

# The Enchanted April — 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/

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"*

**accompany** /ə'kəmpəni/

A2

be present or associated with an event or entity

*"French fries come with the hamburger"*

**accuse** /ə'kjuz/

A2

bring an accusation against

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

**acquire** /ək'waɪər/

A2

come into the possession of something concrete or abstract

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

**active** /'æktɪv/

A2

chemical agent capable of activity

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

**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)

**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"*

**accidentally** /,æksə'denəli/

B1

without advance planning

*"they met accidentally"*

**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"*

**acquisition** /,ækwə'zɪʃən/

B1

the act of contracting or assuming or acquiring possession of something

*"the acquisition of wealth"*

**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"*

**adjust** /ə'dʒʌst/

B1

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

*"Adjust the clock, please"*

**adventure** /əd'ventʃər/

B1

a wild and exciting undertaking (not necessarily lawful)

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

## B2 words (10)

**abject** /'æbdʒekt/

B2

of the most contemptible kind

*"abject cowardice"*

**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"*

**absorb** /əb'zɔrb/

B2

become imbued

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

**absorption** /əb'zɔrʃən/

B2

(chemistry) a process in which one substance permeates another

*"the absorption of photons by atoms or molecules"*

**absurd** /əb'sərd/

B2

a situation in which life seems irrational and meaningless

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

**abundantly** /ə'bʌndəntli/

B2

in an abundant manner

*"they were abundantly supplied with food"*

**accumulate** /ə'kjʌmjəleɪt/

B2

get or gather together

*"I am accumulating evidence for the man's unfaithfulness to his wife"*

**ache** /eɪk/

B2

a dull persistent (usually moderately intense) pain

*"Were you hurting after the accident?"*

**acid** /'æsəd/

B2

any of various water-soluble compounds having a sour taste and capable of turning litmus red and reacting with a base to form a salt

*"an acerbic tone piercing otherwise flowery prose"*

## 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"*

**abhorrent** /æ'bhɔrənt/

C1

offensive to the mind

*"an abhorrent deed"*

**abreast** /ə'breɪst/

C1

being up to particular standard or level especially in being up to date in knowledge

*"kept abreast of the latest developments"*

**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"*

**acquiescence** /,ækwi'ɛsəns/

C1

acceptance without protest

*"he gave his assent eagerly"*

**acquisitive** /ək'wɪzətɪv/

C1

eager to acquire and possess things especially material possessions or ideas

*"an acquisitive mind"*

## C2 words (9)

**absently**

C2

in an absentminded or preoccupied manner

*"he read the letter absently"*

**affectionateness**

C2

a positive feeling of liking

*"he had trouble expressing the affection he felt"*

**animatedly**

C2

in an animated manner

*"they talked animatedly"*

**appal**

C2

strike with disgust or revulsion

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

**athirst**

C2

(usually followed by `for') extremely desirous

*"athirst for knowledge"*

**benevolently**

C2

in a benevolent manner

*"she looked on benevolently"*

**benignly** /bə'nainli/

C2

in a benign manner

*"this drug is benignly soporific"*

**benumb**

C2

make numb or insensitive

*"The shock numbed her senses"*

**bewilder** /bi'wɪldər/

C2

be a mystery or bewildering to

*"This beats me!"*

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