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42 Most Common English Words Used in Daily Life

PERSONALITY TRAITS 1

Cynical seeing little or no good in other people

Eccentric having strange, unusual or abnormal habits or tastes

Egotistical thinking too highly of oneself, considering oneself better than others

Imaginative creative, having much imagination

Indecisive unable to decide quickly

Picky hard to please, too careful in choosing something

Sensible practical, reasonable

Sensitive easily feels emotion, easily hurt emotionally can be positive or negative

Sophisticated representing high culture, very experienced in life

Thoughtful often doing things to make other people feel good

INTERNET 2

a browser a program used to view the Internet

to click to press the button on a computer mouse

a click (1) the pressing of the mouse button, (2) a small, sharp sound

content subject matter; the main idea of a book, a paper or a web page

to copyright to legally protect content with a copyright

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a copyright the right in law to be the only producer, seller or distributor of a book, a play or a web page

to design to artistically arrange the shape or layout of something

a design (1) the artistic shape or layout of something, (2) an architectural or technical plan for something

to format to determine the size, shape and form of a written document

a format the size, shape and form of a written document

infringement breaking a law or rule, disregarding a legal protection

a layout the technical arrangement of a web page, building, garden, etc.

World Wide Web (Web) a series of commercial, educational and governmental web pages on the Internet

AT RESTAURANT 3

an appetizer a small dish at the beginning of a meal, a starter

a chef a skilled cook

chives a small onion-like herb commonly added to potatoes

chowder a kind of soup usually containing fish and vegetables

to come with to include (in a meal)

dressing a sauce added to salads

an entree a main dish

a menu a list of dishes available in a restaurant

salmon a large fish with silvery skin and pinkish meat

rare very pink adjective used to describe a way of cooking meat

medium-rare slightly pink adjective used to describe a way of cooking meat

medium normally cooked adjective used to describe a way of cooking meat

well-done fully cooked adjective used to describe a way of cooking meat

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JOB CHANGE 4

to be bought out to be purchased, taken over by another company

to be laid off to lose your job because the company wants to reduce the number of employees

competitive (1) liking competition, always competing with other people used to describe personalities dedicated- very loyal, (2) working hard for a person, company or idea

to downsize to reduce the number of employees in a company in order to lower costs

to get rid of to throw away, remove, eliminate something or someone

outdated too old, antiquated

to retrain to re-educate someone for a job

to streamline to improve the performance of something

to update to make more modern

an update the latest information or news

GETTING AN APARTMENT 5

an application a written request for an apartment, a job or entrance into a school or an organization

a credit report a complete history of a person's paying habits

to deposit to put money in a bank

to fill out to complete (a form) by writing in the information

furnished having furniture used with apartments or rental properties

a landlord the man who runs an apartment building or property

a landlady the woman who runs an apartment building or property

non-refundable cannot be returned (money)

a reference a person who will provide information about your character or ability

to sublet to rent your apartment temporarily to someone else

a tenant a person who is renting a room or apartment

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ENTERTAINMENT 6

an act (1) a short performance or skit in a circus, (2) a part of a theater play

the audience the people watching or listening to a performance

to celebrate to recognize a special occasion or event with a fun activity or party

a costume (1) clothes worn in a play, movie, circus, or other performance, (2) clothes worn during a special holiday such as Halloween, Carnival, etc.

cruel enjoying the pain and suffering of others, intentionally causing pain and suffering

to distinguish to set apart, to make the difference, to mark the difference

to juggle to keep many things in the air at the same time by throwing and catching them quickly

a magician a person who performs magic tricks

mesmerizing to be so beautiful or amazing that one becomes speechless and lost in a trance

to range to vary from one extreme to another, to represent all types between two very different categories

RETURN AND REFUND 7

to bill to send a request for payment

a bill a request for payment to come to

to deduct to take away, subtract

to discount to reduce or lower the cost of a product

a discount a reduction in the cost of a product

discount costing less money

to enter to put in information electronically

pressed for time in a hurry

to swipe to put a card through a computerized machine quickly so it can scan the information

to verify to make sure that something is true

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FILMS 8

alternative something which is done in a different way. In the US, alternative films are usually artistic films or foreign language films.

artsy extremely artistic, overly artistic, too artistic

entertaining something which entertains; amusing and interesting

hilarious something which is very funny; something which makes you laugh

intense containing strong emotions or feelings

light relaxing, amusing, not too intense

This is the opposite of "intense."

mainstream something which is usual, or commonly done

Mainstream films are those which are usually high-budget, popular, and made for entertainment.

superficial not deep or profound; lacking real content

suspenseful something which makes you keep guessing or makes you question how something will end

thought-provoking something which makes you think used to describe many different things, such as movies, books, conversations, ideas, issues, etc.

E-COMMERCE 9

to carry to offer a particular item for sale; to have an item in the store

a defect a technical problem, a flaw, a mistake in construction

to exchange to change one item for another

irritating annoying, upsetting, bothersome

a model a particular type of a mechanical product

a policy a plan or course of action in business or government which is regularly followed

to refund to return money which a person paid for a product or service

to ship to send something large through the mail

store credit a credit given to a customer which can be used to buy a new product

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a warranty This is a guarantee given by a company which ensures that the product they sell is well made. If it breaks too soon, they agree to repair it or replace it free of charge.

TELECOMMUNICATION 10

a carrier a company which provides telephone service

competition when several companies in an industry sell the same product or service resulting in lower prices and better customer support

deregulation the act of taking a government-controlled industry and opening it up to private companies for the purpose of introducing competition

a fee a charge for a professional service

to hook up to make the electrical connections required for a machine or information service

to install to put in or add a piece of equipment or hardware

a monopoly when one company (or the government) has control over an industry and does not allow competition

to place a call to make a telephone call

the suburbs an area outside a city where people live rather than work

telecommunications the industry or technology of sending and receiving messages by telephone (or other electronic devices)

TREKKING 11

altitude sickness an illness caused from being at high elevations

a canteen a container used for carrying drinking water

dehydration a physical condition caused by not drinking enough water

gear equipment used for a particular purpose (camping, sports, fishing, etc.)

to hike to go on a walk through nature for pleasure or exercise

a hike a walk through nature for pleasure or exercise

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a permit written permission from a government office or other organization to do something

a porter a person who carries gear and supplies on a trek

a ranger a person who is employed to take care of a state park or a national park

a trail a path (through forest, grass, sand) created when many people or animals walk back and forth over the same area

to trek to travel by foot over a great distance

a trek a journey over a great distance

We often use the word "trek" when a trip lasts several days and is quite challenging.

COFFEE OR TEA STALL 12

to appeal to to attract or interest (a certain group of people)

to blend to combine, mix together a blend

to chat to talk in a friendly, informal way; to discuss things for fun

a chat an informal discussion

decaf without caffeine, with reduced caffeine

a fad a fashion, a trend, a short-term interest

to hang out to spend time at a place (just relaxing or being with friends)

a hangout a place where you spend much of your time

overpriced costing too much money

to pop up to suddenly appear

to sip to slowly drink

trendy very fashionable, too fashionable

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