

word**1. [wɜ:d] n****1. слово**

primary [simple, vernacular, accessory] word - **лингв.** корневое [простое, исконное, служебное] слово

half a word - полслова

to be not the word for it - быть недостаточным для выражения *или* определения чего-л.

tactlessness is not the word for it! - «бестактность» - это не то слово /это слишком слабо сказано/!

I am repeating his very /actual/ words - я повторяю его собственные слова, я дословно передаю сказанное им

2. часто pl речь, разговор, слова

concluding words - заключительное слово

to have a word with smb. - поговорить с кем-л.

to take (up) the word - заговорить; перебить (*кого-л.*)

to put smth. into words, to give words to smth. - выразить что-л. словами

to put one's thoughts into words - высказать /сформулировать/ свои мысли

to get /to put/ in a word - вставить слово, вмешаться в разговор

words fail me - у меня не хватает слов

I have no words to express my gratitude - мне не хватает слов, чтобы выразить благодарность

a truer word was never spoken - ≅ совершенно верно!; лучше не скажешь

bold in word only - смелый только на словах

«А word to the Reader» - «К читателю» (введение к книге)**3. pl размолвка, ссора**

high /hard/ words - разговор на повышенных тонах, крупный разговор

they had words, words passed between them - они поссорились, между ними произошла ссора

4. замечание, совет

a word in [out of] season - своевременный [непрошенный] совет

a word in smb.'s ear - намёк

5. мк. sing вести; известие, сообщение

to receive word of smb.'s coming - получить известие о чьём-л. приезде

please send me word as soon as possible - пожалуйста, известите меня как можно скорее

please leave word for me at the office - пожалуйста, оставьте мне записку в канцелярии

6. мк. sing обещание, заверение

to give one's word - дать слово; обещать

to keep [to break] one's word - сдержать [нарушить] слово

a man of his word - человек слова

to be as good as one's word - сдержать слово

to be better than one's word - сделать больше обещанного

to take smb. at his word - поверить кому-л. на слово; принять чьи-л. слова всерьёз

his word is as good as his bond - на его слово можно положиться, его слово - лучшая гарантия

take my word for it - **разг.** уверяю вас, поверьте мне

7. рекомендация, совет

to say /to put in/ a good word for smb. - хвалить *или* отстаивать кого-л.; замолвить за кого-л. словечко

to give smb. one's good word - рекомендовать кого-л. (*на должность и т. п.*)

8. мк. sing приказ, приказание

word of command - **воен.** команда

to give the word, to say the word - отдать приказание /распоряжение, команду/

word to be passed! - **воен., мор.** слушайте все!

his word is law - его слово - закон

sharp's the word! - поторапливайся, живей!

mum's the word! - тихо!, ни слова об этом!

9. пароль, пропуск**10. пословица, поговорка****11. слух, молва****12. (the Word) рел.****1) Слово господне (о Священном писании, особ. о Евангелии; мж. Word of God, God's Word)**

to preach the Word - проповедовать евангелие /христианство/

2) Слово, бог-слово, Христос (мж. Eternal Word)

ministers of the Word - (христианское) духовенство

13. pl муз., театр. текст, слова (песни); либретто (оперы); текст (роли)**14. полигр. слово (условная единица объёма, = 5 печатным знакам)**

8000 words - 1 печатный лист

a book of 160 000 words - книга в 20 печатных листов

15. вчт.**1) слово****2) код; кодовая группа; группа символов****16. биол. кодовое слово (в генетическом коде)**

◇ for word, to a word - дословно, буквально, слово в слово

a man of few words - немногословный человек

a man of many words - велеречивый человек; болтун

by word of mouth - на словах, устно

in a /one/ word - одним словом, короче говоря
 in other words - другими словами, иначе говоря
 in a few words - в нескольких словах, вкратце
 without many words - без лишних слов
 not a word! - *разг.* ни слова!, ни гу-гу!, молчок!
 in word and deed - на словах и на деле
 a play on /upon/ words - игра слов, каламбур
 big words - хвастовство
 upon /on/ my word - (даю) честное слово
 my word! - подумать только!
 in the words of ... - говоря словами /по выражению, по словам/ такого-то...
 in so many words - а) определённо, ясно, недвусмысленно; б) прямо, откровенно
 on /with/ the word - как только было сказано; без промедления; тут же, сейчас же
 to hang on smb.'s words - ловить чьи-л. слова; внимательно прислушиваться к кому-л.
 beyond words - неопиcуемый, невыразимый
 conduct beyond words - поведение, не поддающееся описанию
 a word and a blow - необдуманнoй поступок, скоропалительное действие
 to eat /to swallow/ one's words - брать свои слова обратно; извиняться за сказанное
 fair /good/ words - комплименты
 fine words - красивые слова
 fine /fair, soft/ words butter no parsnips, words are but wind - ≅ (красивые) слова ничего не стоят
 he has a kind /a good/ word for everyone - у него для каждого найдётся доброе слово
 last words - последние /предсмертные/ слова
 the last word (in smth.) - последнее слово, новейшее достижение
 the last word has not yet been said on this matter - последнее слово по этому поводу ещё не сказано, вопрос ещё окончательно не решён
 to have the last word - сказать последнее слово (*в споре*)
 not to know the first word about smth. - ничего не понимать в чём-л., не знать азов чего-л.
 he hasn't a word to throw at a dog - от него слова не добьёшься
 to suit the action to the word - смотреть, чтобы слово не расходилось с делом; ≅ сказано - сделано
 a word spoken is past recalling - ≅ слово - не воробей, вылетит - не поймаешь
 words are the wise man's counters and the fool's money - ≅ только дурак верит на слово
 a word to the wise - ≅ умный с полуслова понимает
 hard words break no bones - ≅ брань на восточном ветру не висит

2. [wɜːd] v

выражать словами; подбирать слова, выражения; формулировать

I should rather word it differently - я бы сказал /сформулировал/ это иначе

how should it be worded? - как бы это выразить?

word

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word [word words worded wording] noun, verb, exclamation BrE [wɜːd] ¹

NAmE [wɜːrɔːd] ¹

noun

UNIT OF LANGUAGE

1. **countable** a single unit of language which means sth and can be spoken or written

- Do not write more than 200 words.
- Do you know the words to this song?
- What's the Spanish **word for** 'table'?
- He was a true friend **in all senses of the word** .
- Tell me what happened **in your own words** .
- I could hear every word they were saying.
- He couldn't **find the words** to thank her enough.
- **Words fail me** (= I cannot express how I feel) .
- There are no words to say how sorry we are.
- I can't remember her exact words.
- Angry **is not the word for it** — I was furious.
- I can never put my feelings into words.

see also ↑buzzword, ↑four-letter word, ↑household word, ↑swear word

STH YOU SAY

2. **countable** a thing that you say; a remark or statement

- **Have a word with** Pat and see what she thinks.
- Could I have a quick word with you (= speak to you quickly) ?
- **A word of warning** : read the instructions very carefully.
- words of love
- She left **without a word** (= without saying anything) .
- I don't believe a word of his story (= I don't believe any of it) .
- a man **of few words** (= who doesn't talk very much)

- I'd like to say a few words about future plans.
- Remember— **not a word to** (= don't tell) Peter about any of this.
- He **never breathed a word** of this to me.

PROMISE

3. **singular** a promise or guarantee that you will do sth or that sth will happen or is true

- I **give you my word** that this won't happen again.
- I give you my **word of honour** (= my sincere promise) ...
- We never doubted her word.
- We only **have his word for it** that the cheque is in the post.
- to **keep your word** (= do what you promised)
- He promised to help and **was as good as his word** (= did what he promised) .
- He's a **man of his word** (= he does what he promises) .
- I trusted her not to **go back on her word** (= break her promise) .
- I can't prove it— you'll have to **take my word for it** (= believe me) .

INFORMATION/NEWS

4. **singular** a piece of information or news

- There's been no word from them since before Christmas.
- She **sent word** that she would be late.
- If **word gets out** about the affair, he will have to resign.
- **Word has it that** she's leaving.
- **The word is** they've split up.
- He likes to **spread the word** about the importance of healthy eating.

BIBLE

5. **the Word** (also **the Word of God**) **singular** the Bible and its teachings

more at actions speak louder than words **at** ↑**action** n., bandy words (with sb) **at** ↑**bandy** v., a dirty word **at** ↑**dirty** adj., eat your words **at** ↑**eat**, famous last words **at** ↑**famous**, hang on sb's words/sb's every word **at** ↑**hang** v., the last word (in sth) **at** ↑**last** det., be lost for words **at** ↑**lost** adj., not mince your words **at** ↑**mince** v., mum's the word **at** ↑**mum** adj., the operative word **at** ↑**operative** adj., a play on words **at** ↑**play** n., the printed word/page **at** ↑**print** v., war of words **at** ↑**war** n., weigh your words **at** ↑**weigh**, the written word **at** ↑**written**

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Language Bank:

i.e.

Explaining what you mean

- Some poems are mnemonics, **i.e.** ▪ they are designed to help you remember something.
- Some poems are mnemonics, **that is to say** ▪, they are designed to help you remember something.
- Mnemonic poems, **that is** ▪ poems designed to help you remember something, are an excellent way to learn lists.
- A limerick's rhyme scheme is A–A–B–B–A. **In other words** ▪, the first, second, and fifth lines all rhyme with one another, while the third and fourth lines have their own rhyme.
- In this exercise the reader is encouraged to work out the meaning, **or rather** ▪ the range of meanings, of the poem.
- This is a poem about death, **or, more precisely** ▪, dying.
- He says his poems deal with 'the big issues', **by which he means** ▪ love, loss, grief and death.

Language Bank at ↑**about**

Synonyms:

word

term • phrase • expression • idiom

These are all words for a unit of language used to express sth.

word • a single unit of language which means sth and can be spoken or written: ▪ Do not write more than 200 words. ◇ ▪ He uses a lot of long words.

term • (rather formal) a word or phrase used as the name of sth, especially one connected with a particular type of language: ▪ technical/legal/scientific terms ◇ ▪ 'Old man' is a slang term for 'father'.

phrase • a group of words which have a particular meaning when used together: ▪ Who coined the phrase 'desktop publishing'? In grammar, a **phrase** is a group of words without a finite verb, especially one that forms part of a sentence: 'the green car' and 'on Friday morning' are phrases.

expression • a word or phrase: ▪ He tends to use a lot of slang expressions that I've never heard before.

idiom • a group of words whose meaning is different from the meanings of the individual words: ▪ 'Let the cat out of the bag' is an idiom meaning to tell a secret by mistake.

a word/term for sth

a **new** word/term/phrase/expression

a **technical/colloquial** word/term/phrase/expression

a **slang** word/term/phrase

an **idiomatic** phrase/expression
to **use** a(n) word/term/phrase/expression/idiom
to **coin** a(n) word/term/phrase/expression
a(n) word/term/phrase/expression/idiom **means** sth

Example Bank:

- 'Necessary' is one of the most commonly misspelt words in English.
- 'Technology' comes from the Greek word 'techne'.
- 'Window' derives from a Norse word meaning 'eye of the wind'.
- 'Would you like to help us?' 'In a word= briefly, no.'
- A word to the wise: just because it's a bargain doesn't mean you have to buy it.
- And now a word from our sponsors...
- Before we begin, I'd like to say a few words about who I am.
- Bold words denote chapter headings.
- By emphasizing particular words you can change the meaning.
- Can I have a quick word with you?
- Can I have a word in your ear about tomorrow's presentation?
- Despite all their fine words, the council have never done anything to improve road safety.
- Despite his bravewords, I don't believe he can save the factory from closure.
- Don't breathe a word to anyone about what I've told you!
- Don't waffle in your essay just to get the right word count.
- Every word he utters is is considered sacred.
- Every word he utters is treated as sacred text.
- He chatters away at about 200 words per minute.
- He chose his words carefully when commenting on her work.
- He doesn't mince his words when he talks about his ex-boss.
- He enunciated the word with extreme care.
- He felt after the interview that the police officers had been trying to put words into his mouth in.
- He gave me his word of honour that he wouldn't tell anyone.
- He hasn't a good word to say for anybody.
- He kept shouting the word 'No!'
- He neversays a harsh word about his experiences.
- He promised to help and was as good as his word.
- He repeated word for word what the boy had said to him.
- He ruined her self-confidence with a few well-chosen words.
- He said I could stay at his house any time, so I took him at his word.
- He seemed nice. But 'seemed' was the operative word.
- He sent word to his family that his captors were treating him well.
- He tried to calm her with soothing words.
- He types 80 words per minute.
- He uses big words to impress people.
- He uses lots of long words.
- He wanted to tell her how he felt about her, but the words stuck in his throat.
- He was nervous, and his words came out in a rush.
- He whispered a few words of prayer.
- He whispered the word to me.
- He wrote down a few key words to help him remember what to say.
- Health workers spread the word about the benefits of immunization.
- Her last words were for her children.
- Her parting words were 'I'll be back'.
- Her teacher's words echoed in her ears.
- Her words conjured up a strange picture in her mind.
- Her words were drowned out by the roar of the engine.
- His exact words were, 'There's nothing we can do about it.'
- His name has become a household word since he first appeared in the series.
- His words faded to silence as he saw she didn't believe him.
- His words fell into the silence like stones.
- How is this word pronounced?
- I couldn't find the right word to express the concept.
- I daren't even mention the word 'money' to him.
- I don't believe a word of what she said.
- I find even everyday words difficult to spell.
- I found several misspelled words and grammatical errors.
- I haven't seen his work, but I'll take his word for it that it's finished.
- I knew he'd been drinking because he was slurring his words.
- I let my words hang in the air. Maggie was no fool: she must realize I meant it.
- I listened to his words of wisdom.
- I misheard the word 'sick' as 'thick'.
- I usually exchange a few words with him when I see him.
- I want to say a few words about Christina.

- I wanted to tell you that she'd phoned, but you were talking so much I couldn't get a word in edgewise.
- I wanted to tell you, but I couldn't get a word in.
- I was about to say we should cancel the trip, but she took the words right out of my mouth.
- I'm not sure what he said but the word sounded like 'bull'.
- I'm sorry I doubted your word.
- I've had a few words with John, and he's quite happy for you to stay.
- If it's your word against the police officer's, the jury are going to believe him.
- If word gets out about the affair, he will have to resign.
- If you run into the boss, put in a good word for me!
- In her speech she echoed the President's words.
- It's a slang word meaning 'boy' or 'person'.
- Just say the word and I'll go.
- Mark my words, this film will win an Oscar.
- No polite words of gratitude came.
- Nobody's uttered a word to me about it.
- Once he has made a promise, he never goes back on his word.
- People who overeat are not addicts in the true sense of the word.
- Rearrange the letters to form a word.
- Remember— not a word to Peter about any of this.
- Remember— not a word to= don't tell Peter about any of this.
- Seconds after uttering the fateful words 'this is easy!' he crashed.
- She combines visual images and the spoken word to great effect in her presentations.
- She could feel her temper boiling as his words sank in.
- She deleted 'girl' and substituted the word 'woman'.
- She felt angry at how the journalist had twisted her words.
- She gave him her solemn word that she would give up drugs.
- She gave me a promise, and I'm willing to trust her word.
- She had blurted the words out before she realized it.
- She had memorized all the words to the song.
- She had some harsh words to say about her colleagues.
- She has given us a warning, and we should heed her words.
- She instantly regretted her words.
- She left without a word.
- She looked the word up in the dictionary.
- She used loaded words like 'bully' when describing his actions.
- She was a true friend in all senses of the word.
- She was charmed by his friendly smile and polite words.
- She was so furious, she almost spat the words out: 'You idiot!'
- She whispered words of comfort in his ear.
- Spanish has no word for 'understatement'.
- Thank you for those kind words.
- The Chairman always has the last word on financial decisions.
- The Chairman always has the last word= the final decision on financial decisions.
- The audience mouthed the words to all the songs.
- The book uses simple words and pictures to explain complex processes.
- The children are asked to think of rhyming words.
- The government's promises on nurses' pay turned out to be weasel words.
- The journalists hung on his every word as he spoke of his ordeal.
- The look in her eyes filled in the unspoken words in her sentence.
- The manager had a quiet word with Alison, and she gave him no more problems.
- The play is full of four-letter words.
- The police use code words for their major operations.
- The portmanteau word 'synergy' combines 'synthesis' and 'energy'.
- The restaurant does not advertise, but relies on word of mouth for custom.
- The same word can carry numerous meanings.
- The students had to retell the story in their own words.
- The word 'cruise' conjures up images of a luxury.
- The word 'e-commerce' was coined to refer to business done over the Internet.
- The word has two meanings.
- The word is they've split up.
- The word on the street is there's going to be a takeover.
- The words at the end of the lines all rhyme.
- The words lingered in his mind long after they were spoken.
- These students have very poor word-recognition skills.
- They exchanged whispered words of love.
- They told me in so many words that I was no longer needed.
- They told me in so many words= directly that I was no longer needed.
- They're letting me go— in other words, I've been sacked.
- Those mocking words haunted me for years.
- Those were her very words.

- True to her word, she returned next day.
- We didn't get word of her arrest until the next day.
- We didn't say a single word to each other all day.
- We never heard anyone say an unkind word about her.
- We only have her word for it that she sent the payment.
- We recall the words of Martin Luther King, 'Free at last'.
- We soon got word of his arrival.
- What's a word beginning with 'c' that means 'a small wood'?
- What's the French word for 'snail'?
- When a new fruit is first imported, its name is usually also imported as a loan word.
- When he told her she would fail, she swore she would make him eat his words.
- Word has it that she's leaving.
- Word that he had died spread fast.
- Words can't express how happy I am.
- Words fail me.
- Work is a dirty word to Frank.
- You can't always find the right word when you're translating.
- You needn't worry about him not paying you back— he's a man of his word.
- You said we were about to make a big mistake, and never was a truer word spoken!
- a more polite word for the same thing
- a word of advice/warning
- a word that is often misused
- the immortal words of Neil Armstrong as he stepped onto the moon
- words describing body parts
- He likes to spread the word about the importance of healthy eating.
- He's a man of his word.
- I can't remember her exact words.
- I give you my word that it won't happen again.
- I never doubted her word.
- She was as good as her word.
- She won't go to the police. You can take my word for it.
- Tell me what happened in your own words.
- The word 'politics' is derived from a Greek word meaning 'city'.
- There's been no word from them since before Christmas.
- They claimed that the minister had gone back on her word.
- We only have his word for it that he wasn't there that night.
- You can trust me. You know I always keep my word.
- You gave me your word of honour.

Idioms: ↑by word of mouth ▪ ↑from the word go ▪ ↑get a word in edgeways ▪ ↑have a word in somebody's ear ▪ ↑have words ▪ ↑in a word ▪ ↑in other words ▪ ↑in so many words ▪ ↑in words of one syllable ▪ ↑last word ▪ ↑my word ▪ ↑not have a good word to say for somebody ▪ ↑put in a word for somebody ▪ ↑put words into somebody's mouth ▪ ↑say the word ▪ ↑somebody's word is their bond ▪ ↑take somebody at their word ▪ ↑take the words right out of somebody's mouth ▪ too funny/silly/ridiculous for words ▪ ↑word for word ▪ ↑words to that effect

Derived Word ↑worded

verb often passive ~ sth

to write or say sth using particular words

- How was the letter worded (= what did it say exactly) ?

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	word
	BrE /wɜːd/
	NAme /wɜːrd/
he / she / it	words
	BrE /wɜːdz/
	NAme /wɜːrdz/
past simple, past participle	worded
-ing form	wording
	BrE /wɜːdɪŋ/
	NAme /wɜːrdɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- He issued a very strongly worded statement denying any involvement in the plot.
- It's the same sentiment, though worded rather differently.

- We need to word our question carefully.
- a poorly worded request that resulted in confusion

exclamation word! (NAme) used to show that you accept or agree with what sb has just said

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See also: ↑get a word in edgewise

word

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I. **word**¹ **S1 W1** /wɜːd/\$wɜːd/ **BrE** ^{AmE} ^{noun}

[Word Family: adjective: ↑worded, ↑wordless, ↑wordy; noun: ↑word, ↑wording; verb: ↑word]

[Language: Old English]

1. **GROUP OF LETTERS** [countable] a single group of letters that are used together with a particular meaning:

- Write an essay of about five hundred words.
- What does that word mean?
- 'Vater' is the German word for (=that means) 'father'.
- Perhaps 'lucky' is not exactly the right word. ⇒ ↑buzzword, ↑four-letter word, ↑swear word

2. **sb's words** the things that someone says or writes:

- Those are his words, not mine.

in sb's words

- Jones was, in the judge's words, 'an evil man'.
- In your own words, explain the term 'personal service'.

3. **the words** the words that are sung as part of a song:

- I know the tune, but I've forgotten the words.

the words to

- Many people don't know the words to the country's national anthem.

4. **have a word** *especially spoken* to talk to someone quickly, especially because you need their advice about something or you want to tell them to do something:

- Could I have a word?

have a word with

- I'll have a word with him and see if he'll help.

have a quick/brief word

- I was hoping to have a quick word with you.

have/exchange a few words

- Could I have a few words with you?

5. **want a word** *spoken* to want to talk to someone, especially in order to criticize them

want a word with

- Wait a minute! I want a word with you!

6. **not hear/understand/believe a word** used to emphasize that you cannot hear, understand etc what someone says or writes:

- No one could hear a word because someone had cut the amplifier cable.

not hear/understand/believe a word of

- I can't understand a word of Russian.

7. **without (saying) a word** if you do something without a word, you do not say anything while you do it:

- He left without a word.

8. **say a word/say a few words** to make a short speech about something:

- I'd like to say a few words about the plans.

9. **a word of warning/caution/advice/thanks etc** something you say that warns someone, thanks them etc:

- It's a beautiful city, but a word of warning: street robberies are very common.
- He left without a word of apology.

10. **not say a word**

a) (*also not breathe a word*) to not say anything about something because it is a secret:

- Promise you won't say a word to anyone?

b) to not say anything:

- What's wrong? You haven't said a word since you got here.

11. **put your feelings/thoughts etc into words** to express what you want to say clearly:

- He found it difficult to put ideas into words.

12. **have/exchange words (with somebody)** to argue – use this when you do not want to make the argument seem serious:

- I was in a bad mood and he kept pestering me, so we had words.

13. **a harsh/a cross/an angry etc word** something you say that shows you are angry or want to criticize someone:

- Mountain rescue teams have harsh words to say to people who climb without proper equipment.
- They were married for 50 years and she says there was never an angry word between them.

14. **NEWS/INFORMATION** [singular, uncountable] a piece of news or a message:

- Word came that our duties would be changed.
- 'Have you heard from Ann?' 'No, not a word.'
- There was still no word from John.

word gets out/around (=people hear about something)

It's a very small town and if you do something bad, word gets around.

the word is (that)/word has it (that) (=people are saying that)

The word is that the two companies are planning a merger.

spread/pass the word (=tell other people some information or news)

Health officials are encouraging people to spread the word about the benefits of exercise.

send/bring word *old-fashioned formal* (=send or bring a message)

The mayor sent word he'd be late.

Word of mouth (=information you get by someone telling you) is one of the best ways of getting business.

by word of mouth

Much of this information is picked up by word of mouth from previous students.

15. the last/final word

a) the power to decide whether or how to do something

the last/final word on

The final word on policy determination belongs to the committee.

She has the final word on whether policies are put into action or not.

b) the last statement or speech in a discussion or argument:

The last word must go to Nick, who has organized the whole project.

Why must you always have the last word in any argument?

c) in sports, the last hit or kick in a game, especially when it is successful:

Adams had the final word with a last-minute goal.

16. my/his/your etc word

a sincere promise to do something, or a promise that what you say is true:

I trust him to keep his word.

I give you my word (=I promise) that it won't happen again.

They had given their word of honour that they would not attempt to escape.

We only have his word for it that he has already paid.

Delors claimed that Johnson had gone back on his word (=not done what he had promised to do).

The business is doing very well. You can take my word for it (=accept that what I say is true).

I never know whether to take him at his word (=believe what he says).

His word is his bond (=he always does what he promises to do).

be true to your word/be as good as your word (=do what you promise to do)

a man of his word/a woman of her word (=a man or woman who does what they have promised to do)

17. word for word

a) in exactly the same words:

The newspaper printed his speech more or less word for word.

b) (*also word by word*) if you translate a piece of writing word for word, you translate the meaning of each single word rather than the meaning of a whole phrase or sentence

18. in a word

used before giving a very simple answer or explanation:

We are, in a word, busy. Ridiculously busy.

19. in words of one syllable

saying something in a way that is very easy to understand, especially because the person you are talking to is stupid:

You have to put everything in words of one syllable for her.

20. in so many words

(*also in as many words*) [*usually negative*] in a direct way, or in a way that makes it very clear what you mean:

Aunt Fay wasn't happy and said in as many words.

21. take the words (right) out of sb's mouth

spoken if someone takes the words out of your mouth, they have just said what you were going to say

22. put words into sb's mouth

spoken to tell someone what you think they are trying to say, in a way that annoys them:

Will you stop putting words into my mouth – I never said I disliked the job.

23. AN ORDER

[*singular*] an order to do something:

On the word 'go' everyone has to run to the end of the room and back.

When I give the word, grab him.

24. (right) from the word go

spoken from the beginning of something:

The marriage was a disaster from the word go.

25. too silly/complicated/ridiculous etc for words

spoken extremely silly, complicated etc:

His behaviour has been too pathetic for words.

26. (have/drop) a word in sb's ear

to say something to someone privately, especially to give them advice or a warning:

If I were you, I'd have a word in his ear before it's too late.

27. get a word in (edgeways)

to get a chance to say something:

Once George starts talking it's difficult to get a word in edgeways.

28. put in a (good) word for somebody

to try to help someone get or achieve something by saying good things about them to someone else:

I got the job because Paul put in a good word for me.

29. words fail me

spoken used to say that you are so surprised, angry, or shocked that you do not know what to say:

I ... words fail me.

30. word!

American English informal used to say that you understand or agree with what someone has just said

31. (Upon) my word!

spoken old-fashioned used when you are very surprised:

My word! Hasn't she grown?

32. surprised/angry/pleased etc isn't the word for it

spoken used to say that you are extremely surprised, angry etc

33. a man/woman etc of few words

someone who does not say very much:

My father was a man of few words.

34. **the Word (of God)** the religious ideas and messages in the Bible

⇒ **eat your words** at ↑eat(3), ⇒ **four-letter word**, ⇒ **a good word for somebody/something** at ↑good¹(31), ⇒ **in other words** at ↑other(11), ⇒ **be the last word in something** at ↑last¹(10), ⇒ **be lost for words** at ↑lost²(10), ⇒ **mark my words** at ↑mark²(12), ⇒ **not mince your words** at ↑mince¹(3), ⇒ **play on words** at ↑play²(6), ⇒ **say the word** at ↑say¹(26), ⇒ **the spoken word** at ↑spoken²(2), ⇒ **the written word** at ↑written²(3)

COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **a new word** Computer technology has brought many new words into our language.
- **the right/exact word** (=the word that has the meaning you want) He struggled to find the right word.
- **a German/Italian etc word** Prosciutto is the Italian word for ham.
- **a long word** She didn't understand all the long words.
- **a short word** a short word beginning with 'd' and ending with 'g'
- **big words** (=words that sound very important or serious) It scares me, when you use big words like that.
- **a five-letter/nine-letter etc word** Can you think of a six-letter word meaning 'difficult'?
- **a rude word** Someone had written a rude word on the back of his chair.
- **a swear word** He learned a few swear words on the playground.
- **a dirty word** (=a rude word) You couldn't say dirty words on television.
- **a four-letter word** (=a very rude word) The programme was full of four letter words.
- **a taboo word** (=one that people are not allowed to use) This has now become a taboo word.

■ verbs

- **say/speak a word** She said the words 'my husband' in a firm voice.
- **use a word** Be very careful how you use the word 'natural'.
- **pronounce a word** How do you pronounce this word?
- **spell a word** I always find that word hard to spell.
- **have a word** It is not true that Eskimos have more than forty words for snow.
- **find the word** (=succeed in thinking of the right word to use) She couldn't find the words to explain how she felt.
- **search for words** (=try to think of words to use) She hesitated, searching for words.
- **look up a word** (=try to find it in a book) I looked the word up in my dictionary.

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- **word** a single group of letters that are used together with a particular meaning: 'Casa' is the Italian word for 'house'. | I looked up the word in a dictionary.
- **name** a word that you use for a particular thing, place, organization etc: Iberia is the ancient name for the Spanish Peninsula. | What's the name of that type of dog?
- **term** a word or group of words that is used in a specific subject or area of language: The medical term for losing your hair is 'alopecia'. | People use the term 'carbon footprint' to talk about man's polluting effect on the environment.
- **phrase** a group of words that have a particular meaning when used together, or which someone uses on a particular occasion: We don't really have a phrase for 'bon appétit' in English. | Politicians keep using the phrase 'family values'. | an Italian phrase book
- **expression** a fixed phrase which is used in a language and has a particular meaning: He uses a lot of obscure expressions that I don't really understand. | What does the expression 'wage slavery' mean?
- **buzzword** /'bʌzwɜːd/ a word or group of words that people in a particular type of work or activity have started using a lot because they think it is important: E-learning is the buzzword in educational publishing at the moment. | For anthropologists, ethnodiversity has been a buzzword for quite a while.
- **idiom** /'ɪdiəm/ a group of words that has a special meaning which you cannot guess from the meanings of each separate word: 'Full of beans' is an idiom which means feeling lively and energetic.
- **cliché** /'kliːʃ/ a group of words that is used so often that it seems rather boring, annoying, or silly: It's a bit of a cliché, but good communication skills are the key to success. | the old movie cliché 'we can't go on meeting like this'
- **slang** very informal words used especially by a particular group of people such as young people, criminals, or soldiers: Grass is slang for marijuana. | prison slang | army slang
- **jargon** words and phrases used in a particular profession or by a particular group of people, which are difficult for other people to understand – often used to show disapproval: The instructions were full of technical jargon. | complicated legal jargon

II. **word**² BrE ^{AmE} verb [transitive]

[Word Family: adjective: ↑worded, ↑wordless, ↑wordy; noun: ↑word, ↑wording; verb: ↑word]

to use words that are carefully chosen in order to express something **SYN phrase:**

How can we word the letter so as not to offend the parents?

word

Freakuency Pack

12500 **200**^{MCW}

15000 **285**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k WORD** 163135

word 71245

words 89340

worded 647

wording 1050

wordy 87

wordless 402

wordlessly 364

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

35945 **546**⁷¹⁰⁷⁰ *nn1*

56 **98171**⁶¹ *vv0*

40 **118853**⁴² *jj*

36 **125417**³⁸ *nnu*

18 **154444**²⁶ *np1*

4 **450452**⁴ *pph1*

4 **450582**⁴ *ppy*
