



## ✓✓ Unit 1A

### 1. Sketch /sketʃ/ noun

a simple, quickly made drawing that does not show much detail.

Cantor drew a rough sketch of his apartment on a napkin.

### 2. Trait /treɪt, treɪt \$ treɪt/ noun

a particular quality in someone's character.

a mental illness associated with particular personality traits

### 3. Controversial /kəntrə'vezʃəl ▪ \$

ka:ntrə'vez:r-/ adjective

causing a lot of disagreement, because many people have strong opinions about the subject being discussed.

the controversial issue of welfare reform

### 4. Possession /pə'zeʃən/ noun

if something is in your possession, you own it, or you have obtained it from somewhere.

The house has been in the family's possession since the 1500s.

### 5. Assertive /ə'sɜ:tɪv \$ -ɜ:r-/ adjective

behaving in a confident way, so that people notice you.

an assertive, ambitious woman

### 6. Sensible /'sensəbəl/ adjective

reasonable, practical, and showing good judgment.

She seems very sensible.

### 7. Rebellious /rɪ'beljəs/ adjective

deliberately not obeying people in authority or rules of behaviour.  
rebellious teenagers.

### 8. Stubborn /'stʌbən \$ -ərn/ adjective

de termined not to change your mind, even when people think you are being unreasonable.

Why are you so stubborn?

### 9. Conscientious /kən'senʃəs ▪ \$ ,ka:n-

adjective

careful to do everything that it is your job or duty to do.

A conscientious teacher may feel inclined to take work home.

### 10. Spontaneous /spɒn'teɪniəs \$ spa:n-

/adjective

something that is spontaneous has not been planned or organized, but happens by itself, or because you suddenly feel you want to do it.

The crowd gave a spontaneous cheer.

### 11. Astrology /ə'strɔ:lədʒi \$ ə'strɔ:-/ noun

the study of the positions and movements of the stars and how they might influence people and events.  
And a clear case of life imitating astrology.

astrological /æstrə'lɔdʒɪkəl ▪ \$ -'la:/- adjective





**12. Entry /'entri/ noun**

the act of going into something

OPP exit

Harry made his entry into the village.

**13. Overprepare**

to prepare more than necessary.

The twin sins are being under or overprepared.

**14. Assemble /ə'sembəl/ verb**

if you assemble a large number of people or things, or if they assemble, they are gathered together in one place, often for a particular purpose.

A large crowd had assembled outside the American embassy.

**15. Itinerary /ai'tinərəri \$ -nərəri/ noun**

a plan or list of the places you will visit on a journey.

Somerset Tourism is also creating cycling itineraries which will be available from Spring 1992.

**16. Aisle /aɪl/ noun**

a long passage between rows of seats in a church, plane, theatre etc, or between rows of shelves in a shop.

Would you like a window seat or an aisle seat

**17. head-on** adverb

if someone deals with a problem head-on, they do not try to avoid it, but deal with it in a direct and determined way.

The police are trying to tackle car crime head-on.

**18. gut**

**reaction**/feeling/instinct

a reaction or feeling that you are sure is right, although you cannot give a reason for it.

He had a gut feeling that Sarah was lying

**19. Tactful /'tæktfəl/ adjective**

not likely to upset or embarrass other people OPP tactless

There was no tactful way of phrasing what he wanted to say.

**20. white lie** noun

a lie that you tell someone in order to protect them or avoid hurting their feelings.

What's the harm of a white lie if it will make her feel better?

✓✓ **Unit 1A - Listening**

**1. collide /kə'laid/ verb**

to hit something or someone that is moving in a different direction from you.

A car and a van collided on the motorway.

**2. Tram /træm/ noun**

a vehicle for passengers, which travels along metal tracks in the street

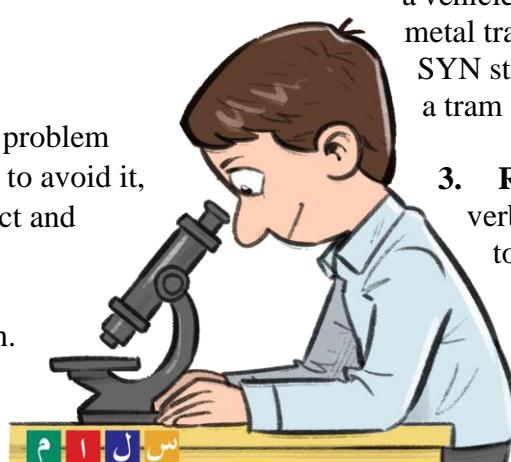
SYN streetcar

a tram tour of Universal Studios

**3. Recuperate /ri'kjupəreɪt, -'ku:-/ verb**

to get better again after an illness or injury SYN recover.

Coles is recuperating from a sprained ankle.





**4. Miscarriage** /'mɪs'kærɪdʒ, 'miskærɪdʒ/ noun  
if a woman who is going to have a baby has a miscarriage, she gives birth before the baby is properly formed and it dies. She had two miscarriages before she had her first child.

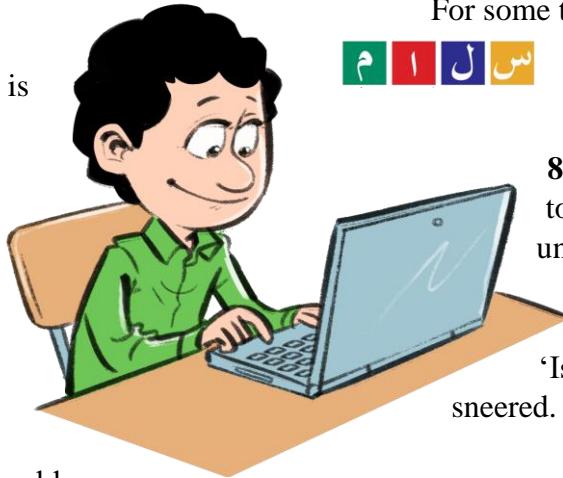
## ✓✓ Unit 1B

**1. Novelty** /'nɒvəlti/ \$ 'na:-/ noun  
the quality of being new, unusual, and interesting.  
the novelty of the ideas

**2. Imply** /'ɪm'plaɪ/ verb  
to suggest that something is true, without saying this directly.  
Cleo blushed. She had not meant to imply that he was lying.

**3. Empathize** /'empəθaɪz/ verb  
to be able to understand someone else's feelings, problems etc, especially because you have had similar experiences.  
My mother died last year so I can really empathize with what he's going through.

**4. Exclaim** /ɪk'skleɪm/ verb  
to say something suddenly and loudly because you are surprised, angry, or excited. 'No!' she exclaimed in shock.



**5. Sanity** /'sænəti/ noun  
when someone or something is being reasonable and sensible.  
Sanity appears to be returning to the stock market.

**6. Spar** /spa: \$ spa:r/ verb  
to argue with someone but not in an unpleasant way.  
Senators are sparring over the health bill.

**7. Expectation** /'ekspeɪk'teɪʃən/ noun  
what you think or hope will happen.  
For some time he lived with the expectation that he was going to die.

**8. Sneer** /snɪə \$ snɪr/ verb  
to smile or speak in a very unkind way that shows you have no respect for someone or something.  
'Is that your best outfit?' he sneered.

**9. Anonymous** /ə'nɒnɪməs \$ ə'na:-/ adjective unknown by name.  
the anonymous author of a collection of poems.  
\*\*\*anonymously (adverb)

**10. Giggle** /'gɪgəl/ verb  
to laugh quickly, quietly, and in a high voice, because something is funny or because you are nervous or embarrassed.  
If you can't stop giggling you'll have to leave the room.



**11. Eager /'i:gə/ \$ -ər/ adjective**

very keen and excited about something that is going to happen or about something you want to do.

I was eager to get back to work as soon as possible.

\*\*\*eagerness (noun)

People were pushing each other out of the way in their eagerness to get to the front.

**12. go blank**

if your mind goes blank, or if you go blank, you are suddenly unable to remember something.

My heart began to race and my mind went blank.

**13. Infuriate /ɪn'fjuəreɪt/ \$ -'fjʊə-/ verb**

to make someone extremely angry

SYN anger

Her actions infuriated her mother.

**14. Authoritative /ə:'θɔ:rɪtətɪv, ə- \$**

ə:'θa:rətɪtɪv, ə'θɔ:-/ adjective

an authoritative book, account etc is respected because the person who wrote it knows a lot about the subject.

the most authoritative work on English surnames

**15. Confessional /kən'fesənl/**

noun

a place in a church, usually an enclosed room, where a priest hears people make their confessions.

Why must beds be turned into confessionals.



**16. Pursuit /pə'sju:t/**

\$ pər'su:t/ noun

when someone tries to get, achieve, or find something in a determined way.  
the pursuit of liberty and happiness

**17. Perk /pɜ:k \$ pɜ:rk/ noun**

something that you get legally from your work in addition to your wages, such as goods, meals, or a car. theatre tickets and other perk.

**18. Tedious /'ti:diəs/ adjective**

something that is tedious continues for a long time and is not interesting

SYN boring

The work was tiring and tedious.

**19. Contribute /kən'tribju:t/ verb**

to give money, help, ideas etc to something that a lot of other people are also involved in.

City employees cannot contribute to political campaigns.

**20. Collate /kə'leɪt/ verb**

to gather information together, examine it carefully, and compare it with other information to find any differences.

A computer system is used to collate information from across Britain.

**20. Slope /sləʊp \$ sləʊp/ noun**

a piece of ground or a surface that slopes.

a steep slope



**21. Ploy /plɔɪ/ noun**

a clever and dishonest way of tricking someone so that you can get an advantage.  
His usual ploy is to pretend he's ill.

**22. tackle /'tækəl/ verb**

to try to deal with a difficult problem.  
There is more than one way to tackle the problem.

**23. consequently /'kɔnsəkwəntli/ \$ 'ka:nəkwəntli/ adverb**

as a result

SYN therefore

Most computer users have never received any formal keyboard training. Consequently, their keyboard skills are inefficient.

**✓✓ Unit 1B – Listening**

**1. Outright /'autraɪt/ adjective**

clear and direct.  
an outright refusal

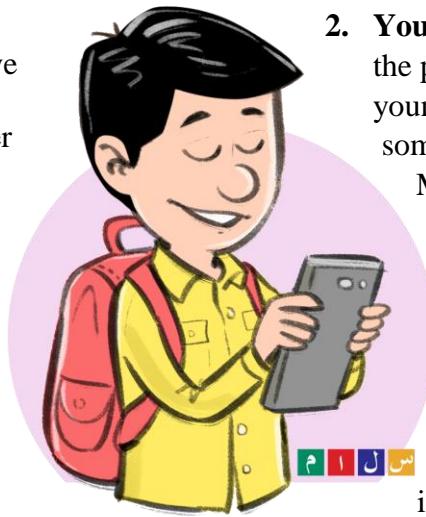
**2. Massive /'mæsɪv/ adjective**

very large, solid, and heavy.  
The bell is massive, weighing over 40 tons.

**3. Workload /'wɜ:kloʊd/ \$ 'wɜ:rkloʊd/ noun**

the amount of work that a person or organization has to do.

She's struggling to cope with the heavy workload.



**✓✓ colloquial**

**1. Entitle /ɪn'taɪtl/ verb**

to give someone the official right to do or have something.

Full-time employees are entitled to receive health insurance.

**2. Revival /rɪ'vərəvl/ noun**

a process in which something becomes active or strong again.

The US and the UK have expectations of economic revival.

**✓✓ colloquial 1 – Listening**

**1. folk singer /'fəʊk sɪŋə/ noun**

a person who sings folk songs, typically accompanying According to her bio, fast-rising folk singer Dar Williams is on a constant search for truth and beauty.

**2. Youth /ju:θ/ noun**

the period of time when someone is young, especially the period when someone is a teenager.

Many of these people had used drugs in their youth.

**3. Reconstruct /rɪ:kən'strʌkt/ verb**

to produce a complete description or copy of an event by collecting together pieces of information.

Police were reconstructing the movements of the murdered couple.



**4. Ballad** /'bæləd/ noun  
a slow love song.  
The results are exquisite-moving from ballads and other composed pieces through different grades of abstraction to total collective improvisation.

**5. Upbringing** /'ʌp,brɪŋɪŋ/ noun  
the way that your parents care for you and teach you to behave when you are growing up.  
Mike had had a strict upbringing.

**6. self-sufficient** adjective  
able to provide all the things you need without help from other people.  
a self-sufficient farm

**7. inevitable** /ɪ'nevətəbəl/ adjective  
certain to happen and impossible to avoid.  
A further escalation of the crisis now seems inevitable.

**8. Tug** /tʌg/ verb  
to pull with one or more short, quick pulls.  
\*tug at/on something  
Joe was tugging at her sleeve.

**9. Collaboration** /kə,la'bə'reɪʃən/ noun  
when you work together with another person or group to achieve something, especially in science or art.  
The company is building the centre in collaboration with the Institute of Offshore Engineering.

**10. Appeal** /ə'pi:l/ noun  
an urgent request for something important.  
an appeal to the army to not use too much force

**11. Eloquent** /'eləkwənt/ adjective  
able to express your ideas and opinions well, especially in a way that influences people.  
an eloquent appeal for support

**12. Pluck** /plʌk/ verb  
to pull something quickly in order to remove it.  
He plucked a couple of plastic bags from the roll.

**13. Correlation** /kɔrə'leɪʃən/ noun  
a connection between two ideas, facts etc, especially when one may be the cause of the other.  
a strong correlation between urban deprivation and poor health.

**14. phrasal verb**  
raise a matter for discussion or consideration.  
she tried repeatedly to bring up the subject of money

