

# A Room with a View — Key Vocabulary

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48 key English words, graded A2–C2 — each with a simple definition and an example. Learn them before you read, or review them after.

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## A2 words (10)

**abandon** /ə'bændən/

A2

the trait of lacking restraint or control

*“she danced with abandon”*

**abroad** /ə'brɔ:d/

A2

in a foreign country

*“markets abroad”*

**absence** /'æbsəns/

A2

the state of being absent

*“he was surprised by the absence of any explanation”*

**absolutely** /,æbsə'lutli/

A2

completely and without qualification

*“an absolutely magnificent painting”*

**accident** /'æksədənt/

A2

an unfortunate mishap

*“winning the lottery was a happy accident”*

**accommodation** /ə,kəmə'deɪʃən/

A2

making or becoming suitable

*“they reached an accommodation with Japan”*

**accompany** /ə'kəmpəni/

A2

be present or associated with an event or entity

*“French fries come with the hamburger”*

**acknowledge** /æk'nɒlɪdʒ/

A2

declare to be true or admit the existence or reality or truth of

*“He admitted his errors”*

**acquire** /ək'waɪər/

A2

come into the possession of something concrete or abstract

*"She got a lot of paintings from her uncle"*

**actor** /'æktər/

A2

a theatrical performer

*"he's a principal actor in this affair"*

## B1 words (10)

**absolute** /'æbsə,lʊt/

B1

something that is conceived or that exists independently and not in relation to other things

*"no mortal being can influence the absolute"*

**abstract** /'æb,strækt/

B1

a concept or idea not associated with any specific instance

*"he loved her only in the abstract--not in person"*

**acceptance** /ək'septəns/

B1

the mental attitude that something is believable and should be accepted as true

*"he gave credence to the gossip"*

**accomplish** /ə'kʌmplɪʃ/

B1

put in effect

*"carry out a task"*

**accordance** /ə'kɔrdəns/

B1

concurrence of opinion

*"we are in accord with your proposal"*

**accordingly** /ə'kɔrdɪŋli/

B1

(sentence connectors) because of the reason given

*"consequently, he didn't do it"*

**adapt** /ə'dæpt/

B1

make fit for, or change to suit a new purpose

*"Adapt our native cuisine to the available food resources of the new country"*

**adequate** /'ædək,wet/

B1

having the requisite qualities or resources to meet a task

*"she had adequate training"*

**adventure** /əd'ventʃər/

B1

a wild and exciting undertaking (not necessarily lawful)

*"When you buy these stocks you are gambling"*

**aggressive** /ə'grɛsɪv/

B1

having or showing determination and energetic pursuit of your ends

*"an aggressive businessman"*

## B2 words (10)

**abound** /ə'baʊnd/

B2

be abundant or plentiful

*"The room abounded with screaming children"*

**abrupt** /ə'brʌpt/

B2

marked by sudden changes in subject and sharp transitions

*"abrupt prose"*

**abruptly** /ə'brʌptli/

B2

quickly and without warning

*"he stopped suddenly"*

**absent** /'æbsənt/

B2

go away or leave

*"He absented himself"*

**absorb** /əb'zɔrb/

B2

become imbued

*"The liquids, light, and gases absorb"*

**absurd** /əb'sɜrd/

B2

a situation in which life seems irrational and meaningless

*"The absurd is the essential concept and the first truth"*

**absurdity** /əb'sɜrdəti/

B2

a message whose content is at variance with reason

*"the crowd laughed at the absurdity of the clown's behavior"*

**abundant** /ə'bʌndənt/

B2

present in great quantity

*"an abundant supply of water"*

**accelerate** /æk'selə'reɪt/

B2

move faster

*"The car accelerated"*

**accent** /'æksənt/

B2

distinctive manner of oral expression

*"he couldn't suppress his contemptuous accent"*

## C1 words (9)

**abominable** /ə'bɒmənəbəl/

C1

unequivocally detestable

*"abominable treatment of prisoners"*

**absurdly** /əb'sɜːdli/

C1

in an absurd manner or to an absurd degree

*"an absurdly rich young woman"*

**accustom** /ə'kʌstəm/

C1

make psychologically or physically used (to something)

*"She became habituated to the background music"*

**acquaint** /ək'weɪnt/

C1

cause to come to know personally

*"permit me to acquaint you with my son"*

**acquiesce** /,ækwi'ɛs/

C1

to agree or express agreement

*"The Maestro assented to the request for an encore"*

**acquit** /ək'wɪt/

C1

pronounce not guilty of criminal charges

*"The suspect was cleared of the murder charges"*

**acrid** /'ækrɪd/

C1

strong and sharp

*"the pungent taste of radishes"*

**admirably** /'ædmərəbli/

C1

in an admirable manner

*"the children's responses were admirably normal"*

**admonish** /æd'manɪʃ/

C1

admonish or counsel in terms of someone's behavior

*"I warned him not to go too far"*

## C2 words (9)

**abominably**

C2

in an offensive and hateful manner

*"I don't know anyone who could have behaved so abominably"*

**abridge** /ə'brɪdʒ/

C2

reduce in scope while retaining essential elements

*"The manuscript must be shortened"*

**absently**

C2

in an absentminded or preoccupied manner

*"he read the letter absently"*

**appal**

C2

strike with disgust or revulsion

*"The scandalous behavior of this married woman shocked her friends"*

**avow** /ə'vaʊ/

C2

to declare or affirm solemnly and formally as true

*"Before God I swear I am innocent"*

**benight** /bi'naɪt/

C2

overtake with darkness or night

*"The benighted peoples of this area"*

**benignly** /bə'nainli/

C2

in a benign manner

*"this drug is benignly soporific"*

**bewilder** /bi'wɪldə/

C2

be a mystery or bewildering to

*"This beats me!"*

**blameworthy**

C2

deserving blame or censure as being wrong or evil or injurious

*"blameworthy if not criminal behavior"*

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