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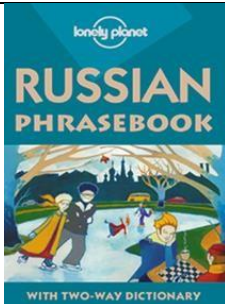
This list is to be used just as a reference to review vocabulary. It is highly recommended to check the book to have a thorough analysis of all lexical contents.


Abbreviations



v = verb adj = adjective exp = expression/collocation
n = noun adv = adverb prep = preposition


UNIT 7A		
Word	Definition	Example
advice (n)	an opinion or a suggestion about what somebody should do in a particular situation.	Follow your doctor's advice .
asleep (adj)	Sleeping.	Shhh, be quiet! The baby is asleep .
deep (adj)	having a large distance from the top or surface to the bottom.	The water looks quite deep there.
do the dishes (v)	to wash plates, glasses, etc. after a meal.	You cook and I'll do the dishes .
dress (v)	to put clothes on yourself/somebody.	She always dressed entirely in black.
fail (v)	not to be successful in achieving something.	Many diets fail because they are boring.
firmly (adv)	in a strong or definite way.	Keep your eyes firmly fixed on the road ahead.
flea market (n)	an outdoor market that sells second-hand (= old or used) goods at low prices	
greet (v)	to say hello to somebody or to welcome them.	She greeted him with a quick kiss.
greeting (n)	something polite or friendly that you say or do when you meet someone	My mother sends her greetings to you all.
helpful (adj)	willing to help somebody.	Sorry I can't be more helpful .
icy (adj)	covered with ice.	Be careful when you drive on icy roads.
look after (v)	to be responsible for or to take care of somebody/something.	Who's going to look after the children while you're away?
meal (n)	an occasion when people sit down to eat food, especially breakfast, lunch or dinner.	Try not to eat between meals .
on somebody's own (phrase)	alone; without anyone else.	She lives on her own .
pretend (v)	to behave in a particular way, in order to make other people believe something that is not true.	We pretended (that) nothing had happened.



shake (hands) (v)	to take somebody's hand and move it up and down as a way of saying hello or to show that you agree about something.	Do people in Italy shake hands when they meet?
subject (n)	a thing or person that is being discussed, described or dealt with.	Nelson Mandela is the subject of a new biography.
suit (n)	a set of clothes made of the same cloth, including a jacket and trousers/pants or a skirt.	
tire (n)	a thick rubber ring that fits around the edge of a wheel of a car, bicycle, etc.	
visitor (n)	a person who visits a person or place.	She's a frequent visitor to the US.
UNIT 7B		
Word	Definition	Example
baggage (n)	bags, cases, etc. that contain somebody's clothes and things when they are traveling.	There's room for one more piece of baggage .
baggage-claim (n)	the place at an airport where you get your suitcases, etc. again after you have flown.	
bargain (n)	a thing bought for less than the usual price.	The car was a bargain at that price.
breathe (v)	to take air into your lungs and send it out again through your nose or mouth.	Breathe in through your nose.
cheaply (adv)	without spending or costing much money.	You can live very cheaply in Italy.
clean up (v)	to remove dirt, etc. from somewhere.	Who's going to clean up this mess?
feel like (v)	to want to have or do something.	We'll go for a walk if you feel like it.
feel-good (adj)	making you feel happy and pleased about life. Feel-good is used with these nouns: movie, story	I saw a really feel-good movie.
go on (v)	if a situation goes on, it continues without changing.	How much longer will this hot weather go on for?
iron (v)	to make clothes, etc. smooth by using an iron (a tool with a flat metal base that can be heated and used to make clothes smooth).	I'll need to iron that dress before I can wear it.



leftover (n)	food that has not been eaten at the end of a meal.	Use any leftover meat to make a curry.
pound (n)	a unit for measuring weight, equal to 0.454 of a kilogram.	I've lost six and a half pounds since I started my diet.
scale (n)	an instrument for weighing people or things.	
soup (n)	a liquid food made by boiling meat, vegetables, etc. in water, often eaten as the first course of a meal.	
staff (n)	all the workers employed in an organization considered as a group.	The staff in this store is very helpful.
suitcase (n)	a case with flat sides and a handle, used for carrying clothes, etc. when you are travelling.	The suitcase was too heavy to lift.
text (v)	to send somebody a written message using a mobile/cell phone.	Text me when you're on your way.
UNIT 7C		
Word	Definition	Example
fee (n)	an amount of money that you pay for professional advice or services.	There is no additional fee for this insurance cover.
seat belt (n)	a belt that is attached to the seat in a car or a plane and that you fasten around yourself.	Fasten your seat belts before the plane takes off.
reputation (n)	the opinion that people have about what somebody/something is like, based on what has happened in the past.	The company has a positive reputation .
expect (v)	to think or believe that something will happen or that somebody will do something.	I'm expecting to pass my English test.
beginner (n)	a person who is starting to learn something and cannot do it very well yet.	The classes are suitable for complete beginners .
onto (prep)	used with verbs to express movement on or to a particular place or position.	Move the books onto the second shelf.
voicemail (n)	an electronic system which can store telephone messages, so that somebody can listen to them later.	I called Peter but he wasn't at home, so I left him a message in his voicemail .
phrase book (n)	a book containing lists of common expressions translated into another language.	




mime (v)	to act, tell a story, etc. by moving your body and face but without speaking.	Each player has to mime the title of a movie, play or book.
fort (n)	a building or buildings built in order to defend an area against attack.	
UNIT 8B		
Word	Definition	Example
aerospace (n)	the industry of building aircraft, vehicles and equipment to be sent into space.	I'd love to work for an aerospace company.
delayed (adj)	happening at a later time.	The flight was delayed , so we had to wait two more hours.
gadget (n)	a small tool or device that does something useful.	We live in a world filled with high-tech gadgets .
get a reputation (v)	to receive respect or admiration from the people, based on past behavior or character.	France has got a reputation for having high quality soccer players.
helpline (n)	a telephone service that provides advice and information about particular problems	If you have any problem to set the TV, call the LG helpline .
safety (n)	the state of being safe and protected from danger or harm	I'm worried about the safety of the treatment.
seat (n)	a place where you can sit, for example a chair.	Would you prefer a window seat or an aisle seat ? (= on a plane)
spill (v)	to flow over the edge of a container by accident; to make liquid do this.	 Urdu2Eng.com
surprisingly (adv)	in a way that causes surprise.	She knew surprisingly little about her sister's life.
UNIT 9A		
Word	Definition	Example
above (prep)	at or to a higher place or position than something/somebody.	We were flying above the clouds.
abroad (adv)	in or to a foreign country.	For a holiday abroad you need a valid passport.
bathtub (n)	a large, long container that you put water in and then get into to wash your whole body.	
bite (n)	a wound made by an animal or insect.	Spiders' bites can get infected.


field (n)	an area of land in the country used for growing crops or keeping animals in, usually surrounded by a fence, etc.	We camped in a field near the village.
fur (n)	the skin of an animal, used especially for making clothes.	This is horrible! People still kill animals to get their fur .
jellyfish (n)	a sea creature with a body like jelly and long thin parts called tentacles that can give a sharp sting.	
rub (v)	to move your hand, or something such as a cloth, backwards and forwards over a surface while pressing firmly.	She rubbed her hair quickly with a towel.
shore (n)	the land along the edge of the sea or ocean, a lake or another large area of water.	
still (adj)	not moving; calm and quiet.	Keep still while I brush your hair.
sting (v)	to touch your skin or make a very small hole in it so that you feel a sharp pain.	A bee stung my leg yesterday in the park.
suck (v)	to take liquid, air, etc. into your mouth by using the muscles of your lips.	He sucked the blood from a cut on his finger.
tie (v)	to attach or hold two or more things together using a string, rope, etc.	They tied him to a chair with cable.
toward (prep)	in the direction of somebody/something.	I saw Joanna hurrying toward me along the drive.
wave (v)	to move your hand or arm from side to side in the air in order to attract attention, say hello, etc.	A man in the water was shouting and waving his arms around frantically.
yard (n)	a piece of land next to or around your house where you can grow flowers, fruit, vegetables, etc.	My next-door neighbor was watering her yard .
UNIT 8A		
Word	Definition	Example
argument (n)	a conversation or discussion in which two or more people disagree, often angrily.	After some heated argument a decision was finally taken.
attend (v)	to be present at an event.	How many people attend church every Sunday?
avoid (v)	to keep away from somebody/something; to try not to do something.	You should avoid mentioning his divorce.
be worth (v)	to be important, good or enjoyable enough to make somebody feel satisfied, especially when difficulty or effort is involved.	The trip was expensive but it was worth every penny.
co-worker (n)	a person that somebody works with, doing the same kind of job.	He is worried about his job after seeing his co-workers being fired.

desperate (adj)	feeling or showing that you have little hope and are ready to do anything without worrying about danger to yourself or others.	Stores are getting desperate after two years of poor sales.
get in shape (v)	to take exercise, eat healthy food, etc. in order to become physically fit.	
go away (v)	to leave home for a period of time, especially for a holiday/vacation.	They've gone away for a few days.
go for it (v)	to put a lot of effort into something, so that you get or achieve something.	Go for it , John! You know you can beat him.
impulse (n)	a sudden strong wish or need to do something, without stopping to think about the results.	Her first impulse was to run away.
instead (adv)	as a substitute; in place of something or someone.	There's no coffee - would you like a cup of tea instead ?
keep in touch (v)	to communicate with somebody, especially by writing to them or telephoning them.	It is important to keep in touch with your friends from childhood.
macho (adj)	behaving in a way that is traditionally considered to be typical of men, for example by being strong, brave, or aggressive and not showing your emotions.	He's too macho to ever admit he was wrong.
once-in-a-lifetime (idiom)	used to describe something special that is not likely to happen to you again.	An opportunity like this comes once in a lifetime .
reply (v)	to say or write something as an answer to somebody/something.	He never replied to any of my letters.
risk (v)	to put something valuable or important in a dangerous situation, in which it could be lost or damaged.	He risked all his money on a game of cards.
UNIT 9B		
Word	Definition	Example
clown (n)	an entertainer who wears funny clothes and a large red nose and does silly things to make people laugh.	I'm really scared of clowns . I think I have a phobia.
cure (v)	to make a person or an animal healthy again after an illness.	Will you be able to cure him, Doctor?
exposed (adj)	not protected from attack or criticism.	She was left feeling exposed and vulnerable.
exposure (n)	the state of being in a place or situation where there is no protection from something harmful or unpleasant.	She suffered a massive exposure to toxic chemicals.
fear (n)	the bad feeling that you have when you are in danger, when something bad might happen, or when a particular thing frightens you.	The child was shaking with fear .

frightened (adj)	afraid; feeling fear.	
heights (n)	the distance that something is from the ground or from the floor, or from a fixed level such as the sea.	
irrational (adj)	not based on, or not using, clear logical thought.	These are just irrational fears.
overcome (v)	to succeed in dealing with or controlling a problem that has been preventing you from achieving something.	She overcame injury to win the Olympic gold medal.
placebo (n)	a substance that has no physical effects, given to patients who do not need medicine but think that they do, or used when testing new drugs.	The placebo effect means that any treatment will improve patients merely because they want to recover.
severe (adj)	extremely bad or serious.	The victim suffered severe brain damage.
speech (n)	a formal talk that a person gives to an audience	Several people made speeches at the wedding.
stage (n)	a separate part that a process, etc. is divided into.	We did the first stage of the trip by train.
sufferer (n)	a person who suffers, especially somebody who is suffering from a disease.	Local services provide residential care for dementia sufferers .
terrified (adj)	very frightened, scared.	I'm terrified of losing you.
UNIT 9C		
Word	Definition	Example
army (n)	a large organized group of soldiers who are trained to fight on land.	After leaving school, Mike went into the army .
captain (n)	the person in charge of a ship or commercial aircraft	The captain gave the order to abandon ship.
eldest (adj)	(of people, especially of three or more members of the same family) oldest	Tom is my eldest son.
follow in sb's footsteps (exp)	to do the same job, have the same style of life, etc. as somebody else, especially somebody in your family.	She works in television, following in her father's footsteps .
get along with (v)	to have a friendly relationship with somebody.	She and her sister have never really got along .
homeland (n)	the country where a person was born.	Many refugees have been forced to flee their homeland .

injure (v)	to harm yourself or somebody else physically, especially in an accident.	Three people were killed and five injured in the crash.
like father, like son (proverb)	used to say that a son's character or behavior is similar to that of his father.	Peter is doing really well on the soccer team this season. He has nearly matched Peter senior's reputation for being an excellent shooter. I guess it's a case of like father, like son .
several (adj)	more than two but not very many.	Several letters arrived this morning.
sheriff (n)	(in the US) an elected officer responsible for keeping law and order in a county or town. (county (n): an area of Britain, Ireland or the US that has its own government.)	
talented (adj)	having a natural ability to do something well.	We're looking for talented young designers to join our team.
village (n)	a very small town located in a country area.	Her books are about village life.
UNIT 10A		
Word	Definition	Example
can (n)	a metal container in which food and drink is sold.	This special type of milk comes in a can .
carol (n)	a Christian religious song sung at Christmas.	<i>Jingle Bells</i> is one of the most famous carols .
disposable (adj)	made to be thrown away after use.	Disposable diapers are a great invention for modern mothers.
error (n)	a mistake, especially one that causes problems or affects the result of something.	Almost all accidents start with a simple error by the pilot.
forbid (v)	to order somebody not to do something; to order that something must not be done.	Smoking is strictly forbidden .
hammer (n)	a tool with a handle and a heavy metal head, used for breaking things or hitting nails.	
knowledge (n)	the information, understanding and skills that you gain through education or experience.	There is a lack of knowledge about the tax system.
nowadays (adv)	at the present time, in contrast with the past.	Nowadays most kids prefer playing with their tablets to reading.
share (n)	any of the units of equal value into which a company is divided and sold to raise	Next year we hope to have a bigger share of the market.

	money. People who own shares receive part of the company's profits.	
stay up (v)	to go to bed later than usual.	We stayed up half the night talking.
strabismus (n)	the condition of having a squint (= when one eye looks in a different direction from the other).	In 1886, he developed the Hirschberg test for measuring strabismus .
suede (n)	soft leather with a surface like velvet on one side, used especially for making clothes and shoes.	
UNIT 10B		
Word	Definition	Example
behavior (n)	the way that somebody behaves, especially toward other people.	Parents can influence the behavior of their children.
diary (n)	a book in which you write your experiences each day.	
eccentric (n)	a person who is considered by other people to be strange or unusual.	She was an elderly eccentric who lived with 25 cats.
flowery (adj)	too complicated; not expressed in a clear and simple way.	Don't use that flowery language!
grade (n)	a mark given in an exam or for a piece of school work.	She got good grades on her exams.
locate (v)	to find the exact position of somebody/something.	Engineers are still trying to locate the fault.
memory (n)	a thought of something that you remember from the past	The photos bring back lots of good memories .
messy (adj)	dirty and/or untidy.	
pupil (n)	(especially British English, becoming old-fashioned) a person who is being taught, especially a child in a school.	How many pupils does the school have?

quarter (n)	a period of three months.	Our gas bill for the last quarter was much higher than usual.
report card (n)	a written statement about a student's work at school, college, etc.	Did you get a good or bad report card when you were a student?
seldom (adv)	not often.	They seldom watch television these days.
somewhat (adv)	to some degree.	I was somewhat surprised to see him.
subject (n)	an area of knowledge studied in a school, college, etc.	English was my favorite subject at school.
succeed (v)	to achieve something that you have been trying to do or get; to have the result or effect that was intended.	She can teach you how to succeed at tennis.
waste (v)	to use more of something than is necessary or useful.	You're wasting your time trying to explain it to him (= because he will not understand).
UNIT 12A		
Word	Definition	Example
amazed (adj)	very surprised.	I was amazed at her knowledge of French literature.
armored (adj)	protected by metal covers.	
assistant (n)	a person who helps or supports somebody, usually in their job.	She works as a care assistant in an old people's home.
be hurt (v)	to cause physical pain to somebody/yourself; to injure somebody/yourself.	He hurt his back playing squash.
belong (to) (v)	to be owned by someone.	The car belongs to the woman next door.
chase (v)	to run, drive, etc. after somebody/something in order to catch them.	My dog likes chasing rabbits.
checkout (n)	the place where you pay for the things that you are buying in a supermarket.	You can't just go through the checkout without paying!
large (adj)	big in size or quantity.	The house had an exceptionally large garden.
realize (v)	to understand or become aware of a particular fact or situation.	The moment I saw her, I realized something was wrong.
spokesman (n)	a person who speaks on behalf of a group or an organization.	A spokesman for the government announced a decrease in food prices.
suddenly (adv)	quickly and unexpectedly.	I suddenly realized what I had to do.
swimmer (n)	a person who can swim; a person who is swimming.	They watched the swimmers splashing through the water.
wave (n)	a raised line of water that moves across the surface of the sea, ocean, etc.	Children swam and played in the waves .
weigh (v)	to measure how heavy somebody/something is, usually by using scales.	The average male tiger weighs around 200 kg.