



Learn with Pictures and Video S4

5 Must-Know British English Words 1

24

English	2
Vocabulary	2
Grammar Points	4

English

The ducklings are following the mother duck.

The saleswoman is showing jewellery.

The people are saying "Hello."

The girl has a piggy bank.

The caterpillar is becoming a butterfly.

Vocabulary

English	Definition	Class
follow	to come after or behind someone or something	verb
duckling	a young duck	noun
duck	type of bird with a flat beak and short neck and legs and webbed feet that can swim	noun
saleswoman	woman who sells things for her job	noun
show	to allow something or somebody to be seen	verb
jewellery	objects of decoration worn on the body	noun
people	group of human beings	noun
say	to express things with words by using voice	verb
hello	used as a greeting	phrase
girl	female child	noun
have	to hold or maintain; to have	verb
piggy bank (money)	a container that is often shaped like a pig with a narrow opening in the top and that is used for saving coins	noun
caterpillar	small creature that with many legs and that changes to become a butterfly or moth	noun
become	to eventually be something specified	verb
butterfly	insect that has a long thin body and brightly colored wings and that flies mostly during the day	noun

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

They were bound to the rules and had to follow them.

The ugly little duckling turned into a beautiful swan.

The ducks were wading in the small pond.

The saleswoman talked to many people.

Her card showed her identity.

There were a lot of people at his house.

How many people are you expecting?

The word is tricky to say.

I said hello when I saw him.

I want to date the cute girl.

I have three dogs and two cats.

The piggy bank had a lot of coins in it.

The caterpillar is crawling slowly.

His fate is to become king.

The butterfly stopped on the flower.

Grammar Points

The focus of this lesson is tense comparison in British English.

Present tense, Present Progressive tense, and Past tense

In this lesson you'll learn the difference between the different tenses in the English language: present tense, present progressive tense, and past tense.

1. The ducklings are following the mother duck.

Tense	British English
present tense	The ducklings follow the mother duck.
present progressive tense	The ducklings are following the mother duck.
past tense	The ducklings followed the mother duck.

2. The saleswoman is showing jewellery.

Tense	British English
present tense	The saleswoman shows jewellery.
present progressive tense	The saleswoman is showing jewellery.
past tense	The saleswoman showed jewellery.

3. The people are saying "Hello."

Tense	British English
present tense	The people say "Hello."
present progressive tense	The people are saying "Hello."
past tense	The people said "Hello."

4. The girl has a piggy bank.

Tense	British English
present tense	The girl has a piggy bank.
present progressive tense	n/a
past tense	The girl had a piggy bank.

5. The caterpillar is becoming a butterfly.

Tense	British English
present tense	The caterpillar becomes a butterfly.
present progressive tense	The caterpillar is becoming a butterfly.
past tense	The caterpillar became a butterfly.