



Magical Words

Harry Potter lesson wordlists based on CEFR level

1. Beginner

WORD	DEFINITION	CEFR LEVEL
Magic	The use of special powers to make things happen that would usually be impossible, such as in stories for children.	A2
Book	A written text that can be published in printed or electronic form.	A1
Green	A colour between blue and yellow; of the colour of grass. Also the prominent colour of Slytherin.	A1
School	A place where people go to be educated. Hogwarts is a school for Witchcraft and Wizardry.	A1
Forest	A large area of land covered with trees and plants, usually larger than a wood, or the trees and plants themselves. The Forbidden Forest is found on the grounds of Hogwarts.	A2
Mirror	A piece of glass with a shiny, metal-covered back that reflects light, producing an image of whatever is in front of it.	A2
Fly	When a bird, insect, or aircraft flies, it moves through the air. It is also a common form of traveling in the magic world.	A2
Chocolate	A sweet, usually brown, food made from cacao seeds, that is usually sold in a block, or a small sweet made from this. Eating a piece of chocolate is a cure for a Dementor attack.	A1
Hat	A covering for the head that is not part of a piece of clothing.	A1
Elf	An imaginary being, often like a small person with pointed ears, in popular stories.	-



2. Intermediate

WORD	DEFINITION	CEFR LEVEL
Wizard	A man who is believed to have magical powers and who uses them to harm or help other people	-
Creatures	Any large or small living thing that can move independently. Also used to refer to a life form that is unusual or imaginary.	B1
Secret	A piece of information that is only known by one person or a few people and should not be told to others.	B1
Magical	Something produced by or using magic.	B2
Wand	A special thin stick waved by a person who is performing magic tricks.	-
Disappear	If people or things disappear, they go somewhere where they cannot be seen or found.	B1
Frogs	A small animal that lives in water and on land, has long powerful back legs with which it jumps from place to place and is usually greenish-brown.	B1
Broomstick	A brush on the end of a long handle, used for sweeping floors. Also used for flying by witches and wizards.	-
Cloak	A loose outer piece of clothing, that fastens at the neck, and is worn instead of a coat.	-
Owl	A bird with a flat face and large eyes that hunts small mammals at night. Used for sending mail in the Wizarding world.	B2
Forbidden	Something that is not allowed, especially by law. Such as entering the Forbidden Forest at Hogwarts.	B1
Tournament	A competition for teams or single players in which a series of games is played, and the winners of each game play against each other until only one winner is left.	-
Bang	A sudden very loud noise. Heard often in the Gryffindor common room during a game of 'Exploding Snap'.	B2
Dragon	A large, frightening mythical animal often represented with wings, a long tail, and fire coming out of its mouth.	-
Pixie	A small imaginary person (especially in children's stories).	-



3. Advanced

WORD	DEFINITION	CEFR LEVEL
Potion	A liquid that is believed to have a magical effect on someone who drinks it.	-
Astronomy	The scientific study of the universe and of objects that exist naturally in space, such as the moon, the sun, planets, and stars.	C2
Cauldron	A large, round container for cooking in, usually supported over a fire, and used especially in the past and in the Potions lessons at Hogwarts school.	-
Riddle	A type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way.	-
Charm	An object or saying that is thought to have magical powers, such as the ability to bring good luck.	C2
Werewolf	Someone who, in stories, changes into a wolf at the time of the full moon.	-
Pumpkin	A large, round vegetable with hard, yellow or orange flesh, associated with Halloween.	-
Witchcraft	The activity of performing magic to help or harm other people.	-
Ministry	In Britain and some other countries, a department of the government led by a minister. It is the Ministries of Magic that rule the Wizarding world.	C1
Shield	Something or someone used as protection or providing protection.	C2
Curse	To say magic words that are intended to bring bad luck to someone.	-
Bind	To tie something tightly or to fasten something.	C2
Squid	A sea creature with a long body and ten arms situated around the mouth. A giant squid lives in the lake on the grounds of Hogwarts.	-
Alchemy	A type of chemistry, especially in the Middle Ages, that dealt with trying to find a way to change ordinary metals into gold or to find a medicine that would cure any disease.	-
Vampire	A mythical dead person who comes back to life and sucks blood from other people at night.	-