

Unit 20 — English for Snowboarding

Air

The space above the snow when performing jumps.

"Catching air is essential for big tricks."

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Bindings

The device that secures a rider's boots to the snowboard.

"The bindings kept his feet firmly in place."

Carve

To make smooth, clean turns on snow.

"She learned to carve sharply on icy slopes."

Crest

The highest point of a hill or ramp.

"She launched off the crest with confidence."

Edge

The side of the snowboard that contacts the snow for grip.

"Riding on the edge requires precision."

Glide

To move smoothly over snow.

"He learned to glide effortlessly down the slope."

Grab

A trick where the rider holds onto the snowboard while airborne.

"She executed a stylish grab during her jump."

Halfpipe

A U-shaped structure for performing aerial tricks.

"The halfpipe challenged every rider to push their limits."

Jib

To slide along obstacles such as rails or boxes.

"He attempted to jib on the rail with style."

Lift

A mechanism or chair used to transport riders up the hill.

"They waited in line for the lift to get to the top."

Powder

Fresh, light snow that is soft and ideal for riding.

"Riding through powder is a thrilling experience."

Safety gear

Protective equipment like helmets and pads.

"Always wear safety gear when attempting tricks."

Slide

To move along a surface such as a rail or box.

"He managed a smooth slide on the rail."

Slope

An inclined surface covered with snow.

"The slope was ideal for carving and jumps."

Snowboard

A board used to slide over snow.

"He strapped on his snowboard before hitting the slopes."

Spin

A rotational trick performed in the air.

"A 360 spin can wow the crowd."

Stance

The position of a rider's feet on the board.

"A proper stance is key to balance."

Switch

Riding with the opposite foot forward from your normal stance.

"He practiced riding switch to improve his skills."

Switch back

To change direction while riding switch.

"She learned to switch back quickly to maintain speed."

Terrain park

An area featuring jumps, rails, and obstacles for tricks.

"The terrain park was packed with innovative features."