

Letter J Vocabulary Words

with Definitions and Example Sentences



CVC words

- jab: to poke something quickly. "He will jab the balloon with a pin to make it pop."
- jam: a thick sweet food made from fruit and sugar. "She spreads jam on her toast."
- jar: a wide-mouthed container typically made of glass or pottery. "He put the cookies in the jar."
- jaw: the part of the skull that holds the teeth. "Sharks are known for their big jaws and sharp teeth."
- jet: a fast airplane powered by jet engines. "The jet flew high in the sky."
- jig: a lively dance. "Let's dance a jig at the festival."
- job: a paid position of regular employment. "She starts her new job next week."
- jog: to run at a slow, steady pace. "He jogs every morning to stay fit."
- jot: to write something quickly. "Jot down your name and number."
- jug: a container for holding liquids, usually with a handle. "He filled the jug with water."
- jut: to extend sharply outward or upward. "A rock juts out from the cliff."

Simple Preschool Words

- jack: a device used to lift heavy objects. "He used a jack to lift the car."
- jacket: a piece of clothing worn on the upper body to keep warm. "I always wear a jacket in the winter."
- jeans: pants made from denim. "He wore his new jeans to school."
- jiffy: a very short amount of time. "He said he would be back in a jiffy."
- jingle: a light ringing sound. "The keys jingle in her pocket when she walks."
- joke: to say something that's funny or playful. "She told a joke that had everyone laughing."

- jump: to push yourself up into the air using your legs. "The frog can jump very high."
- joy: a feeling of great happiness. "She felt joy at seeing her friend."

Kindergarten Words

- jazz: a type of music with lively, complex rhythms. "They listened to jazz music during dinner."
- jeep: a small, rugged vehicle used for off-road driving. "They drove a jeep up the mountain."
- jest: to joke or act playfully. "The statement was said in jest—it wasn't serious."
- jinx: to bring bad luck. "She didn't want to jinx her chances by saying too much."
- joint: a place where two parts of something fit together. "The doctor showed how the bones in the elbow joint allow it to move."
- jolly: very happy and cheerful. "Santa Claus is a jolly man."
- juice: a liquid drink typically made from fruits or vegetables. "He drank a glass of orange juice at breakfast."
- jukebox: a machine that plays songs from records when a coin is inserted. "The diner has an old jukebox."
- jump rope: a rope used in a game where people swing the rope over their heads and under their feet. "The children love to jump rope during recess."
- juniper: a type of shrub or small tree with berries. "There are several juniper bushes by the lake."
- just: very soon or recently. "I'll just put the blanket away."
- justice: the quality of being fair and reasonable. "The teacher explained that giving everyone a turn is an example of justice."

Elementary Words

- January: the first month of the year. "Many people begin January by setting new goals."

- jewel: a precious stone that is used in jewelry. "She wore a necklace with a bright blue jewel."
- jigsaw: a puzzle consisting of many small pieces that fit together. "They completed a jigsaw puzzle of a mountain."
- journal: a blank book that someone can write personal thoughts or experiences in. "She writes in her journal every night."
- journalist: a person who writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, television, or radio. "The journalist traveled to many countries to report on important events."
- journey: to travel from one place to another, usually over a long distance. "They planned a journey across the continent by train."
- judge: a person appointed to decide the outcome of a competition or someone who presides over a court. "The judge will make the final decision."
- jubilee: a special anniversary of an event, especially one celebrating twenty-five or fifty years of a reign or activity. "The town celebrated the queen's jubilee with a parade."
- jargon: special words or expressions used by a specific group that are difficult for others to understand. "The computer experts use jargon that is hard for others to follow."
- July: the seventh month of the year. "People often celebrate the Fourth of July with fireworks and parades."
- June: the sixth month of the year. "June usually marks the beginning of summer."
- jury: a group of people sworn to make a decision in a legal case. "The jury listened carefully to the evidence."
- justify: to show or prove to be right or reasonable. "He tried to justify his actions to his friends."

Food Words

- jambalaya: a Creole dish of rice with shrimp, chicken, and vegetables. "They enjoyed a flavorful jambalaya at the festival."

- jamun: a tropical fruit from South Asia, also known as Java plum. "Jamun is both tart and sweet and turns the tongue purple."
- jerky: dried, seasoned meat that is eaten as a snack. "She packed beef jerky for the hiking trip."
- jicama: a crunchy, sweet root vegetable often eaten raw. "Jicama adds a nice crunch to the salad."
- jujube: a small, red fruit that is sweet and chewy when dried. "The jujube is often used in traditional Chinese medicine."
- julienne: to cut food into short, thin strips. "She julienned the carrots for the stir-fry."
- jus: a sauce made from the juices that come from cooking meat. "He served the roast with a side of jus for dipping."

Animal Words

- jackal: a wild dog found mostly in Africa and Asia, known for its cunning nature. "The jackal roamed the desert looking for food."
- jaguar: a large cat native to the Americas, recognized by its yellow and black coat. "The jaguar moved silently through the jungle."
- jay: a type of colorful bird known for its noisy calls. "A blue jay visited their bird feeder."
- jellyfish: a sea animal with a soft body and no bones, often transparent. "The jellyfish floated near the surface of the water."
- jerboa: a small rodent with long legs for jumping, found in desert climates. "The jerboa hopped quickly across the sand."
- joey: a young kangaroo or other marsupial. "The joey peeked out from its mother's pouch."
- junco: a small gray or brown bird found mainly in North America. "A junco landed in the snowy yard looking for seeds."

Object Words

- jackhammer: a powerful tool used for breaking up concrete. "The construction worker used a jackhammer to break up the road."
- jadeite: a type of hard, typically green stone often used in carvings and jewelry. "The museum displayed an ancient carving made of jadeite."
- jar opener: a tool designed to help open stubborn lids on jars. "Grandma used a jar opener to get the pickle jar open."
- jasmine: a type of fragrant flower used in perfumes and teas. "The garden was filled with the scent of jasmine."
- javelin: a long spear thrown in sports competitions. "He threw the javelin far into the field."
- joist: a length of metal or wood used to support the floor of a building. "The carpenter checked the floor joists for signs of wear."

Places Words

- jail: a place where people are kept when they have been arrested. "The thief was sent to jail."
- jetty: a structure that projects from the land out into water, often used as a landing stage for boats. "They walked along the jetty to watch the sunset."
- jungle gym: a structure made of metal bars for children to climb on in playgrounds. "The kids played on the jungle gym all afternoon."
- junction: a place where roads or railway lines come together. "There is a busy junction at the end of Main Street."
- jurisdiction: a region or area governed by a particular set of laws, authority, etc. "The city's jurisdiction ends at the river."
- junkyard: a place where old cars, machines, and other discarded materials are collected. "He went to the junkyard to find a replacement part for his car."

Nature and Environment Words

- jade: a term used to describe the green color often found in natural settings, like forests or gardens. "The hills were a rich shade of jade after the rain."
- jasper: a type of rock valued for its interesting patterns and used in jewelry and decoration. "He found a piece of jasper during the field trip to the park."
- jet stream: a high-speed current of air at high altitudes that greatly influences the weather. "The jet stream shifted, causing the weather to change rapidly."
- jungle: a dense forest in a tropical climate, filled with a wide variety of plants and animals. "The jungle was alive with the sounds of birds and monkeys."
- jurassic: relating to the period about 200 to 145 million years ago, when dinosaurs existed. "They found fossils from the Jurassic era while digging in the area."

Emotion and Trait Word:

- jaded: tired, bored, or lacking enthusiasm, typically after having had too much of something. "He felt jaded after years in the same job."
- jaunty: having or expressing a lively, cheerful, and self-confident manner. "She wore her hat at a jaunty angle."
- jealous: feeling or showing envy of someone or their achievements and advantages. "He felt jealous when his friend got a new bike."
- jeering: making rude and mocking remarks, typically in a loud voice. "The jeering crowd made it hard for him to speak."
- jittery: nervous or unable to relax. "He felt jittery before the big presentation."
- jovial: full of happiness and joy. "Her jovial nature lit up the room."
- jubilant: feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph. "The team was jubilant after winning the championship."
- judicious: having, showing, or done with good judgment or sense. "She was judicious in her decision to save money."
- judgmental: having or displaying a critical point of view. "She tried not to be judgmental when giving feedback."

Action Words

- jaunt: to make a short journey for pleasure. "Let's go on a jaunt in the park."
- jeopardize: to put someone or something into a potentially risky situation. "He jeopardized his chances with reckless decisions."
- jerk: to suddenly move something or someone with a quick, sharp motion. "She jerked her hand away when she touched the hot stove."
- jockey: to maneuver or struggle for a favorable position. "He jockeyed for a better view at the concert."
- jolt: to move suddenly and sharply, often in a rough way. "The bus jolted forward, throwing him against the seat in front."
- jostle: to push, elbow, or bump against someone roughly, typically in a crowd. "Shoppers jostled with each other to grab the last popular toy."
- juggle: to handle several responsibilities or tasks at once. "She juggled work and her studies successfully."