

Letter C Vocabulary Words

with Definitions and Example Sentences



CVC words

- cab: a car that you can hire to take you places. "We'll take a cab to the airport."
- can: to be able to; or a container for holding things. "I can jump high." / "She opens a can of soup."
- cap: a type of hat. "She wears her cap to the game."
- car: a vehicle with wheels used for transportation. "They drive a red car."
- cat: a small, furry animal that is often kept as a pet. "The cat sits on the mat."
- cod: a type of fish. "He caught a cod while fishing."
- cog: a wheel with teeth in machines. "The cog turns inside the clock."
- cop: a police officer. "The cop helps keep our streets safe."
- cot: a small, portable bed. "He naps on the cot in the afternoon."
- cow: a large farm animal that gives milk. "The cow grazes in the field."
- coy: pretending to be shy. "She gives a coy smile."
- cry: to shed tears. "Babies often cry when they are hungry."
- cup: a small container used for drinking. "He drinks milk from the cup."
- cut: to divide something with a sharp tool. "Mom will cut the cake."

Simple Preschool Words

- calf: a young animal. Often refers to a domestic cow or bull in its first year. "The calf stays close to its mother in the field."
- call: to shout out or speak to someone in order to attract their attention. "He will call your name when it's your turn."
- camp: a place with tents or cabins in the wilderness. "They go to summer camp every July."
- cane: a stick that people can lean on to help them walk. "Grandpa uses a cane to help him walk."
- cape: a sleeveless piece of clothing that covers the back, arms, and chest and fastens at the neck. "She wore a red cape for her superhero costume."

- card: a piece of thick, stiff paper that's often folded and has a message written on it. "He makes a birthday card for his friend."
- care: the act of looking out for someone or something's wellbeing. "She takes care of her plants."
- cart: a vehicle with either two or four wheels that is pushed by a person and used for transporting goods. "He pushes a cart at the grocery store."
- case: an example of something occurring; a box for holding something. "In case of rain, bring an umbrella."/ "The case held all of her loose papers."
- cast: to throw something forcefully in a specified direction. "He likes to cast stones into the pond."
- chat: an informal conversation. "Let's chat with each other on the playground."
- chew: to use your teeth to break down food before swallowing it. "He chews his food carefully."

Kindergarten Words

- cage: a structure of bars or wires in which animals or birds are kept. "The parrot sings in its cage."
- cake: a sweet baked dessert. "We eat cake at birthday parties."
- candy: a sweet treat. "She loves eating candy."
- chalk: a type of soft white rock used for writing on blackboards or sidewalks. "She draws pictures with chalk on the sidewalk."
- clap: to hit your hands together to show enjoyment or approval. "We clap after the show."
- coat: a piece of clothing worn to keep warm. "He put his coat on over his sweater because it's cold."
- cold: having a low temperature. "The snow feels cold on my hands."
- color: the appearance of objects caused by the way they reflect light. "The sky is a beautiful color at sunset."
- comb: a toothed device used for styling hair. "He uses a comb to tidy his hair."
- cone: a shape that tapers from a larger circle to a smaller point. "He licks his ice cream cone."

□ corn: a vegetable with yellow or white kernels that are eaten.

"We have corn on the cob for dinner."

□ crab: a sea creature with a hard shell and claws.

"The crab scuttles across the sand."

□ crawl: to move on your hands and knees.

"The baby learns to crawl before walking."

□ cub: a baby bear. "The cub follows its mother."

Elementary Words

□ cactus: a plant with spines instead of leaves that grows in hot, dry places. "The cactus survives in the desert."

□ carousel: a merry-go-round, a rotating machine with seats for children to ride.

"The children ride on the carousel at the park."

□ cello: a large stringed instrument, held between the legs and played with a bow.

"She learns to play the cello in music class."

□ cent: a unit of money worth one-hundredth of a dollar. "He found one cent on the ground."

□ cereal: a breakfast food made from roasted grains, typically eaten with milk. "He eats cereal every morning."

□ champion: someone who has won a competition, especially in sports. "He is the champion of the spelling bee."

□ chisel: a tool with a long metal blade that has a sharp edge for cutting wood, stone, or metal. "The sculptor uses a chisel to shape the marble."

□ cinnamon: a spice made from the bark of a tree, used for flavoring food. "He sprinkles cinnamon on his oatmeal."

□ circle: a round shape that has no corners or edges. "She draws a circle on the paper."

□ comet: a small icy object in space that has a 'tail' of gas and dust particles. "We watched the comet streak across the night sky."

□ crystal: a solid substance that is often clear with many different sides that look similar. "The crystal sparkles in the light."

□ cucumber: a long, green vegetable (but technically is a fruit) that is eaten raw or pickled. "She dipped sliced cucumber into the sauce."

Food Words

- cabbage: a large, round vegetable with green or purple leaves. "He added chopped cabbage to the salad."
- calamari: a food that is made from squid and breaded and fried. "They order calamari as a starter."
- cannoli: an Italian pastry in the shape of a tube filled with sweet cream. "She enjoys a cannoli with her coffee."
- cappuccino: a coffee drink that is made with espresso and steamed milk foam. "He drinks a cappuccino in the morning."
- carrot: a long, orange vegetable that grows underground. "She snacks on a carrot."
- cheese: a food made from milk that can be firm or soft. "He added cheese to his sandwich."
- chicken: a domesticated bird that is often raised for its meat and eggs. "The chicken laid eggs in its nest."
- chili: a spicy dish made with beans and meat or vegetables. "He made chili for dinner."
- chips: thin slices of potato that are fried and eaten as a snack. "They ate chips while watching a movie."
- chocolate: a sweet, brown food made from cocoa beans. "She loves eating chocolate."
- coleslaw: a salad made from sliced cabbage, carrots, and other vegetables mixed with dressing. "I'll bring coleslaw to the picnic."
- crackers: thin, crisp biscuits often eaten with cheese or other toppings. "They share a plate of crackers and cheese."
- croissant: a buttery, flaky pastry that is often eaten for breakfast. "She buys a croissant from the bakery."
- couscous: a small North African pasta that is often the base of stews. "She made couscous as a side dish."
- custard: a sweet dessert made with milk, eggs, and sugar. "She serves custard for dessert."

Animal Words

- camel: a large, desert-dwelling mammal known for its humps. "Camels can travel long distances without water."
- capybara: the largest rodent in the world, living in groups near water in South America. "The capybara swims well."
- cardinal: a bright red bird often seen in gardens and backyards. "The cardinal sings early in the morning."
- caterpillar: the larval stage of a butterfly or moth. "The caterpillar munches on leaves before it becomes a butterfly."
- cheetah: a large wild cat with a spotted coat, known for its incredible speed. "The cheetah runs faster than any other land animal."
- chimpanzee: a great ape with large ears, mainly living in the forests of central and West Africa. "The chimpanzee uses sticks to fish for termites."
- chinchilla: a small, furry rodent native to the Andes mountains, known for its soft, dense fur. "The chinchilla has incredibly soft fur."
- clam: a type of shellfish that lives buried in sand or mud. "The clam buries itself at the beach."
- cobra: a venomous snake known for spreading its neck ribs to form a "hood" when threatened. "The cobra hisses in defense."
- codfish: a popular saltwater fish, known for its white, flaky meat. "The codfish is caught for food."
- coral: marine invertebrates that often live in colonies and form reefs. "The coral reef is home to many ocean species."
- cougar: a large, solitary cat also known as a mountain lion, found in the Americas. "The cougar roams the mountain ranges."
- coyote: a wild dog that is native to North America. "The coyote howls under the moonlight."
- crane: a tall, long-legged and long-necked bird, usually found near water. "The crane gracefully wades through the marsh."
- crow: a large, intelligent black bird known for its loud, cawing voice. "The crow flies through the sky."

Object Words

- calculator: a small electronic device used to perform math calculations. "He used a calculator for his math homework."
- camera: a device for taking photographs or making films or videos. "He captures the moment with his camera."
- candle: a stick of wax with a wick in the middle that gives off light when burned. "She lights a candle to make the room cozy."
- carpet: a floor covering made from thick woven fabric, often covering the floor of an entire room. "The carpet is soft underfoot."
- chain: a series of linked metal rings used for fastening or securing something or for pulling loads. "He locked his bike with a chain."
- chair: a piece of furniture designed for sitting. "He pulls up a chair to sit down."
- clip: a small device used to hold things together. "She secures the papers with a clip."
- clock: a device used to tell time. "The clock hangs on the wall."
- coin: a small, flat, round piece of metal used as money. "She found a coin on the ground."
- compass: an instrument used for navigation and orientation that shows direction relative to north, south, east, and west. "She uses a compass to find her way in the forest."
- compass (mathematical): a tool used in mathematics for drawing circles or arcs. "She draws perfect circles with a compass."
- cork: made from the bark of a cork oak and used to seal glass bottles. "He used a cork to plug the opening of the bottle."
- crate: a rugged box or container, usually made of wood, used for shipping or storage. "They pack the fruits into a crate."
- curtain: a piece of cloth hung at a window, door, or stage to block light or hide something from view. "He draws the curtain to block the sunlight."
- cupboard: a piece of furniture with doors and shelves used for storing dishes, food, or clothes. "She stores her plates in the cupboard."

Places Words

- cafeteria: a place where you can buy and eat meals. "They meet in the cafeteria for lunch."
- capital: the city or town that functions as the seat of government and administrative center of a country or region. "Tokyo is the capital of Japan."
- castle: a large stone building typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack. "The old castle overlooks the valley."
- cathedral: a large, important church, often the seat of a bishop. "The cathedral stands tall in the city center."
- canyon: a deep gorge, typically one with a river flowing through it. "The canyon has stunning views."
- campground: an area where people can stay in tents or campers. "They stayed at a campground during their trip."
- cave: a large underground chamber, typically natural, in a hillside or cliff. "They explored the cave on their hike."
- cinema: a theater where movies are shown for public entertainment. "We watched the new movie at the cinema."
- city: a large town or a significant urban area. "She lives in a big city."
- clinic: a place where people receive medical treatment. "He went to the clinic for a check-up."
- coast: the strip of land near the sea. "The coast is beautiful at sunset."
- continent: large areas of land that form regions. "Earth has seven continents."
- country: a nation with its own government, occupying a particular territory. "France is a country in Europe."
- courthouse: a building where legal cases are heard. "The trial takes place at the courthouse."
- crossroads: a point where two or more roads intersect. "She stands at the crossroads, deciding which way to go."

Nature and Environment Words

canopy: the upper layer of a forest formed by the tops of mature trees.

"The rainforest canopy is rich with birds and insects."

cascade: a small waterfall, typically one of several that fall in stages down a steep rocky slope. "The cascade of water flows into the river below."

chrysalis: the pupal stage of butterflies.

"The caterpillar forms a chrysalis before becoming a butterfly."

cliff: a steep rock face, especially at the edge of the sea.

"The cliff overlooks the ocean."

climate: the weather conditions that are typical for an area. "The climate of the region is tropical."

cloud: a visible mass of condensed water vapor floating in the atmosphere.

"The cloud floats high in the sky."

conifer: a tree that bears cones and evergreen needle-like leaves. "Pine trees are a type of conifer."

constellation: a group of stars forming a recognizable pattern that has been named. "They spot the Orion constellation in the night sky."

coral reef: an underwater ecosystem characterized by reef-building corals.

"The coral reef is home to diverse marine life."

crag: a steep or rugged cliff or rock face. "The mountain's crag is challenging for climbers."

creek: a small stream or minor tributary of a river. "They play by the creek near their house."

Emotions and Traits

calm: not showing or feeling nervousness, anger, or other strong emotions. "The teacher remains calm during the chaos."

careful: making sure of avoiding potential danger or harm. "She is careful when crossing the street."

cheerful: noticeably happy and optimistic. "She greets everyone with a cheerful smile."

- compassionate: feeling or showing sympathy and concern for others. "He is compassionate towards his friends."
- confident: feeling or showing confidence in oneself or one's abilities. "She is confident in her decisions."
- considerate: thoughtfully taking into account the feelings or needs of others. "He is always considerate of his friends' feelings."
- content: in a state of peaceful happiness. "He feels content with his life."
- courage: the ability to do something that feels scary. "It takes a lot of courage for some people to speak in front of others."
- creative: using imagination or original ideas to create something. "The artist is very creative."
- curious: having a strong desire to know or learn something. "The child is curious about everything around her."
- cunning: the ability to achieve things by tricking others. "The fox is often portrayed as cunning."

Action Words

- calculate: to determine the amount of something mathematically. "She needs to calculate the total cost."
- capture: to gain or win something through force or with effort. "They'll win the game when they capture the other team's flag."
- carry: to support and move someone or something from one place to another. "He has to carry his backpack to school."
- chase: to go after someone or something in order to catch it. "The dog loves to chase the ball."
- cheer: to shout for joy or in praise or encouragement. "Fans cheer loudly for their team."
- clean: to remove dirt, marks, or mess. "On Saturdays, we clean the house."
- climb: to move or go up something using one's feet and hands. "She has to climb a ladder to reach the apples in the tree."

- combine: to bring or join together one or more things to form a single unit. "We combine flour and water to make dough."
- compare: to estimate, measure, or note the similarity or differences. "They compare the size of their watermelons at the picnic."
- consider: to think carefully about something before making a decision. "He takes time to consider all the different flavors before picking one."
- console: to provide comfort to someone who is distressed or saddened. "She tried to console her friend after her team lost the game."
- cook: to prepare food by combining and heating the ingredients. "He helped his dad cook spaghetti."
- create: to bring something into existence. "She loves to create art with her paints."