

Some Important Verbs for Reading

1. Diminish

- **Definition:** To make or become smaller or less; reduce.
- **Pronunciation:** /dɪ'mɪnɪʃ/
- **Example Sentences:**
 - The storm caused the water level in the river to diminish rapidly.
 - With proper care, we can diminish the impact of climate change.
 - The company decided to diminish its workforce to cut costs.

2. Infer

- **Definition:** To deduce or conclude information from evidence and reasoning rather than from explicit statements.
- **Pronunciation:** /ɪn'fɜr/
- **Example Sentences:**
 - From his facial expression, I could infer that he was not happy with the decision.
 - Based on the context, we can infer the meaning of unfamiliar words.
 - The detective was able to infer the sequence of events from the crime scene.

3. Refer To

- **Definition:** To mention or allude to; to direct attention to something.
- **Pronunciation:** /rɪ'fɜr tu:/
- **Example Sentences:**
 - The professor asked the students to refer to the textbook for additional information.
 - When discussing the project, please refer to the guidelines provided.
 - In her presentation, she will refer to the latest research findings.

4. Discriminate

- **Definition:** To recognize a distinction; to differentiate; to treat unfairly based on prejudice.
- **Pronunciation:** /dɪ'skrɪmɪ'neɪt/
- **Example Sentences:**
 - The ability to discriminate between colors is crucial for artists.

- It is important not to discriminate against individuals based on their gender or ethnicity.
- Some animals can discriminate between different scents with great accuracy.

5. ****Postpone****

- ****Definition:**** To delay an event, appointment, or action to a later time.
- ****Pronunciation:**** /pəʊst'pəʊn/
- ****Example Sentences:****
 - Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting has been postponed to next week.
 - The concert was postponed due to the bad weather conditions.
 - Students requested to postpone the exam to allow more preparation time.

6. ****Put Off****

- ****Definition:**** To delay or postpone; to discourage or repel.
- ****Pronunciation:**** /pʊt ɒf/
- ****Example Sentences:****
 - Don't put off studying until the last minute; start early.
 - The bad weather put off many attendees from coming to the outdoor event.
 - He decided to put off the decision until more information was available.

7. ****Negotiate****

- ****Definition:**** To discuss or bargain to reach an agreement; to deal or compromise.
- ****Pronunciation:**** /nɪ'gəʊʃi, eɪt/
- ****Example Sentences:****
 - The two parties will negotiate the terms of the contract.
 - In business, it's important to negotiate effectively to achieve a win-win outcome.
 - The diplomats worked hard to negotiate a peace agreement between the countries.

8. ****Inform****

- ****Definition:**** To give information; to educate or instruct.
- ****Pronunciation:**** /ɪn'fɔrm/
- ****Example Sentences:****

- The teacher informed the students about the upcoming test.
- Please inform the office if you are unable to attend the meeting.
- News outlets strive to inform the public about current events.

9. **Explain**

- **Definition:** To make something clear or easy to understand by describing or giving reasons.
- **Pronunciation:** /ɪksˈpleɪn/
- **Example Sentences:**
 - The professor took the time to explain the complex concept to the students.
 - Can you please explain how the new software works?
 - The detective explained the details of the investigation to the witness.

10. **Struggle**

- **Definition:** To make forceful efforts to overcome a difficulty or challenge; to strive.
- **Pronunciation:** /ˈstrʌɡəl/
- **Example Sentences:**
 - Despite facing financial struggles, she remained determined to complete her education.
 - The team continued to struggle against their powerful opponents.
 - Many people in the community are currently facing a daily struggle for basic needs.