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In most entries in the dictionary, you will see two speaker icons  under the word, one British and one American. You can click on them to hear the pronunciation of the word. In addition, all entries in the dictionary include phonetic transcriptions in the International Phonetic Alphabet.

What do the phonetic symbols mean?

Phonetic symbols represent the sounds of words (for example, the pronunciation of words is /wɜːdʒ/). You can see a [full list of phonetic symbols](#) used in our dictionaries, with examples of their pronunciation.

What do the codes in the dictionary entries mean?

You can see a full list of [grammar codes](#) used in our dictionaries, with explanations of what they mean.

What do *sb* and *sth* in entries mean?

sb means *somebody*, and *sth* means *something*.

What do the A1, B2, C1, etc. labels mean?

These symbols show the [English Profile](#) level of a word, phrase or meaning. For example, a word that has a B1 symbol is a word that intermediate learners of English usually know.

- A1** Beginner
- A2** Elementary
- B1** Intermediate
- B2** Upper-Intermediate
- C1** Advanced



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comfort zone

uk /'kʌm.fət ,zəʊn/ us /'kʌm.fət ,zoʊn/

a situation in which you feel comfortable and in which your ability and determination are not being tested



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