

#100 purple (adjective)

A purple plum makes me say yum!

(noun) *Mix the colors red and blue to get purple.*

#101 most (adjective)

They won the most (majority) games.

(noun) *Most of the class did a good job.*

#102 cost (verb)

The books cost (price) ten dollars apiece.

(noun) *They gave me a free straw at no extra cost.*

lost

lose

loose

#103 lost (adjective)

Past tense and past participle of lose.

*I was lost (not knowing where someone or something is)
in the woods.*

#104 lose (verb)

Did you lose (unable to find) your keys?

#105 loose (adjective)

I like to wear loose (not tight) clothing.

Can be other parts of speech.

use

cube

cute

#106 use (verb) /yōōz/

Use (put into action) *an eraser if you make a mistake.*

(noun) /yōōs/ *He put it to good use*
(a way of using something).

#107 cube (noun)

Please put a cube (a 3D square) of ice in my drink.

#108 cute (adjective)

She is a cute (attractive) girl.

mute

duty

Point of view	Pronoun	Present tense	Past tense	Present Participle	Past Participle
1 st person singular	I	am	was	being	been
1 st person plural	we	are	were	being	been
2 nd person singular	you	are	were	being	been
2 nd person plural	you	are	were	being	been
3 rd person singular	he	is	was	being	been
3 rd person singular	she	is	was	being	been
3 rd person singular	it	is	was	being	been
3 rd person plural	they	are	were	being	been

been

#109 mute (adjective)

*Press the mute (lessen the sound or unable to speak)
button on the remote control.*

#110 duty (noun)

*It was our duty (legal or moral obligation)
to help.*

#111 been (verb)

I have been awake since 5 a.m.

1st, 2nd and 3rd person past participle of be.

See page 20 of my grammar book, *The Right Book for Writing*.

wash

watch

pízza

#112 wash (verb)

Please wash (clean) my smelly socks.

Can be other parts of speech.

#113 watch (noun)

I have a new watch (a small clock worn around a wrist).

(verb) Let's watch (look at) TV.

#114 pizza (noun)

Pineapple on pizza is a bad idea.

fruit

suit

ruide

#115 fruit (noun)

Oranges and apples are both fruits.

#116 suit (noun)

Mr. Robert is wearing a cheap suit.

(verb) *Does this color suit (agreeable) me?*

#117 rude (adjective)

Don't be a rude (not nice) person.

tube

tune

soup

#118 tube (noun)

*Please give me a tube (a long cylinder)
of toothpaste.*

#119 tune (noun)

*When I walk down a street, I hum
a happy tune (a song or a series of musical notes).*

#120 soup (noun)

*Do you want soup (a chopped up, wet meal)
for lunch?*

war

wart

warm

#121 war (noun)

(noun) *The USA declared war (two or more groups fighting with weapons) on December 8 1941.*

#122 wart (noun)

A small growth on the skin caused by a virus is a wart.

#123 warm (adjective)

A warm meal is waiting for you.

(verb) *The weather will warm up.*

swarm

could

would

#124 swarm (noun)

A swarm (a large group of insects)

of locust is outside!

Notice the collective noun, swarm, uses a singular verb, is.

#125 could (modal verb)

He could not dance very well.

Could (request) you please help me?

Observe how the above sentence is not past tense.

#126 would (modal verb)

Would you like something to eat?

Would in the past is similar to used to.

When I was a kid, I would play basketball all day.

should

done

none

#127 should (modal verb)

Ask advice, “*What should I wear?*”

Make a request, “*You should be thankful.*”

Express what is expected, “*He should be here soon.*”

#128 done (verb)

Irregular verb, past participle of do.

*I have done (accomplished, completed or exhausted)
the best I can.*

(adverb) *I want the steak well done (cooked thoroughly).*

#129 none (pronoun)

*None (not any) of my students
are here today.*

gone

hair

ear

#130 gone (verb)

Irregular verb, past participle of go.

I should have gone with them.

(adjective) *All the food is gone.*

#131 hair (noun)

*Hair can grow up to 15 cm
(centimeters) a year.*

#132 ear (noun)

Elephants have the biggest ears.

smile

teeth

cheek

#133 smile (noun)

A smile is the same everywhere in the world.

(verb) We smile all the time.

#134 teeth (noun)

Irregular noun, plural of tooth.

Brush your teeth after every meal.

#135 cheek (noun)

*The cold weather made his cheeks
turn red.*

chin

mouth

nose

#136 chin (noun)

Below my lips is my chin.

#137 mouth (noun)

He has a big mouth.

#138 nose (noun)

Inhale through your nose.

eye

eyebrow

sure

#139 eye (noun)

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

#140 eyebrow (noun)

I raise my eyebrows when I'm surprised.

#141 sure (adjective)

Are you sure _(positive) they won?

shoe

next

forty-four

#142 shoe (noun)

I have a rock in my shoe.

#143 next (adjective)

He is next in line.

(adverb) *What will happen next?*

#144 forty-four (adjective)

*Some centipedes have more than
one hundred forty-four legs.*

Irregular Verb "do"

Point of view	Present singular	Present plural	Past singular	Past plural
1 st person	do	do	did	did
2 nd person	do	do	did	did
3 rd person	does	do	did	did

does

goes

guess

#145 does (verb)

Irregular verb, 3rd person, singular, present of do.

He does not have any candy.

#146 goes (verb)

Irregular verb, 3rd person, singular, present of go.

I hope the interview goes well.

Goes has many definitions. In the following example, it means to belong together. *The shirt goes with my tie.*

#147 guess (verb)

Can you guess (an opinion) my age?

(noun) Your guess is as good as mine.

guide

build

view

#148 guide (noun)

*We hired a guide (someone or something that instructs)
for the day.*

(verb) *She guided me to the museum.*

#149 build (verb)

*I will help you build (make something)
a tree house.*

(noun) *He has a slim build (body shape).*

#150 view (verb)

Anyone can view (see something) the painting.

(noun) *The room has a nice view.*

good

food

blood

#151 good (adjective)

I have good news.

(noun) *It was a battle of good versus evil.*

Don't confuse your students. You want to challenge them but not frustrate them. If you don't teach *good* is a noun, then good for you.

#152 food (noun)

What is your favorite food?

#153 blood (noun)

The heart pumps blood throughout the body.

door

floor

poor

#154 door (noun)
Please close the door.

#155 floor (noun)
Please keep my floor clean.

#156 poor (adjective)
He is a poor man.
(noun) *Nancy gives money to the poor.*

work

world

world

#157 work (noun)

I go to work ^(job) five days a week.

(verb) The computer doesn't work ^(function).

#158 word (noun)

My favorite word in English is

balderdash ^(nonsense).

#159 world (noun)

Let's make the world ^(earth)

a better place.

(adjective) Can world peace be achieved?

worst

liar

honest

#160 worst (adjective)

Mr. Robert is the worst cook!

(adverb) *The worst affected areas were below sea level.*

(noun) *She feared the worst.*

#161 liar (noun)

A person who tells a lie is a liar (not the truth).

#162 honest (adjective)

She is an honest (tell the truth) *person*.

friend

people

little

#163 friend (noun)

You are a good friend

(someone you can trust and are happy to see).

#164 people (noun)

There are over 7 billion people on earth!

#165 little (adjective)

I have a little (small) pet.

(adverb) *She reminds me a little (somewhat) of her sister.*

done

pure

cure

#166 doll (noun)

I bought my baby a doll

(a small, human-like toy).

#167 pure (adjective)

I like pure (not mixed with anything else)

orange juice.

#168 cure (verb)

One day there will be a cure (relief)

for all diseases.

Can be other parts of speech.

secure

figure

obey

#169 secure (adjective)

The building is secure (safe).

(verb) *Did you secure (get) a job?*

#170 figure (noun)

Eat healthy to keep a nice figure (body shape).

(noun) *She is a historical figure (a well-known person).*

(verb) *Can you figure (prediction or conclusion) **this** out?*

(noun) *He is good at figures (numbers).*

Figure has more definitions.

#171 obey (verb)

*I always obey (follow orders) **my** wife.*

POLICE

result

touch

#172 police (noun)

People need to respect the police

(people who make sure others obey the law).

#173 result (noun)

***He did not study, as a result (outcome)
he failed the test.***

(verb) ***Anger may result as a disagreement.***

#174 touch (verb)

Do not touch (contact) your classmates.

(noun) ***Add a touch (a little bit) of salt.***

which

weird

women

#175 which (pronoun)

My phone, which (a function word used to introduce nonrestrictive clauses) is old and broken, needs to be replaced.

(adjective) Which (ask information) phone should I buy?

#176 weird (adjective)

It was a weird (strange) looking fish.

#177 women (noun)

Plural of woman.

In 1920, women in the USA received the right to vote.

Women (21 and older) in the Wyoming territory could vote in 1869.

uniform

human

music

#178 uniform (noun)

The police wear a blue uniform (clothing).

(adjective) What is your uniform size?

#179 human (adjective)

The human body is amazing!

(noun) A human can read and write, an animal can't.

#180 music (noun)

I enjoy rock and roll music.

sweat

threat

great

#181 sweat (noun)

Running in the hot weather makes me

sweat (moisture through the skin).

(verb) My body sweats when I lift weights.

#182 threat (noun)

*There was a threat (unwanted possibility)
of a storm.*

#183 great (adjective)

*He was a great (excellent) **painter**.*

(noun) Dali, Picasso and Goya are a few of the greats.

break

steak

heavy

#184 break (verb)

Irregular verb- break, broke, broken.

Did you break (separate into pieces) the vase?

#185 steak (noun)

I enjoy eating steak

(usually refers to meat [from a cow]).

#186 heavy (adjective)

*I can help you carry the heavy
(difficult to lift) load.*

pearl

idea

dead

#187 pearl (noun)

She wore a pearl (found in some oysters) necklace.

#188 idea (noun)

That is a great idea (thought, suggestion or plan) !

#189 dead (adjective)

The dead (no longer working or living) batteries are why the remote control doesn't work.

(adverb) You are dead (100% correct) right.

death

year

January

#190 death (noun)

Do you believe in life after death?

#191 year (noun)

One year has 365 days.

(Leap year has 366 days.)

#192 January (noun)

There are 31 days in January.

February

March

April

#193 February (noun)

There are 28 days in February.

Feb. has 29 days once every four years, leap year.

#194 March (noun)

March has 31 days.

#195 April (noun)

April has 30 days.

May

June

July

#196 May (noun)
May has 31 days.

#197 June (noun)
June has 30 days.

#198 July (noun)
July has 31 days.

August

September

October

#199 August (noun)
August has 30 days.

#200 September (noun)
September has 30 days.

#201 October (noun)
October has 31 days.

November

December

Sunday

#202 November (noun)

November has 30 days.

#203 December (noun)

December has 31 days.

#204 Sunday (noun)

Sunday was named after the sun.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

#205 Monday (noun)

Monday was named after the moon.

#206 Tuesday (noun)

***Tiw was the God of Mars;
Tiw became Tuesday.***

#207 Wednesday (noun)

***Woden was a God related to Mercury;
Woden day became Wednesday.***

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

#208 Thursday (noun)

*Thursday originates from Thor,
God of Thunder.*

#209 Friday (noun)

*Old English God Frigg inspired the
name Friday.*

#210 Saturday (noun)

*Saturday was inspired by the planet
Saturn.*

curtain

captain

certain

211 curtain (noun)

A curtain (hanging fabric) can hide something or block sunlight.

#212 captain (noun)

A captain (a leader) commands a ship.

#213 certain (adjective)

He is certain (positive) that he passed the test.

uncertain

mountain

fountain

#214 uncertain (adjective)

He is uncertain about going on a ship.

"Un" is a negative prefix.
Certain means to be sure.
Uncertain means not sure.

#215 mountain (noun)

Do you know what is the highest mountain on Earth? (Mt. Everest)

#216 fountain (noun)

*Do you believe in the fountain
(water pumped in the air) **of youth?***

The *fountain of youth* is a fictional area of water that restores youth.

villain

again

bargain

#217 villain (noun)

Movies always seem to have a villain (bad person).

#218 again (adverb)

*Can you please say your name again
(one more time)?*

#219 bargain (noun)

*The hat is on sale; it's a real bargain
(less money than expected).*

*(verb) It is okay to bargain (to offer less money)
with an art dealer.*

porcelain

fatigue

tongue

#220 porcelain (noun)

Porcelain is a pure clay body used for tableware, tiles, etc.

#221 fatigue (noun)

Driving for twenty hours caused great fatigue (tired, mental or physical).

#222 tongue (noun)

Don't stick out your tongue.

vague

plague

dialogue

223 vague (adjective)

*He was very vague (not clear)
with his instructions.*

#224 plague (noun)

*The plague is a disease that can
cause death.*

#225 dialogue (noun)

The TV show had a funny dialogue

(two or more people having a conversation).

intrigue

league

morgue

#226 intrigue (verb)

Does that idea intrigue (to make curious) you?

#227 league (noun)

The National Football League is a popular sport. (A group of sports clubs that play each other over a period for a championship.)

#228 morgue (noun)

A morgue is a place where dead bodies are kept.

office

notice

unique

#229 office (noun)

Go to the principal's office

(a room with a specific purpose).

#230 notice (verb)

*Did you notice _(see) how hard everyone
is working?*

(noun) *They may change the plans without notice
(warning).*

#231 unique (adjective)

He is a unique _(one of a kind) person.

technique

clique

plaque

232 technique (noun)

Throwing a football takes technique

(a way of doing something).

#233 clique (noun)

A clique is a small group of people who don't allow others to join.

#234 plaque (noun)

A man was given a plaque (an award).

(noun) *He did not floss his teeth; therefore,*

he had plaque (a sticky deposit on one's teeth).

critique

mosque

prayer

#235 critique (verb)

***I am going to critique (judge something)
the artwork.***

(noun) She gave me an honest critique.

#236 mosque (noun)

***A mosque is a place for
Muslims to worship.***

#237 prayer (noun)

***One can be thankful or make a
request during a prayer.***

desire

ladder

height

#238 desire (verb)

The Internet has everything you can desire (really want something).

(noun) *A desire for chocolate is only natural.*

#239 ladder (noun)

Did you see Harold fall off the ladder

(a tool for climbing)?

#240 height (noun)

Are you afraid of heights

(distance from the bottom to the top)?

achieve

believe

relieve

#241 achieve (verb)

*Working hard will help you achieve
(to complete what was started) **your goals.***

#242 believe (verb)

***I believe** (an opinion, accept something to be true without proof,
capable, etc.) **they will win the game.***

#243 relieve (verb)

***I do back bridges to relieve** (to lessen, make
the pain go away) **my back pain.***

receive

deceive

receipt

#244 receive (verb)

It's better to give than receive

(to accept something).

#245 deceive (verb)

A friend will never deceive

(trick for an advantage) *you.*

#246 receipt (noun)

Be sure to get a receipt (proof you paid for

something) *when you buy clothes.*

award

forward

forgive

#247 award (verb)

I will award ^(give) prizes every Friday.

(noun) The teacher of the month award ^(prize) goes to...

#248 forward (adjective)

The forward ^(moving towards a direction) pass was legalized in 1906. Do not add an "s" with adjectives.

(adverb) Forget it and move forwards ^(to the future).

For adverbs, the "s" is the writer's choice.

#249 forgive (verb)

Will you forgive ^(no longer be angry) me?

candle

tier

pier

#250 candle (noun)

Egyptians made candles in 3,000 B.C.

#251 tier (noun)

My big wedding cake has four tiers

(a series of rows placed one above another).

#252 pier (noun)

*We stood on a pier (a walkway built over water)
at sunset.*

buoy

scuba

canoe

#253 buoy (noun)

***A buoy floats in water and marks
an area.***

#254 scuba (noun)

Would you scuba dive with sharks?

***(Acronym for Self Contained Underwater
Breathing Apparatus.)***

#255 canoe (noun)

***The oldest canoe (a narrow boat) dates back
to about 10,000 years ago.***

oar

soar

calm

#256 oar (noun)

An oar has one blade and connects to a vessel.

Paddles can have one or two blades and are not connected to a vessel.

#257 soar (verb)

I saw an eagle soar (fly) over the water.

#258 calm (adjective)

He told me to keep calm (relaxed).

(verb) Deep breathing will calm you down.

water

perfect

abdomen

#259 water (noun)

The water is calm.

(verb) *Please water the flowers.*

#260 perfect (adjective) /perfikt/

Today is a perfect (no mistakes) day to...

(verb) *Please help me perfect my throwing technique. /perfekt/*

#261 abdomen (noun)

The doctor pressed on my abdomen

(stomach, intestines, etc).