



COMMON BE WORDS (you probably already know)

Because conjunction- for the reason that

- I took my umbrella **because** it was raining.

Become - linking verb to start to be something

- When did you first **become** aware of the problem?

Before conjunction/adverb/preposition - earlier

- Jennifer got here just **before** me.

Behave verb - to do things in a particular way

- I'm going to the store now, you kids **behave** while I'm gone.

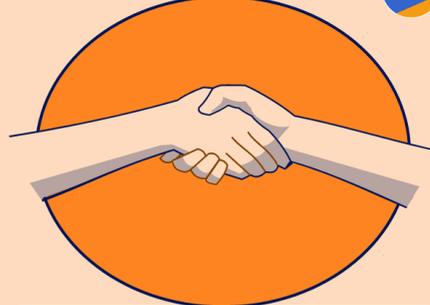
Below adverb/preposition - at or to a lower level

- The school dress code says that all skirts must fall **below** the knee.
Short skirts are not allowed on campus.

 The Prefix BE-




befriend - to become a friend of somebody, especially somebody who needs your help



“Curtis adjusted to his new school quickly and soon **befriended** everyone in his class.”

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The Prefix BE- VERBS

Bedazzle - verb - to impress somebody very much with intelligence, beauty, etc.

- The young singer's powerful voice and magnetic stage presence **bedazzled** the judges on the talent show.

Bedazzled is the title of a comedy from the year 2000. (I love this movie!) You can learn more about it on The Internet Movie Database. [Bedazzled \(2000\) - IMDb](#)

Bedevil - verb - to cause a lot of problems for somebody/something over a long period of time

- Thoughts of the upcoming exam **bedeviled** Vanessa, causing her to lose sleep at night.

Bedevilled is the name of a Korean Drama/Horror movie from 2010. It has a rating of 7.3 out of 10 on Internet Movie Database. [Bedevilled \(2010\) - IMDb](#)

Befall - verb - (of something unpleasant) to happen to somebody [used only in the third person]

- An unfortunate event **befell** the small mountain village.

Befriend - verb - to become a friend of somebody, especially somebody who needs your help

- Curtis adjusted to his new school in no time and he quickly **befriended** everyone in his class.

Belie - verb

1) to give a false impression of somebody/something

- His actions **belie** his words.

2) to show that something cannot be true or correct

- The mayor's claim that homelessness is not an issue in the city is **belied** by the growing number of people living on the streets.

Belittle - verb - to make somebody, or the things that somebody does, seem unimportant

- I work very hard with this company but I feel like my boss always **belittles** my contributions.

Bemoan - verb - to complain or say that you are not happy about something

- He **bemoaned** his lack of success.

Berate - to criticize or speak angrily to somebody because you do not approve of something they have done

- After the game, the coach **berated** us for our lazy performance.

Beset - verb - to affect somebody/something in an unpleasant or harmful way

- Many obstacles on the journey **beset** the traveler. In spite of this, he never gave up.

Besiege - This verb comes from the noun **siege** which is a military operation in which an army tries to capture a town by surrounding it and stopping the supply of food, etc. to the people inside.

Meaning 1) to surround a building, city, etc. with soldiers until the people inside are forced to let you in

- The enemy army tried to **besiege** the castle, but its strong walls held up against the attack.

2) to surround somebody/something in large numbers

- As soon as the actor stepped off the plane he was **besieged** by dozens of reporters asking questions about his private life.

3) to send so many letters, ask so many questions, etc. that it is difficult for somebody to deal with them all

- After the controversial program aired, the TV station was **besieged** with angry letters from viewers.

Bespatter - verb - to cover something with small drops of water or other liquid, usually by accident

- Kyle's pants were **bespattered** with mud from the rain.

Bewilder - verb - to confuse somebody

- The tourists were **bewildered** by the strange customs of the locals.

The Prefix BE- ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

Beforehand - adverb - earlier; before something else happens or is done

- It came as quite a shock to everyone. I wish we had known about it **beforehand**, then we could have prepared better.

Befuddled - adjective - confused and unable to think normally *This is made by adding the prefix BE- to the adjective **fuddled**. (It's rare to me.)

- The maze of streets in the unfamiliar city **befuddled** the tourist, who found it difficult to find his way.

Bejeweled - adjective - decorated with precious stones; wearing jewelry

- The prince raised his **bejeweled** hand to start the tournament.

Belated - adjective - coming or happening late

- The company issued a **belated** apology for the mistake in their advertising campaign.

Beloved - adjective - loved very much

- Adam's **beloved** pet dog passed away on Saturday. Let's go over to his house to cheer him up.

Beloved is the title of a popular drama from the year 1998. You can learn more about it on The Internet Movie Database. [Beloved \(1998\) - IMDb](#)

Did you know?

One of the stars of the movie is named Thandiwe Newton. Thandiwe is an African word that means "**beloved**."

[Bewildered](#) - adjective - confused

- The tourists were **bewildered** by the strange customs of the locals.

[Bewildering](#) - adjective - making you feel confused because there are too many things to choose from or because something is difficult to understand

- I went to a giant Sweets Shop in the city. There is a **bewildering** variety of candy to choose from.



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