

## MASTER ENGLISH CONVERSATION 2.0 - The Fortune Teller - Quick Reference Glossary

Welcome to the vocabulary and phrase Quick Reference Glossary for “The Fortune Teller”! This feature lists all of the key vocabulary in alphabetical order (by lesson) for easy review. If you find anything else you don’t know while learning, please write it down below. :)

Many words and phrases from the Master Class lesson are introduced in earlier lessons, so be sure to review everything from each video. The words and phrases below may also have additional meanings, so just focus on what’s written to master the meanings of each as used in the lessons.

### Grammar Focus

**cappuccino** – coffee made with milk that has been frothed up with pressurized steam

**carbonara** – pasta sauce made with bacon or ham, egg, and cream

**coincidence** – when two or more similar things happen at the same time, especially in a way that is unlikely and surprising

**consultant** – a person who provides expert advice professionally

**exclamation** – word, phrase, or sound that expresses a strong emotion

**Fahrenheit** – a scale of temperature

**flexible** – able to bend or to be bent easily without breaking

**French horn** – a brass instrument with a coiled tube, valves, and a wide bell

**How would you like your steak?** – a way to ask how thoroughly cooked someone would like their steak

**Mardi Gras** – events of the Carnival celebration, beginning on or after the Christian feasts of the Epiphany and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday

**medium-rare** – steak cooked lightly so that the inside is still red but warm

**platform** – a raised structure along the side of a railroad track where passengers get on and off trains at a station

**pose** – to assume a posture or attitude usually for artistic purposes

**profit** – the positive gain remaining for a business after all costs and expenses have been deducted from total sales

**scenery** – the general appearance of natural surroundings

**spiritual** – relating to deep feelings and beliefs, especially religious beliefs

**such-and-such** – used to refer to a person or thing that does not need to be specified

**sun salutation** – a series of yoga poses performed in a continuous flowing sequence and intended to improve the strength and flexibility of the muscles

**target** – objective, goal or result toward which efforts are directed

**to absorb** – to absorb knowledge, ideas, or information is to understand them completely and store them in your memory

**to book/booking** – to arrange for someone to stay at a hotel

**to break into** – phrasal verb meaning to enter or open a place, vehicle, or container forcibly, typically for the purposes of theft

**to break up** – phrasal verb meaning to end a romantic relationship with someone

**to dip into** – phrasal verb meaning to plunge something temporarily into a liquid

**to emphasize** – to give special importance or prominence to something

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- to face up** – phrasal verb meaning to be positioned with the face or front toward something
- to get on** – phrasal verb meaning to have a harmonious or friendly relationship
- to grasp** – to understand something
- to hang out** – phrasal verb meaning to spend time relaxing or enjoying oneself
- to lay out** – phrasal verb meaning to arrange text or pictures on a page
- to live on** – phrasal verb meaning to have a particular amount of money with which to buy food and other necessities
- to meet up** – phrasal verb meaning to come together with someone
- to smash** – to hit something with great force and impact
- to start off** – phrasal verb meaning to begin doing something
- to stretch** – to extend one's body or a part of one's body to its full length, typically to tighten one's muscles or in order to reach something
- to take advantage** – to use an opportunity to achieve results, sometimes in an unfair way
- to watch out** – phrasal verb meaning to be careful
- tourist** – a person who is traveling or visiting a place for pleasure
- transport** – system of moving people or goods from place to place
- trumpet** – a brass musical instrument with keys that are pressed to vary the notes and played by blowing into it; a horn
- vegetarian** – a person who does not eat meat
- web developer** – a programmer who specializes in the development of World Wide Web applications, or applications that are run over HTTP from a web server to a web browser
- webpage** – a hypertext document connected to the World Wide Web
- What a pity!** – used to express regret or disappointment about an unfortunate event or piece of information
- yoga** – a type of exercise in which you move your body into various positions in order to become more fit or flexible, to improve your breathing, and to relax your mind

### Time Traveling

- better-half** – a person's wife, husband, or partner
- continuous** – something that occurs without interruption
- crises point** – a difficult or dangerous time in which a solution is needed
- disconcerted** – worried by something
- fridge** – short for refrigerator
- mysterious** – difficult or impossible to understand, explain, or identify
- one and only** – the only one you'll ever truly love
- outburst** – a sudden release of strong emotion
- palm reader** – a person who is supposedly able to predict someone's future by interpreting the lines on the palms of their hands
- prediction** – a statement about what you think will happen in the future
- routine** – a usual or fixed way of doing things
- soul mate** – a person ideally suited to another as a close friend or romantic partner
- soul-searching** – deep and careful thought about your feelings, especially in relation to a moral problem or decision

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- stall** – a stand, booth, or compartment for the sale of goods in a market
- standard fare** – normal or usual
- tendency** – if someone has a tendency to do or like something, they will probably do it or like it
- time to kill** – to do something that is not very interesting or important to pass time
- to arise** – to begin to exist
- to blow off steam** – to do or say something that helps you to get rid of strong feelings or energy
- to come over** – phrasal verb meaning to become clear and noticeable
- to come to a head** – to reach a point where some strong action has to be taken
- to contemplate** – to think thoughtfully for a long time
- to despise** – to hate
- to drift off** – phrasal verb meaning to gradually start to think about something or fall asleep
- to encounter** – to meet unexpectedly
- to end up** – phrasal verb meaning to eventually arrive somewhere
- to give it a shot** – to make a try at something for the first time
- to irritate** – to make someone angry or annoyed
- to keep busy** – to have a lot of things to do or think about as a way of filling up time
- to lash out** – phrasal verb meaning to suddenly react to someone in an aggressive or angry way
- to lose control** – to be unable to control one's feelings or actions
- to nag** – to annoy or irritate a person by complaining or continuous urging
- to pass time** – phrasal verb meaning to keep busy while you're waiting for something
- to put back** – phrasal verb meaning to put something in the place where it was before it was moved
- to run into** – phrasal verb meaning to meet by chance
- to stretch** – to reach as far as possible in a particular direction
- to try on** – phrasal verb meaning to put on a piece of clothing in order to see how it looks and whether it fits
- to verbally attack** – to forcefully criticize, insult, or denounce someone else
- to walk the streets** – to walk freely in a city or town
- to walk through** – phrasal verb meaning to tour an area
- unexceptional** – not out of the ordinary
- wandering eye** – used to describe a man who might be interested in other women besides his wife or girlfriend
- What did he have to lose?** – used to say that there's no risk of the situation getting worse

### Phrasal Builder

- back and forth** – in one direction and then the other repeatedly; from one place to another repeatedly
- Brits** – short and informal term for British
- chaos** – complete disorder and confusion
- checkout area** – the place where you pay in a supermarket or other large shop
- Correct me if I'm wrong.** – used to indicate that you're not entirely sure that what you're about to say is true
- cultural reference** – ideas that relate to a specific culture or things that only someone who understands a specific culture could understand

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**cusp** – the edge of something

**Daoism** – philosophical system developed by Lao-tzu and Chuang-tzu advocating a simple honest life and noninterference with the course of natural events

**detachment** – a feeling of not being emotionally involved

**Do you know X?** – a great way to ask if someone is familiar with a TV show or movie

**eerie** – strange and frightening

**emotional swing** – an extreme or rapid change in mood

**forgive my ignorance** – used to say that you don't understand or that you might be incorrect

**fortune teller** – a person who is supposedly able to predict a person's future by palmistry, using a crystal ball, or similar methods

**hard** – difficult

**hard time** – a period of difficulties or hardship

**harmful** – likely to be damaging

**Here we are again.** – used to indicate that something is happening again in the way that you expected

**ignorant** – not having enough knowledge, understanding, or information about something

**implication** – the conclusion that can be drawn from something, although it is not explicitly stated

**impulse buy** – a customer who buy goods and services without planning in advance

**impulsive** – acting or done without forethought

**knowledgeable** – intelligent and well informed

**life counselor** – a professional that helps people who are in major transition phases in their lives

**materiality** – the quality or character of physical things

**mother-in-law** – the mother of one's husband or wife

**my X side** – used to refer to an aspect or specific part of your personality

**nothing comes to mind** – phrase used to say that you can't think of anything

**off** – you can describe something as off if it is incorrect; insane; eccentric

**plausible** – seeming likely to be true, or able to be believed

**psychic** – someone with a special mental ability, for example so that you're able to know what will happen in the future or know what people are thinking

**religious** – having a strong belief in a god or gods

**sign** – a symbol or word used to represent something

**spooky** – strange and frightening

**super X** – informal way of saying that something is excellent; especially; very

**symbol** – mark or character used as a conventional representation of something

**tarot cards** – a special pack of cards, now used mainly for fortune-telling

**ten commandments** – laws or rules handed down to Moses by God on Mount Sinai

**There you go.** – a phrase used to encourage or say that someone has done something right

**to a fault** – if someone has a good quality to a fault, they have more of this quality than is usual or necessary

**to check out** – phrasal verb meaning to pay for goods or services on

**to chisel** – cut or shape something with a metal tool

**to clarify** – to make something clear or to make something that's difficult more simple

**to come to mind** – used when a thought or idea occurs to someone

**to come up** – phrasal verb meaning to appear

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- to consult/consulting** – to seek information or advice from someone with expertise in a particular area
- to date someone** – to be romantically involved with someone
- to demonstrate** – to clearly show the existence of something
- to do something for a living** – used to refer to someone's job or profession
- to educate** – to teach someone, especially using the formal system of school, college, or university
- to get into** – phrasal verb meaning to begin to discuss something or start enjoying something
- to go into** – phrasal verb meaning to talk about something in a lot of detail
- to go out** – phrasal verb meaning to leave home in order to do something enjoyable
- to go through** – phrasal verb meaning to examine or search something very carefully
- to hold onto** – phrasal verb meaning to hold something or someone firmly with your hands or your arms
- to imply** – to strongly suggest the truth or existence of something not expressly stated
- to interpret/interpretation** – to explain the meaning of something
- to keep in mind** – remain aware of something
- to look X up** – phrasal verb meaning search for and find a piece of information
- to move around** – phrasal verb meaning to keep changing location or position
- to move away** – phrasal verb meaning to go farther away from something; to not do something anymore
- to move on** – phrasal verb meaning to continue to the next topic
- to move through** – phrasal verb meaning to make a journey from one place to another
- to read between the lines** – if you read between the lines, you understand what someone really means, or what is really happening in a situation, even though it is not said openly
- to represent** – to be a sign or symbol of something
- to retire** – to stop working because of having reached a particular age
- to see X differently** – to have a different opinion or disagree
- to signify** – to be a sign of something or to mean something
- to take a step** – to do something
- to take one's time** – to do something slowly and carefully or at one's own pace
- to volunteer** – to work without being paid because you want to do it
- to walk into** – phrasal verb meaning to enter
- turbulence** – violent or unsteady movement of air or water; an emotionally difficult time
- vague** – something that is not specific, unclear, or uncertain
- What do you do for a living?** – used to ask about someone's job or career
- What do you do for fun?** – a way to ask someone what they do when they aren't working
- What do you do?** – used to ask about someone's job or career
- whatever moves you** – used to tell someone to do whatever they feel like doing
- whiteboard** – a hard smooth white surface used for writing or drawing on with markers
- written in stone** – something that can't be changed

### Fluency Corner

**accurate** – correct in all details

**as far as I know** – used to say that you think you're correct, but you might not have all the facts

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**aspect** – a part or feature of something

**astrology** – the study of the movements of the planets, sun, moon, and stars in the belief that these movements can have an influence on people's lives

**blacksmith** – a person who makes and repairs things made of iron by hand

**blood type** – the classification of blood based on the presence or absence of substances on the surface of red blood cells

**bridge** – a trick or artful way of shuffling cards

**BS** – short way of saying bullshit

**bullshit** – stupid or untrue talk or writing; nonsense

**casino** – public room or building where gambling games are played

**chart** – In astrology, your chart is a map of where all the planets were in their journey around the Sun at the exact moment you were born.

**Chinese calendar** – a calendar based on the different phases of the moon

**cold reading** – to do a psychic reading for someone without knowing that person in advance

**crystal ball** – a solid globe of glass or rock crystal, used by fortune tellers for predicting the future

**deck of cards** – pack of 52 playing cards

**departed** – dead person or dead people

**Don't knock it 'til you try it.** – used to tell a person that he or she should try something before criticizing it

**energy** – nonphysical spiritual force perceived in a particular place, person, or situation

**feeling** – a belief, especially a vague or irrational one

**food for thought** – something that should be thought about or considered carefully

**hand lines** – the lines on your hands used to predict someone's personality, future and fortune

**hoax** – a trick or a fake

**I don't have a crystal ball** – a phrase that means I don't know what will happen or what the future is

**insight** – a deep understanding of a person or thing

**it happens to all of us** – used to tell someone that we all make similar mistakes

**Libra** – Libra is one of the twelve signs of the zodiac. Its symbol is a pair of scales. People who are born between approximately the 23rd of September and the 22nd of October come under this sign.

**meaning** – what something expresses or represents

**medium** – person claiming to be in contact with the spirits of the dead and to communicate between the dead and the living

**numerology** – an ancient, numbers-based system for understanding the world and predicting the future

**origin** – the point or place where something begins, arises, or is derived

**playing cards** – conventional set of 52 cards in four suits, such as diamonds, hearts, spades, and clubs, used in playing various games of chance and skill

**polarizing** – to cause something, especially something that contains different people or opinions, to divide into two completely opposing groups

**political climate** – the mood and opinions of a political society at a particular time

**revelation** – a surprising and previously unknown fact, especially one that is made known in a dramatic way

**sixth sense** – an ability that some people believe they have that seems to give them information without using the five senses of sight, hearing, touch, smell, or taste



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- slowly but surely** – to make slow and steady progress
- stack** – pile of objects, typically one that is neatly arranged
- star sign** – also known as the zodiac sign reflects the position of the sun when you were born with its influence on your personality, character, and emotions
- starting point** – a place to begin
- syllable** – a unit of pronunciation having one vowel sound, with or without surrounding consonants
- That's me.** – when you refer to something that perfectly suits you
- That's way off.** – used if something is very wrong about something
- to base on X** – phrasal verb meaning to use particular ideas or facts to make a decision, do a calculation, or develop a theory
- to belittle** – to make someone or something seem unimportant
- to check in** – phrasal verb meaning to look at someone or something so that you are certain they are safe, satisfactory, etc.
- to come back** – phrasal verb meaning to reply or respond to someone
- to come into** – phrasal verb meaning to enter
- to come over** – phrasal verb meaning to visit someone
- to come together** – phrasal verb meaning to start to be good or effective because different parts are combining well
- to consider** – to think carefully about something, typically before making a decision
- to cool down** – phrasal verb meaning to make something cooler
- to cut the cards** – to take one stack of cards and put it on top of the other
- to deceive** – to cause someone to believe something that is not true, typically in order to gain some advantage
- to derive** – to obtain something from a specified source
- to diminish** – to make or become less
- to disrespect** – to show a lack of respect for something; to insult
- to fall down** – phrasal verb meaning to move downward, typically rapidly and freely without control, from a higher to a lower level
- to fit X** – to be appropriate for someone
- to get a lot out of X** – used to say that you're benefiting a lot from something
- to get a message** – to understand what someone wants you to do by their actions
- to get in touch with yourself** – to understand yourself or learn more about yourself
- to go back** – phrasal verb meaning to return to something
- to have many irons in the fire** – have many options available or be involved in many activities or commitments at the same time
- to judge** – to form an opinion or conclusion about something or someone
- to juggle** – to keep several objects in motion in the air at the same time by repeatedly throwing and catching them
- to juggle many things** – to do several things at the same time
- to knock** – to say something bad about something
- to mirror** – to represent something honestly; to be very similar to something
- to move forward** – phrasal verb meaning to continue to make progress
- to pick up** – phrasal verb meaning to lift something up
- to predict** – to say or estimate that a specified thing will happen in the future

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- to pull out** – phrasal verb meaning to remove something
- to put into** – phrasal verb meaning to make an effort or spend time on something
- to read someone** – to easily understand the true thoughts and feelings of someone by looking at how that person acts or behaves
- to read the coffee grinds** – the art of using coffee grounds to tell fortunes
- to read the tea leaves** – to look at the tea leaves in the bottom of a cup for a sign of what will happen in the future
- to reaffirm** – to confirm the correctness of something previously understood and established
- to reflect** – to give back an image or likeness of something
- to ring true** – seems to be true or sincere
- to shuffle** – to rearrange or mix up a deck of cards by sliding the cards over each other quickly
- to suit X** – to be appropriate for someone
- to the best of my knowledge** – phrase used to say that you believe something to be true, but it's possible that you don't know all the facts
- to walk up** – phrasal verb meaning to approach someone or something
- to work on X** – phrasal verb meaning to spend time producing or improving something
- too much on your plate** – to have too many things to deal with or a lot of things to worry about
- tough person to read** – someone who is mysterious and impossible to interpret
- Virgo** – Virgo is one of the twelve signs of the zodiac. Its symbol is a young woman. People who are born approximately between the 23rd of August and the 22nd of September come under this sign.
- waste of time** – a useless activity
- What's your sign?** – used to ask about someone's astrological sign
- Year of the (zodiac animal sign)** – The Chinese Zodiac is based on a twelve-year cycle, each year in that cycle related to an animal sign. These signs are the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. It is calculated according to Chinese lunar calendar.

### Master Class

- abroad** – in a foreign country
- across the board** – affecting everyone or everything
- analytical** – relating to or using analysis or logical reasoning
- atmosphere** – tone or mood of a place, situation, or work of art
- beneficial** – helpful, useful, or good
- broad** – refers to a wide range of different things
- character** – the mental and moral qualities of an individual
- coliseum** – a large theater or stadium
- combo** – short for combination; mixture of two or more things
- comment section** – a section on a website where visitors can post comments in response to content on the site, typically located below the piece of content in question
- commitment** – state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.
- competitive** – a situation in which people or groups are trying to win a contest or be more successful than others
- cutoff** – point or level that is the limit of something



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- damn** – used for emphasis, especially to express anger or frustration
- description** – spoken or written representation or account of something
- elaborate** – detailed and complicated
- element** – any of the four substances (earth, water, air, and fire) regarded as the fundamental parts of the world in ancient and medieval philosophy
- episode** – one of the parts of a television or radio program in a series
- experiment** – a test done in order to learn something or to discover if something works or is true
- gladiator** – a person, often a slave or captive, who was armed with a sword or other weapon and compelled to fight to the death in a public arena against another person or a wild animal, for the entertainment of the spectators
- harmony** – situation in which people are peaceful and agree with each other, or when things seem right or suitable together
- heartbreak** – great sadness and emotional suffering, especially after the end of a love affair or close relationship
- intellectual pursuit** – anything that includes using research, reasoning, or your intellect to reach an answer
- James Bond** – fictional British Secret Service agent created by writer Ian Fleming
- logical** – way of thinking about something that seems correct and reasonable
- obvious** – easily understood
- on a scale from one to ten** – a general way of rating things
- outlook** – person's point of view or general attitude to life
- Peace Corps** – a volunteer program run by the United States government
- pentacle** – one of the suits in some tarot packs
- perspective** – a particular way of considering something
- PhD** – a doctorate in any discipline except medicine; the highest college or university degree
- poker** – game played with cards in which people try to win money from each other
- psychology** – the scientific study of the human mind and its functions, especially those affecting behavior in a given context
- response** – a verbal or written answer
- Rider-Waite** – one of the most popular tarot decks
- rocky** – difficult and full of problems
- rules are rules** – phrase used to express that you can't change the rules, you have to just follow them
- to come out** – phrasal verb meaning to become known
- to comment** – to express an opinion or reaction
- to figure** – to believe that something is true
- to flip a coin** – to decide something by throwing a coin up in the air and seeing which side is shown after it lands
- to gamble** – to play games of chance for money
- to get along** – phrasal verb meaning have a harmonious or friendly relationship.
- to get back** – phrasal verb meaning to return
- to go down** – phrasal verb meaning to move to a lower position
- to hold X up** – phrasal verb meaning display something by holding it above one's waist or head
- to influence** – to have an important effect on someone or something

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**to keep an eye on** – to keep under careful observation

**to make sense** – something that is reasonable, wise, or practical

**to mix up** – phrasal verb meaning to put things together without any order

**to project** – to forecast the future

**to release** – the action of making something available for general viewing or purchase

**to resolve** – to settle or find a solution to a problem

**to see what's out there** – to see what other options or choices are available

**to win the crowd** – to succeed in getting someone's support or agreement

**to write down** – phrasal verb meaning to write something on a piece of paper