

# Letter A Vocabulary Words

## with Definitions and Example Sentences



### 3-letter words

- aid: to provide help. "She will aid in the search."
- aim: to direct a course. "Aim the dart at the board."
- air: the invisible gaseous substance surrounding the earth. "We need fresh air."
- all: the whole quantity. "All the cookies were eaten."
- and: in addition to. "She studies and works."
- ape: a large primate. "The ape lives in the jungle."
- arc: a part of the circumference of a circle. "The rainbow formed a perfect arc."
- arm: each of the two upper limbs of the human body. "He broke his arm."
- ask: to request something. "I'll ask my mom if we can have an apple."

### Simple Preschool Words

- a: the word we use before one thing or person. "I saw a cat."
- ace: someone who excels. "She's an ace at math."
- act: to perform a part in a play. "He can act."
- add: to combine or increase quantities. "Let's add the numbers."
- age: how old someone or something is. "What is your age?"
- am: "I am" means "I exist" or "I'm present." "I am happy."
- an: use it before a word that starts with a vowel sound. "An apple."
- ark: a large boat. "Let's pretend this big box is an ark on the sea."
- art: the expression of creativity or imagination. "We made art in class."
- as: used to help describe something or when something happens while something else does too. "He sang as he worked."
- at: shows where something is or happened. "We met at the school."
- aunt: the sister of one's father or mother. "My aunt visited us."
- auto: short for automobile; a car. "We saw a red auto."

## Kindergarten Words

- acorn: the nut of an oak tree. "The squirrel hid an acorn."
- album: a collection of photographs or music. "We looked at the photo album."
- area: the measurement of a surface. "The total area of the field is 200."
- also: in addition to. "I have a cat, and I also have a dog."
- antler: a bony growth on the head of a deer. "The deer had large antlers."
- apple: a fruit that is typically round, red, or green, and eaten as food. "She enjoyed a fresh apple."
- apron: a garment worn to protect clothing. "Mom wears an apron when she cooks."
- arrow: a thin, pointed shaft shot from a bow. "The arrow flew straight."

## Elementary Words

- ability: the skill to do something. "She has the ability to sing beautifully."
- actor: someone who pretends to be someone else in movies or plays. "The actor was really good in that movie."
- adult: a grown-up person. "Adults go to work."
- advice: suggestions about what to do. "My mom gives good advice."
- agree: to have the same opinion. "We agree that ice cream is delicious."
- algorithm: a set of steps to solve a problem. "We use an algorithm to do math problems."
- alliteration: when words start with the same sound. "Silly Sally sells seashells is alliteration."
- alive: something that is living. "Spring makes flowers come alive."
- amphibian: animals that live both in water and on land. "Frogs are amphibians because they start in water as tadpoles."
- ancient: very, very old. "The ancient pyramid is thousands of years old."
- anecdote: a short funny or interesting story. "My dad tells an anecdote about his childhood."
- angry: feeling mad about something. "He was angry when he lost his toy."
- antagonist: the bad person in a story. "The antagonist tried to stop the hero."

- anyone: any person. "Anybody can learn to swim."
- April: the fourth month of the year. "My birthday is in April."
- again: another time "I'd like to go to the zoo again."
- aroma: the smell something gives off. "The aroma of fresh-baked cookies smells wonderful."
- apply: to use something or to ask formally for something. "You apply paint to a canvas."
- astronaut: a person who travels into space. "The astronaut went to the moon."
- astronomy: the study of stars, planets, and space. "We learned about the planets in astronomy."
- attract: to pull towards or to make interested. "Magnets attract metal."

## Food Words

- acai: a dark purple berry that's super good for you. "We had acai in our smoothie."
- almonds: a kind of nut that's tasty and healthy. "Almonds are great for snacking."
- anchovies: tiny fish that are really salty. "Anchovies are on some pizzas."
- apricot: a small, soft orange fruit. "Apricots are sweet and yummy."
- artichoke: a green vegetable with lots of layers. "We dipped artichoke leaves in butter."
- arugula: a leafy green that's a bit spicy. "Arugula makes salads interesting."
- asparagus: a long, green vegetable. "Mom roasts asparagus with cheese."
- asiago: a cheese that's really good on pasta. "We sprinkled asiago on our spaghetti."
- avocado: a green fruit with a big seed in the middle. "Avocado is creamy and good on toast."

## Animal Words

- aardvark:** a night animal that eats ants. "The aardvark dug in the dirt."
- albatross:** a big sea bird. "The albatross flew over the waves."
- alligator:** a big reptile with a strong tail. "The alligator lay in the sun."
- angelfish:** a colorful tropical fish. "The angelfish swam by the coral."
- anemone:** a sea animal that looks like a flower. "A clownfish hid in the anemone."
- ant:** a small insect that works in groups. "An ant carried a leaf."
- antechinus:** a small meat-eating marsupial. "The antechinus hunted at night."
- antelope:** a fast animal with horns. "The antelope jumped high."
- aphid:** tiny insects that eat plant sap. "An aphid clung to the leaf."
- alpaca:** a fluffy animal valued for its wool. "The alpaca chewed grass."
- anaconda:** a very big snake. "The anaconda slid into the water."
- auk:** a bird that can dive and fly. "An auk dove into the sea."
- asp:** a poisonous snake. "The asp hid under a rock."
- armadillo:** an animal with a hard shell. "The armadillo rolled up."
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- adapter:** a device used to connect one piece of electronic equipment to another. "I needed an adapter to connect my computer to my new monitor."
- accordion:** a musical instrument with pleated bellows and a keyboard. "He played the accordion at the festival."
- amplifier:** an electronic device that increases the power of a signal. "The guitarist plugged his guitar into the amplifier to make it sound louder."
- antenna:** a rod, wire, or other device used to transmit or receive radio or television signals. "We adjusted the antenna for better reception."
- almanac:** a book published every year containing information about the movements of the planets, weather forecasts, and other data. "Farmers often refer to the almanac."

- alarm: alerts someone with a loud noise for security purposes. "The fire alarm sounded when it sensed smoke in the air."
- abacus: a frame with beads sliding on wires, used for calculating. "Children in ancient times learned math with an abacus."

## Places Words

- airport: a place where airplanes take off and land. "The plane landed at the airport."
- aquarium: a place for displaying aquatic animals. "We visited the aquarium to see the sharks."
- alley: a narrow path between buildings. "He walked down the alley."
- amphitheater: an open venue for events. "The concert was held in the amphitheater."
- apartment: living space in a building. "She lives in an apartment."
- archipelago: a group of islands. "The archipelago was beautiful from above."
- arena: a place for sports and shows. "The hockey game was in the arena."
- aisle: a passage between rows of shelves or seats. "Let's walk down the cereal aisle."
- avenue: a wide city street. "The parade marched down the avenue."
- asylum: a place of refuge. "He sought asylum from the storm."
- alcove: a recessed section of a room. "The alcove was her favorite reading spot."
- arcade: a covered passage with shops. "They played games in the arcade."
- arctic: the region around the North Pole. "Polar bears live in the Arctic."

## Nature and Environment Words

- aurora: a natural light display in the Earth's sky, predominantly seen in the high-latitude regions. "The aurora borealis is a spectacular sight."
- atmosphere: the gasses surrounding the Earth and other planets. "The atmosphere protects us from harmful solar radiation."

- arid: having little or no rain; too dry to support vegetation. "The desert is an arid place."
- algae: a simple nonflowering plant that typically lives in water. Includes seaweed. "Algae can be found in almost any body of water."
- asteroid: a small rocky body orbiting the sun. "Asteroids are studied to learn more about the solar system."
- aquifer: an underground layer of rock or sediment that holds water. "Wells are drilled into aquifers for water."
- avalanche: a mass of snow, ice, and rocks falling rapidly down a mountainside. "An avalanche can be very dangerous."
- aspen: a type of tree known for its trembling leaves. "The aspen trees turn golden in the fall."
- anthill: a mound of earth formed by ants as they dig their underground nests. "We saw a large anthill in the park."

## **Emotions and Traits**

- active: being very energetic and moving around a lot. "She was always active during recess."
- adventurous: eager to try new and exciting things. "He felt adventurous and climbed the tallest slide."
- agreeable: ready to agree or say yes to things. "The agreeable student nodded at the teacher's suggestion."
- alert: paying close attention and being ready. "The puppy remained alert while watching the squirrel."
- aloof: acting distant and not friendly. "He remained aloof during the group activity."
- amazing: causing great surprise or wonder. "The magic trick was so amazing, it made her gasp."
- amused: finding something funny or entertaining. "He was amused by the funny

- appreciative: feeling or showing gratitude. "She was appreciative of her friend's help with homework."
- artistic: good at creating art or enjoying art. "The artistic student won the drawing contest."
- attentive: paying close attention to something. "The attentive audience listened to the story."
- awesome: very impressive or amazing. "The fireworks show was awesome!"

## Action Words

- abandon: to stop looking after someone or something. "He abandoned the project halfway through."
- accelerate: begin to move more quickly. "The car accelerated down the road."
- ascend: go up or climb. "He ascended the mountain early in the morning."
- accept: to agree to receive or believe something. "He decided to accept the gift with a big smile."
- amend: make minor changes to a document in order to make it more accurate. "The document was amended to reflect the new changes."
- adore: love and respect someone or something deeply. "She adored her grandmother."
- analyze: to examine something in detail. "We need to analyze the data thoroughly."
- appease: to please someone by giving into their demands. "He appeased his boss by agreeing to work an extra shift."
- assemble: gather together in one place for a common purpose. "They assembled at the park for the concert."
- absorb: to take something in gradually. "Sally absorbed the new information as her teacher talked."
- assess: evaluate or estimate the ability or quality of something. "The teacher assessed the students' projects."
- adjust: to move or change something slightly. "Can you adjust the painting so it looks straight?"



□ align: place or arrange things in a straight line. "She aligned the books on the shelf."

□ adopt: legally bring up another person's child as one's own. "They decided to adopt a child."

□ articulate: to clearly express an idea or feeling. "She articulated her opinions on the matter."