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Presentation

This glossary contains the 552 most frequent Esperanto words and morphemes (Groups 1 to 4 of the Baza Radikaro Oficiala, Aktoj de la Akademio II, 1968-1974). It also contains all words used in the Free Esperanto Course. It is estimated from word frequency studies that this corresponds to approximately 2000 words in other languages and covers 80 % of the words encountered.

The reader is assumed to be familiar with the rules of word formation in Esperanto; however, a few compound words which are likely to be difficult for the beginner (aliĝi, denove, tagmanĝo) are indicated separately.

Grammatical endings and affixes appear first, although most of them can be used as independent words (ulo: person; ebla: possible; etc.), as does the table of correlatives. The rest of the words appear alphabetically according to the root, so that "mon/o" appears before "mond/o", for example.

The letter following the slash indicates the grammatical nature of the root: /o for nominal, /a for adjectival, and /i for verbal. I have followed the grammatical categories in the Baza Radikaro Oficiala. A few roots and affixes are hybrid; in this case, both classes are indicated separately.

Words which appear in the Free Esperanto Course but are not among the 552 most frequent words are marked with an asterisk (*). A few correlatives also fall in this category.

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Grammatical endings, affixes, correlatives:

-a	adjective
-e	adverb
-j	plural
-n	accusative
-o	noun

Verbs:

-i	infinitive
-as	present
-is	past
-os	future
-us	conditional
-u	volitive (imperative, subjunctive)

Participles:

	past	present	future
active	-int-	-ant-	-ont-
passive	-it-	-at-	-ot-

Prefixes:

bo-	relation by marriage, "in-law"
bopatrino:	mother-in-law; bofrato: brother-in-law
ĉef-	head, chief
ĉefurbo:	capital; ĉefministro: prime minister
dis-	separation, scattering
disĵeti:	to throw about; dissendi: to distribute
ek-	sudden or momentary action
ekbrili:	to flash; ekkrii: to shout out
ge-	both sexes together
gepatroj:	father and mother; gesinjoroj: ladies and gentlemen
mal-	opposite
granda:	big, malgranda: small; riĉa: rich, malriĉa: poor
re-	over again, back again
resendi:	to send back; rekonstrui: to rebuild

Suffixes:

-adi	to do an action persistently or repeatedly
kuradi:	to keep on running; vizitadi: to visit habitually
-ado	frequent or continuous action
kuirado:	cooking; parolado: speech
-aĵo	thing, substance
novaĵo:	news, novelty; manĝaĵo: food
-ano	member, inhabitant
Usonano:	American; Kristano: Christian

-aro	collection, group arbaro: forest; vortaro: dictionary
-ebla	possible videbla: visible; kredebla: credible
-eco	abstract quality boneco: goodness; amikeco: friendship
-eg-	great size, intense degree, augmentative domego: mansion; varmega: extremely hot
-ejo	place lernejo: school; vendejo: store
-ema	propensity, tendency parolema: talkative; ludema: playful
-estro	leader, chief lernejestro: school principal; urbestro: mayor
-et-	smallness, small degree, diminutive varmeta: lukewarm; libreto: booklet
-ido	child, descendent katido: kitten; reĝo: king, reĝido: prince
-igi	to make, to cause to become purigi: to clean; mortigi: to kill
-iĝi	to become naskiĝi: to be born; edziĝi: to marry (become a husband)
-ilo	tool, instrument tranĉilo: knife; ludilo: a toy
-inda	worthy of memorinda: memorable; vidinda: worth seeing
-ino	feminine patrino: mother; bovino: cow
-ismo	doctrine, system (as in English) komunismo: communism; kristanismo: Christianity
-isto	person connected with something (as in English) instruisto: teacher; komunisto: communist
-obla	multiple duobla: double; trioble: triply
-ona	fraction duona: half (of); centono: one hundredth
-ujo	container, country monujo: purse; Anglujo: England (now often "-io" in this sense)
-ulo	person possessing a quality or characteristic riĉulo: rich man; junulo: young person
-um-	indefinite suffix indicating some relation with the root kolumo: collar; malvarmumo: a cold; plenumi: to fulfill

(This is not a complete list of all official prefixes and suffixes, but only the most frequent.)

Table of Correlatives:

	WHICH, WHAT	THAT	SOME	NO	EACH, EVERY
ONE	KIU which one, who	TIU that one	IU someone, somebody	NENIU no-one, nobody	ĈIU each one, everybody
THING	KIO what thing, what	TIO that thing	IO something	NENIO nothing	ĈIO everything
KIND	KIA what kind of	TIA that kind of	IA some kind of	NENIA no kind of	ĈIA every kind of
PLACE	KIE where	TIE there	IE somewhere	NENIE nowhere	ĈIE everywhere
WAY	KIEL how, in what way	TIEL thus, in that way	IEL* somehow, in some way	NENIEL* "nohow", in no way	ĈIEL* in every way
REASON	KIAL why, for what reason	TIAL so, for that reason	IAL* for some reason	NENIAL* for no reason	ĈIAL* for every reason
TIME	KIAM when, at what time	TIAM then, at that time	IAM at some time	NENIAM never, at no time	ĈIAM always, every time
QUANTITY	KIOM how much, how many	TIOM that much, that many	IOM some (quantity)	NENIOM none	ĈIOM the whole quantity, all
ONE'S	KIES	TIES*	IES*	NENIES*	ĈIES*

whose, that one's someone's no-one's, everyone's
 which one's nobody's everybody's

Glossary

A

aĉet/i	to buy
adiaŭ*	good-bye
aer/o	air
afabl/a	kind, friendly
afer/o	matter, affair, thing
Afrik/o*	Africa
agrabl/a	pleasant, nice
aĝ/o	age
ajn	-ever (e.g. kiu ajn: whoever; iam ajn: whenever)
akcept/i	to accept
akr/a*	sharp
akv/o	water
al	to, towards (preposition)
al/iĝ/i*	to join (intrans.)
al/ven/i*	to arrive (intrans.)
ali/a	other
almenaŭ	at least (adverb)
alt/a	high, tall
am/i	to love, to like
amas/o	mass, crowd
ambaŭ	both
amik/o	friend
Angl/o*	Englishman
angul/o	corner, angle
ankaŭ	also, too (adverb)
ankoraŭ	still (adverb)
anstataŭ	instead of (preposition, conjunction)
antaŭ	before (preposition)
apart/a	separate
apenaŭ	barely, scarcely (adverb)
aper/i	to appear
apetit/o*	appetite
april/o*	april
apud	beside, near (preposition)
arb/o	tree
art/o	art
atend/i	to wait
atent/a	attentive, careful
atest/i*	to attest, to certify
aŭ	or, either... or... (conjunction)
aŭd/i	to hear
aŭgust/o*	august
aŭskult/i	to listen
aŭt/o*	automobile, car
aŭtobus/o*	bus, coach
aŭtun/o	autumn, fall
av/o	grandfather

B

baldaŭ	soon (adverb)
bat/i	to hit, to beat
batal/i	to fight
bel/a	lovely, beautiful
best/o	animal
bezoni	to need, to require
bicikl/o*	bicycle
bier/o*	beer
bigami/o*	bigamy
bilard/o*	billiards, pool
bild/o	picture, image
bird/o	bird
blank/a	white
blind/a*	blind
blond/a*	blond
blu/a	blue
bon/a	good
bord/o	border, shore, bank
bov/o*	bull, ox
brak/o	arm
bril/i	to shine, to be bright
bru/i	to make a noise
brul/i	to burn, to be on fire (intrans.)
brun/a*	brown
Bruno*	Esperantized version of the name "Brown"
bub/o*	boy, lad (often pejorative)
bufed/o*	buffet, snack-bar
buŝ/o	mouth

butik/o*	store, shop
butik/um/i*	to go shopping

C

cel/i	to aim at
cent	(one) hundred
cert/a	sure, certain
ci*	thou (rare)
cigared/o*	cigarette

Ĉ

ĉambr/o	room
ĉapel/o	hat
ĉar	because, since (conjunction)
ĉas/i*	to hunt
ĉe	at, by (preposition)
ĉeval/o	horse
ĉi	indicates proximity (e.g. tio: that; tio ĉi: this; tie: there; tie ĉi: here)
ĉiel/o	heaven, sky
ĉirkaŭ	around, approximately (adverb)
ĉokolad/o*	chocolate
ĉu	whether (interrogative particle)

D

da	of (follows quantity or measure) (preposition)
Dalas/o*	Dallas
danc/i*	to dance
dank/i	to thank
daŭr/i	to last, to continue, to go on
de	of, from (preposition)
de/nov/e*	again, once more
decembr/o*	december
dek	ten
dekstr/a	right (side)
demand/i	to ask (a question)
dens/a*	dense, thick
dent/o	tooth
dev/i	to have to, to must
dezir/i	to wish, to desire
di/o	god
dik/a	thick, fat
dimanĉ/o*	sunday
dir/i	to say
direkt/o	direction
disk/o*	disk, record
divers/a	varied
do	therefore, so, then (conjunction)
dolĉ/a	sweet
dolor/o	pain
dom/o	house, building
don/i	to give
dorm/i	to sleep
du	two
dub/i	to doubt (trans.)
dum	while (conjunction), during (preposition)

E

eĉ	even (adverb)
edz/o	husband
eĥ/o*	echo
ekster	outside, out of (preposition)
ekzempl/o	example
ekzerc/i*	to exercise, to practice
el	out of, from (preposition)
elekt/i	to choose, to elect
en	in, into (with accusative) (preposition)
erar/i	to err, to make a mistake
eskim/o*	Eskimo, Inuit
esper/i	to hope
esperant/o*	esperanto
est/i	to be
Eŭklid/o*	Euclid
Eŭrop/o*	Europe

F

facil/a	easy
fajr/o	fire

fal/i	to fall
famili/o	family
far/i	to do, to make
fart/i*	to fare, to feel ("Kiel vi fartas?": "How are you?")
februar/o*	february
feliĉ/a	happy
fenestr/o	window
fer/o	iron
ferm/i	to close
fest/i	to celebrate
fil/o	son
fin/i	to finish, to end (something) (trans.)
fingr/o	finger
fiŝ/o	fish
flank/o	side
flav/a*	yellow
flor/o	flower
flug/i	to fly
foj/o	time, occasion
for	far, away (adverb)
forges/i	to forget
form/o	form
fort/a	strong
frap/i	to hit, to strike
frat/o	brother
fraŭlino	bachelor (fraŭlino: unmarried woman, "Miss")
fremd/a	foreign, alien
fru/a	early
frukt/o	fruit
fum/o*	smoke

G

gaj/a	happy, cheerful
gajn/i	to win, to acquire
gazet/o	magazine
geografi/o*	geography
glaci/o*	ice
glas/o	(drinking) glass
glob/o*	globe, sphere
gol/o*	goal (scored)
grand/a	large, great
grav/a	important
griz/a*	gray
gust/o*	taste
gust/um/i*	to taste (something) (trans.)

Ĝ

ĝangal/o*	jungle
ĝarden/o	garden
ĝi	it
ĝis	till, until, as far as (preposition, conjunction)
ĝoj/i	to be glad, to rejoice
ĝust/a	correct, exact

H

ha!	ah! (interjection)
halt/i	to stop (intrans.)
har/o	(one) hair
hav/i	to have
hejm/o	home
hel/a	bright, clear
help/i	to help
herb/o*	grass
hieraŭ	yesterday
histori/o	history
ho!	o!, oh! (interjection)
hodiaŭ	today
hom/o	person
hor/o	hour, time of day
hund/o	dog

Ĥ

ĥor/o*	choir, chorus
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I

ide/o	idea
ili	they

imag/i*	to imagine
indian/o*	(American) Indian
infan/o	child
insekt/o*	insect
instru/i*	to teach
inter	between, among (preposition)
interes/o	interest
interes/i	to interest, to be interesting to (trans.)
intern/a	internal, inside
ir/i	to go

J

ja	indeed (emphatic particle)
jaĥt/o*	yacht
jam	already (adverb)
januar/o*	January
jar/o	year
je	as regards, in relation to (indefinite preposition)
jen	here is (are), look!; sometimes... sometimes..., now... now...
jes	yes
Johan/o*	John
juli/o*	July
jun/a	young
juni/o*	June
just/a	just, fair

Ĵ

ĵaluz/a*	jealous
ĵaŭd/o*	Thursday
ĵet/i	to throw
ĵurnal/o*	newspaper
ĵus	just, just now (adverb)

K

kaf/o*	coffee
kaj	and (conjunction)
Kalgari/o*	Calgary
kalkul/i	to calculate, to count
kamp/o	field, area
kanjon/o*	canyon
kant/i	to sing
kap/o	head
kapt/i	to catch
kar/a	dear
kaŝ/i	to hide (trans.)
kat/o	cat
kaŭz/o	cause
ke	that (conjunction)
kelk/a	some
klar/a	clear
klin/i*	to incline, to bend (trans.)
klub/o*	club, group
knab/o	boy
kol/o	neck
kolekt/i	to collect (trans.)
koler/i	to be angry
kolor/o	color
komenc/i	to begin (something) (trans.)
komerc/i	to trade, to do business
kompren/i	to understand
komun/a	common, general
kon/i	to know
konduk/i	to lead
kongres/o*	Congress, convention
konsent/i	to agree
konsil/i	to advise
konstru/i	to build
kontent/a	satisfied, content
kontraŭ	against, opposite (preposition)
kor/o	heart
korespond/i*	to correspond, to exchange letters
korp/o	body
kort/o	yard, courtyard
kost/i	to cost
kovert/o*	envelope
kovr/i	to cover
kred/i	to believe
kresk/i	to grow (intrans.)
kri/i	to yell, to cry out
krom	besides, except (preposition)
ktp*	"kaj tiel plu" ("and so on") (abbr.)
kuir/i	to cook

kuk/o*	cake
kun	with (preposition)
kunikl/o*	rabbit
kur/i	to run
kuraĝ/a	brave, courageous
kurs/o*	course, series of lessons
kuŝ/i	to lie down
kutim/o	custom, habit
kvankam	although (conjunction)
kvar	four
kvazaŭ	as if, as though (conjunction, adverb)
kvin	five

L

la	the (definite article)
labor/i	to work
lac/a	tired
lakt/o	milk
land/o	country, land
larĝ/a	wide
las/i	to leave, to allow
last/a	last
laŭ	according to, along (preposition)
lav/i	to wash (trans.)
lecion/o*	lesson
leg/i	to read
lern/i	to learn
leter/o	letter (correspondence)
lev/i	to lift
li	he
liber/a	free, independent
libr/o	book
lig/o	league, alliance
lig/i	to tie, to bind
lign/o	wood
limonad/o*	lemonade, soft drink (Europe)
lingv/o	language
lini/o	line
lit/o	bed
loĝ/i	to live, to inhabit
lok/o	place, position
London/o*	London
long/a	long
lud/i	to play
lum/i	to shine, to give light
lund/o*	monday

M

maj/o*	may (month)
man/o	hand
manĝ/i	to eat
mank/i	to be lacking, to be absent
mar/o	sea, ocean
mard/o*	tuesday
mark/o	sign, mark
mart/o*	march (month)
maten/o	morning
maten/manĝ/o*	breakfast
mejl/o*	mile
mem	-self, -selves
membr/o*	member
memor/i	to remember
merkred/o*	wednesday
met/i	to put, to place
mez/o	middle
mezur/i	to measure (something) (trans.)
mi	I, me
mil	(one) thousand
million/o*	million
milit/i	to wage war
minut/o	minute
mir/i	to marvel, to be amazed
moment/o	moment
mon/o	money
monat/o	month
mond/o	world
mont/o	mountain
montr/i	to show
morgaŭ	tomorrow
mort/i	to die (intrans.)
mov/i	to move (something) (trans.)
mult/a	much, a lot of
mur/o	wall

N

naci/o	nation
naĝ/i*	to swim
nask/i	to give birth (to) (trans.)
natur/o	nature
naŭ	nine
naz/o	nose
ne	no, not
neces/a	necessary
neĝ/o	snow
nek	nor, neither... nor... (conjunction)
neŭtral/a*	neutral, impartial
ni	we, us
nigr/a	black
nokt/o	night
nom/o	name
nombr/o	number, amount
nord/a*	north
nov/a	new
Nov-Jork/o*	New York
novembr/o*	november
nu	well!, now! (interjection)
nub/o	cloud
nul	zero
nul/o*	nil, name of the number zero
nun	now
nur	only (adverb)

O

oft/a	frequent, common
ok	eight
okaz/i	to happen, to occur
oktoobr/o*	October
okul/o	eye
okup/i	to occupy
ol	than (in comparisons) (conjunction)
ond/o*	wave
oni	one, people, "they" (indefinite pronoun)
onkl/o	uncle
opini/i	to think, to have an opinion
ord/o	order
ordon/i	to order, to command
orel/o	ear
ost/o*	bone
ov/o*	egg

P

pac/o	peace
paf/i*	to shoot
pag/i	to pay
pan/o	bread
pantofl/o*	slipper
paper/o	paper
pardon/i	to forgive, to excuse
Pariz/o*	Paris
parol/i	to speak
part/o	part
pas/i	to pass
paŝ/i	to step, to pace
patr/o	father
pec/o	piece, bit
pen/i	to try, to endeavour
pens/i	to think
per	by (means of), with (preposition)
perd/i	to lose
permes/i	to allow, to permit
person/o	person
pet/i	to ask (for), to request
pied/o	foot
pilk/o*	ball (for playing)
plaĉ/i*	to please, to be pleasing
plaĝ/o*	beach
plank/o	floor
plej	most (superlative) (adverb)
plen/a	full
plend/i	to complain
plezur/o	pleasure, enjoyment
pli	more (comparative) (adverb)
plor/i	to cry, to weep
plu	further, more (adverb)
plum/o	pen
pluv/o	rain
polus/o*	pole (as in North Pole)

popol/o	people, nation
por	for, in order to (preposition)
pord/o	door
port/i	to carry
post	after, behind (preposition)
postul/i	to demand, to require
poŝ/o*	pocket
pov/i	to be able (to)
prav/a	right, correct
precip/a	main, principal
prem/i	to press, to squeeze
pren/i	to take
preskaŭ	almost (adverb)
pret/a	ready
preter	beyond, past (preposition)
prezent/i	to present
pri	about, concerning (preposition)
printemp/o	spring
pro	because of, by reason of (preposition)
problem/o*	problem
profund/a	deep
proksim/a	near, close
promeni/i*	to take a walk
propr/a	(one's) own
prosperi/i*	to prosper
prov/i	to try, to test
puni/i*	to punish
punkt/o	point, period
pur/a	clean, pure

R

rajt/o	a right
rakont/i	to tell, to narrate
rapid/a	quick, fast
reg/i	to rule, to control
renkont/i	to meet
respond/i	to answer
rest/i	to remain, to continue to be
rest/o	rest, remainder
ricevi/i	to receive
riĉ/a	rich
rid/i	to laugh
rigard/i	to look (at)
rimark/i	to notice
rimed/o	means, resource
ripoz/i	to rest
river/o	river
rob/o*	a dress
rompi/i	to break (trans.)
rond/o	round, circle
roz/o	rose
ruĝ/a	red

S

sabat/o*	saturday
sabl/o*	sand
sag/o*	arrow
salt/i	to jump
salut/i	to greet
sam/a	same
san/a	healthy
San-Francisk/o*	San Francisco
sandviĉ/o*	sandwich
sang/o	blood
sat/a	full, not hungry
sci/i	to know
se	if (conjunction)
sed	but (conjunction)
seĝ/o	chair
sek/a*	dry
sekv/i	to follow
semajn/o	week
sen	without (preposition)
send/i	to send
sent/i	to feel (trans.)
sep	seven
septembr/o*	september
serĉ/i	to look for, to seek
serv/i	to serve
ses	six
si	(him)self, (her)self, (one)self (reflexive pronoun)
sid/i	to sit
silent/i	to be silent
simpl/a	simple
sinjor/o	mister, gentleman

skatol/o*	box, case
skrib/i	to write
soif/i*	to be thirsty
sol/a	alone
solv/i*	to solve (trans.)
somer/o	summer
son/i	to sound
spec/o	kind, sort
staci/o	station (for bus, train, etc.)
star/i	to stand
stat/o	state, condition
step/o*	steppe
strat/o	street
stud/i*	to study
sub	under, beneath (preposition)
sufer/i	to suffer
sufiĉ/a	sufficient, enough
sukces/i*	to succeed
suker/o	sugar
sun/o	sun
super	over, above (preposition)
supr/o	top, summit
sur	on, upon (preposition)

Ŝ

ŝaf/o*	sheep
ŝajn/i	to seem, to appear to be
ŝanĝ/i	to change (trans.)
ŝat/i*	to have a high opinion of, to value, to like
ŝi	she
ŝip/o	ship
ŝose/o*	road, roadway
ŝton/o	stone
ŝu/o*	shoe

T

tabl/o	table
tabl/o/tenis/o*	table tennis, ping-pong
tag/o	day
tag/manĝ/o*	lunch
tajp/i*	to type
tamen	however, nevertheless (adverb, conjunction)
tamtam/o*	tom-tom
tas/o*	cup
task/o*	task
te/o*	tea
teatr/o*	a theater
Teksas/o*	Texas
temp/o	time
ten/i	to hold, to have
tenis/o*	tennis
ter/o	earth, ground
tim/i	to fear
tip/o*	type, sort
tir/i	to pull
tra	through (preposition)
traf/i*	to hit (a goal, etc.), to strike
tranĉ/i	to cut
trankvil/a	calm, quiet
trans	across, on the other side of (preposition)
tre	very
tri	three
trink/i	to drink
tro	too, too much
trov/i*	to find
tuj	immediately
turn/i	to turn (trans.)
tuŝ/i	to touch
tut/a	whole, entire

U

unu	one
urb/o	city, town
Uson/o*	USA
util/a	useful
uz/i	to use

V

vagon/o	train waggon, carriage
valiz/o*	suitcase, luggage

valor/o	value
varb/i*	to recruit
varm/a	warm, hot
vast/a*	vast, huge
vek/i	to awake (someone) (trans.)
ven/i	to come
vend/i	to sell (trans.)
vendred/o*	friday
vent/o	wind
ver/a	true, real
verd/a	green
vesper/o	evening
vest/o	garment, article of clothing
veter/o	weather
vetur/i	to travel (by vehicle: to drive, to fly, etc.)
vi	you
vid/i	to see
vilaĝ/o	village
vin/o*	wine
vintr/o	winter
vir/o	man
vitro	glass (substance)
viv/i	to live, to be alive
vizaĝ/o	face
vizit/i*	to visit
voj/o	way, road
vojaĝ/i	to travel, to journey
vok/i	to call (trans)
vol/i	to want to
vort/o	word

Z

zorg/i	to care for, to take care of
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