

# 2026 IVY CUP INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH CONTEST

## Elementary Group B

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## Quiz Bank for Elementary Group B

### **Part I Surprise Me (2 minutes)**

The *Surprise Me* Talent Show could be any form, such as storytelling, speech, singing, dubbing, and drama, etc. Each participant needs to present English skills in the show.

The costumes and any props/materials involved in the performance should be prepared by the participants.

The judge may ask you some questions about your talent show or your personal information before/after the talent show. Please answer the questions in full sentences in English. Here are some examples below. The samples are for reference only.

### **Part I Surprise Me (Q&A)**

1. - Who is your favorite character in this story/film/book? -My favorite character is... because...

2. - What do you do in your spare time? -I usually...with my friends because...

3. -What is your hobby? -I like.../My hobby is...

4. -What's your favorite sport/color? -My favorite sport/color is.../I like... the best because...

5. -What do you usually do on weekends? -I usually...

6. -Where do you live? -I live in...

7. -How long have you been practicing for your show? -I have been practicing for...

8. -What's more fun, singing, reading or playing with your friends? -I think ...is more fun because...

9. -Do you like technology? What is your favorite?  
-Yes, I do. I like computers the best because they can help me to search for information...

10. -What time do you go to school/go to bed? -I go to school/ go to bed at...

11. -Why do you like singing/dancing? -I like singing/dancing because...

12. -What do you want to be when you grow up? -I want to be a/an...

13. -Have you ever joined an English contest before? -Yes, I have. I joined in...contest before.  
-No, I haven't. I've never joined an English contest.

14. -Do you think you can make it to the Finals? -Yes, I believe I can make it.

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### ***Part II Convince Me (Spelling and Sentences Making)***

The judge will read a word or the audio file of the word will be played for contestants. First, please read the word and spell it, then use it to make a sentence. The judge will ring the bell when the participants cannot spell the word within 15 seconds or misspell the word. Participants will move on to listen and spell the next word until the participants finish spelling 3 words and making a sentence with each one.

#### **Sample answer A**

2.0 points

Judge: Adult, the person who is beyond 18 years old. It starts with A.

Participant: It's adult.A-D-U-L-T, adult. (1 point)

This club is only for adults because the activities are too dangerous for teenagers. (1 point)

\*The sentence is logical, coherent without any grammatical mistakes.

#### **Sample answer B**

1.5 points

Judge: Adult, the person who is beyond 18 years old. It starts with A.

Participant: It's adult. A-D-U-L-T, adult. (1 point)

This club is for adult because the activity are dangerous. (0.5 points)

\*The sentence is with grammatical errors.

#### **Sample answer C**

1.5 points

Judge: Adult, the person who is beyond 18 years old. It starts with A.

Participant: It's adult.A-D-U-L-T, adult. (1 point)

This club is for adult. (0.5 points)

\*The sentence is too short and it lacks logic.

#### **Sample answer D**

1.0 point

Judge: Adult, the person who is beyond 18 years old. It starts with A.

Participant: It's adult.A-D-U-L-T, adult. (1 point)

I can make a sentence with (the word) *adult*./I know this word. It's a bit difficult, and I need to study it hard. (0 points)

\*Fail to make a sentence or make an incoherent sentence with the word.

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### **Sample answer E**

1.0 point

Judge: Adult, the person who is beyond 18 years old. It starts with A.

Participant: It's adult.A-D-U-L-T, adult. (1 point)

An adult is more than 18 years old . (0 points)

\*Copy the sentence from the definition given.

### **Sample answer F**

0.0 points

Judge: Adult, the person who is beyond 18 years old. It starts with A.

Participant: It's A-... (0 points)

\*Fail to spell the word and fail to make a sentence.

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<b>Word</b>	<b>Example</b>
About	I wish you'd do something about your bedroom - it's a real mess.
Absent	If Callie is absent from school, she should bring a note from home.
Abroad	We always go abroad to visit our relatives in the summer.
Accept	I offered her an apology, but she wouldn't accept it.
Accident	Josh had an accident and spilled water all over his books.
Activity	There were lots of activities for children at the museum.
Address	She gave an address to the Royal Academy.
Admit	At first he denied stealing the money but he later admitted (to) it.
Adult	More than half of adult Americans are considered overweight.
Advantage	His long arms give him a big advantage over other boxers.
Adventure	We got lost on the Metro - it was quite an adventure.
Afford	I don't know how he can afford a new car.
Allow	Do you think Dad will allow you to go to Jamie's party?
Ancient	People have lived in this valley since ancient times.
Answer	I've just called him but there was no answer.
Apology	I owe you an apology - I'm afraid I forgot to send that report.
April	There is still snow on the ground here in April.
Artist	The artist painted this picture using tiny brushstrokes.

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Argue	They were arguing over/about which film to go and see.
Army	Both the armies suffered heavy losses in the battle.
Assistant	My assistant will show you around the school.
Attention	Wait a moment and I'll give you my full attention.
Attraction	Life in Los Angeles has so many attractions - nightclubs, good restaurants, and so on.
Australia	Jane is going to Australia when her mother comes back home.
August	We're going to China for a holiday on the 1st August.
Author	He is a talented young author of seven books.
Avocado	I was told that Half an avocado contains about 160 calories.
Badminton	The two people playing badminton seemed to be at it quite intensely.
Baker	The baker across the street does wonderful cakes.
Balcony	Our hotel room has a balcony that looks out over the pool.
Bandage	I looked at the arm and found that it was bandaged.
Barbecue	We're having a barbecue on Saturday - I hope you can come.
Bark	They heard a dog barking outside last night.
Baseball	He had a baseball and a couple of bats in his sports bag.
Beautiful	I've never seen a more beautiful view in my life.
Bedroom	He was so upset that he shut himself in his bedroom and refused to come out.
Beginner	She only took up knitting a month ago, but she's quite good for a beginner.
Bench	The players sit on the bench when they are not playing in the game.

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Beside	Our school was built right beside a river.
Between	On the train I was sitting between two very strong men.
Bicycle	You should never ride your bicycle without lights at night.
Biology	In biology classes at school we used to dissect rats.
Biscuit	We had tea and biscuits at half past three yesterday.
Blanket	She wrapped the baby in a blanket and went to the park.
Broken	Careful - there's broken glass on the floor.
Brilliant	She's got a brilliant sense of humour.
Cable	They dug up the road in order to lay phone cables.
Campsite	The campsite is in a beautiful location next to the beach.
Candle	She watched the wax as it dripped down the side of the candle.
Capital	London used to be the financial capital of the world.
Canada	This is my aunt who's over from Canada.
Carpet	We've just had a new carpet fitted in our bedroom.
Catch	Our dog ran past me and out of the house before I could catch it.
Celebrate	The people at the table behind us were celebrating someone's birthday.
Cheap	He bought some cheap shoes that fell apart after a couple of months.
Cheese	Would you like a slice/piece of cheese with your bread?
Champion	She is the world champion for the third year in succession.
Choose	He chose a shirt from the many in his wardrobe.

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Close	I went out and forgot to close the window.
Clown	The people running this school are a bunch of clowns.
Coach	She coaches students in French, usually for exams.
Coast	We travelled across America coast to coast.
Collection	There's quite a collection of toothbrushes in the bathroom.
Comfortable	I'm not comfortable speaking in front of an audience.
Comics	Dad read the front page while the kids read the comics.
Company	The company is concentrating on developing new products.
Computer	Modern computers can hold huge amounts of information.
Copy	He was always copying from/off other students, but never got caught.
Correct	Students said it was helpful if the teacher corrected their pronunciation.
Cost	It costs a lot to buy a house in this part of Sydney.
Cough	There are lots of coughs and colds going around this winter.
Crazy	You're crazy to buy a house without seeing it.
Crossword	Every now and then, just for a change, she did crosswords.
Damaged	Both the cars involved in the accident looked badly damaged.
Dangerous	It's dangerous to walk alone in the woods at night.
Defeat	They defeated the Italian team and reached the final.
Defend	How can we defend our homeland if we don't have an army?
Degree	This job demands a high degree of skill.

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Delighted	I'm absolutely delighted that you can come.
Designer	She was a very imaginative designer in her company.
Destroy	Most of the old part of the city was destroyed by bombs during the war.
Different	Emily is very/completely/entirely different from her sister.
Difficult	It's very difficult to pass the examination in this semester.
Digital	Social media is an essential tool in a digital world.
Dinner	We had some friends over for dinner on Saturday.
Dirty	Don't sit on the floor - you might dirty your dress.
Disappear	I can't find my keys anywhere - they've completely disappeared.
Disease	She has caught a disease of the lungs last year.
Dive	They ran to the pool, dived in, and swam to the other side.
Divide	He and his brother decided to divide the company into two parts.
Doctor	The doctors have done some tests to try and find out what's wrong with her.
Dolphin	Dolphins are very intelligent and often friendly towards humans.
Early	I got up early this morning to walk the dog.
Earn	You can't expect to earn a living from your painting.
Earrings	I couldn't wear these earrings because my ears aren't pierced.
Earth	The earth was shaking and people rushed out of their houses in panic.
Education	It's important for children to get a good education.
Effect	I think I'm suffering from the effects of too little sleep.

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Effort	You can't expect to have any friends if you don't make the effort with people.
Elbow	Her arm was bandaged from the elbow to the fingers.
Electric	The noise from his electric guitar was deafening.
Elephant	In the past eight years, the elephant population in Africa has been halved.
Email	I'll send you my email address once I'm online.
Empty	The room was empty except for a wardrobe standing in one corner.
Ending	Sadly, there was no fairy tale happy ending to the story.
Engineer	He started his working life as an engineer but later became a teacher.
Enter	The police entered (the building) through/by the side door.
Entry	I'll wait for you at the entry to the park.
Enemy	The enemy had succeeded in stopping our supplies from getting through.
Enjoy	I want to travel because I enjoy meeting people and seeing new places.
Eraser	If you draw or write in pencil you can always rub out your mistakes with an eraser.
Escape	She was lucky to escape serious injury.
Example	This painting is a marvellous example of her work.
Excellent	The school is known for its excellence.
Excited	She was excited about the trip because she was going to learn to ski.
Expensive	He thinks he's special with his expensive suits and fancy shoes.
Exist	Does life exist on other planets?
Experiment	Some people believe that experiments on animals should be banned.

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Factory	She worked in a factory that produced air conditioners.
Fail	I passed in history but failed in chemistry.
Fair	It's not fair that she's allowed to go and I'm not!
Fantasy	Steve's favourite fantasy was to own a big house and a flashy car.
Fashion	She always wears the latest fashions.
Fatter	The girl who is in a red dress is fatter than my sister.
Field	The cows were all standing in one corner of the field.
Fight	There were children fighting in the playground.
Firefly	Fireflies produces flashes of light when it flies at night.
Flag	The guard waved his flag and the train pulled away from the station.
Folder	She handed me a folder containing the schedule of talks.
Foreigner	I can't speak a word of French so everyone can tell I'm a foreigner as soon as I arrive in France.
Forest	The campsite is set in the middle of a pine forest.
Forward	She leaned forward to whisper something in my ear.
Freeze	When the lake freezes, we can go skating on it.
Fridge	Don't forget to put the milk back in the fridge.
Friend	He finds it difficult to make friends.
Fruit	He runs a fruit and vegetable stall in the market.
Full	I tried to get in the cinema last night but it was full.
Future	She's a very talented young singer, and I personally think she's got a great future ahead of her!

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Gain	I gained a lot of weight while I was on holiday.
Garage	The car's still at the garage getting fixed.
Gate	The lift won't move if the safety gate isn't shut properly.
Generous	It was generous of you to lend me the money.
Glad	We'd be glad of the chance to meet her.
Goal	They have set themselves a series of goals to achieve by the end of the month.
Grandparents	Her grandparents visits her every week, which makes her delighted.
Grateful	I'm so grateful (to you) for all that you've done.
Grey/Gray	She was dressed in grey/gray on her birthday party.
Grocery	More and more people are buying their groceries online.
Group	I'm meeting a group of friends for dinner tonight.
Growth	Lack of water will stunt the plant's growth.
Guitarist	The guitarist sat on the grass, strumming his guitar.
Gym	I like to sweat it out in the gym for a couple of hours every day.
Haircut	She had a really awful haircut last weekend.
Happiness	We all desire health and happiness.
Hardworking	She is good girl, and will make a hardworking, devoted wife.
Hate	She hated the cold, dark days of winter in the north.
Head	He banged his head on the car as he was getting in.
Hear	My grandfather is getting old and can't hear very well.

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Heart	His heart leaped when the phone rang.
Height	The sheer height of New York's skyscrapers is so impressive.
Help	My dad said he would help with the costs of buying a car.
Hide	She used to hide her diary under her pillow.
Historical	The photos are of immense historical value.
Honey	The apple mixture can be sweetened with honey.
Hopeless	They searched for survivors but it was hopeless.
Ice Skating	She is fond of ice-skating so she has a training on Sundays.
Idea	It's not a good idea to drive for hours without a rest.
Ignore	I smiled at her but she just ignored me.
Imagination	I can never make up stories - I have absolutely no imagination.
Improve	Her grades have improved greatly this semester.
Indeed	Indeed, this is a classic book, still owned by many players.
Injure	She fell and injured her shoulder when she played in the park.
Insect	I've got some sort of insect bite on my leg.
Inspire	He inspired respect and devotion from his pupils.
Interview	She wore a very smart trouser suit to her job interview.
Invitation	I'm really happy to accept your invitation.
Island	They live on the large Japanese island of Hokkaido.
Invent	This brilliant plane was invented by Jack who is my best friend.

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January	The sports centre always gets a lot of new members in January.
Jazz	I've never really gone in for classical music, but I love jazz.
Jealous	I'm so jealous that she's going to that concert!
Jigsaw	We spent all evening doing a 1,000-piece jigsaw.
Job	He gave up his job to become a full-time novelist.
Jogging	My Chinese teacher goes jogging several times a week.
Join	If you're buying tickets, please join the queue.
Joke	She tied his shoelaces together for a joke.
Journalist	The journalist took notes throughout the interview.
Journey	She gave the children some sweets to chew on during the long car journey.
Judge	You shouldn't judge by/on appearances alone.
Juice	I relaxed with a couple of orange juices.
Jumper	You've put your jumper on back to front.
Kangaroo	I saw a kangaroo with her baby suddenly.
Keep	I keep on thinking I've seen her before somewhere.
Ketchup	Do you want some ketchup with your burger?
Kettle	I don't like the design of this kettle.
Keyboard	The computer comes with a wireless mouse and keyboard.
Kill	Her parents were killed in a plane crash.
Kilogram/ Kilogramme	One kilogram is roughly the same as 2.2 pounds.

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Kilometre/ Kilometer	He walks two kilometres to work every morning.
Kind	She's a very kind and thoughtful person.
Kitchen	He was busy peeling apples in the kitchen.
Knife	Be careful with that knife or you'll cut yourself!
Knock	There was someone knocking on/at the door when I cooked in the kitchen.
Know	I don't know whether I should tell her the truth or not.
Knowledge	Her knowledge of English grammar is very extensive.
Lamb	We saw a lamb being born.
Last	At the last moment he changed his mind.
Lawyer	I want to see my lawyer before I say anything.
Leader	She was elected as leader of their project.
Leave	I didn't leave the library until eight o'clock last night.
Learn	I've learned a lot about computers since I started work here.
Lesson	We can learn important lessons from this disaster.
Letter	I received a letter from the bank this morning.
Library	I usually go to the library to borrow some books with my dad on weekends.
Local	The café is popular with both locals and visitors.
London	We are very excited to travel to London next month.
Loud	I heard a loud bang and then saw black smoke.
Lovely	You look lovely in that pink dress.

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Major	She was a philosophy major at an Ivy League college.
Manager	He is manager of the New York City Ballet.
March	She usually invites us to her birthday party in March.
Match	We spent the afternoon at a football match.
Material	We need to buy some materials for making cookies.
May	We're supposed to be moving into new house next May.
Mean	If you don't know what the word means, look it up in a dictionary.
Messy	Ben's bedroom is always really messy.
Method	Travelling by train is still one of the safest methods of transport.
Might	I brought him some sandwiches because I thought he might be hungry.
Motorbike	Her brother borrowed her motorbike and crashed it.
Motorway	Soon after we joined the motorway, the car started to make a strange noise.
Mountain	The view from the top of the mountain is breathtaking.
Mouse	A mouse has nibbled through the computer cables.
Mouth	You shouldn't put so much food in your mouth at once.
Mushroom	Unfortunately some poisonous mushrooms look like edible mushrooms.
Musician	I'm not much of a musician, I just like to diddle around.
Narrow	The boats all have to pass through this narrow channel.
Nature	Nature gave these tiny creatures the ability to reproduce quickly when food is abundant.
Naughty	He overheard his daughter telling her teddy not to be so naughty.

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Necessary	If necessary, we can always change the dates of our trip.
Negative	They gave a negative response to our request for help.
Neither	We've got two TVs, but neither works properly.
Nephew	He picks his nephew up from school every week.
Necklace	This necklace was handed down to my mother by my grandmother.
Nervous	I was very nervous about driving again after the accident.
Network	I hope that you will participate and share this message with your networks.
Never	I never realized you knew my brother.
Newspaper	He wants to work for a newspaper when he graduates.
Novel	Have you ever read Fielding's classic novel "Tom Jones"?
Obvious	They have a small child so for obvious reasons they need money.
Occasion	I have a suit but I only wear it on special occasions.
Ocean	We have a clear view of the ocean from our hotel window.
Offer	My father offered to take us to the airport.
Office	I didn't leave the office until eight o'clock last night.
Online	The new power station is expected to be online by July.
Operation	The operation to fly in supplies will begin as soon as possible.
Opinion	She has strong opinions about religion.
Opposite	My brother and I live on opposite sides of the city.
Order	The teacher found it hard to keep her class in order.

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Outdoor	A number of outdoor concerts will be held during the summer.
Outstanding	It's an area of outstanding natural beauty.
Oven	Just roast the chicken in the oven and baste it in oil and lemon.
Pain	He's been suffering various aches and pains for years.
Palace	A great crowd had gathered outside the president's palace.
Parent	His parents live in New York, and it is far away from him.
Partner	He gave up his job as a police officer after his partner was killed.
Party	I really enjoyed your party - it was such good fun.
Passport	Many refugees have arrived at the border without passports.
Pasta	Spaghetti, lasagne, ravioli, and cannelloni are all types of pasta.
Path	They followed the path until they came to a gate.
Patience	In the end I lost my patience and shouted at her.
Peaceful	It's so peaceful by the lake, and children always have fun there.
Person	Who's the most famous person you've ever interviewed on TV?
Price	We thought they were asking a very high/low price.
Protect	It's important to protect your skin from the harmful effects of the sun.
Qualified	I can't think of anyone better qualified to take over.
Quality	The quality of the picture on our television isn't very good.
Quantity	She served each of us a vast quantity of spaghetti.
Quarter	I waited a quarter of an hour and then went home.

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Queen	In the game of chess, the queen is the most powerful piece on the board.
Question	I stayed at home on the night in question.
Queue	There was a long queue of traffic stretching down the road.
Race	They're taking part in a race to the top of Mont Blanc.
Racket	You're welcome to borrow my tennis racket, such as it is.
Race	Shall we have a race to the end of the beach?
Radio	The interview was broadcast on radio and television.
Rainforest	Many plant and animal species are found only in the rainforest.
Reach	They finally reached the coast after five weeks sailing.
Real	He doesn't think climate change is real.
Reason	The reason why grass is green was a mystery to the little boy.
Receptionist	When you get here, the receptionist will direct you to my office.
Record	The group has gone to Los Angeles to record their new album.
Region	There's a shortage of cheap housing in the region.
Regret	I have always regretted not having studied harder at school.
Relax	After work she relaxed with a cup of tea and the newspaper.
Remind	Please remind me to post this letter this afternoon.
Remove	The men came to remove the rubbish from the backyard.
Repair	I really must get my bike repaired this weekend.
Reply	I try to reply to letters the day I receive them.

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Report	According to reports, ten pupils were expelled.
Restaurant	We went to a little Italian restaurant and shared a pizza.
Result	His broken leg is the direct result of his own carelessness.
Return	Mary returned home/returned to his home after many years of travelling.
Sail	I'd like to learn to sail, but I haven't the time .
Satisfied	I didn't feel quite satisfied after my meal.
Sauce	Stir the sauce gently until it begins to boil.
Save	He fell in the river but his friend saved him from drowning.
Scientist	There are scientists who say that the results of the research are flawed.
Sculpture	In the ruins they found ancient stone sculptures.
Seaside	Let's go to the seaside for sailing at the weekend!
Selfie	He posted a series of selfies on his Instagram yesterday.
September	She is going to start her new school in September.
Shade	The sun was hot, and there were no trees to offer us shade.
Shake	She was shaking as she opened the letter.
Shampoo	She went to the hairdressers for a shampoo and set.
Sharp	The point of this pencil isn't sharp enough.
Simple	The recipe is so simple - you just mix all the ingredients together.
Smooth	The chocolate mousse was smooth and creamy.
South	The points of the compass are north, south, east, and west.

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Spaceship	The last astronaut in the spaceship goes into the computer and shuts it down.
Speech	Some expressions are used more in speech than in writing.
Stormy	I remember one stormy afternoon when Marcelle and I were kept indoors by the weather.
Straight	The skirt is long and straight with two side vents.
Stressful	People under a lot of stress may experience headaches, minor pains, and sleeping difficulties.
Tablet	His pen swept across his drawing tablet.
Talented	Her talent for music showed at an early age.
Tasty	This soup that my mom cook for me is very tasty.
Team	When I came back from holiday we had a new team in charge.
Television (TV)	Your problem is that you watch too much television.
Terrible	We have just received some terrible news from our cousin.
Theatre/ Theater	I'd far rather go to the theatre than watch a video.
Think	You think too much - that's your problem.
Thirsty	I felt/was hot and thirsty after the basketball game.
Ticket	If you've come to buy tickets for tonight's performance, please join the queue.
Tomorrow	Let's stay here tonight, then move on tomorrow morning.
Ugly	Most of the furniture is so ugly, you wouldn't give it house-room.
Underground	He never travels on underground trains.
Underline	The teacher underlined the importance of attention to detail.
Understand	We still don't fully understand how the brain works.

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Unfriendly	He is unfriendly and dangerous so that we don't like him.
University	You usually need three A levels to get into university.
Upload	I uploaded the file as soon as I had finished working on it.
Vacation	I've still got some vacation time left before the end of the year.
Various	We had various problems on our journey, including a flat tyre.
Vase	The vase landed on the floor with a crash.
Vast	The vast majority live further inland.
Vegetarian	I've been feeling much healthier since I became a vegetarian.
Version	An English-language version of the book is planned for next year.
Video	People can upload videos of their pets to this website.
View	It's my view that the price is much too high.
Voice	You could tell from her voice that she wasn't pleased.
Waiter	The waiter smiled politely as he handed me my bill.
Washroom	He says he will eat the candy after he comes back from the washroom.
Waste	You waste a lot of water by taking a bath instead of a shower.
Watch	I had dinner and watched TV for a couple of hours.
Weak	It's not surprising you feel weak if you haven't eaten properly for days.
Website	His fans created a website, giving every detail of his private life.
Wedding	We always celebrate our wedding anniversary with a bottle of champagne.
Wednesday	The restaurant is always closed on Wednesdays.

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Weekend	I have a lot of homework to do over the weekend.
Welcome	The visitors were warmly welcomed by the head of the department.
Yard	The kids were playing in the yard out back when I came back home.
Yogurt/ Yoghurt	I settled for orange juice, yogurt and black coffee for breakfast.
Young	The team has several talented young players waiting in the wings.
Youth	I was a fairly good football player in my youth.
Zeal	In his zeal to get his homework finished on time, he made a lot of mistakes.
Zero	The temperature is expected to drop to ten degrees below zero tonight.
Zigzag	The kids ran in zigzags around the playground.
Zipper	I can't open my bag - the zipper is stuck.