



# 15 BEAUTIFUL ENGLISH WORDS

## VOCABULARY & PRONUNCIATION LESSON & QUIZ



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1

### **appealing**

/ə'pi:lɪŋ/ - attractive or interesting

His rich vocabulary made him sound so appealing.

2

### **ineffable**

/ɪ'nefəbl/ - too great or beautiful to describe in words

When I heard of their pregnancy I was filled with ineffable joy!

3

### **nefarious**

/nɪ'feəriəs/ - criminal; extremely bad

They hacked into my bank account and used the funds for nefarious purposes.

4

### **ethereal**

/i'θiəriəl/ - extremely light and beautiful; seeming to belong to another, more spiritual, world

At sunrise, the London skyline looks almost ethereal.

5

### **epiphany**

/i'pɪfəni/ - a sudden and surprising moment of understanding

When she took the course, she had an epiphany, and everything became clear.

6

### **angst**

/æŋst/ - a feeling of great worry about a situation, or about your life

I wrote emotional poetry when I was full of teenage angst.

7

### **euphoria**

/ju:'fɔ:riə/ - an extremely strong feeling of happiness and excitement that usually lasts only a short time

After receiving the letter of acceptance I was in a state of euphoria.

8

### **cherish**

/tʃerɪʃ/ - to love somebody/something very much and want to protect them or it

I will always cherish the letter he sent me before he moved away.

9

### **eternity**

/i'tɜ:nəti/ - time without end, especially life continuing without end after death

A mother's love lasts for eternity.

10

### **quintessence**

/kwɪn'tesns/ - the perfect example of something

It was the quintessence of an English country cottage.



11

**plethora**

/ˈpleθərə/ - an amount that is greater than is needed or can be used

The article contained a plethora of information.

12

**pristine**

/ˈprɪstiːn/ - fresh and clean, as if new

Her house is always pristine.

13

**surreptitiously**

/ˌsʌrəpˈtɪʃəsli/ - in a quick or secret way so that other people do not notice

She surreptitiously slid the cheque under his napkin.

14

**dulcet**

/ˈdʌlsɪt/ - sounding sweet and pleasant

I can always recognise her dulcet tones!

15

**docile**

/ˈdəʊsaɪl/ - quiet and easy to control

The puppy was calm and incredibly docile.

## TEST YOUR UNDERSTANDING

FILL IN THE GAPS WITH  
THE CORRECT 'BEAUTIFUL' WORD

1

I could hear her \_\_\_\_\_ tones from the other side of the auditorium.

2

He was the \_\_\_\_\_ of a British gentleman.

3

She entered into a state of \_\_\_\_\_ when she learned she had passed her driving test!

4

I \_\_\_\_\_ the pieces of jewellery my mother left to me.

5

Her \_\_\_\_\_ beauty was truly remarkable.

6

He \_\_\_\_\_ gestured to the waiter to bring the bill.



- 7 I have a \_\_\_\_\_ of t-shirts, so I will donate some to charity.
- 8 Her floors were so \_\_\_\_\_ that you could eat off them!
- 9 The maine coon breed of cat is known for its \_\_\_\_\_ nature.
- 10 I will love you for all of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 I couldn't play chess, but I had an \_\_\_\_\_ and I started beating every opponent!
- 12 I don't think the government would approve of your \_\_\_\_\_ practices!

**Answers:**

12. nefarious
11. epiphany
10. eternity
9. docile
8. pristine
7. plethora
6. surreptitiously
5. ethereal
4. cherish
3. euphoria
2. quintessence
1. dulcet

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