



20 ADVANCED VERBS

VOCABULARY LESSON



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Most English learners reach a point on their English learning journeys where they want to use more advanced vocabulary. This lesson will teach you 20 advanced verbs and how you can use them in context.

to advocate (for) - /'ædvəkert/

to publicly support or recommend a particular policy or action

Present Simple

The celebrity uses her social media platform **to advocate** for a more sustainable future.

Past Simple

The politician **advocated** for greater economic equality for all citizens.

to amplify - /'æmplɪfaɪ/

to make something louder or stronger; to increase the effect or impact of something

Present Simple

The megaphone **amplifies** the speaker's voice and makes it easier to hear.

Past Simple

The digital marketing campaign **amplified** the reach and impact of the brand's message.

to articulate - /ɑ:'tɪkjuleɪt/

to express or explain something in a clear and effective way; to pronounce words clearly and distinctly

Past Simple

The public speaker **articulated** her vision for the future with passion and conviction.

Present Continuous

The language learner is practising **articulating** difficult sounds to improve her pronunciation.

**to comprehend - /ˌkɒmpri'hend/****to understand the meaning or significance of something**

Present Simple

The student struggles **to comprehend** the complex theories presented in the lecture.

Future Simple

The reader will have to re-read the passage multiple times **to comprehend** the author's message.**to convey - /kən'veɪ/****to communicate or express something to others, often a message or information**

Present Simple

The artist uses her paintings **to convey** her emotions and experiences.

Past Simple

The journalist **conveyed** the breaking news to the public with accuracy and timeliness.**to corroborate - /kə'rɒbəreɪt/****to confirm or support a statement, theory, or finding with evidence or testimony**

Present Simple

The witness is able **to corroborate** the victim's account of the crime.

Past Simple

The scientist **corroborated** her hypothesis with multiple experiments.**to decipher - /dɪ'saɪfə(r)/****to discover the meaning of something written badly or in a difficult or hidden way**

Past Simple

The traveller struggled **to decipher** the foreign language on the menu.

Future Simple

The detective will have **to decipher** the hidden meaning behind the suspect's cryptic message.**to differentiate (between) - /ˌdɪfə'renʃiət/****to distinguish or recognize the differences between things or people**



Present Simple	The sommelier is able to differentiate between the subtle flavours in the wine.
Past Simple	The teacher developed lesson plans to help students differentiate between similar concepts.

to dissect - /daɪ'sekt/

to analyse or examine something in detail, often by breaking it down into its components or parts

Present Simple	The scientist dissects the specimen to study its internal structure.
Past Simple	The literary critic dissected the novel to explore its themes and symbols.

to efface - /ɪ'feɪs/

to remove or erase something intentionally so that it is no longer visible or noticeable

Past Simple	The politician tried to efface the scandal from his public record with a new campaign.
Present Continuous	The storm winds are so strong that they are effacing the markings on the road.

to elaborate (on/upon) - /ɪ'læbəreɪt/

to add more detail or explanation to something; to expand or clarify a concept, idea or thought

Past Simple	The designer elaborated on her original concept after receiving feedback from the client.
Future Simple	I can see you didn't understand, so I am going to elaborate on my point.

to exacerbate - /ɪg'zæsəbeɪt/

to make a situation or problem worse

Past Simple	The drought exacerbated the water shortage in the region.
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Present Perfect Simple	The medication side effects have exacerbated my existing health problems.
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to extrapolate - /ɪk'stræpələt/

to guess, estimate or forecast something use what you already know

Present Simple	The economist extrapolates future trends from current economic indicators.
Present Simple	We tend to predict the future by extrapolating from the past.

to facilitate - /fə'sɪlɪteɪt/

to make something easier or more convenient to do

Future Simple	The new technology will facilitate communication among team members.
Past Simple	The tutor facilitated the development of her student's skills.

to galvanize - /'gælvənaɪz/

to shock or excite someone into taking action

Past Simple	The tragic event galvanized the community to come together and support one another.
Present Perfect Simple	The recent news has galvanized the public to demand change.

to integrate - /'ɪntɪɡreɪt/

to combine or blend things together in a harmonious or functional way

Present Continuous	The new employee is integrating well with the team.
Past Simple	The architect integrated the old and new elements of the building design seamlessly.

to mitigate - /'mɪtɪɡeɪt/

to reduce or alleviate the severity or impact of something, often a problem or negative consequence



Present Simple	The safety measures in place mitigate the risk of accidents.
Present Perfect Simple	The environmental policies have mitigated the damage to the ecosystem.

to perceive - /pə'si:v/

to think of something in a particular way or become aware or conscious of something through the senses or intuition

Present Simple	She perceives that her boss isn't happy with her work because of his constant criticism
Past Simple	The artist perceived the beauty of nature and incorporated it into her work.

to reconcile - /'rekənsaɪl/

to make people become friends again after a break up or an argument; to make two conflicting things compatible

Present Continuous	The mediator is trying to reconcile the differences between the two parties.
Past Simple	The couple reconciled after a period of separation.

to scrutinize - /'skru:tənaɪz/

to examine or inspect something very closely

Past Simple	She scrutinized his essay but couldn't find a single error.
Past Simple	His apology was carefully scrutinized by his PR team before it was made public.



QUIZ!

Choose the correct answer for each question.

1) The team worked hard to _____ the new software into their system.

- a. advocate
- b. integrate
- c. mitigate

2) My professor was able to _____ the complex maths problem for me.

- a. decipher
- b. efface
- c. dissect

3) The government is taking steps to _____ the effects of climate change.

- a. mitigate
- b. integrate
- c. extrapolate

4) Jamie, who is an archaeologist, was able to _____ the ancient script on the tablet.

- a. elaborate
- b. decipher
- c. dissect

5) The artist used a brush to _____ the colours on the canvas.

- a. articulate
- b. integrate
- c. mitigate

6) Our CEO _____ on the benefits of investing in renewable energy.

- a. elaborated
- b. effaced
- c. dissected

7) The historian _____ the events that led up to the war.

- a. advocated
- b. integrated
- c. extrapolated

8) He _____ his thoughts and ideas clearly to the audience.

- a. elaborated
- b. effaced
- c. articulated

The End!

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