

Letter Y Vocabulary Words

with Definitions and Example Sentences



3 Letter Words

- ☐ yap: to bark sharply. "The dog tends to yap at strangers."
- ☐ yaw: to swerve off course. "The boat began to yaw in the strong wind."
- ☐ yea: an affirmative vote. "The motion was passed with a yea."
- ☐ yen: the main type of money in Japan. "He exchanged dollars for yen in Japan."
- ☐ yep: informal way of saying yes. "Yep, I agree with you."
- ☐ yet: up until the present time. "He hasn't learned to ride a bike yet."
- ☐ yip: a short, sharp sound from animals. "The puppy gave a happy yip."
- ☐ you: referring to the person or people being addressed.
"You are welcome to join us."
- ☐ yow: an exclamation of pain. "Yow, that hurt!"

Simple Preschool Words

- ☐ yarn: a long, thick strand of cotton, wool, etc. used for knitting. "She bought yarn to knit a scarf."
- ☐ yell: to shout loudly. "He heard his mother yell from the kitchen."
- ☐ yelp: a short cry made in pain or distress. "She let out a yelp when she scraped her knee."
- ☐ yes: used to give an affirmative response. "Yes, I will come to the party."
- ☐ young: having lived or existed for only a short time. "The young child is very curious."
- ☐ your: belonging to or associated with the person or people being addressed. "Is this your book?"
- ☐ yuck: an exclamation of disgust. "Yuck, the skunk smells stinky."

Kindergarten Words

- ☐ yard: an area of land next to a building or home. "The children played in the yard."
- ☐ year: a period of 365 days. "The last day of the year is December 31st."
- ☐ yellow: the color between green and orange in the spectrum. "She wore a bright yellow dress."
- ☐ yoke: a wooden beam used to pair animals together. "The oxen were harnessed with a yoke before plowing the field."
- ☐ yolk: the yellow part of an egg. "She separated the egg yolk from the white."
- ☐ yesterday: the day before today. "Yesterday was sunny and warm."
- ☐ youth: the time of life when someone is young. "He spent his youth in the countryside."

Elementary Words

- ☐ yahoo: an exclamation of joy or excitement. "Yahoo! We won the game!"
- ☐ yield: to slow down or stop to check for oncoming traffic. "The driver will yield to oncoming traffic."
- ☐ yin-yang: a concept in Chinese philosophy describing how opposite forces are interconnected. "The yin-yang symbol represents balance."
- ☐ yo: an informal greeting. "Yo, how are you?"
- ☐ yodel: to sing by rapidly changing pitch. "He learned to yodel from his Swedish grandmother."
- ☐ yoga: a form of exercise involving a series of poses and mind-body connection. "She practices yoga every morning."
- ☐ yore: a time long ago. "In days of yore, knights protected the kingdom."
- ☐ yummy: delicious. "The cake was yummy."

Food Words

- ☐ yam: a starchy tuber. “She made a dish with roasted yams.”
- ☐ yeast: a fungus used in baking and brewing. “She added yeast to the bread dough.”
- ☐ yogurt: a semi-solid food made from fermented milk. “She likes to eat yogurt with fruit for breakfast.”
- ☐ yellowfin tuna: a type of tuna fish. “They served yellowfin tuna at the restaurant.”
- ☐ yucca: a starchy root vegetable. “She fried yucca to make chips.”

Animal Words

- ☐ yak: a large domesticated wild ox. “The yak has thick fur to keep warm.”
- ☐ yellowjacket: a type of wasp. “The yellowjacket buzzed around the picnic.”
- ☐ yellowtail: a type of fish found in the Pacific Ocean. “The yellowtail fish is popular in sushi.”
- ☐ yorkshire terrier: a small breed of dog. “The yorkshire terrier chased a small ball.”

Object Words

- ☐ yacht: a large boat used for private cruising or racing. “They spent the weekend on their yacht.”
- ☐ yardstick: a measuring stick one yard long. “He used a yardstick to measure the fabric.”
- ☐ yashmak: a veil worn by some Muslim women to cover part of their face. “She wore a yashmak during the ceremony.”
- ☐ yearbook: a book given to students that captures images and moments from the year. “He looked at his high school yearbook.”
- ☐ yo-yo: a toy consisting of a spool that is reeled up and down on a string. “He played with his yo-yo for hours.”

Places Words

- ☐ Yellowstone National Park: the first national park; located in the U.S. “They saw Old Faithful at Yellowstone National Park last summer.”
- ☐ yonder: at some distance in a specified direction. “The house stands yonder, beyond the hill.”
- ☐ Yosemite National Park: a national park in California. “Yosemite National Park is known for its stunning scenery.”
- ☐ youth center: a place where young people can meet and enjoy activities. “The youth center offers many programs for kids.”

Nature and environment Words

- ☐ yearling: a young animal, particularly a horse, that’s one year old. “The yearlings were grazing in the field.”
- ☐ yew: a type of evergreen tree. “The yew tree has small leaves and is very old.”
- ☐ yucca: a plant with long, sword-shaped leaves. “Yucca plants are common in desert regions.”

Emotion and Trait Words

- ☐ yearn: to have an intense feeling of longing for something. “He yearned for adventure.”
- ☐ youthful: having the qualities typical of young people. “Her youthful energy livened up the party.”

Action Words

- ☐ yank: to pull something with a jerk. “She had to yank the door open.”
- ☐ yawn: to open your mouth wide and breathe in deeply because you are tired. “He began to yawn as it got late.”
- ☐ yowl: making a loud wailing cry. “The cat was yowling outside.”