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Beautiful words in English

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DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN 1 MILLION WORDS IN ENGLISH? I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, SO KEEP COUNTING, I MEAN KEEP LISTENING. :)

Hi, everyone! I am Georgiana, your English teacher and founder of SpeakEnglishPodcast.com. My mission is to help you speak English fluently.

Today I will share with you 9 of the most beautiful words in English. And with the point of view story, you will learn grammar only by listening.

Ok. Let's start!

In 2010, during a project to search for words in digitized books, researchers estimated a total of 1,000,000 words.

Yeah, I was a bit surprised by this, too, but there's an explanation for all this.

First of all, you need to take into account that they have included **different forms of the same word**. Also, many words are **archaic** since they are not used in modern English.

Speaking of archaic words, in the second edition of the Oxford English Dictionary, there are approximately 600,000 defined word forms. But that's because it includes many old-fashioned words. And also, the dictionary expands every year to keep up with new words being invented.

However, according to the BBC, the good news is that we only use about **170.000 words in English**.

Yeah. I know. It's still a considerable number of words, but you don't need to know all these words to be able to have a conversation in English.

I actually believe it's a mistake to keep track of the number of words you know. If you want to **learn English effectively**, remember how you learned your mother tongue.

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And let's face it, you don't know all the words that are included in the dictionary of your mother tongue. But that doesn't stop you from **speaking fluently and eloquently**.

Let's not forget that words are a powerful form of communication. I have selected the ones that I consider to be the most beautiful out of all the words in English.

1. Cherish

The word **cherish** means having a deep appreciation for something or someone.

Example:

"We all **cherish** our family, our home, our possessions, and I'm sure someone in your life cherishes you and the relationship they have with you."

2. Demure

We use the word **demure** when we refer to a person who is shy and polite.

A **demure outfit** is a modest one.

Examples:

"The girl was dressed very **demurely** for the occasion."

"Her clothes were too **demure** for the occasion."

"The girl was **demure**."

3. Ebullience

Have you ever seen some puppies playing? The word that comes to mind is **ebullience**. Ebullience means excitement and enthusiasm.

Just think of someone who is too noisy, almost **euphoric**.

Example:

"I remember that when you were a kid, you would always burst into the room with your usual **ebullience**, and talk to everyone."

4. Elegance

I'm sure you're smiling right now because this is a word you knew. However, it is still one of the most beautiful words in the English language.

Examples:

"When she entered the room, everyone was amazed at her **elegance**."

"We'll deal with this matter with the utmost diplomacy and **elegance**."

5. Effervescent

Instead of calling someone funny, you could say they have an **effervescent** personality. That simply means that they have an attractive and lively quality.

We could say that someone who has a happy, light, and cheerful nature has an **effervescent** personality.

In this lesson, you can learn new words to enrich your vocabulary and even impress others.

Instead of always using words like funny, here's another, nicer, different word. So don't be afraid to use it.

Example:

"Ever since she was a child, Rachel was **effervescent**, impulsive, and optimistic."

6. Elixir

Maybe when you hear the word **elixir**, you think of magic, perhaps Harry Potter and the **elixir** of life.

Today, we use this word to identify a substance that is capable of transforming base metals into gold.

Although you could also use the word **elixir** to describe a cocktail you just made at your home bar.

Example:

"Your mom seems to have taken the **elixir** of life because I see her getting younger and younger."

7. Euphoria

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The word **euphoria** comes from the Greek word for healthy. However, it's now used to describe an intense feeling of happiness or joy. The feeling of **euphoria** can be the result of a fortunate turn.

Examples:

"After winning the award, they were in a state of **euphoria** for days."

"After winning the award, they were **euphoric** for days."

8. Eternity

How can we describe this word? Well, I've found some synonyms. Forever; always; an unlimited time. These are just a few ways to describe **eternity**.

Example:

"We know that we are not going to be in this situation for an **eternity**, and that idea is a comfort to us."

9. Epiphany

What a beautiful word! But what does it mean?

That's right! **Epiphany** is such a cool word. In Greek, the word means "manifestation."

Epiphany is an "Aha!" moment. You have an **epiphany** the moment you understand something, or you become aware of something very important to you.

Example:

"The legend goes that Isaac Newton had an **epiphany** about gravity and a falling apple."

Let's listen to these beautiful words one more time. Now you can pause and try to remember the meaning of each word.

Cherish

Demure

Ebullience

Elegance

Effervescent

Elixir

Euphoria

Eternity

Did you like these words? Please share with me which word you liked the most.

And now, let's continue with a point of view lesson.

Point of View Story

(practice your speaking)

Now let's practice some grammar. Don't worry; you don't have to memorize anything. Just listen carefully because I will tell the same story twice.

Are you ready?

Let's listen to the story from Tom's point of view:

Tom was a well-educated and refined man who knew how to make a good impression on women.

But despite his talent, he could not impress his beautiful neighbor.

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Every day he left her a note using the most beautiful words in English, saying how he admired her **elegance**, but she never answered him.

Until one day, Tom had an **epiphany**. He realized she didn't understand English well because she came from another country.

So Tom had to learn his neighbor's language if he wanted to become friends with her.

But Tom had a secret. He had a magical potion.

Every time Tom took a sip of the magical drink, he could speak all the languages in the world.

So Tom finally talked to his beautiful neighbor. Although, to his surprise, she had also taken a potion so she could speak English perfectly.

It turns out that Tom and his neighbor had a lot in common because they both loved magical potions. After they got married, they went on a honeymoon trip around the world to find the **elixir** of life that would help them live happily for **eternity**.

Let's listen to the same story from the neighbor's point of view:

My neighbor Tom seems like a well-educated and refined man who knows how to make a good impression on women.

But despite his talent, he can't impress me.

Every day he leaves me a note using the most beautiful words in English, saying how he admires my **elegance**, but I never answered him.

Until he had an **epiphany**, he finally realized I didn't understand English well because I come from another country.

So I guess Tom will need to learn my own language if he wants us to become friends.

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Unless he has a secret, maybe he has a magical potion, for example.

Every time Tom takes a sip of the magical drink, he can speak all the languages in the world.

I can't wait to see his face when he finds out that I also took a potion to speak English perfectly.

It turns out that Tom I have a lot in common. We both love magical potions. After we get married, we will go on a trip around the world to find the **elixir** of life that will help us live happily for **eternity**.

Perfect! It's the end of this point of view lesson. Have you seen the power of point of view technique? We have checked a lot of grammar by merely using the same story. It's very easy to compare the different structures because you compare them in parallel.

Let me ask you something. Is my podcast helping you with your English?

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That's all for today.

I will be back next week!
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