



# Vocabulary

# Vocabulary: Definition, List of English Words with Meaning & Books

Vocabulary is the collection of all the words in a particular language. Vocabulary can be the words that are known and used by a particular person or all the words in a language. Though there are millions of words in [English](#), no individual knows them all. The list of words known by a person is referred to as an individual vocabulary. However, the words included in a particular language fall under the language vocabulary, for example, English vocabulary, French vocabulary, etc.

## What is Vocabulary in English?

English Vocabulary is the set of all the words contained in the language. Have a look at some of the vocabulary words with meaning in English below:

- Anarchy – State of lawlessness
- Serendipity – luck in finding good accidentally
- Resilient – ability to move through in difficulty times
- Callous – not caring about the feelings of other people
- Demure – quiet and polite

## Definition of Vocabulary

Here's the definition of Vocabulary according to Collins Dictionary:

*"a listing, either selective or exhaustive, containing the words and phrases of a language, with meanings or translations into another language; glossary"*

*"the aggregate of words in the use or comprehension of a specified person, class, profession, etc."*

*"all the words contained in a language."*

*"a range or system of symbols, qualities, or techniques constituting a means of communication or expression, as any of the arts or crafts a wide vocabulary of textures and colours."*

**Pronunciation:** /və'kæb.jə.lər.i/ (vo·cab·u·lary)

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## Types of Vocabulary in English Language

Vocabulary is of four types - Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Have a look at them below:

Types	Meaning
Listening Vocabulary	Words understood by listener when someone is speaking
Speaking Vocabulary	Words used while speaking

Reading Vocabulary	Set of words that are understandable when reading anything
Writing Vocabulary	Set of words one uses when writing something

### Categories of English Vocabulary Words

Vocabulary can be spoken, written or signed. Majorly, vocabulary words are categorized as Active and Passive. Have a look at the difference between Active Vocabulary and Passive Vocabulary below:

Category	Meaning	Examples
<b>Active Vocabulary</b>	<b>Words used regularly by a person</b> (common words)	Do, run, see, think, house, dog, cow, cat, day, year, month, happy, sad, angry, anxious, thank you, sorry, cooking, gardening, baking, please, sorry, habit, practice, rain, cloudy and so many more.
<b>Passive Vocabulary</b>	<b>Words known or recognized by a person but are not used often</b> (uncommon words)	Ambiguous, anarchy, serendipity, arcane, blasphemy, nebulous, callous, concur, enigmatic, convoluted, demure, epiphany, esoteric, disingenuous, dread, encroachment, quixotic, exacerbate, mellifluous, quintessential, etc.

**Also Read:** [English Formation of Words](#)

### List of Vocabulary Words with Meaning

The table below contains the list of vocabulary words with meaning:

Vocabulary Words	Meaning
Pookie	It is a term of endearment used to express affection, especially between partners
Nostalgia	when mixed feelings arise while thinking of happy times in past
Hinder	to make difficult for someone to do something
Lethargic	Laziness
Wary	To be careful when you are uncertain of somebody or something
Diligent	To show care or efforts in your duties
Quirk	Strange or unique trait of someone
Quintessential	Being perfect example of something

Juxtapose	To show difference between two things or people by putting them close
Whimsical	Unpredictable or unusual

### Best Books to Improve Vocabulary

Some of the best Vocabulary books are shared that will help improve your vocabulary in English:

Book Name	Author
Little Red Book English Vocabulary Today	Terry O'Brien
English Vocabulary Made Easy	Shrikant Prasoon
Word Power Made Easy	Norman Lewis
30 Days to More Powerful Vocabulary	Norman Lewis
The Black Book of English Vocabulary	Nikhil Gupta
Oxford's Learners Pocket Word Skills	Redman Stuart
The Vocabulary Builder Workbook	Chris Lele

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