Appendix-IV

Useful words for expressing ideas, opinions etc in English.

The vocabulary lists below give groups of useful words that can be used to express many ideas in English, for example, expressing personal feelings, Opinions. The words are not listed alphabetically: rather, they are grouped according to the similarity of the ideas they express:

Examples of words expressing personal feelings (Nouns)

Fondness Liking, affection, love
Dislike, hatred
Happiness, Joy, delight, gladness
Unhappiness, sadness, misery, depression, sorrow, regret, despair, suffering
Pleasure, satisfaction, contentment, comfort,
Pain, Dissatisfaction, discontent, discomfort, embarrassment, sympathy, understanding
Enjoyment, amusement, Interest, excitement eagerness, Curiosity, surprise, wonder, amazement, astonishment
Dislike, disinterest, boredom, apathy
Disgust, Annoyance exasperation, frustration, worry, concern
Anger, Fury, rage
Fear, fright, terror
Tiredness, Weariness, exhaustion

Envy, jealousy

Hope -despair, Patience-impatience, kindness-meanness, tolerance-intolerance, friendliness-hostility, confidence-shyness,

appreciation-ingratitude

**Examples of words seeking and giving information (Verbs)**

To ask, to inquire, to request to question

To answer, to respond, to reply

To express, to tell, to inform, to say, to state, to remark, to declare

To exclaim, to indicate

To hint, to imply

To point out, to announce, to report

To describe, to show, to illustrate, to demonstrate

To discuss, to reveal

To repeat

**Examples of words expressing the way people think (Verbs)**

To think, to know, to believe, to feel, to understand, to consider

To realize, to assume, to suppose

To guess, to imagine, to wonder

To decide, to make up one's mind

To change one's mind, to be confused, to misunderstand
To reason, to define, to deduce, to infer
To compare, to contrast, to interpret
To summarize, to generalize, to theorize, to conclude
To confirm, to verify, to prove, to disprove
To predict, to anticipate.

Examples of words expressing personal opinions (Verbs)

To the sure, to be convinced, to be certain, to be positive
To be unsure, to be unconvinced, to be uncertain, to be reluctant
To stress, to emphasize, to insist
To agree, to accept
To disagree, to challenge, to reject, to contradict
To argue, to dispute, to object, to oppose
To offer, to refuse
To deny

Examples of words concerning making judgments [words

To be right, to be correct
To be wrong, to be incorrect, to make a mistake
To complain, to criticize
To scold, to blame, to condemn
To promise
To praise, to compliment
To admit, to confess, to apologize, to excuse, to pardon, to forgive

To be innocent, to be guilty

To approve, to disapprove of

To judge

To justify

Examples of words concerning changing other people’s behavior

(Verbs)

To persuade, to convince

To suggest, to propose, to advice, to recommend

To invite, to urge

To order, to command, to force, to direct, to demand

To threaten

To forbid, to prohibit

The Warn, to caution

To teach, to instruct, to correct

To encourage, to assure, to console, to cheer up

To discourage

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