

Letter U Vocabulary Words

with Definitions and Example Sentences



3 Letter Words

- ugh: a phrase used to show unhappiness or disgust. “Ugh, this milk is sour!”
- ump: short for umpire, an official in a sport who enforces the rules. “The ump made a close call at home plate.”
- use: to employ for a purpose. “He will use a pen to write.”

Simple Preschool Words

- uh: an expression used to indicate hesitation. “Uh, I’m not sure where I put my keys.”
- under: in a position below something else. “The cat hid under the bed.”
- until: up to the time of. “She played outside until it got dark.”
- up: towards a higher place or position. “She climbed up the ladder.”
- upper: situated above another part. “She lives on the upper floor.”
- urge: to strongly encourage someone to do something. “She urged him to study for the test.”
- us: used to refer to the person speaking and the other person or people they’re with. “They invited us to the party.”
- usual: a typical occurrence. “It was her usual morning routine.”

Kindergarten Words

- uncle: the brother of one’s parent. “My dad’s brother is named Bob. Bob is my uncle.”
- unfair: not fair. “It was unfair that he got more candy.”
- unicorn: a fairytale animal that looks like a horse with a single horn on its forehead. “The storybook featured a beautiful unicorn.”

- unit: a single, complete thing that is part of a larger whole. “There are four units we will study for science this week.”
- unknown: not known or familiar. “The path through the forest led to an unknown place.”
- unlock: to open something locked. “She unlocked the door with her key.”
- useful: able to be used for a purpose. “Her key was very useful in unlocking the door.”

Elementary Words

- unanimous: in complete agreement. “The vote was unanimous, with everyone agreeing to the new rule.”
- unbelievable: hard to believe because it is so surprising. “The magician’s tricks were unbelievable.”
- uncertain: not sure. “She felt uncertain about her answer.”
- uncomfortable: causing or feeling discomfort. “The chair was uncomfortable to sit in.”
- underline: to draw a line under something. “Please underline the important words.”
- undoubtedly: without doubt; certainly. “She is undoubtedly the best player on the team.”
- unexpected: not expected. “The sudden rain was unexpected on a sunny day.”
- unfinished: not completed. “The painting was still unfinished.”
- unfortunate: having bad luck. “It was unfortunate that the picnic was canceled.”
- understand: to grasp the meaning of something. “He tried to understand the lesson.”
- unique: being the only one of its kind. “Each snowflake is unique and different from the others.”
- unlikely: not probable. “It is unlikely to snow today since it’s so warm.”
- unlimited: without any limits. “The library seems to have an unlimited number of books to read.”

Food Words

- udon: a type of thick Japanese noodle. “They had udon noodles in their soup for dinner.”
- ugli fruit: a citrus fruit that’s a cross between a grapefruit and a tangerine. “She tried an ugli fruit for the first time and liked it.”
- umeboshi: a Japanese pickled plum. “Umeboshi is often served with rice.”
- unleavened bread: bread made without yeast. “They ate unleavened bread during the meal.”
- upside-down cake: a cake baked with the toppings at the bottom. “My grandma makes delicious pineapple upside-down cake.”
- uttapam: a South Indian pancake made from rice and lentil batter. “Uttapam is often served with chutney.”

Animal Words

- uakari: a type of monkey with a red face found in South America. “The uakari swung from branch to branch.”
- uguisu: a Japanese bush warbler. “The uguisu sang a beautiful song.”
- umbrellabird: a bird with a distinctive umbrella-like crest. “The umbrellabird’s call echoed through the forest.”
- urchin: a small, spiny sea creature. “The sea urchin moved slowly along the ocean floor.”
- urial: a type of wild sheep found in Central Asia. “The urial grazed on the hillside.”

Object Words

- ukulele: a small stringed instrument that looks like a miniature guitar. “He played a song on his ukulele.”
- umbrella: a device for protection against rain or sun. “She stood under her umbrella when it started to rain.”
- unicycle: a bicycle with a single wheel, typically used by performers. “He learned to ride a unicycle for the parade.”
- uniform: a special set of clothes worn by members of the same organization. “She wears a uniform to school.”
- universe: all existing matter and space. “The stars and planets are part of the universe.”
- utensil: a tool used for eating or cooking. “There’s a draw in the kitchen to hold our utensils.”

Places Words

- underground: beneath the surface of the ground. “They explored the underground cave.”
- underpass: a road or path that goes under another road or railway. “They walked through the underpass.”
- university: an institution of higher education. “She plans to attend university next year.”
- uptown: the northern part of a city. “They live in the uptown area.”
- urban: relating to a city. “The city is an urban area with many tall buildings and busy streets.”
- utopia: an imagined place of perfect happiness. “In the story, the island was a utopia where everyone was happy and lived in peace.”

Nature and Environment Words

- ultraviolet: shorter light waves that are produced by the sun that people can't see. "Ultraviolet rays can cause sunburn."
- understory: shrubs and small trees growing beneath taller trees. "The forest's understory was thick."
- underwater: beneath the surface of the water. "They went scuba diving to explore the underwater world."
- uninhabited: a place where no one lives. "They discovered an uninhabited island."
- unleaded: fuel that does not contain lead. "They filled the car with unleaded gas."
- upcycle: to reuse discarded objects or materials to create a new product. "She decided to upcycle old jeans into a stylish bag."
- upland: high or hilly land. "They hiked through the upland region."

Emotion and Trait words

- upbeat: cheerful and optimistic. "She had an upbeat attitude."
- understanding: the ability to understand something. "Her understanding of the topic was excellent."
- ungrateful: not feeling or showing gratitude. "He was ungrateful for the help he received."
- unfriendly: not friendly. "The new neighbor seemed unfriendly."
- unreasonable: not guided by or based on good sense. "It is unreasonable to expect to eat candy for every meal."
- unpredictable: not able to be predicted. "The weather is unpredictable and could change at any moment."
- unsure: not certain. "She was unsure about which path to take."
- unusual: not common or ordinary. "It was unusual to see snow in July."
- unwilling: not wanting to do something. "He was unwilling to go outside in the rain."

- unwavering: steady and certain. “She showed unwavering determination to finish the puzzle.”
- unwise: not wise; foolish. “It was unwise to go out without a coat in the winter.”
- upset: to make someone unhappy or worried. “He felt upset when his ice cream fell on the ground.”
- utmost: most extreme; greatest. “She showed the utmost care when handling the baby kittens.”

Action Words

- underestimate: to think that something is less important than it is. “Don’t underestimate the difficulty of the task.”
- unfold: to open or spread out from a folded position. “She unfolded the map.”
- unite: to come together as one. “The team needs to unite to win.”
- unplug: to disconnect from an electrical outlet. “He unplugged the computer.”
- unravel: to undo something twisted or woven. “She began to unravel the threads of the old sweater.”
- update: to provide with new or current information. “Please give me an update on the progress of your school project.”
- uphold: to maintain or support. “They promised to uphold the rules of the game to be fair.”
- upload: to transfer data from one computer to another. “She uploaded the photos to her online album.”
- uproot: to pull something, especially a plant, out of the ground. “They had to uproot the old tree.”
- utilize: to make practical and effective use of something. “They will utilize the new equipment.”