

The lesser Key of Solomon, Goetia, the book of evil spirits — Key Vocabulary

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

A2 words (10)

abroad /ə'brɔ:d/

in a foreign country

"markets abroad"

A2

absolutely /,æbsə'lʊtli/

completely and without qualification

"an absolutely magnificent painting"

A2

abuse /ə'bjʊz/

cruel or inhumane treatment

"the child showed signs of physical abuse"

A2

acquire /ək'waɪə/

come into the possession of something concrete or abstract

"She got a lot of paintings from her uncle"

A2

actual /'æktʃʊəl/

presently existing in fact and not merely potential or possible

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

A2

ad /æd/

a public promotion of some product or service

"in AD 200"

A2

aid /eɪd/

a resource

"visual aids in teaching"

A2

ancient /'eɪntʃənt/

a very old person

"ancient history"

A2

apart /ə'pɑ:t/

A2

remote and separate physically or socially

“existed over the centuries as a world apart”

apparently /ə'pɛrəntli/

A2

from appearances alone

“irrigation often produces bumper crops from apparently desert land”

B1 words (10)

accessible /æk'sɛsəbəl/

B1

capable of being reached

“a town accessible by rail”

accomplish /ə'kʌmplɪʃ/

B1

put in effect

“carry out a task”

alike /ə'laɪk/

B1

having the same or similar characteristics

“all politicians are alike”

allege /ə'leɪdʒ/

B1

report or maintain

“He alleged that he was the victim of a crime”

anger /'æŋgə/

B1

a strong emotion

“The news angered him”

angle /'æŋgəl/

B1

the space between two lines or planes that intersect

“he angled his way into the room”

anticipate /æn'tɪsə'peɪt/

B1

regard something as probable or likely

“The meteorologists are expecting rain for tomorrow”

apology /ə'pɒlə'dʒi/

B1

an expression of regret at having caused trouble for someone

“he wrote a letter of apology to the hostess”

assault /ə'sɔlt/

B1

close fighting during the culmination of a military attack

"The mugger assaulted the woman"

assist /ə'sɪst/

B1

the activity of contributing to the fulfillment of a need or furtherance of an effort or purpose

"he gave me an assist with the housework"

B2 words (10)

abide /ə'baɪd/

B2

dwell

"You can stay with me while you are in town"

Abnormal /æb'nɔrməl/

B2

not normal

"abnormal powers of concentration"

abode /ə'boʊd/

B2

any address at which you dwell more than temporarily

"a person can have several residences"

abundance /ə'bʌndəns/

B2

the property of a more than adequate quantity or supply

"an age of abundance"

admirable /'ædmərəbəl/

B2

deserving of the highest esteem or admiration

"an estimable young professor"

afterwards /'æftərwərdz/

B2

happening at a time subsequent to a reference time

"he apologized subsequently"

aloft /ə'lɔft/

B2

at or on or to the masthead or upper rigging of a ship

"climbed aloft to unfurl the sail"

aloud /ə'laʊd/

B2

using the voice

"please read the passage aloud"

alphabet /ˈælfə,bet/

B2

a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

“he mastered only the rudiments of geometry”

ample /ˈæmpəl/

B2

more than enough in size or scope or capacity

“had ample food for the party”

C1 words (9)

afflict /əˈflɪkt/

C1

cause great unhappiness for

“she was afflicted by the death of her parents”

aforesaid /əˈfɔː,sɛd/

C1

being the one previously mentioned or spoken of

“works of all the aforementioned authors”

allot /əˈlɒt/

C1

give out

“We were assigned new uniforms”

anoint /əˈnɔɪnt/

C1

choose by or as if by divine intervention

“She was anointed the head of the Christian fundamentalist group”

arcana /ɑːˈkænə/

C1

information known only to a special group

“the secret of Cajun cooking”

audibly /ˈɒdəbli/

C1

in an audible manner

“he spoke audibly”

bathes /beɪðz/

C1

the act of swimming

“the Englishman said he had a good bathe”

beguile /bɪˈgaɪl/

C1

influence by slyness

“She captured all the men's hearts”

bellowing /'bɛləʊɪŋ/

C1

a very loud utterance (like the sound of an animal)

"his bellow filled the hallway"

C2 words (9)

adjure

C2

ask for or request earnestly

"The prophet bid all people to become good persons"

affably /'æfəbli/

C2

in an affable manner

"`Come and visit me,' he said amiably"

bewray

C2

reveal unintentionally

"Her smile betrayed her true feelings"

hieroglyphically

C2

by means of hieroglyphs

"hieroglyphically written"

ingrain

C2

thoroughly work in

"His hands were grained with dirt"

intelligibly /,ɪn'tɛlədʒəbli/

C2

in an intelligible manner

"the foreigner spoke to us quite intelligibly"

loftily

C2

in a lofty manner

"she bore herself loftily"

potently

C2

in a manner having a powerful influence

"Clytemnestra's ghost crying in the night for vengeance remained most potently in the audience's mind"

putrefy

C2

become putrid

"organic matter putrefies"

Read it along with audio — tap any word to hear it and see it highlighted in the sentence:

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