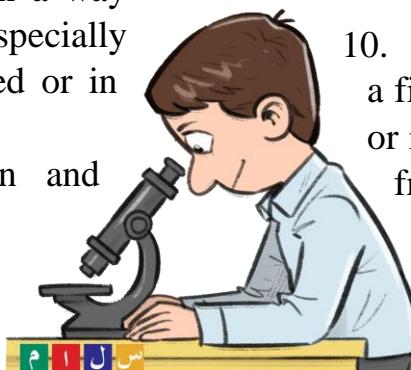


✓✓ Unit 4A

1. **Slurp** /slɜ:p/ \$ slɜ:rp/ verb
to drink a liquid while making a noisy sucking sound
One of the two older men slurped his soup.
2. **Stutter** /'stʌtə/ \$ -ər/ verb
to speak with difficulty because you cannot stop yourself from repeating the first consonant of some words
'I'm D-d-david, ' he stuttered.
3. **Screech** /skri:tʃ/ verb
to shout loudly in an unpleasant high voice because you are angry, afraid, or excited **SYN** shriek, scream
'Look out!' she screeched.
4. **Crunch** /krʌntʃ/ noun
a noise like the sound of something being crushed
The only sound was the crunch of tyres on gravel.
5. **Gasp** /gɑ:sp/ \$ gæsp/ verb
to breathe in suddenly in a way that can be heard, especially because you are surprised or in pain
Ollie gasped with pain and slumped forward.



6. **Rattle** /'rætl/ verb
if you rattle something, or if it rattles, it shakes and makes a quick series of short sounds
Dan banged on her door and rattled the handle.
7. **Tremendous** /tri'mendəs/
adjective
very big, fast, powerful etc
Suddenly, there was a tremendous bang, and the whole station shook
8. **Ambivalent** /æm'bɪvələnt/
adjective
not sure whether you want or like something or not
We are both somewhat ambivalent about having a child.
9. **Seemingly** /'si:minli/ adverb
appearing to have a particular quality, when this may or may not be true
SYN apparently
seemingly unrelated bits of information
10. **Fierce** /fɪəs/ \$ firs/ adjective
a fierce person or animal is angry or ready to attack, and looks very frightening
fierce guard dogs

11. Abruptly /ə'brʌptli/ adverb
suddenly and unexpectedly
She stopped abruptly and looked at him.

12. Unbearable /ʌn'beərəbəl \$ -'ber-/
adjective
too unpleasant, painful, or annoying to deal with
SYN intolerable
The pain was almost unbearable.

13. Incessant /in'sesənt/ adjective
continuing without stopping
SYN constant
The child's incessant talking started to irritate her.

14. Cacophony /kə'kɒfəni \$ kə'ka:-/
noun
a loud unpleasant mixture of sounds
a cacophony of car horns

15. Hum /hʌm/ verb
if a place hums, it is full of activity
– use this to show approval
By nine o'clock, the restaurant was humming.

16. Soothe /su:ð/ verb
to make someone feel calmer and less anxious, upset, or angry
Lucy soothed the baby by rocking it in her arms

17. Halt /hɔ:lt \$ hɔ:lt/ noun
a stop or pause
Heavy snowfalls brought traffic to a halt.

18. Barrel /'bærəl/ noun
a large curved container with a flat top and bottom, made of wood or metal, and used for storing beer, wine etc
The wine is aged in oak barrels.

19. Proximity /prək'siməti \$ pra:k-/ noun
nearness in distance or time
We chose the house for its proximity to the school.

20. Misophonia /mi-sō-'fō-nē-ə/ noun
a condition in which one or more common sounds (such as the ticking of a clock, the hum of a fluorescent light, or the chewing or breathing of another person) cause an atypical emotional response (such as disgust, distress, panic, or anger) in the affected person hearing the sound.

But scientists don't know if extra myelin is a cause or an effect of misophonia.

21. **private bubble**

the theory that an imaginary, private region surrounds a person, serving as a buffer against potential emotional or physical threats and determining the distance to be maintained in communicating with others.

✓✓ **Unit 4A - Listening**

1. **irritating** /'ɪrəteɪtɪŋ/ adjective
an irritating habit, situation etc
keeps annoying you
He's the most irritating man I've ever met.
2. **Yap** /jæp/ verb
if a small dog yaps, it barks
They were small and they yapped.
3. **Excessive** /ɪk'sesɪv/ adjective
much more than is reasonable or necessary
his excessive drinking
4. **Crunch** /krʌntʃ/ verb
to make a sound like something being crushed Their boots crunched loudly on the frozen snow.

5. **Tendency**

/'tendənsi/ noun

if someone or something has a tendency to do or become a particular thing, they are likely to do or become it
Researchers believe that the tendency for diabetes is present at birth.

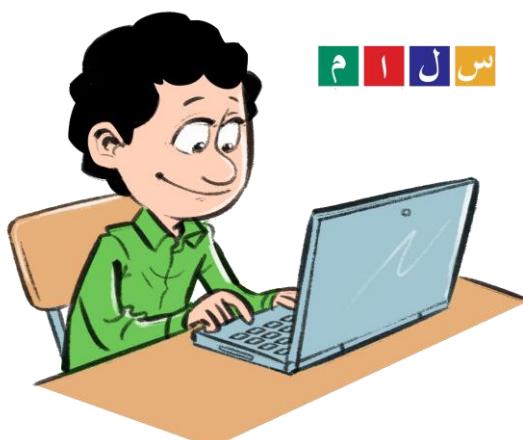
6. **Enlighten** /ɪn'laɪtn/ verb

to explain something to someone
Baldwin enlightened her as to the nature of the experiment.
—enlightening adjective

7. **Rumbling** /'rʌmblɪŋ/ noun

a series of long low sounds
We heard a rumbling behind us.

8. **Contagious** /kən'teɪdʒəs/ adjective
if a feeling, attitude, or action is contagious, other people are quickly affected by it and begin to have it or do it
her contagious enthusiasm



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✓✓ **Unit 4B**

1. **Spoiler** /'spɔɪlə/ \$ -ər/ noun
a message or report that is intended to ruin the surprising part of a popular film, book etc by telling people about the surprise before they see or read it
The best TV spoiler websites cover news, scoops, previews and spoilers together.
2. **Whiteout** /'waɪtaʊt/ noun
weather conditions in which there is so much cloud or snow that you cannot see anything
We were to be caught in a whiteout.
3. **set off** phrasal verb
to start to go somewhere
I'll set off early to avoid the traffic.
4. **Enhance** /ɪn'ha:nəs/ \$ /ɪn'hæns/ verb
to improve something
Good lighting will enhance any room.
5. **Suspense** /sə'spens/ noun
a feeling of excitement or anxiety when you do not know what will happen next
They kept us in suspense for over two hours.



6. **Clue** /klu:/ noun
an object or piece of information that helps someone solve a crime or mystery
Police have found a vital clue.
7. **Urgent** /'ɜ:gənt/ \$ /'ɜ:r-/ adjective
very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
He was in urgent need of medical attention.
8. **Gripping** /'grɪpɪŋ/ adjective
a gripping film, story etc is very exciting and interesting
Collins' gripping detective novel
9. **Implausible** /ɪm'plɔ:zəbəl/ \$ /'plɔ:bl-/ adjective
difficult to believe and therefore unlikely to be true
OPP plausible
Margaret found his excuse somewhat implausible.
10. **slow-paced** adjective
moving at a slow rate of speed
Syn: slow-footed
Forty minutes in, however, the show's slow pace began to take its toll.

11. **thought-provoking** adjective
making people think seriously about a particular subject
SYN stimulating
a thought-provoking article

12. **at breakneck speed/pace**
extremely and often dangerously fast
He drove away at breakneck speed.

13. **Conceivable** /kən'si:vəbəl/ adjective
able to be believed or imagined
OPP inconceivable
It is conceivable that you may get full compensation, but it's not likely.

14. **Immerse** /ɪ'mɜ:s/ verb
to put someone or something deep into a liquid so that they are completely covered
immerse somebody/something in something
Immerse your foot in ice-cold water to reduce the swelling.

15. **Implore** /ɪm'plɔ:/ verb
to ask for something in an emotional way
SYN beg
'Don't go, ' I implored her.

16. **Merely** /'mɪəli/ adverb
used to emphasize how small or unimportant something or someone is
SYN only
He's merely a boy – you can't expect him to understand.

17. **Immobile** /ɪ'məʊbəl/ adjective
not moving at all
SYN motionless
She could see a figure sitting immobile, facing the sea.

18. **Rucksack** /'rʌksæk/ noun
a bag used for carrying things on your back, especially by people on long walks
SYN backpack
Carrying a rucksack or anything over your shoulder is likely to aggravate this.

19. **Solid** /'sɒlɪd/ adjective
strong and well made
OPP flimsy
a solid piece of furniture
solidly adverb
solidly built

20. **Accessible** /ək'sesəbəl/ adjective
a book, poem, painting etc that is accessible is easy to understand and enjoy
He wants his music to be accessible to everyone.

21. **Drawback** /'drɔ:bæk/ noun
a disadvantage of a situation, plan, product etc It's a great city – the only drawback is the weather.

22. Convey /kən'vee/ verb

to communicate or express something, with or without using words

All this information can be conveyed in a simple diagram.

✓✓ Unit 4B – Listening

1. **Punchy** /'pʌntʃi/ adjective
a punchy piece of writing or speech
is short but very clear and effect
punchy melodies
2. **Offensive** /ə'fɛnsɪv/ adjective
very rude or insulting and likely to
upset people OPP inoffensive
I found her remarks deeply
offensive.
3. **Taboo** /tə'bu:/, tæ-/ adjective
a taboo subject, word, activity etc is
one that people avoid because it is
extremely offensive or embarrassing
Society leads you to believe that
certain things are taboo.

