
1. Read the words, look them up and then study the word combinations and sentences to know how to use them.

Express [ɪksˈprɛs] (v): to express one's opinion, to express one's feelings. I'm writing a letter to express my thanks for a lovely holiday.

Nerve [nɜːrv] (n):

1. to suffer from nerves, to get on one's nerves. His nerves are very bad. Loud music gets on my nerves.

2. to have the nerve to do something, to lose the nerve to do something. John is the dirtiest man I know and he has the nerve to tell me that my shoes need cleaning. I wanted to tell Robert exactly what I thought, but I lost my nerve.

Nervous [nɜːrvəs] (adj): a nervous smile, a nervous speech, a nervous man. Don't be nervous - the doctor won't hurt you. I'm a bit nervous about my exam.

Bother [ˈbɒðər] (v): **to bother somebody (with, about) something.** I'm busy, don't bother me just now. I won't bother you with my problems any longer. I'm sorry to bother you, but can you tell me the time? Don't bother yourself about all these details.

Indifferent [ɪnˈdɪfrənt] (adj): an indifferent person, an indifferent lawyer, an indifferent teacher, an indifferent look. His manner was cold and indifferent.

Indifferently [ɪnˈdɪfrəntli] (adv): Did he talk to you indifferently or was he interested in your plan?

Beside [bɪˈsaɪd] (prep): Come and sit beside me. Brighton is a town beside the sea. The lady sitting beside the driver was very nervous.

Require [rɪˈkwaɪər] (v): to require something, **to be required to do something, to be required of something/somebody.** This job requires a clear head. Is there anything further you require, sir? This plan will require careful thought. Silence music is required in library reading rooms. What is required of you? All passengers are required to show their tickets.

Equipment [ɪˈkwɪpmənt] (n): writing equipment, technical equipment, studio equipment, laboratory equipment. Pens, pencils and paper are riding equipment. The engineer tested all his video equipment.

Supply [səˈplaɪ] (v): **to supply somebody with something, to supply something to somebody/ something.** Will you supply us with all the equipment required? Butchers supply us with meat. The government supplies free books to schools.

Supply [səˈplaɪ] (n): a large supply of food, a good supply of vegetables. Mother always has a good supply of food in the house.

Irritable [ˈɪrɪtəbl] (adj): an irritable man, to get (become) irritable. Jack becomes quite irritable when he has toothache.

Irritably [ˈɪrɪtəbli] (adv): Philip easily becomes angry and speaks with people irritably.

Case [keɪs] (*n*): a case of robbery, a case of murder, to work on the case, a classic case of good education. There are five cases of food poisoning in the hospital.

1. **in case**. I shall take my umbrella in case it rains.

2. **in any case**. Come to see me tomorrow in any case.

3. **just in case**. Victor, come and take all the papers just in case.

4. **in that case**. - Shall we go for a walk if it rains? - Yes, but in that case, we will take our umbrellas and raincoats with us.

Worn-out ['wɔ:rn'aʊt] (*adj*): a worn-out hat, a worn-out coat. I threw the shoes away because they were worn-out.

Record ['rɛkɔ:rd] (*n*):

1. a doctor keeps a record of his patients' illnesses.

2. **to set a record, to break the record, to hold the record** for discus throwing. Who holds the record for long distance swimming?

Record [rɪ'kɔ:rd] (*v*):

1. to record facts, to record the score. What became of this famous sportsman is not recorded. Will you record the score in my notebook?

2. to record music, to record a concert. Their conversation was secretly recorded.

Predict [prɪ'dɪkt] (*v*): to predict future, to predict the result, to predict one's answer. He looked at the sky and predicted rain. The fortune-teller predicted that I would marry a scientist.

Insist [ɪn'sɪst] (*v*): **to insist on something**. David insisted that he had seen a ghost. I said I would walk to the station, but he insisted on driving me there.

Desire [dɪ'zaɪər] (*n*): a desire to write a poem, one's greatest desire, a desire for success. Michael expressed a desire to see the papers. I know about his desire to attend our meeting.

Desire [dɪ'zaɪər] (*v*): to desire happiness, to desire to see somebody. We all desire happiness and success.

Variety [və'reɪəti] (*n*): a large variety of goods, a great variety of colors. There's a large variety of dishes on the menu. My job is boring - there is no variety.

Various ['veərɪəs] (*adj*): various parts of the country, various species, various breeds of dogs. For various reasons, I prefer to see him.

Advantage [əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ] (*n*): **an advantage over somebody, to have the advantage of doing something, to do something to advantage, to take advantage of something**. What are the advantages of this method? Polly has an advantage over Alice, she can speak Spanish. James had an advantage over all the candidates - he had some experience in his job. You should take advantage of the fine weather to paint the fence. Frank has the advantage of being able to drive.

2. Read the text “The Surgeon” and say what makes the end of the story unexpected.**The Surgeon***(by Isaac Asimov)*

The surgeons looked up without expression. “Is he ready?”

“He is nervous,” said his assistant.

“They always are... Well, it's a serious operation.”

“I'll see him in this room,” said the surgeon. “Has he made up his mind?”

“Yes. He wants metal; they always do.”

The surgeon's face didn't change expression. He stared at his hands. “Sometimes one can talk them out of it.”

“Why bother?” said the assistant, indifferently. “If he wants metal, let it be metal.”

“You don't care?”

“Why should I? Either way it's a medical engineering problem and I'm a medical engineer. Why should I go beyond that?”

“I care. I have to try.” The surgeon pushed a small button and the door opened. The patient moved into the room in his motorchair, the nurse stepping along beside him.

“You may go, nurse,” said the surgeon, “but wait outside. I will call you.” He nodded to the assistant, who left with the nurse, and the door closed behind them.

The man in the chair wanted them go. He looked worried and uncomfortable. He said, “Will we be starting today?”

The surgeon nodded. “This afternoon.”

“I understand it will take weeks.”

“Not the operation itself. But there are a number of small points to take care of.”

“Is it dangerous?” Then, as though to sound friendlier, but against to his will, he added, “... doctor?”

The surgeon paid no attention to this. He said, calmly, “We take our time to make it less dangerous, and we already have all the required equipment. But I must ask you to make a decision. It is possible to supply you with either of two types of cyber-hearts metal or ...”

“Plastic!” said the patient, irritably. “Cheap plastic. I don't want that. I've made my choice. I want the metal because it is better.”

"It depends on the patient. In my opinion, in your individual case, it is not. And we prefer not to call them plastic. It is a fibrous cyber-heart. It's made of polymeric material designed to imitate, as closely as possible, the human heart you now have in your chest."

"Exactly, and the human heart I now have in my chest is worn out although I'm not yet 60 years old. I don't want another one like it, thank you. I want something better."

"We all want something better for you. The fibrous cyber-heart will be better. It has a potential life of centuries."

"But it does wear out. No, I want it to be metallic, doctor. What's the matter with you? Are you afraid I'm making myself into a robot ... in Metallo, as they call them since Metallos have become citizens?"

"There is nothing wrong with a Metallo. As you say, they are citizens. But you are not a Metallo. You're human. Why not stay human?"

"Because I want the best and that's a metallic heart. Will you be the surgeon in charge? They tell me you are the best."

The surgeon nodded. "Very well. I will do what I can to make the operation an easy one."

The door opened and the chair moved the patient out to the waiting nurse.

The medical engineer came in. "Well," he said, "I can't say what happened just by looking at you. What was his decision?"

The surgeon bent over his desk, putting together some records. "What you predicted. He insists on the metallic cyber-heart. It has become a real mania with people ever since Metallos have become citizens. Men have this strange desire to make Metallos out of themselves because they think that Metallos are physically strong and powerful."

"It isn't one-sided, doc. You don't work with Metallos but I do; so I know. The last two who came in for repairs have asked for fibrous elements... I suppose that someday we will have Metallos that are a kind of flesh and blood, and metallized humans. We have two varieties of intellect on Earth now and in the near future we won't be able to tell the difference between them. We'd have the best of both worlds; the advantages of human combined with those of robot."

"You'd get a hybrid," said the surgeon, almost angrily. "You'd get something that is not both, but neither. I believe in being what one is. I wouldn't change a bit of my own structure for any reason. I am myself; well pleased to be myself; and would not be anything else."

He had finished now and had to prepare for the operation. He placed his strong hands into the heating oven and kept them there until they became red-hot and completely sterilized. For all his speech being emotional, his voice had never risen, and on his metal face there was, as always, no sign of expression.

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