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Hinweise zur Benutzung

Reclams Grund- und Aufbauwortschatz Englisch wurde völlig neu erstellt auf der Grundlage von Frequenzlisten (Listen, in denen die Wörter nach der Häufigkeit ihres Vorkommen geordnet sind) und von Vokabellisten der wichtigsten Englisch-Lehrwerke. Dabei haben wir besonders auf Begriffe geachtet, die Ihnen im Englischunterricht in Schule und Universität und bei Reisen ins englischsprachige Ausland begegnen. Ein weiterer Schwerpunkt sind Begriffe aus den für die Geschäftskommunikation so wichtigen Bereichen Wirtschaft und Industrie.

Der gesamte hier enthaltene Wortschatz umfasst etwa 3000 Wörter Grundwortschatz und 4000 Wörter Aufbauwortschatz. Bei der Auswahl und Einordnung der Wörter sind die Vorkenntnisse, die deutschsprachige Lernerinnen und Lerner aufgrund der Verwandtschaft der beiden Sprachen haben, besonders berücksichtigt worden.

Die Wörter sind nach Sachgruppen angeordnet, innerhalb der Sachgruppen alphabetisch, und zwar zunächst der Grundwortschatz, fett gedruckt, dann der Aufbauwortschatz. Die wichtigsten 1000 Wörter sind grau unterlegt, damit Sie schnell einen Grundstock nützlicher Wörter erwerben können.

Die Einträge folgen dem Schema englisches Wort – deutsche Übersetzung – Beispielsatz:

to finish ■ beenden, abschließen

Next summer my daughter is going to finish school.

Bei einem Wort, das mehrere Bedeutungen hat, werden auch mehrere Beispielsätze gegeben:

to push ■ drücken; drängen; schieben

Don't pull the door, push it.

Don't push ahead of me, please.

He pushed his bike because the hill was too steep.

Bei unregelmäßigen Verben sind zusätzlich die Stammformen Präteritum und Partizip Perfekt angegeben;

to give (gave, given) ■ geben, schenken

What has your brother given you for your birthday?

und bei Verben auf -y die 2. Person Singular und das Partizip Präsens:

to fly (flew, flown; flies; flying) ■ fliegen

It's always been one of mankind's dreams to fly like birds.

Die sogenannten Hilfsverben (Auxiliaries oder Auxiliary Verbs) sind unterstrichen und stehen ohne »to«, um sie von den Vollverben zu unterscheiden:

can (could, could) ■ können

Of course I can swim.

Bei den Substantiven ist bei unregelmäßiger Pluralbildung auch die Pluralform angegeben:

tooth (Pl.: teeth) ■ Zahn

Most adults have 32 teeth.

In allen Fällen, in denen die Aussprache Schwierigkeiten bereiten könnte, stehen Ausspracheangaben nach dem Internationalen Phonetischen Alphabet:

to laugh [lɑ:f] ■ lachen

This type of joke doesn't really make me laugh.

Dort, wo es leicht zu Fehlern – etwa bei der Aussprache oder der Übersetzung – kommen kann, steht ein Warnzeichen:

iron \triangle ['aɪən] ■ Eisen

Iron is required for the production of steel.

Nützliche Wendungen sind als Untereintrag, versehen mit einem Pfeil, angegeben:

hand ■ Hand

One of the Beatles' songs was "I Want To Hold Your Hand".

- ▶ **give me a hand** ■ hilf mir doch mal
- ▶ **to shake hands** ■ sich die Hand geben

In Kapiteln, in denen zahlreiche Wörter im Englischen und im Deutschen gleich oder sehr ähnlich sind, haben wir aus Gründen der Übersichtlichkeit auf Beispielsätze verzichtet. Dies betrifft die Kapitel 1.2, 3.6, 8.3, 10.1, 10.4 und 16.4. Sie werden feststellen, dass bei diesen Themen besonders schnelle Lernfortschritte möglich sind.

Die folgenden Abkürzungen werden verwendet:

- Adj. Adjektiv
- Adv. Adverb
- AE American English
- Akk. Akkusativ
- BE British English
- Lat. Latein
- Pl. Plural

1. Mensch

1.1 Allgemeine Angaben

adult [ˈædʌlt] ■ Erwachsene(r)

Once you are eighteen you are legally an adult.

age ■ Alter

What's your age? – I'm sixteen.

baby ■ Baby, Säugling; Schatz, Liebling

Little babies sleep a lot.

Ooh, I love you, baby, I love you night and day.

to be born (was, been) ■ geboren sein, geboren werden

Barack Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii.

birth ■ Geburt

After his birth, John's parents moved into a new house.

birthday ■ Geburtstag

My mother's birthday is 12 May 1980.

boy ■ Junge

"I've loved football ever since I was a little boy", Lionel Messi said.

female ■ weiblich; Frau

He looks very female although he is not a female.

first name ■ Vorname

Shakespeare's first name was William.

gentleman (Pl.: -men) ■ Herr, Gentleman

Would the gentlemen please make room for the ladies?

girl ■ Mädchen

Two of Liz's children are girls.

kid ■ Kind

When I was a kid I liked to play in our garden.

lady ■ Dame; (adlige) Lady

A real lady never talks about shocking things.

May I introduce Lord and Lady Wilberforce?

last name ■ Nachname, Familienname

I know "Mary" is your first name. But what is your last name?

lord ■ Lord (englischer Adelstitel)

The lord opened his castle to the public.

► **the Lord** ■ Gott

male ■ männlich; Mann

In mathematics the number of male students is often bigger than that of female students.

In Britain, "Evelyn" can be the name of a male.

man [mæn] (Pl.: men [men]) ■ Mann

The novelist Evelyn Waugh was a man, not a woman.

name ■ Name

Lady Gaga's real name is Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta.

old ■ alt

How old are you? – I'm sixteen.

person ■ Person, Mensch

This room may be used for a maximum of thirty persons.

race ■ Rasse

The relationship between the various races in this country has always been difficult.

sex ■ Geschlecht

The sex of our baby? – It's male.

single ■ ledig

Are you single or married?

teenager ■ Teenager

Young people between 13 and 19 are called teenagers.

title ■ Titel

What's the title of the book you are reading?

In Britain academic titles are added after the name, as in Arthur Dundas, PhD.

widow ■ Witwe

My mother became a widow at the age of 54.

widower ■ Witwer

He did not remain a widower long but married again.

woman ['wʊmən] (Pl.: women ['wɪmɪn]) ■ Frau

According to the bible Eve was the first woman on earth.

young ■ jung

He is already a young man, not a boy any longer.

youth ■ Jugendliche(r); Jugend

He was a youth of eighteen years.

In her youth she was an excellent sprinter.

aged ■ im Alter von

My daughter has two children aged 7 and 5.

alike ■ ähnlich, gleich

Twins are alike only if they are identical twins.

duchess ■ Herzogin

A woman who is a duchess holds the same rank as a man who is a duke.

duke ■ Herzog

The Duke of Edinburgh is Queen Elizabeth's husband.

earl ■ Graf

In the UK, an earl holds a rank below that of a queen or king, duke and marquess.

ethnic ■ ethnisch, Volks...

Many people of different ethnic origins live in our country.

gender ■ Geschlecht

Which gender is the baby, please?

human ■ Mensch

According to research all modern humans descended from the same small group of people.

ID ■ Ausweispapier(e)

If you cannot show your passport your driver's licence will be enough as an ID.

identification ■ Identifikation, Ausweis

Could I see your identification, please?

to identify (-fies; -fying) ■ identifizieren, erkennen

The police identified the dead body as that of Mr Myers.

identity ■ Identität

In their youth many people undergo some sort of identity crisis.

infant ■ Kleinkind; Säugling; Kindes...

"Infant" is the more formal term for "baby".

Infant mortality has dropped sharply in the past century.

junior ■ Jüngere(r, s); Junior

Instead of saying that Margaret is younger than her sister, you can also say that she is her sister's junior.

Mr Bush junior was less popular than his father.

lad ■ Junge, Bursche

A couple of lads were playing football on the field.

minor ■ Minderjährige(r)

As a minor you are not served any alcohol in the USA.

native ■ einheimisch, heimatlich; gebürtig

My aunt is a native speaker of English.

The English novelist Joseph Conrad was a native Pole.

nickname ■ Spitzname

Henry's nickname was "Professor" because he was so good at school.

peer ■ Angehörige(r) des britischen Hochadels

Some examples of peers in Britain are dukes and earls.

to register ■ (sich) anmelden; registrieren

If you move to Britain from abroad you must register with the police.

I would like to register my son for the football club.

register ■ Register, Verzeichnis

This is a register of schools and colleges in England.

reputation ■ Ruf, Reputation

John has a good reputation. Nobody has ever said anything negative about him.

residence ■ Wohnsitz

Please indicate your place of residence.

resident ■ Bewohner(in)

Are you a resident of this city?

self (Pl.: selves) ■ Selbst, Ich

Since the death of their mother Carol and Mike have never been their usual selves.

senior ■ Ältere(r, s); Senior

Michael is older than John, i.e. he is John's senior.

Mr Bush senior was more popular than his son.

surname ■ Familienname

Could you spell your surname please, Mr Dalyell?

1.2 Körper und äußere Erscheinung

appearance ■ Aussehen

He had the appearance of an athlete.

arm ■ Arm

She broke her arm when she fell off a tree.

attractive ■ attraktiv, anziehend

He struck everyone by his attractive appearance.

back ■ Rücken

Oh dear, my back has been hurting for days.

barefoot ■ barfuß

He doesn't like shoes and socks. That's why he always goes barefoot.

to be (was, been) ■ sein

She is a very tall girl.

▶ **to be at** ... ■ beschäftigt sein mit

He's been at this job for a couple of hours.

▶ **to be up** ■ auf sein

It was nine o'clock, but John wasn't up yet.

beard ■ Bart

My brother grew a beard when he was only fifteen.

beautiful ■ schön

It's a beautiful weather today, isn't it?

beauty ■ Schönheit

The new Miss World is a real beauty.

big ■ groß

It was a big surprise when my sister announced her wedding.

body ■ Körper

Trust your feelings and your body.

bone ■ Knochen

There are more than 200 bones in the human body.

brain ■ Gehirn

The brain is a very complex organ, and one of the largest in the human body.

breast [brɛst] ■ Brust

He pressed his hand to his breast and said: "I am not lying!"

breath [brɛθ] ■ Atem; Atemzug

He had run so fast that he was quite out of breath.

cheek ■ Backe, Wange

Babies often have fat cheeks.

ear ■ Ohr

Dogs have much better ears than human beings.

elbow ■ Ellenbogen

Many tennis players have occasional problems with their right – or left – elbow.

eye ■ Auge

His eyes were as good as an eagle's.

face ■ Gesicht

His face was covered with tears.

fair ■ blond, hell

She had long, fair hair.

finger ■ Finger

When I use a keyboard to write a letter I only use two fingers.

to fit (fitted, fitted; AE: fit, fit) ■ passen

Oh dear, my pants don't fit any more.

foot (Pl.: feet) ■ Fuß

Those feet are made for walking.

forehead ['fɒrəd, 'fɔːhed] ■ Stirn

A golf ball hit him right on the forehead.

hair ■ Haar

I wash my hair every other day.

hand ■ Hand

One of the Beatles' songs was "I Want To Hold Your Hand".

▶ **give me a hand** ■ hilf mir doch mal

▶ **to shake hands** ■ sich die Hand geben

handsome ■ gut aussehend

George is a very handsome man.

to have (had, had) ■ haben, besitzen

Emma has three cats.

▶ **to have s.th. done** ■ etwas machen lassen

He had his hair cut.

head [hed] ■ Kopf

Cristiano Ronaldo hurt his head and immediately left the game.

heart [hɑ:t] ■ Herz

My father never had problems with his heart.

human ■ menschlich

The human body is highly developed.

image ■ Bild

Little Sylvia is the image of her mother as a young girl.

internal ■ innere(r, s)

The heart is a very important internal organ.

joint ■ Gelenk

I can't go for long walks anymore because my knee joints begin to hurt after only ten minutes.

knee [ni:] ■ Knie

After the accident my father had difficulties bending his knees.

large ■ wohlbeleibt

He was rather a large man.

leg ■ Bein

The guitarist broke his right leg when he fell off the stage.

lip ■ Lippe

Red lips are a classic beauty trend.

little (smaller, smallest) ■ klein

Jacob was quite little when he was born but his brother was even smaller.

► **a little** ■ ein bisschen

We should have known this a little earlier.

liver ■ Leber

In Shakespeare's time the liver was believed to be the seat of love and passion.

lovely ■ schön, reizend, nett

Mary is a lovely little girl.

lung ■ Lunge

He filled his lungs with air and dived into the water.

mark ■ Fleck, Zeichen

She had a dark mark on her right cheek.

mouth ■ Mund

The actor has a very large mouth.

naked ■ nackt

We are born naked.

neck ■  Hals

She put her arms around my neck.

nice ■ schön, angenehm

Margaret was a nice little girl with her pretty smile and blue eyes.

nose ■ Nase

The boxer's nose started to bleed after he had been hit.

▶ **to blow one's nose** (blew, blown) ■ sich die Nase putzen, sich schnäuzen

powerful ■ stark

Doing a lot of sports has made him even more powerful.

pretty ■ hübsch

I like the pretty old villages on the Isle of Wight very much.

pupil ['pju:pəl] ■ Pupille

The darker it gets the larger your pupils.

sense ■ Sinn

Human beings have five senses: touch, sight, hearing, smell, and taste.

She's got a very strong sense of responsibility.

short ■ klein

He is rather a short person.

shoulder ■ Schulter

Bob, you are a big boy. I can't carry you on my shoulders.

skin ■ Haut

Little Mary has very smooth skin.

slim ■ schlank, dünn, mager

I'm not as slim as I used to be.

small ■ klein

He is rather small for his age.

strength ■ Kraft, Stärke

Hercules was known for his great strength.

strong ■ stark, kräftig

He is as strong as a horse.

tall ■ groß

At 7 feet Dirk is very tall.

thick ■ dicht

Anne has thick hair.

thin ■ dünn

Many models have very thin arms and legs.

tiny ■ winzig, klein

Babies have tiny fingers and toes.

tiptoe: on tiptoe ■ auf Zehenspitzen

Little Peter had to stand on tiptoe to open the door.

toe ■ Zeh

Human beings have ten toes and ten fingers.

tongue [tʌŋ] ■ Zunge

My aunt could touch her nose with her tongue.

tooth (Pl.: teeth) ■ Zahn

Most adults have 32 teeth.

ugly ■ hässlich

Frankenstein's monster was rather ugly.

voice ■ Stimme

She has a very pleasant voice.

wide ■ groß

He looked at her with wide eyes.

ankle ■ (Fuß-)Knöchel

The player had twisted his ankle and had to leave the field.

artery ■ Arterie

Arteries transport blood away from the heart, veins transport it back.

bald ■ glatzköpfig

His grandfather became bald very early in life.

bare ■ nackt

You must not enter this church with bare shoulders. Put a scarf round them.

blond ■ blond

All my family have had blond hair.

chest ■ Brust, Brustkorb

Just look at his chest. He must have practised with weights a lot.

chin ■ Kinn

The punch to his chin knocked him out on the spot.

curly ■ lockig

The little girl had really curly hair.

delicate ['dɛlɪkət] ■ empfindlich, zerbrechlich

My grandmother is rather a delicate person.

to dress ■ (sich) anziehen, sich kleiden

She dresses very elegantly.

feminine ['femənɪn] ■ feminin, weiblich

She likes to stress her feminine appearance, which is why she often wears a skirt.

finger nail ■ Fingernagel

She carefully paints her fingernails every day.

finger tip ■ Fingerspitze

Can you balance a basketball on your fingertip?

giant ■ riesig; Riese(-in)

He's got giant feet – size 52 in fact.

Some basketball players are real giants.

heel ■ Ferse, Hacke

The police were quickly on the criminal's heels.

height ■ Größe

Mary and Susan have about the same height.

hip ■ Hüfte

New hips are quite frequent among the elderly nowadays.

kidney ■ Niere

Kidneys clear your blood of dangerous substances.

knuckle ['nʌkəl] ■ (Finger-)Knöchel

Her knuckles became all white when she grabbed the chair.

lean ■ schlank

Jim always looks lean and fit.

left-handed ■ linkshändig

Two of my three children are left-handed.

limb [lɪm] ■ Glied

Human beings have four limbs – two legs and two arms.

lock ■ Locke

The little girl had beautiful black locks.

look ■ Aussehen; Blick

She was a woman of very good looks.

He had a very serious look on his face.

masculine ['mæskjəlɪn] ■ maskulin, männlich

She went so often to a gym that in the end she had a very masculine appearance.

mask ■ Maske

He wore a mask so that he would not be recognized.

mature [mə'tʃʊə] ■ reif; entwickelt, erwachsen

Considering that she's only twelve she's rather mature.

moustache [mə'stɑːʃ] ■ Schnurrbart

On old photographs you can see that many men had a moustache in those days.

neat ■ ordentlich, sauber

Everyone appreciated her neat appearance.

nerve ■ Nerv

Muscles only begin to work when nerves make them do so.

organ ■ Organ

All his major organs are in perfect order.

palm [pa:m] ■ Handfläche

There are people who claim that they can see your future in your palm.

plump ■ rund, mollig

John loved his little, plump wife.

ponytail ■ Pferdeschwanz

Picasso painted a famous portrait of a girl with a ponytail.

prominent ■  vorstehend

The little boy had rather prominent teeth.

rear ■ Hintern

He turned around furiously when someone kicked him in the rear.

to resemble ■ ähneln, sich gleichen

Mary and Liza are not twins but they resemble each other very much.

rib ■ Rippe

Human beings usually have twice twelve ribs, i.e. twenty-four.

sexy ■ sexy, attraktiv

She looks really sexy in that new dress of hers.

skinny ■ dünn, mager

Tom is so skinny! He ought to put on some weight.

smart ■ schick

He looks very smart in that suit.

stomach ■ Magen; Bauch

*Food is primarily digested in the stomach.
Babies often have a big stomach.*