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EVERYDAY ENGLISH
IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH DAY BY DAY

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INTRODUCTION

Have you noticed that the ability to speak and understand English is no longer a luxury, but a necessity?

Take a look around you; English is everywhere. From your mobile phone and laptop to things you’ll find out shopping, we are surrounded by the English language.

Not only can a good grasp of English improve your job prospects, it will also help you to better understand what’s going on around you.

In this guide, we will show you that English is a part of your life – even if you don’t realise it. And we’ll highlight some common words to look out for. All bold words are in English. Let’s see how many of them you can find!
PART 1

TECHNOLOGY
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If you use technology, chances are you use English words every day.

For example, to read this guide you used your mouse to click on the link that brought you here. If you are surfing the internet right now you’re probably using one of these browsers: Chrome, Explorer or Firefox.

Are we right? And once you are finished here, you can go back to our homepage if you want to explore our site.
TECHNOLOGY

Do you ever use your PC and webcam to speak face-to-face with friends and family in other countries? If you are chatting, make sure you don’t have the caps lock on (caps as in capitals); otherwise your friend might think you’re shouting!

To use capitals only on the first letter, use shift (to change the command on the key you are pressing). If you would rather not chat live, send an e-mail instead. Even if your friend is offline, they will get your message later.
TECHNOLOGY

Another great function of technology is sharing your photos. If you’re using your mobile phone, you can use **Bluetooth**. If you want to share an old printed picture, you can **scan** it. And, with the right **software**, you can turn a sequence of images into a movie – then just press **play**, turn up the volume on your **speakers** and enjoy!

Images can also be **shared** on social networks and generate lots of **comments**, like **LOL** (laughing out loud) or **OMG** (Oh my God!).

And if you like **games**, English is even more essential. To **play**, **start** or realise the **game** is **over**, you definitely need to understand the language.
TECHNOLOGY PHRASEBOOK

Are you online?
Are you online?

Check your inbox
Check your inbox

Please log in
Please log in

Please sign up
Please sign up

Shut down/turn off your laptop
Shut down/turn off your laptop

Put on your headphones
Put on your headphones

Could you print this for me?
Could you print this for me?
TECHNOLOGY GLOSSARY

- Downloading
- Uploading
- Gamer
- Gadget
- Workstation
- Speakers
- Printer
- Headphones
- Backup
TECHNOLOGY IDIOMS

Don’t push my buttons!
Don’t annoy or upset me

A Kodak moment
The perfect photo opportunity
/ a moment to remember

We are on the same wave length
We think alike

To get your wires crossed
To misunderstand someone

To be in tune with someone
To get along or connect with someone
PART 2

SHOPPING
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When you go shopping, look out for another English name: the mall.

There you will find jeans (stretch or skinny), shorts or tennis shoes. Women might go to the supermarket while the men browse the latest gadgets.

Maybe you are going to a black tie party, or perhaps you want to look for a trendy outfit. It might be easier to find a cheap jacket at an outlet – a shopping centre that is permanently on sale. With a little bit of luck you might even find an 80% off deal. Almost free!
SHOPPING

Megastores are huge department stores that sell a large range of products and brands, while some specialise in a particular product. A lot of these stores have loyalty programmes, so their die-hard fans have more advantages.
SHOPPING PHRASEBOOK

How much does this cost?
How much does this cost?

Do you have any special offers?
Do you have any special offers?

Do you have a loyalty programme?
Do you have a loyalty programme?

Is there a shopping centre nearby?
Is there a shopping centre nearby?

Do you sell..?
Do you sell..?

Have you got anything cheaper?
Have you got anything cheaper?

That's not what I'm looking for
That's not what I'm looking for

What times are you open?
What times are you open?

I'm only looking
I'm only looking
SHOPPING GLOSSARY

Discount
Discount

Guarantee
Guarantee

Cheap
Cheap

Expensive
Expensive

Sale
Sale

Mall
Mall

% Off
% Off

Free
Free

Loyalty Programme
Loyalty Programme
SHOPPING IDIOMS

To bag a bargain
To buy something at a good price

To pay through the nose
To pay too much for something

The drinks are on me
Say this if you want to pay for everyone’s drinks

To be like a bull in a china shop
To be very clumsy
PART 3

PLAYING SPORTS
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No matter where the game is played, the language of sport is English.

Every traditional sport ending with **ball** comes from the English language: basketball, football, handball, volleyball, baseball and any other **ball**-centered game you can think of.

Even if your favourite sport doesn’t involve balls it’s highly likely that English is somehow part of it, particularly if you like **extreme sport**. When you go **surfing** you can stand out from the crowd by doing **aerial** or **carving** manoeuvres.
PLAYING SPORTS

If you prefer skateboarding, then maybe an Ollie or a kickflip is the way to go, whether you prefer street skating or riding a half-pipe. For motocross, you might go freestyle and do a few backflips.

Now, that’s extreme. If you like the outdoors, how exploring on a mountain bike? Or, if you’re feeling really adventurous, snowboarding or kite surfing could be fun.
PLAYING SPORTS PHRASEBOOK

Who’s winning?
Who’s winning?

Who’s playing?
Who’s playing?

What’s the score?
What’s the score?

I want to see the match
I want to see the match

Are you showing the match here?
Are you showing the match here?
Playing Sports Glossary

Score

Half-time

Medal

Tournament

Trophy

Race

Match
PLAYING SPORTS IDIOMS

Neck and neck
A close competition

Long shot
Something very difficult to achieve

Front runner
The competitor most likely to win

Skate on thin ice
To do something risky

Take a rain check
To change the date

A hit below the belt
An unfair move
EATING OUT

If you have a hunger for learning, then check out some of the menus in food courts or fast food restaurants.

Hot dogs, bacon, cookies, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, sundaes and banana splits are just some of the treats on offer. Take your pick!

For the health-conscious, there are diet and light dishes. And for convenience, try a drive-through or delivery (there’s no need to leave your car - or even your house!).

For those on a budget, there are also self-service restaurants. Countless food choices in English for everyone!
Do you have any free tables?
I’d like to make a reservation, please.
What do you recommend?
Do you have any specials?
I’m allergic to...
Could I see the menu, please?
This is not what I ordered
Can we pay separately?
I’ll get this
EATING OUT GLOSSARY

Drive-through
Drive-through

Delivery
Delivery

Self-Service
Self-Service

Diet
Diet

Light
Light

Allergic
Allergic

Fast Food
Fast Food
EATING OUT IDIOMS

A bad egg
Someone who’s always in trouble

My bread and butter
Something essential

Cheesy
Silly

Cream of the crop
The best

Hot potato
A difficult or controversial topic

To spice things up
To make things more interesting

Piece of cake
Very easy
PART 5

AN ORDINARY DAY
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Do you still need to be convinced that the world around you is immersed in English? OK, let’s take a look at your day-to-day life.

Think about what you do in your spare time. Perhaps you enjoy chatting to the bartender during happy hour at your local pub.

Maybe you like to sit on your sofa watching a reality show, or listening to rock or pop music on the radio whilst flicking through a fashion magazine featuring top models.

It may take a little longer to notice these hidden foreign words when you’re busy at work. After all, there’s so much feedback and pressure to create new slogans.
AN ORDINARY DAY

Then, you still have to try to get home during rush hour. On the other hand, who knows? Maybe you’ve worked from your home office for a few days.

That could ease your stress and might even mean you won’t need a babysitter - a benefit most freelancers can enjoy.

When you’re on holiday, even in your own country, you’ll probably need diesel if you’re going on a road trip. And, as soon as you get to your hotel, you will be required to check-in. If you decide to go on a city tour, check out any VIP or premium offers that might make it more enjoyable.
AN ORDINARY DAY

We’re sure you must be familiar with a few English words by now, especially those that are used in everyday conversation. But if you know someone who can’t think of a single word in English, then maybe they’re suffering a **blackout** and might need a **checkup**. Get your emergency kit!
AN ORDINARY DAY PHRASEBOOK

Let’s get the ball rolling
Let’s get the ball rolling

Let’s call it a day
Let’s call it a day

You can call the shots
You can call the shots

That company is in the red
That company is in the red
AN ORDINARY DAY GLOSSARY

Feedback
Feedback

Home Office
Home Office

Freelancer
Freelancer

Check-in
Check-in

Cash Cow
Cash Cow
AN ORDINARY DAY IDIOMS

To be a happy camper
To be satisfied/happy

To learn the ropes
To learn the basics

To pitch in
To help, cooperate

To pull an all-nighter
To spend all night doing something

To set the record straight
To clarify something
DON’T STOP HERE!

As you can now see, English is very much ingrained in your life.

That’s a great start. But if you really want to speak English well you need the right language school to help you.

How about a school that, like the English language, can always be present in your life?

That is what EF English Live offers you:

**Live Private and Group Classes**

Practise your English with our Group Classes and make even more progress with our Private Classes. Learn from our native or bilingual English professors.
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Access 24/7 from your PC or Tablet

Take the school with you wherever you go and learn whenever you want. You can also preload your lessons so you can keep learning, even without an internet connection.

Global Community

With over 20 million members around the globe, we have the largest student community in the world. Practise your English with students from all over the world, only on EF English Live.

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