

# Peter Pan — 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"*

**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"*

**accompany** /ə'kəmpəni/

A2

be present or associated with an event or entity

*"French fries come with the hamburger"*

**active** /'æktiv/

A2

chemical agent capable of activity

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

**actor** /'æktər/

A2

a theatrical performer

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

**admit** /əd'mɪt/

A2

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

*"He admitted his errors"*

**adopt** /ə'dɒpt/

A2

choose and follow

*"She followed the feminist movement"*

**affair** /ə'feɪ/

A2

a vaguely specified concern

*"several matters to attend to"*

## **B1 words** (10)

**aboard** /ə'bɔːd/

B1

on a ship, train, plane or other vehicle

*"Their second homer with Bob Allison aboard"*

**adventure** /əd'ventʃər/

B1

a wild and exciting undertaking (not necessarily lawful)

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

**alarm** /ə'lɑːm/

B1

fear resulting from the awareness of danger

*"I was horrified at the thought of being late for my interview"*

**ally** /'ælaɪ/

B1

a friendly nation

*"he's a good ally in fight"*

**alongside** /ə'lɒŋ'saɪd/

B1

side by side

*"anchored close aboard another ship"*

**alter** /'ɔːltər/

B1

cause to change

*"The advent of the automobile may have altered the growth pattern of the city"*

**altogether** /ˌɔːltə'ɡeðər/

B1

informal terms for nakedness

*"in the raw"*

**anchor** /'æŋkər/

B1

a mechanical device that prevents a vessel from moving

*"faith is his anchor"*

**anger** /'æŋgə/

a strong emotion

*"The news angered him"*

B1

**angle** /'æŋgəl/

the space between two lines or planes that intersect

*"he angled his way into the room"*

B1

## B2 words (10)

**abject** /'æbdʒekt/

of the most contemptible kind

*"abject cowardice"*

B2

**abruptly** /ə'brʌptli/

quickly and without warning

*"he stopped suddenly"*

B2

**absent** /'æbsənt/

go away or leave

*"He absented himself"*

B2

**absurd** /əb'sɜːd/

a situation in which life seems irrational and meaningless

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

B2

**addict** /'ædɪkt/

someone who is so ardently devoted to something that it resembles an addiction

*"a golf addict"*

B2

**adept** /ə'dɛpt/

someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field

*"adept in handicrafts"*

B2

**adhere** /ə'dhɪr/

be compatible or in accordance with

*"You must adhere to the rules"*

B2

**admiration** /,ædmə'reɪʃən/

a feeling of delighted approval and liking

*"a small token in admiration of your works"*

B2

**advisable** /əd'vaɪzəbəl/

B2

worthy of being recommended or suggested

*"such action is neither necessary nor advisable"*

**affectionate** /ə'fekʃənət/

B2

having or displaying warmth or affection

*"affectionate children"*

## C1 words (9)

**aback** /ə'bæk/

C1

having the wind against the forward side of the sails

*"the ship came up into the wind with all yards aback"*

**ablaze** /ə'bleɪz/

C1

keenly excited (especially sexually) or indicating excitement

*"his face all ablaze with excitement"*

**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"*

**acquit** /ək'wɪt/

C1

pronounce not guilty of criminal charges

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

**admonish** /əd'mənɪʃ/

C1

admonish or counsel in terms of someone's behavior

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

**agitate** /'ædʒə'teɪt/

C1

try to stir up public opinion

*"The speaker charged up the crowd with his inflammatory remarks"*

**alertness** /ə'lɜːtnəs/

C1

the process of paying close and continuous attention

*"wakefulness, watchfulness, and bellicosity make a good hunter"*

## C2 words (9)

**affright**

C2

an overwhelming feeling of fear and anxiety

*"The stranger who hangs around the building frightens me"*

**angelically** /æn'dʒɛɪkli/

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"*

**astir**

C2

out of bed

*"are they astir yet?"*

**bacchanalian**

C2

used of riotously drunken merrymaking

*"a night of bacchanalian revelry"*

**beseechingly**

C2

in a beseeching manner

*"`You must help me,' she said imploringly"*

**bewilder** /bɪ'wɪldər/

C2

be a mystery or bewildering to

*"This beats me!"*

**boylike**

C2

befitting or characteristic of a young boy

*"a boyish grin"*

**brushwood**

C2

the wood from bushes or small branches

*"they built a fire of brushwood"*

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