

Language Study Terms

Knowing these words will be useful in your study of English and will also help you to use the *Oxford American Dictionary* more effectively. This list includes words to do with grammar, pronunciation, punctuation, and usage.

Grammar Words

abbreviation *n.*
active *adj., n.*
adjective *n.*
adverb *n.*
antonym *n.*
article *n.*
auxiliary (*also* auxiliary verb) *n.*
clause *n.*
comparative *adj., n.*
compound *n., adj.*
conjunction *n.*
continuous *adj.*
contraction *n.*
countable *adj.*
count noun *n.*
derivative *n.*
determiner *n.*
direct speech *n.*
exclamation *n.*
figurative *adj.*
future *n.*
gerund *n.*
idiom *n.*
imperative *adj., n.*
indirect speech *n.*
infinitive *n.*
interjection *n.*
intransitive *adj.*
ironic *adj.*
irregular *adj.*
literal *adj.*
literary *adj.*
modal (*also* modal verb) *n.*
noncount noun *n.*
noun *n.*
object *n.*

ordinal *adj., n.*
participle *n.*
particle *n.*
part of speech *n.*
passive *adj., n.*
past *n.*
perfect *adj.*
phrase *n.*
phrasal verb *n.*
plural *n., adj.*
possessive *adj., n.*
prefix *n.*
preposition *n.*
present *n.*
progressive *adj.*
pronoun *n.*
reflexive *adj.*
regular *adj.*
relative *adj.*
reported speech *n.*
saying *n.*
simple *adj.*
singular *n., adj.*
slang *n.*
subject *n.*
suffix *n.*
superlative *adj., n.*
synonym *n.*
tense *n.*
transitive *adj.*
uncountable *adj.*
verb *n.*

Pronunciation Words

accent *n.*
consonant *n.*
dialect *n.*

pronounce *v.*
pronunciation *n.*
stress *n.*
stressed *adj.*
syllable *n.*
unstressed *adj.*
vowel *n.*

Punctuation Words

apostrophe *n.*
colon *n.*
comma *n.*
dash *n.*
dot *n.*
exclamation point *n.*
hyphen *n.*
paragraph *n.*
parenthesis *n.*
period *n.*
punctuation *n.*
punctuation mark *n.*
question mark *n.*
quotation marks *n.*
semicolon *n.*
slash *n.*

Usage

figurative *adj.*
formal *adj.*
informal *adj.*
offensive *adj.*
old-fashioned *adj.*
register *n.*