

# Anne of Green Gables — 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)

**abroad** /ə'brɔ:d/

in a foreign country

*"markets abroad"*

A2

**absence** /'æbsəns/

the state of being absent

*"he was surprised by the absence of any explanation"*

A2

**absolutely** /,æbsə'lutli/

completely and without qualification

*"an absolutely magnificent painting"*

A2

**accompany** /ə'kæmpəni/

be present or associated with an event or entity

*"French fries come with the hamburger"*

A2

**accuse** /ə'kjuz/

bring an accusation against

*"The neighbors accused the man of spousal abuse"*

A2

**acknowledge** /æk'nɒlɪdʒ/

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

*"He admitted his errors"*

A2

**acquire** /ək'waɪər/

come into the possession of something concrete or abstract

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

A2

**active** /'æktɪv/

chemical agent capable of activity

*"The boy threw the ball' uses the active voice"*

A2

**actual** /'æktʃʊəl/

A2

presently existing in fact and not merely potential or possible

*"the predicted temperature and the actual temperature were markedly different"*

**admit** /əd'mɪt/

A2

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

*"He admitted his errors"*

## **B1 words** (10)

**ability** /ə'bilə.ti/

B1

the quality of being able to perform; a quality that permits or facilitates achievement or accomplishment

*"danger heightened his powers of discrimination"*

**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"*

**accept** /ək'sept/

B1

consider or hold as true

*"I cannot accept the dogma of this church"*

**accomplish** /ə'kʌmplɪʃ/

B1

put in effect

*"carry out a task"*

**accordingly** /ə'kɔrdɪŋli/

B1

(sentence connectors) because of the reason given

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

**accounting** /ə'kaʊnɪŋ/

B1

a convincing explanation that reveals basic causes

*"he was unable to give a clear accounting for his actions"*

**address** /'æ,dres/

B1

(computer science) the code that identifies where a piece of information is stored

*"he listened to an address on minor Roman poets"*

**adjust** /ə'dʒʌst/

B1

alter or regulate so as to achieve accuracy or conform to a standard

*"Adjust the clock, please"*

**advance** /əd'væns/

B1

a movement forward

*"he listened for the progress of the troops"*

## B2 words (10)

**abandonment** /ə'bændənmənt/

B2

the act of giving something up

*"his abandonment of his wife and children left them penniless"*

**abomination** /ə,bamə'neɪʃən/

B2

a person who is loathsome or disgusting

*"his treatment of the children is an abomination"*

**abruptly** /ə'brʌptli/

B2

quickly and without warning

*"he stopped suddenly"*

**absorb** /əb'zɔrb/

B2

become imbued

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

**abstain** /əb'steɪn/

B2

refrain from voting

*"I abstain from alcohol"*

**absurdity** /əb'sɜrdəti/

B2

a message whose content is at variance with reason

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

**abundance** /ə'bʌndəns/

B2

the property of a more than adequate quantity or supply

*"an age of abundance"*

**abundant** /ə'bʌndənt/

B2

present in great quantity

*"an abundant supply of water"*

**accent** /'æk,sɛnt/

B2

distinctive manner of oral expression

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

**accord** /ə'kɔrd/

B2

harmony of people's opinions or actions or characters

*"the two parties were in agreement"*

## C1 words (9)

**abate** /ə'beɪt/

C1

make less active or intense

*"The storm abated"*

**absentmindedly**

C1

in an absentminded or preoccupied manner

*"he read the letter absently"*

**acquaint** /ək'weɪnt/

C1

cause to come to know personally

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

**actuate** /'æ,kʃu'eɪt/

C1

put in motion or move to act

*"trigger a reaction"*

**admiringly** /æd'maɪrɪŋli/

C1

with admiration

*"he looked at his wife admiringly"*

**admonish** /æd'manɪʃ/

C1

admonish or counsel in terms of someone's behavior

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

**afflict** /ə'flɪkt/

C1

cause great unhappiness for

*"she was afflicted by the death of her parents"*

**aforesaid** /ə'fɔr,sɛd/

C1

being the one previously mentioned or spoken of

*"works of all the aforementioned authors"*

**afresh** /ə'frɛʃ/

C1

again but in a new or different way

*"start afresh"*

## C2 words (9)

**abasement**

C2

a low or downcast state

*"each confession brought her into an attitude of abasement"*

**abloom** /ə'blum/

C2

bursting into flower

*"flowering spring trees"*

**abominably**

C2

in an offensive and hateful manner

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

**absently**

C2

in an absentminded or preoccupied manner

*"he read the letter absently"*

**abstractedly**

C2

in an absentminded or preoccupied manner

*"he read the letter absently"*

**adulterate** /ə'dʌltəreɪt/

C2

corrupt, debase, or make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance; often by replacing valuable ingredients with inferior ones

*"adulterate liquor"*

**airily**

C2

in a flippant manner

*"he answered the reporters' questions flippantly"*

**angelically** /æn'dʒɛlɪkli/

C2

like an angel

*"the child was sleeping angelically"*

**appal**

C2

strike with disgust or revulsion

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

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