



VOCABULARY

- There are no tickets left. It's ***sold out***.
- What a great movie. It's going to be a real ***blockbuster***.
- Everyone loved the movie. They gave it ***two thumbs up***.
- That was an ***awesome*** movie.
- I heard there were a lot of funny ***lines*** in the movie.



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- That happy-go-lucky trait **runs in the blood**.
- I will visit my **niece** in New York two weeks from now.
- You **resemble** your father very closely.
- I don't really **get along** with my sister's husband.
- My sister invited her **mother-in-law** for dinner.



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- He went **bankrupt** after only a year in business.
- We still **owe** \$1000 on our car. That's big money.
- The airline regularly offers last-minute bookings at **bargain** prices.
- It's very normal to **haggle** the price of things at the market.
- I need to call my mother. I **ran out** of money.



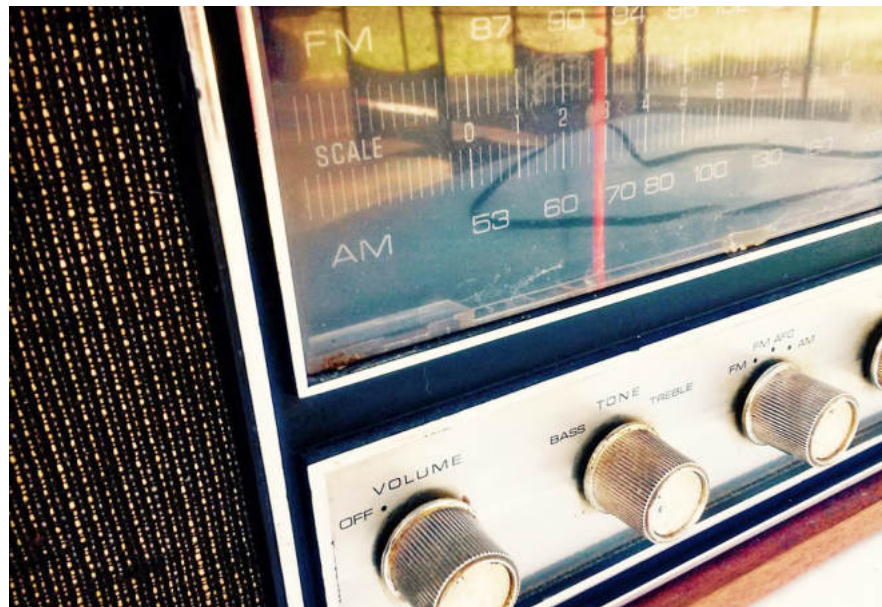
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- She became a professional **athlete** at the age of 16.
- This tennis tournament is open to both **amateurs** and professionals.
- Thousands of fans packed into the **stadium** to watch the match.
- **Give it your best shot** and you will make it to the finals.
- My uncle is a football **coach**.



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- He's complaining of all the usual flu **symptoms** - a high temperature, headache and so on.
- **Acupuncture** was originated in China.
- I have a **sore throat** - I smoke too much.
- Americans are crazy about **keeping fit**, many of them go to a fitness club.
- You can't buy this medicine without a **prescription**.



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- I hate my cousin. He really is a **couch potato**.
- The most famous US **sitcom** "The Golden Girls" reached British screens.
- My mother is always watching a **soap opera**.
- We watched a live **broadcast** of the concert.
- Most people change channels during the **commercial break**.



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- I don't know much about **rap**.
- I don't like **rock** music very much.
- They love **classical** music.
- Would you like to go to a **pop** concert with me this weekend?
- She's into modern **jazz** these days.



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- We **eat out** twice a week.
- I have seafood **allergies**.
- I'm bringing spaghetti to our **pot-luck** lunch this Sunday.
- I'd like to get a **super-size** fries with my combo meal.



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- Check-in counters are open two hours before the schedule flight **departure** time.
- Passengers are required to produce appropriate **identification** at the check-in counter.
- Passengers are advised to be at the **boarding** gate at least thirty minutes before the scheduled departure time of their flight.
- Children under age 12 will not be accepted for **carriage** unless they are accompanied by a person at least 18 years of age.
- Passengers are strongly **advised** not to check in valuable or fragile items as baggage.



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- I am an **animal lover**.
- I **walk my dog** twice a day.
- They say that a dog is a **man's best friend**.
- The beluga whale is rapidly becoming an **endangered species**.
- My pet rabbit was sick, so I rushed him to see a **veterinarian**.

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- I heard about the job through a **mutual acquaintance**.
- He was a **casual acquaintance** of my family in Japan.
- The president should be **addressed** as Mr. President.
- Mike **complimented** me on my new hairstyle.
- I didn't **recognize** you in your uniform.



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- James is a **mutual friend** of ours.
- Few people smoke in my **circle of friends**.
- You have to meet my **childhood friend**.
- I don't need **fair-weather** friends.
- One of my **closest friends** is getting married this weekend.



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- She had **plastic surgery** on her nose to straighten it.
- I'm only a few kilos **overweight**, but I just can't seem to lose them.
- I've got to go home and get my **beauty sleep**.
- I can appreciate **inner beauty** more than physical beauty.
- Karl's girlfriend is **drop dead gorgeous**.



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- Don't be scared. Just **ask her out**.
- I'm going on a **blind date** tonight. I hope he's better than the last one.
- I'm sorry but I have to **break our date**. I need to go out of town on business.
- I think Daniel has a **crush on me**. He keeps following me everywhere.
- My girlfriend **dumped me** because she saw me with another woman.



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- Where are you going on your **honeymoon**?
- The number of **cohabiting** couples is expected to double by 2012
- **Divorce rate** is increasing everywhere in the world.
- Should she forgive her **spouse** for dating another woman?
- All schools have a role to play in promoting more understanding of **mixed marriage**.



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- I was really surprised when I read my monthly ***billing statement***.
- Many credit card issuers charge an ***annual fee*** for granting you credit, typically \$15 - \$20.
- I only have to pay 1000 pesos as a ***minimum payment*** of my credit.
- If you are the ***principal cardholder*** then you are entitled to get discount prices.



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- Girls tend to do better academically in *single-sex schools* than *co-educational* ones.
- Only a few students can afford the *tuition* of \$12,000 a term.
- The teacher will explain the school *curriculum* next month.
- Anyone caught *cheating* will be immediately disqualified from the exam.



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- I'm earning **big bucks** at my new job. I'll finally be able to afford that new car!
- Brad has been doing the same job for thirty years. He's tired of the **daily grind**!
- Carlos got promoted. Now he's **top dog**!
- After weeks of finishing the project, we can go to **happy hour** and get a few drinks!
- Before I got promoted, I was working for **chicken feed**!



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- You know you are **stressed out**. Give yourself some time to relax.
- I get a lot of **stress** from my coworkers. They're all very competitive.
- Mark stopped working last year because of work load. He felt happy to **retire**.
- If I feel tired during the day, I take a **nap**.



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- Let's get out to lunch - **my treat**.
- I love **ready-to-eat foods** such as deli meats and cheeses.
- She can **eat like a horse** and never gains weight.
- She had a **craving** for some chocolate.
- My boyfriend and I always go **Dutch**.

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- I usually spend most of my time **browsing** the internet.
- A **laptop** would be really useful when I'm working on the train.
- We need to pass the **hard copies** of our reports to our teacher as soon as possible.
- You can move the **cursor** either by using the mouse or by using the arrow keys on the keyboard.
- You can request for a **printout** of your phone bills.



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- Smaller cars have better **mileage** and so cost less to run.
- She was injured in a road **accident**.
- The death rate for **pedestrians** hit by cars is unacceptably high.
- Slow down you are breaking the **speed limit**.
- I hate to go home during **rush hour**. There's always traffic jam.



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- A late excuse relating to heavy **traffic** is not normally accepted.
- Ginny had an **accident** at work and had to go to hospital.
- There was a **fatal** accident on the freeway this morning.
- The death of their country president was a **tragic** loss.
- **Reckless driving** is a major moving traffic violation.



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- The effects of **secondhand smoke** on children can be very serious because their bodies are still developing.
- The only way to avoid a **hangover** is not to drink in the first place.
- The floor was littered with **cigarette butts**.
- My sister is a **heavy smoker**.
- He was charged with driving while **intoxicated**.



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- I tried **acupuncture** lots of times and it really works.
- Most **patients** nowadays prefer alternative medicine than modern drugs.
- **Aromatherapy** allows your body and mind to achieve equilibrium.
- **Herbal** remedies are very effective.
- He has been teaching **yoga** full time for six years.



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- Patients maintain a strict dietary **regimen**.
- **Nutrition** and exercise are essential to fitness and health.
- She collapsed due to lack of proper **nourishment**.
- Dolly has **put on weight** after giving birth.
- I saw Peter yesterday, he's **lost a lot of weight**.



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- She has a **habit** of playing with her hair when she's nervous.
- Try to **break the habit** of adding salt to your food at the table.
- The visit was clearly going to disrupt our daily **routine**.
- The **practice** of dumping waste into the sea was prohibited.



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- He's been putting all his energies into gambling recently so his studies have had to **take a back seat**.
- Now that she had a job, Patricia could **bring home the bacon**.
- The police raided a number of illegal **gambling dens**.
- Ellen had to admit the gamble had **paid off**.
- I like horse racing, but I never **bet** any money.



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- A television news program famed for the **charisma** of its anchors.
- A mischievous grin was amongst the child's many **charms**.
- She has a very sweet **disposition**.
- He clearly has some kind of **multiple personality disorder**.
- He has a cheerful but quiet **character**.



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- Do you want to hear some **juicy gossip**?
- I have no time for **idle gossip**.
- It was a **common gossip** how he felt about her.
- A **malicious rumor** went around that Philip had something to do with the murder.
- Tom is always **tattling** on me for things I didn't do.

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- I'm spending some **time off** with my family in Italy.
- I was beginning to feel that I needed **break**.
- Thursday is his **day off**.
- Luke was forced to cancel the **family holiday** to Acapulco.
- I've applied for three days' **leave**.



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- **Freezing** weather strands 2000 passengers at Paris airport.
- A light **drizzle** had started by the time we left.
- Tokyo is extremely **humid** in mid-summer.
- It's a cold, **misty** morning.
- It should be generally **mild** for the next few days.



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- I really like the house especially for its **landscape**.
- He is so busy **trimming** off the rotten wood.
- I think the roses need **pruning**.
- It's time to **mow** the lawn again.
- I have a constant battle against **weeds**.



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- This carton is made of **biodegradable** plastic.
- There is a major problem with **deforestation** in the Amazon and many tribes are losing their homes.
- **Organic farming** is better for the environment.
- Retailers can influence consumers by promoting **eco-friendly** products and ideas in their shops.
- **Recycling** is important to help protect our environment.



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- **Global warming** is an environmental issue that needs to be addressed.
- **Smog** is a major problem in some of the cities.
- Chemical **pesticides** do pollute the environment.
- The infection was probably caused by swimming in **contaminated** water.
- The government is thinking about how to reduce **noise pollution**.



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- They have two **adopted** children and one of their own.
- Nazareth house was an **orphanage** run by nuns in Glasgow, Scotland.
- As a baby he'd been **abandoned** by his mother.
- Man gets a seven-year prison sentence for **child abuse**.



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- As soon as the actor got off the stage, he was followed by several members of **paparazzi**.
- I saw a very famous **newscaster** in the shopping mall.
- The news of his death was splashed across the **headlines** in all the newspapers.
- The issue has been much discussed in the **media**.



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- The wife of a rich businessman has been **kidnapped** from her home.
- He was caught **shoplifting** by a store detective.
- They spent ten years in **jail** for **fraud**.
- He was **arrested** when customs officers found drugs in his bag.



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- The whole system was **corrupt**, every official she approached wanted money before helping her.
- He's spending a lot of his time at the moment **campaigning** for the Liberal Party.
- Most people have a bad impression of **politicians**.
- The government has promised to uphold the principles of **democracy**.
- Local government **elections** will take place in May.



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- What she did was **beyond belief**.
- Did it really happen or is it just an **urban legend**?
- The traditional **notion** of marriage goes back thousands of years.
- It's a news reporter's job to separate **fact** from fiction.
- The children were **lucky** to survive the fire which destroyed their home.

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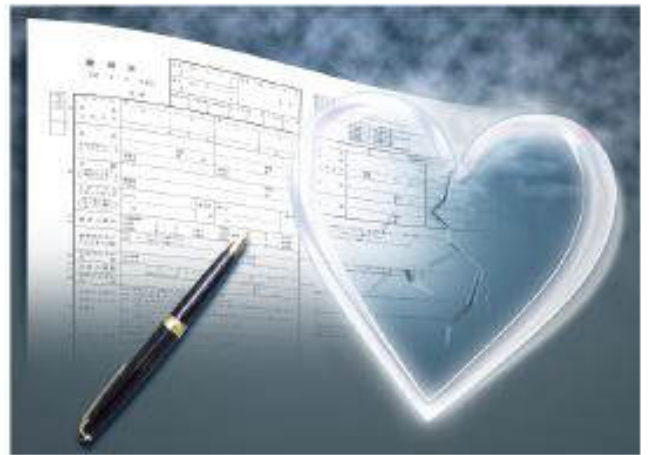
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- The government is taking steps to combat **racism** in schools.
- He doesn't conform to the national **stereotype** of a Frenchman.
- After the 9-11 tragedy, many foreigners experienced **xenophobia**.
- He claims that **prejudice** against homosexuals would cease overnight.



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- The reality is that they are condemned to a lifetime of poverty by an inescapable burden of **debt**.
- There is **shortage** of rice in some parts of the country.
- My uncle started a company last year but it quickly **went broke**.
- In **deprived** communities, 80% of the population have not been to an arts event or even in the cinemas.
- To avoid **bankruptcy** there are a number of things you can do.



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- Most people, however, practiced a virtuous **monogamy** and avoided all immorality.
- He committed **bigamy** by not getting divorced before marrying again.
- She does not seem to have had much luck in her marriage; her husband was notoriously **unfaithful**.
- That girl was **flirting** with just about every man in the office.
- **Polygamous** marriage is not legal in most parts of the world.



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- My sister had two ***miscarriages*** before she gave birth to her daughter.
- She stopped smoking when she became ***pregnant***.
- ***Abortion*** is ***restricted*** in some Asian countries.



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- At this time, there is a group of people seeking **compensation** from the government.
- My mother is receiving a retirement **pension** every month.

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