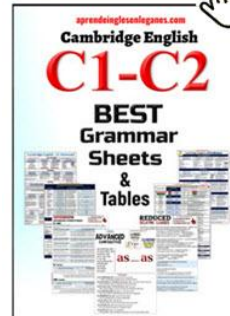


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Personality & behavior

cagey - careful or secretive; unwilling to give information.

- She was cagey about her plans.

cheeky – slightly rude but playful

- He made a cheeky comment and smiled.

moody – changes mood easily

- She's been a bit moody lately.

nosy – too interested in others' business

- My neighbour's really nosy, so I watch what I say around him.

Food & texture

chewy – needs a lot of chewing

- This steak is a bit chewy.

mushy – too soft

- The vegetables are overcooked and mushy.

runny – too liquid

- The sauce is too runny.

stodgy – heavy and hard to digest

- That pudding is too stodgy for me.

Appearance & condition

gaunt – very thin and tired-looking

- He looked gaunt after being ill.

scruffy – untidy or messy

- He turned up in scruffy clothes.

spotty – covered in spots

- He had spotty skin as a teenager.

Feelings & states

gutted – very disappointed

- I was gutted when I missed the flight.

knackered – extremely tired (UK)

- I'm absolutely knackered after that run.

Situations & quality

dicey – risky or uncertain

- Driving in that storm was pretty dicey.
- Investing in that startup seems dicey, but it could pay off.

dodgy – suspicious or unreliable

- That website looks dodgy to me.

hectic – very busy and chaotic

- It's been a hectic week at work.

iffy – uncertain or not very good

- The weather looks a bit iffy today.
- The milk smells a bit iffy.

mainly UK - slightly ill:

- I'm not coming out tonight - I'm feeling a bit iffy.

lousy – very bad

- The service at that restaurant was lousy.

patchy – uneven or inconsistent

- The Wi-Fi connection is patchy.

only existing or happening in some parts:

- The paint on the fence is a bit patchy in some spots.

ropey (also ropy) – (UK) in bad condition or of bad quality

- The sound on that video is a bit ropey.

shabby – in bad condition or looking untidy; often worn from use .

- The hotel room looked shabby and needed redecorating.

sketchy – containing few details

- The report was sketchy, and we still didn't know what really happened.

wonky – not straight or not working properly

- The chair is a bit wonky. It wobbles when you sit on it.