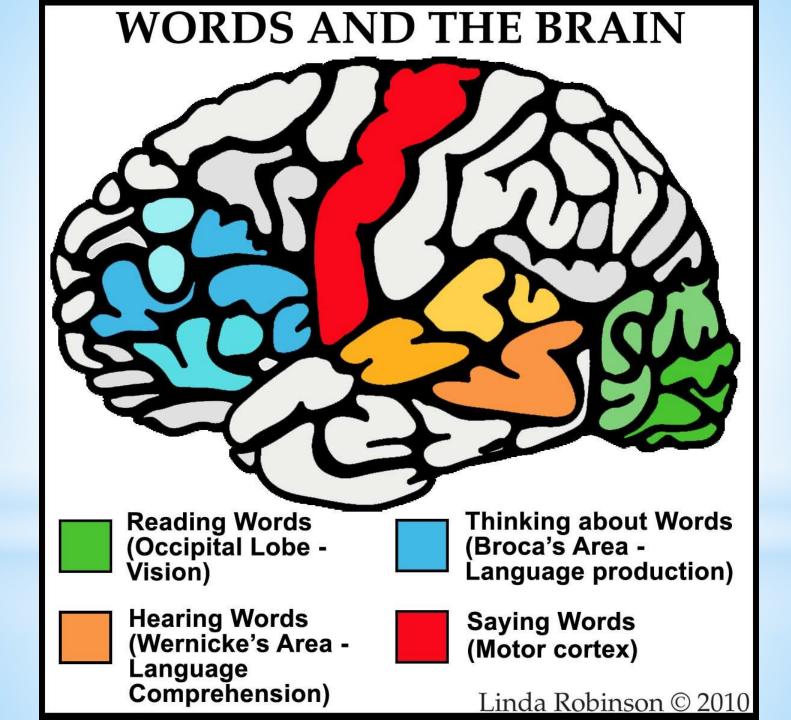
Even with the best will in the world students forget words.

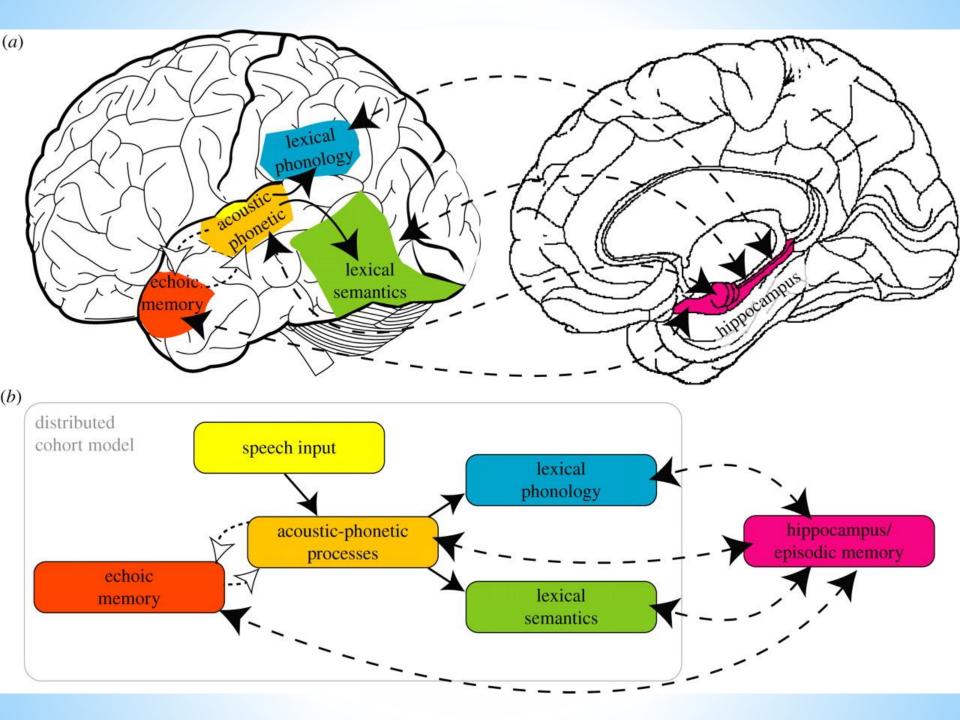
As a rule forgetting is rapid first, but gradually slows down. This is true in short term (e.g. lesson to lesson) and long term (e.g. after a whole course)

It has been estimated that 80% of information is lost after 24 hours of initial learning.

What makes the word difficult

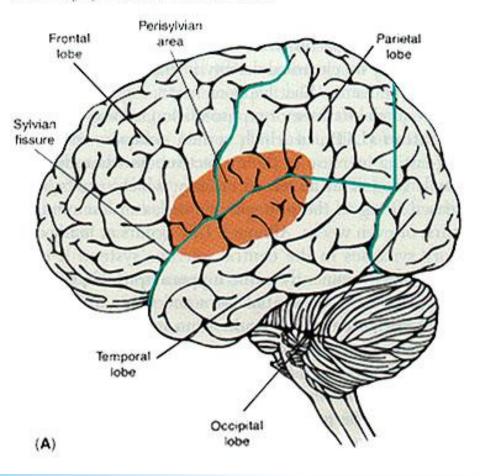
- Pronunciation (beter instead of Peter) Arabic speakers
- Spelling (Bat instead of pat)
- Length and complexity
- Loan words (cravata/tie)
- False friends (actually and actualine)
- Grammar (does, did)
- Meaning (make and do)

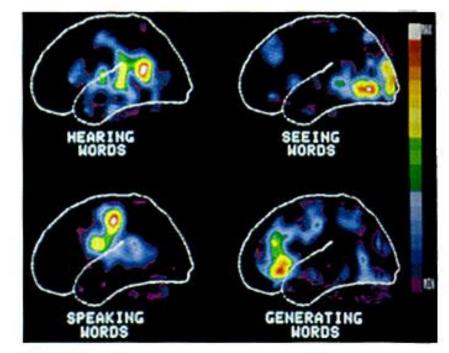




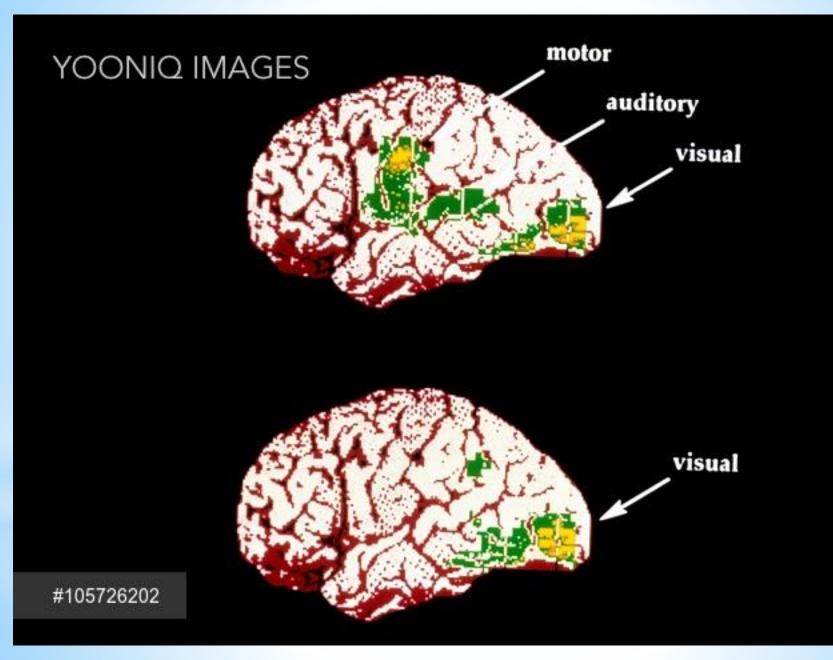
#### FIGURE 13-13

(A) The perisylvian area, the site of many language functions, is indicated in brown. Blue lines indicate divisions of the cortexinte frontal, parietal, temporal, and occipital lobes. (B) PET scans reveal changes in blood flow during various language-based activities. (Conresp of Dr. Marcus E. Raichle.)





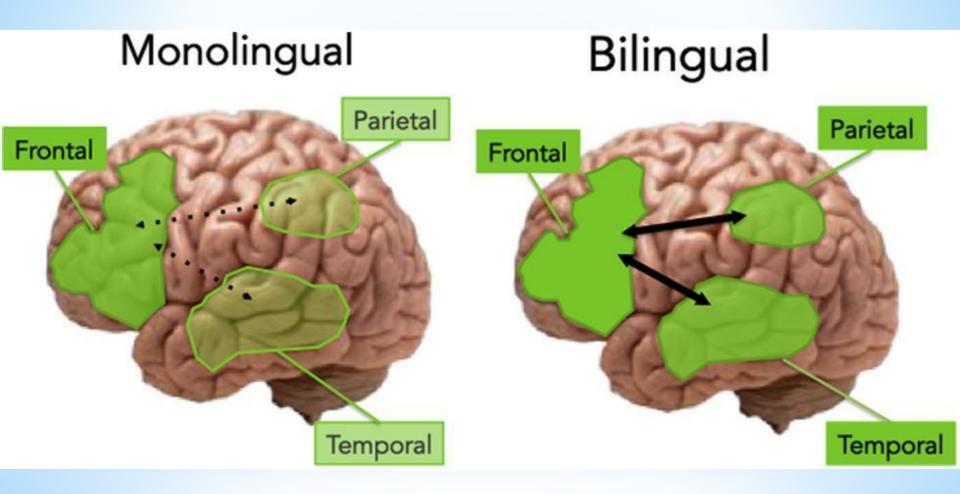
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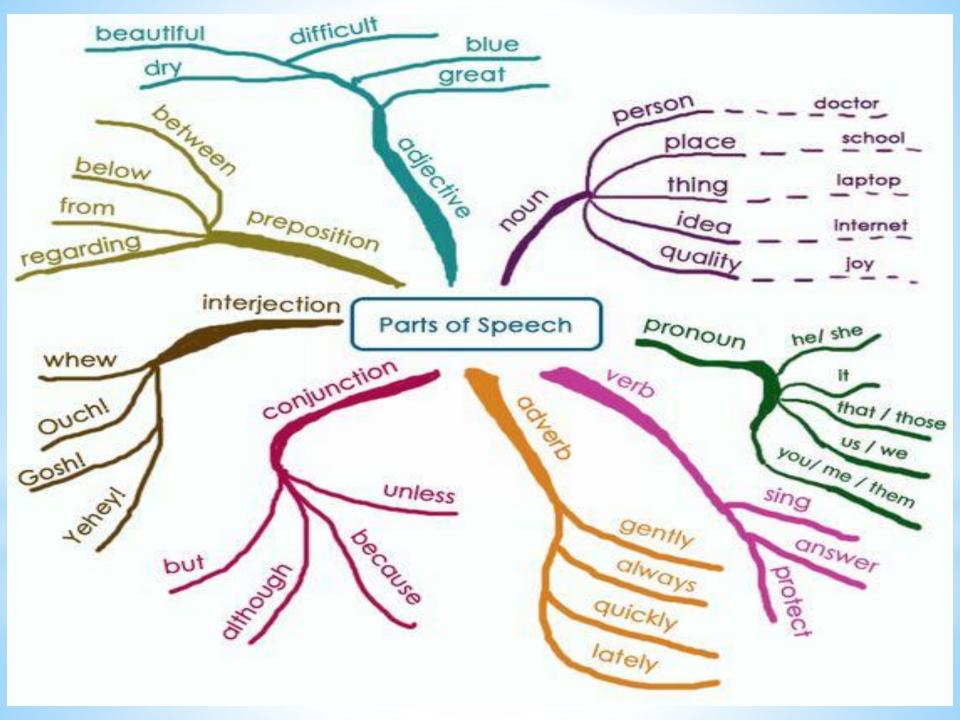


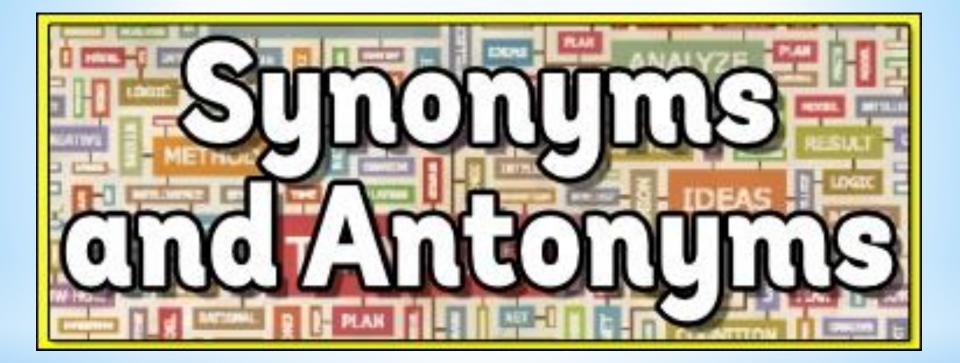
# **Brain Areas Involved in Reading Words Aloud**

5. Motor cortex (word is pronounced) 2. Angular gyrus (transforms visual 4. Broca's area representations (controls speech into an auditory code) muscles via the motor cortex) 1. Visual cortex (receives written words as visual stimulation) 3. Wernicke's area

(interprets auditory code)



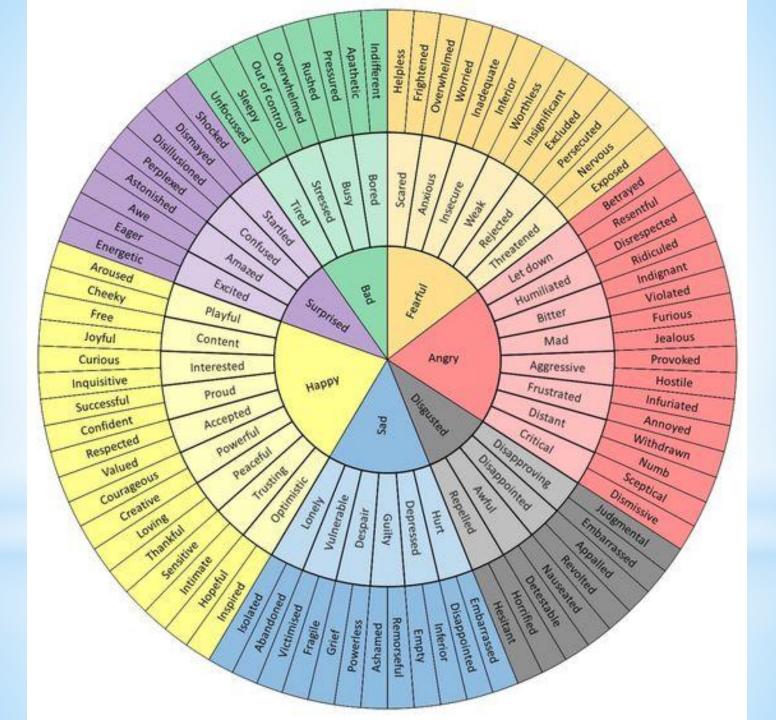


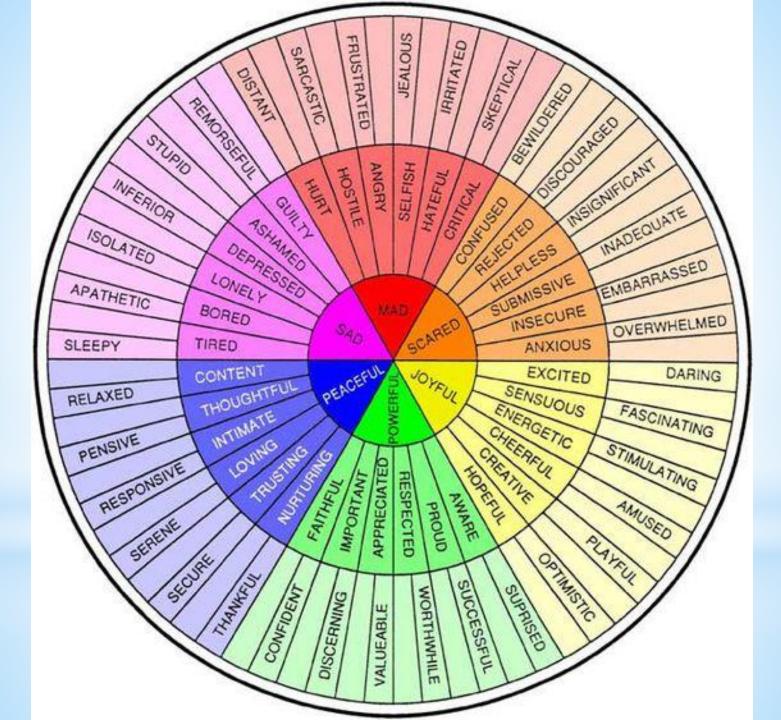


In Groups

Please write as many words as you can that are related to the words below. Do that as fast as you can!

- 1. Angry
- 2. Bad
- 3. Surprised
- 4. Happy
- 5. Sad
- 6. Disgusted
- 7. fearful





128 WORDS	DESC	RIPTI	VE W	ORDS
TO USE INSTEAD OF	Large	Fast	Said	Hard
Created by ProofreadingServices.com	big colossal enormous gigantic huge massive substantial	accelerated active agile brisk nimble quick speedy	asked called exclaimed remarked replied responded stated	challenging complicated demanding grueling puzzling rigid tough
The World's Easiest Way to Get Professional Proofreading	tremendous	swift	told	tricky
	Нарру	Kind	Small	Walk
Don't say very afraid very angry very annoying very bad fearful furious exasperating awful very calm very careful very clean serene cautious very clean   very calm very bad very beautiful very big very boring very bright very calm gorgeous massive dull very colorful very competitive serene cautious very clean	blissful cheerful delighted elated glad jolly jovial joyful	benevolent considerate courteous helpful loving patient sweet thoughtful	diminutive little miniature minute petite teeny tiny wee	hike march pace saunter shuffle stroll strut wander
Say very busy swamped very complete comprehensive	Funny	Easy	Run	Sad
very confused very creative very creative very dangerous very dear very deep very excited very excited very expensive very expensive very expensive very expensive very expensive	amusing comical entertaining gleeful hilarious humorous whimsical witty	apparent carefree effortless manageable obvious simple snap uncomplicated	dart dash jog race rush scamper scurry sprint	dejected depressed disheartened foriorn gloomy glum joyless unhappy

## ANTONYMS

- $\blacktriangleright$  Antonyms  $\Rightarrow$  words with opposite meanings.
- happy sad open -close cold - hot male - female fast - slow harsh – gentle up – down



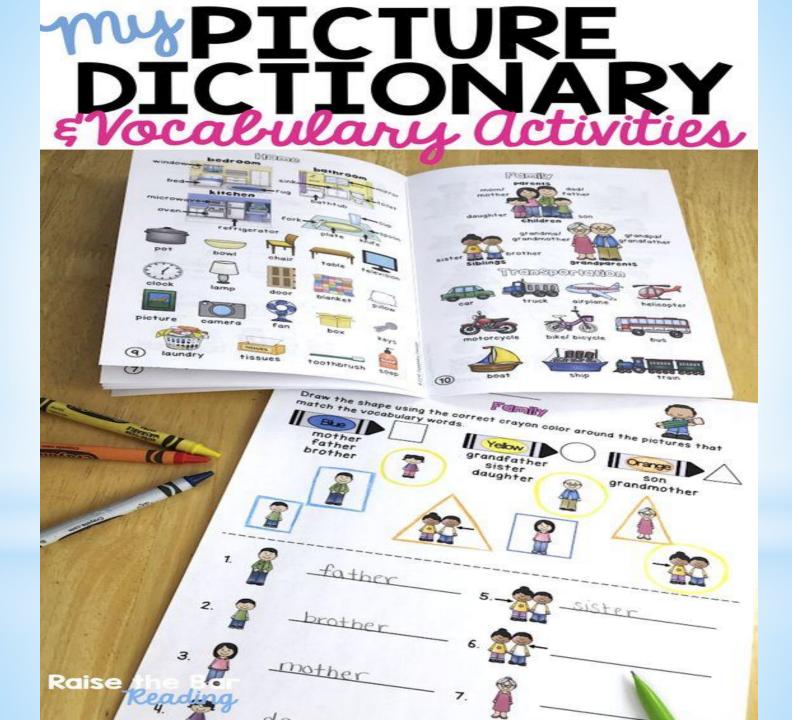
Antonyms are words that are opposites of each other.

always..... never ask..... tell bad.....good begin..... finish difficult .... easy early..... late fast.....slow full.....empty gentle ..... rough huge..... tiny inside.....outside join..... separate kind..... mean laugh..... cry

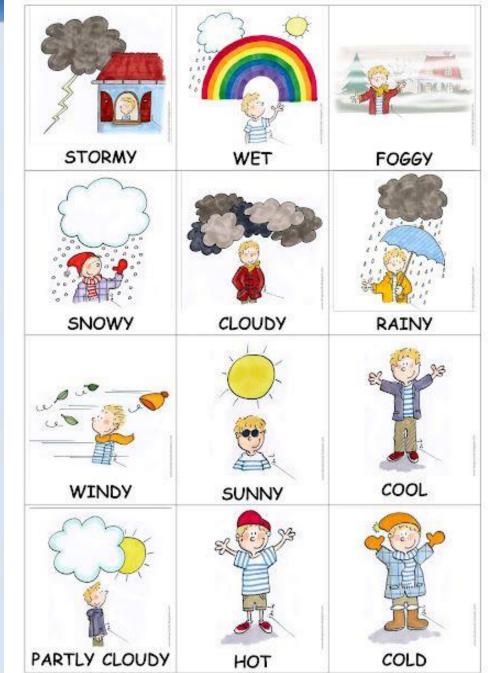
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openshut
polite rude
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shorttall
success failure
sweetsour
thick thin
updown
visible invisible
coldwarm
blackwhite

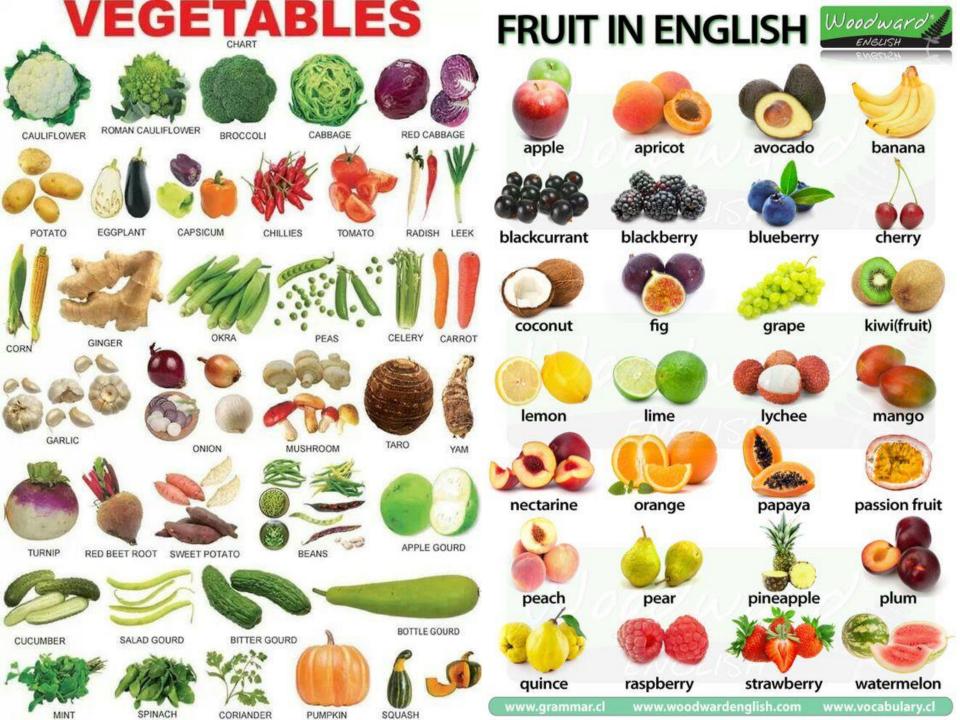
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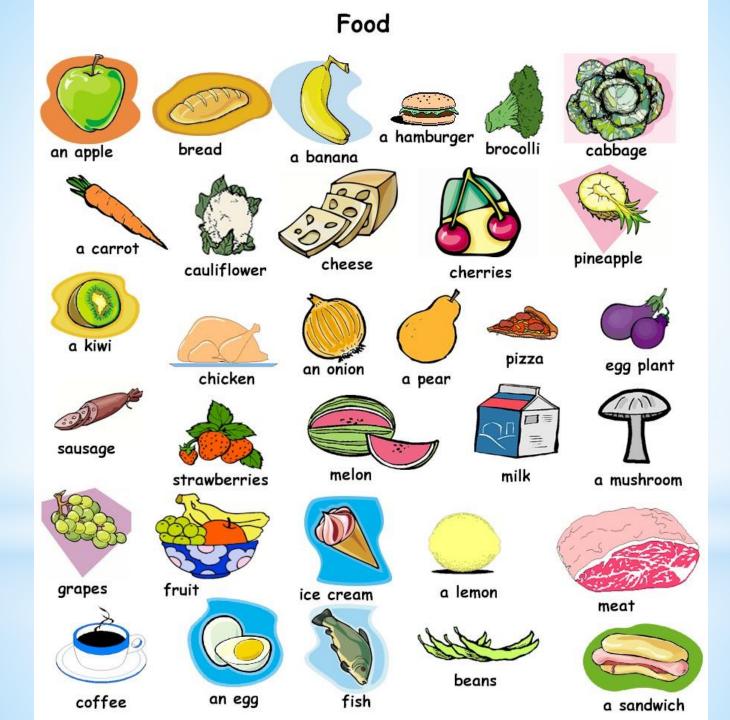
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#### SUNDAY (SUN)



#### MONDAY (MOON)



#### THURSDAY THOR (Jupiter)

#### FRIDAY FREYA (Venus)





#### TUESDAY TIW (Mars)



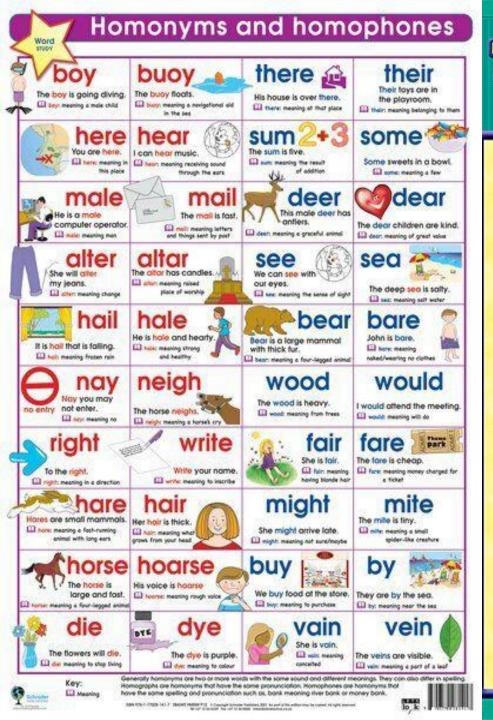
#### SATURDAY SATURN (Saturn)



#### WEDNESDAY WODEN (Mercury)



**More Technical Terms** Homophones Homonyms Onomatopoeia Silent letters Collocations Affixes **Red** herring



## TRICKY HOMOPHONES

Words that are pronounced the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings.

allowed - aloud ate – eight bare – bear be - bee blew - blue board - bored brake - break buy - by - byecellar - seller cereal - serial coarse - course dear - deer doe - dough fair – fare flea – flee flour - flower foul - fowl hear - here hole - whole hour - our knead - need knot – not

know – no lead - led made – maid none – nun one - won pail – pale peace - piece peak - peek plain - plane role - roll sail - sale scene – seen sea - see sole - soul son – sun stair – stare tail – tale threw - through to - too - twoweak - week wear - where weather - whether

Its mill & hearter Deservices

B	Silent	Silent K	Silent T	Silent H
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2	thumb	<u>k</u> nee	fasten	w <u>h</u> en
	numb	knot	castle	why
2	crumb	knitting	watch	which
ng	climbin	know	butcher	whether
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	comb	knock	listen	honest
	doubt	knickers	match	hour
er	plumbe	knuckle	Christmas	w <u>h</u> ile
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	debt	knack	soften	where
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Silent B	Silent C	Silent D	Silent 6
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aurative language is speech or writing that departs from normal meaning or sound to create a special effect. Simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, onomatopoeia, alliteration, and idioms.

Alliteration Samantha soared is the repetition of down the street a sound in a sentence on her sleek or series of sentences. skateboard.







An idiom is a phrase that means what it means, even if it doesn't make sense.



Onomatopoeia is a word that sounds like the noise or action it is describing.



You can't

teach an

old dog

new

tricks."

## Words Commonly Used to Describe Sounds

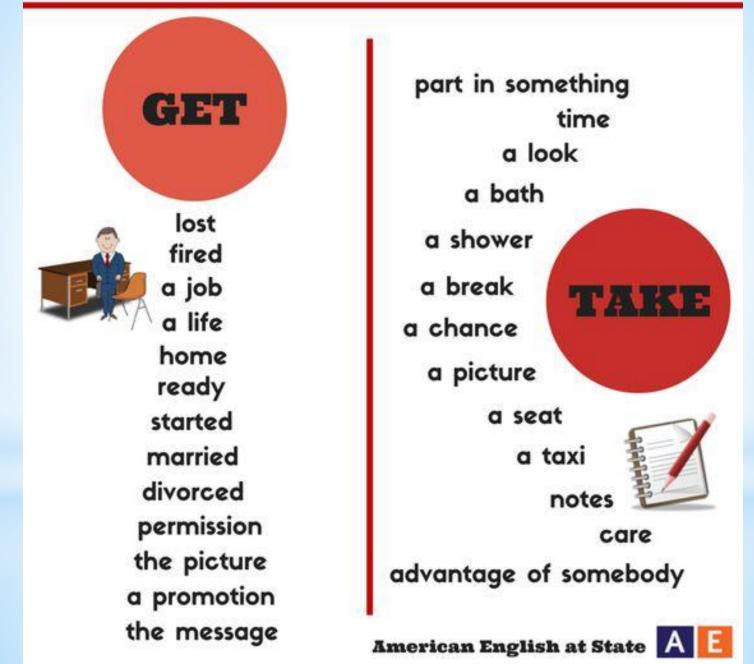
The words listed below are commonly used to describe sounds of various types. Such words are often helpful in conveying information on the general nature of a sound.

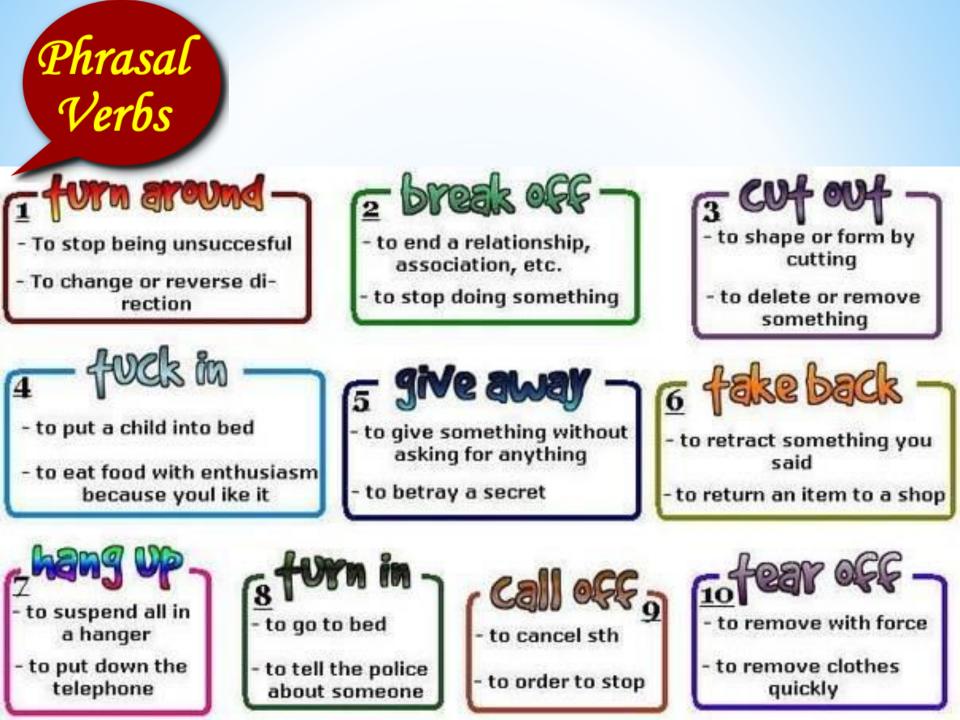
BANG	CLUCK	HUM	RING	SWOOSH
BARK	CLUNK	JINGLE	RIPPLING	TAP
BEEP	CRACK	JANGLE	ROAR	TATTOO
BELLOW	CRACKLE	KACHUNK	RUMBLE	TEARING
BLARE	CRASH	KNOCK	RUSHING	THROB
BLAST	CREAK	MEW	RUSTLE	THUD
BLAT	DINGDONG	MOAN	SCREAM	THUMP
BLEAT	DRIP	MOO	SCREECH	THUNDER
BONG	DRUMMING	MURMUR	SCRUNCH	TICK
BOOM	FIZZ	NEIGH	SHRIEK	TICK-TOCK
BRAY	GLUG	PATTER	SIZZLE	TINKLE
BUZZ	GNASHING	PEAL	SLAM	тоот
CACKLE	GOBBLE	PEEP	SNAP	TRILL
CHEEP	GRATING	PING	SNARL	TWANG
CHIME	GRINDING	POP	SNORT	TWITTER
CHIRP	GROAN	POW	SPLASH	WAIL
CLACK	GROWL	POUNDING	SPUTTER	WHEEZE
CLANG	GRUMBLE	PULSING	SQUAWK	WHINE
CLANK	GRUNT	PURR	SQUEAK	WHIR
CLAP	GURGLE	PUT-PUT	SQUEAL	WHISPER
CLATTER	HISS	RAP	SQUISH	WHISTLE
CLICK	HOOT	RAT-A-TAT	STAMP	YAP
CLINK	HOWL	RATTLE	SWISH	YELP
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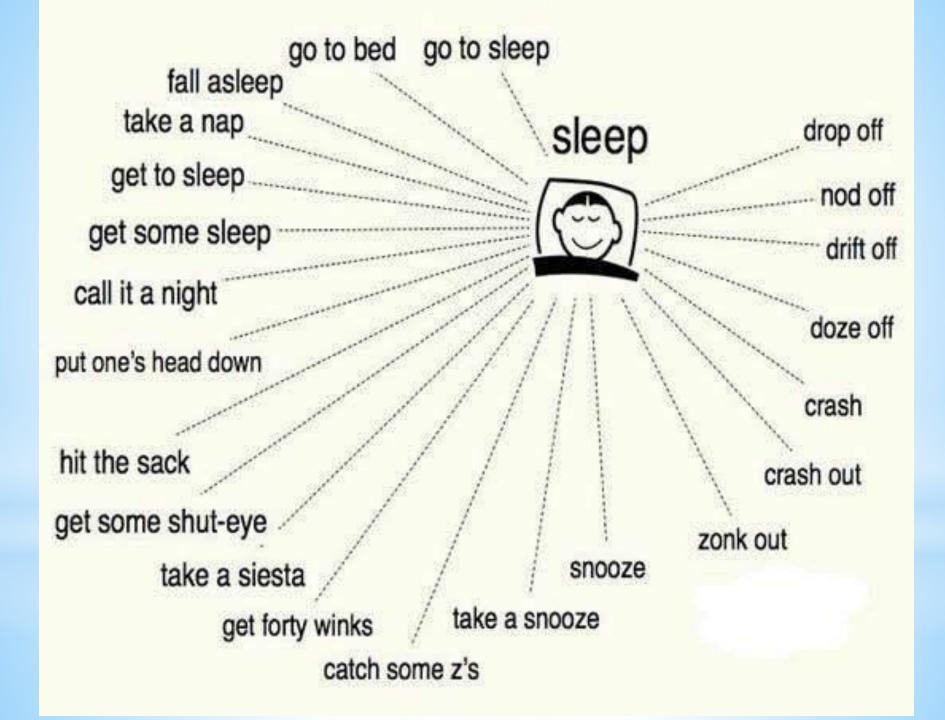




## **Collocations with GET & TAKE**











- British and American English -



ENGLISH BrE AmE  $\sim$  $\sim$ tire tyre favourite favorite colour color theatre theater pyjamas pajamas aeroplane airplane programme program jewellery jewelry draft draught arse ass analyze analyse bogeyman boogeyman aluminium aluminum ageing aging whilst while moustache mustache plough plow dreamt dreamed metre meter memorise memorize neighbour neighbor learnt learned gray grey

Capital	Lower- case	Greek name	English
A	α	Alpha	a
В	β	Beta	b
Г	γ	Gamma	g
Δ	δ	Delta	d
Е	3	Epsilon	e
Ζ	ζ	Zeta	Z
Н	η	Eta	h
Θ	θ	Theta	th
Ι	l	Iota	i
K	κ	Kappa	k
Λ	λ	Lambda	1
М	μ	Mu	m
Ν	v	Nu	n
Ξ	ξ	Xi	x
0	0	Omicron	0
П	π	Pi	р
Р	ρ	Rho	r
Σ	σ	Sigma	S
Т	τ	Tau	t
Y	υ	Upsilon	u
Φ	φ	Phi	ph
Х	χ	Chi	ch
Ψ	ψ	Psi	ps
Ω	ω	Omega	0

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