

EASY VOCABULARY WORDS

BARK

The noun **bark** refers to the outer covering of a tree. The verb **bark** refers to the sound a dog makes.



NAILS

The hard parts on your fingers and toes are your **nails** (you can also say **fingernails** and **toenails**, more specifically). **Nails** are also thin, sharp metal pieces used in construction.



JAM



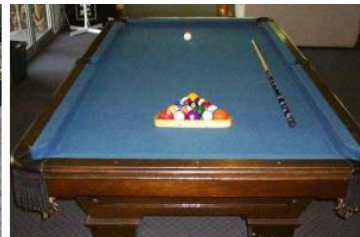
The noun **jam** means a sweet paste made out of fruit. It is also called **jelly**.

The verb **jam** means to put something into a space that is too small for it. For example you would **jam** a week's worth of clothes into a small backpack.

A **traffic jam** is when the cars on the road are very slow or stopped.

POOL

A **pool** (or **swimming pool**) is a man-made area of water, for swimming. **Pool** also refers to a game where you try to put the colored and numbered balls into the holes around the edges of the table. It can also be called **billiards**.



MINE



The word **mine** is a possessive adjective. For example, “The blue car is **mine**.”

Mine is also a noun. It can refer to the place where minerals are dug out of the earth (this activity is called **mining**, and the people who do it are called **miners**).

A **mine** or **landmine** also refers to a bomb that is buried underground; it will explode when someone steps on it or drives over it. These are used in war.

INTERMEDIATE VOCABULARY WORDS

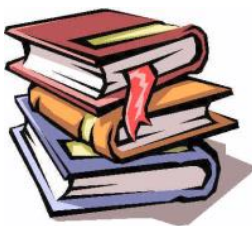
BOLT

A **bolt** is a type of metal fastener. The word **bolt** is also used for a single ray of lightning (a **lightning bolt**). Finally, **bolt** is a verb meaning to run extremely fast.



SEASON

A **season** (noun) is a period of the year with a particular climate/weather (spring, summer, fall, winter). The verb **season** means to apply spices or flavorings to food. These spices or flavorings are called **seasonings**. For example, you might **season** a chicken before roasting it in the oven.



NOVEL

A **novel** (noun) is a fictional book of significant length. The word **novel** can also be used as an adjective to mean especially new, unusual, or different. For example, a **novel** approach to solving a problem.

DRAFT

The noun **draft** refers to a current of air into an enclosed space. For example, if there's a space under your front door, there will be a **draft** in the house and it might get cold.

Draft as a noun also refers to a version of a document, plan, or drawing. A **rough draft** is a version that has not yet been revised, and the **final draft** is the final version of it.

If a country has a **draft**, it means the citizens must obligatorily participate in the military. **Draft** can also be a verb in this case – a person can be **drafted** to serve in the military.



SQUASH

The word **squash** refers to a family of vegetables that have hard exterior shells, and we eat the inside part. The picture shows just one type of squash; there are many.

Squash is also an indoor sport played with rackets and a ball.

Finally, the verb **squash** means to crush something (compress/destroy it with pressure). You would **squash** a spider if you saw it crawling across your kitchen floor. If you put something heavy on top of your bread when loading your grocery bags, the bread would get **squashed**.



ADVANCED VOCABULARY WORDS

BUCKLE



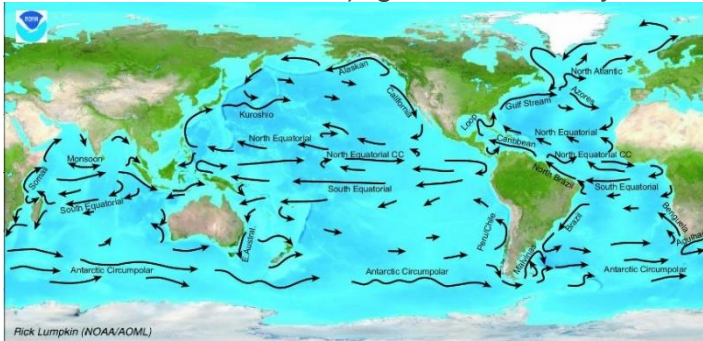
The word **buckle** refers to a metal clasp, such as one found on a belt. **Buckle** is also a verb meaning to close/fasten such a clasp. For example, you should **buckle** your seatbelt when you get into the car. (The opposite is **unbuckle**).

The other meaning for the word **buckle** is to collapse, especially under a lot of weight or pressure. For example, a person's legs might **buckle** if they faint (become unconscious). If you **buckle** under the stress or your job, it means you break down emotionally.

CURRENT

The adjective **current** describes something that is modern or happening now.

Current as a noun refers to the direction and speed of flow of a liquid (such as water in the ocean or in a river), gas, or electricity.



HARBOR



A **harbor** (noun) is a sheltered area of water that is deep enough so that ships can anchor there.

The verb **harbor** means to provide shelter.

For example, it is a crime to **harbor a fugitive** (a criminal who is running away from the police or legal authorities). You can also **harbor** negative feelings such as resentment or a grudge, meaning to keep

those feelings alive inside you.

HATCH

Hatch (verb) refers to the process of a baby bird coming out of its egg.

A **hatch** (noun) is an opening in the floor, ceiling, or wall of a ship or aircraft, often having a door on hinges.



RACKET

A **racket** is a piece of sports equipment containing a round frame and netting – used in tennis, squash, badminton, and other games.

The noun **racket** also means loud, often chaotic noise. For example, how can I study when the party next door is making a **racket**?

