

Unit 1

nouns

agency /'eɪdʒənsi/ (pl *agencies*) a business that provides a particular service: *a modelling agency*

aim /eɪm/ something that you intend to do; a purpose: *The aim of this course is to teach you how to take good photographs.* verb: *aim*

arch /ɑːtʃ/ a curved structure with straight sides, often supporting a bridge or roof of a large building

armadillo /,ɑːmə'dɪləʊ/ (pl *armadillos*) an American animal with a hard outer part (shell) made of pieces of bone, that eats insects and rolls into a ball if sth attacks it

armour /'ɑːmə/ clothing, often made of metal, that soldiers wore in past times to protect themselves

audience /'ɔːdiəns/ (with sing or pl verb) all the people who are watching or listening to a play, concert, speech, television, etc

billboard /'bɪlbɔːd/ a large board near a road or on the outside of a building, used for putting advertisements on

brand name /'brænd neɪm/ the name given to a product by the company that produces it

break /breɪk/ an opportunity to do sth, usually to get sth that you want or to achieve success: *She got her big break when the company asked her to appear in their adverts.*

camouflage /'kæməflɑːʒ/ the way in which an animal's colour or shape matches its surroundings and makes it difficult to see: *The polar bear's white fur provides camouflage against the snow.*

cosmetic surgery /'kɒz,metɪk 'sɜːdʒəri/ medical treatment that is intended to improve a person's appearance

criticism /'krɪtɪsɪzəm/ (an expression of) what you think is bad about sb/sth verb: *criticise*

diversity /daɪ'vɜːsəti/ the wide variety of sth: *cultural and ethnic diversity*

emphasis /'emfəsɪs/ (on sth) (giving) special importance or attention (to sth): *You should put greater emphasis on quality rather than quantity when you write.* verb: *emphasise*

enlargement /'mɔːlədʒmənt/ the act of making sth bigger or sth that has been made bigger: *an enlargement of a photo* verb: *enlarge*

eyelid /'aɪlɪd/ the piece of skin that can move to cover your eye

fan /fæn/ (of sb/sth) somebody who admires and is very enthusiastic about a sport, a film star, a singer, etc

figure /'fɪgə/ the shape of the human body, especially a woman's body that is attractive: *She spent a fortune on cosmetic surgery to achieve that model figure.* (see also Unit 6)

hedgehog /'hedʒhɒg/ a small brown European animal with sharp things like needles (spines) covering its back

identity /aɪ'dentəti/ (pl *identities*) the characteristics, feelings or beliefs that distinguish people from others: *a sense of national/cultural/ personal identity* verb: *identify*

impact /'ɪmpækt/ (on/upon sb/sth) an effect or impression: *I hope this anti-smoking campaign will have an impact on young people.*

lens /lenz/ a curved piece of glass that makes things look bigger, clearer, etc when you look through it: *a camera with an adjustable lens*

look /lʊk/ a fashion or style: *The shop has a new look to appeal to younger customers.*

mammal /'mæml/ an animal of the type that gives birth to live babies, not eggs, and feeds its young on milk from its own body

mate /mert/ one of a male and female pair of animals, birds, etc

negative /'negətɪv/ a piece of film from which we can make a photograph (The light areas of a negative are dark on the final photograph and the dark areas are light)

peacock /'piːkɒk/ a large bird with beautiful long blue and green tail feathers that it can lift up and spread out

print /prɪnt/ a photograph (printed from a negative): *I ordered an extra set of prints for my friends.*

scar /skaː/ a mark on the skin that is caused by a cut that skin has grown over

security /sɪ'kjʊərəti/ the state of feeling safe and being free from worry; protection against the difficulties of life

shell /ʃel/ a hard covering that protects eggs, nuts and some animals: *Tortoises have a hard shell.*

sitcom /'sɪtkɒm/ (also formal *situation comedy*) a funny programme on television that shows the same characters in different amusing situations each week

snapshot /'snæpʃɒt/ a photograph, especially one taken quickly

source /sɔːs/ a place, person or thing where sth comes or starts from or where sth is obtained: *Britain's oil reserves are an important source of income.*

spine /spain/ one of the sharp points like needles found on some plants and animals

stick insect /'stɪk 'ɪnsekt/ a large insect with a long thin body that looks like a stick

stripe /straɪp/ a long narrow line of colour

supervision /,suːpə'vɪʒn/ the state of being watched to make sure that your work is being done properly, or that you are behaving correctly: *Children should not play here without supervision.* verb: *supervise*

talent /'tælənt/ a natural skill or ability: *She has a talent for painting.*

verbs

approve /ə'pruːv/ (of sb/sth) to be pleased about sth; to like sb/sth: *Her parents don't approve of her friends.* noun: *approval*

assign /ə'saɪn/ to give sb a particular job to do

consume /kən'sjuːm/ 1 to use sth such as fuel, energy or time 2 to eat or drink sth: *Wrestlers can consume up to 10,000 calories a day.* nouns: *consumption; consumer*

diet /'daɪət/ to try to lose weight by eating less food or only certain kinds of food noun: *diet*

exploit /ɪk'splɔɪt/ to develop sth or make the best use of sth: *She exploits her image as a TV cook to advertise a supermarket.* noun: *exploitation*

expose /ɪk'spəʊz/ sb to sth to give sb the chance to experience sth: *I like jazz because I was exposed to it as a child.*

illustrate /ɪ'lɒstreɪt/ to explain or make sth clear by using examples: *These statistics illustrate the point I was making very well.* noun: *illustration*

launch /lɔːntʃ/ to start an activity, especially an organised one: *to launch an attack on sb/sth* noun: *launch*

neglect /nɪ'glekt/ to give too little or no attention or care to sb/sth: *Don't neglect your health.*

opt /ɒpt/ for sth to choose or decide to do or have sth after thinking about it

promote /prə'məʊt/ to advertise sth in order to increase its sales or make it popular: *The new face cream is being promoted as a miracle cure for wrinkles.* noun: *promotion*

react /ri'ækt/ to do or say sth because of sth that has happened or been said

represent /ˌreprɪ'zent/ to describe sb/sth in a particular way: *The king is represented as a villain in the play.*

survive /sa'vaɪv/ to continue to live or exist in or after a difficult or dangerous situation nouns: *survival; survivor*

symbolise /ˌsɪmbəlaɪz/ to represent sth: *The deepest notes in music are often used to symbolise danger.*

adjectives

associated /ə'səʊʃɪeɪtɪd/ (with sth) if one thing is associated with another, the two things are connected because they happen together or one thing causes the other: *the risks associated with taking drugs*

blurred /blɜːd/ not clear; without a clear outline

countless /'kaʊntləs/ (only before a noun) very many: *I've tried to phone him countless times but he's not there.*

dated /'deɪtɪd/ unfashionable: *This sort of jacket looks rather dated now.*

depressing /drɪ'presɪŋ/ making you feel unhappy and without hope or enthusiasm

fake /feɪk/ made to look like sth else: *a Jean Paul Gaultier jacket in fake fur*

glamorous /'glæməərəs/ seeming more exciting or attractive than ordinary things or people: *the glamorous world of show business*

identifiable /aɪ'dentɪ'faɪəbl/ that can be recognised: *The house is easily identifiable by the large tree outside it.* opposite: *unidentifiable*

irresistible /,ɪrɪ'zɪstəbl/ so strong that it cannot be stopped or prevented: *an irresistible urge to laugh*

mature /mə'tʃʊə/ 1 fully grown or fully developed 2 behaving in a sensible adult way opposite: *immature*

multi-cultural /,mʌlti'kʌltʃərəl/ for or including people of many different races, languages, religions and traditions: *We live in a multi-cultural society.*

mysterious /mɪ'stəriəs/ that you do not understand or cannot explain; strange: *Several people reported seeing mysterious lights in the sky.*

obsessed /əb'sest/ (with sth) being unable to think about anything else

potential /pə'tenʃl/ (only before a noun) that may possibly become sth, happen, be used, etc: *Wind power is a potential source of energy.*

predictable /prɪ'dɪktəbl/ 1 that was or could be expected to happen: *The match had a predictable result.* 2 (often negative) always behaving in a way that you would expect and therefore rather boring opposite: *unpredictable*

rebellious /rɪ'beljəs/ not doing what authority, society, etc wants you to do: *rebellious teenagers*

tanned /tænd/ having a brown skin colour as a result of being in the sun

unanimous /juː'nænɪməs/ (used about a decision, etc) agreed by everyone

vain /veɪn/ too proud of your own appearance, abilities, etc: *He's so vain — he looks in every mirror he passes.*

worthless /'wɜːθləs/ having no value or use

adverbs

definitely /'defɪnətli/ certainly; without doubt: *I'll definitely consider your advice.*

in conclusion /ɪn kən'kluːʒn/ finally; lastly

phrasal verbs

fall over to suddenly stop standing and drop to the ground

fall/get behind (with sth) to fail to pay or do sth at the right time: He's **fallen behind** with his school work again.

get ahead (of sb) to make progress (further than others have done): He soon **got ahead** of the others in his class.

go for sb/sth to choose sb/sth: I think I'll go for the roast chicken.

go on (about sb/sth) to talk about sb/sth for a long time in a boring or annoying way: She **went on** and on about the people she works with.

go out (with sb) to spend time regularly with sb, having a romantic and/or sexual relationship: Is Fiona **going out** with anyone?

identify with sb/sth to support or be closely connected with sb/sth

live up to sth to be as good as expected: Children sometimes find it hard to live up to their parents' expectations.

send sth out to produce sth, such as light, a signal sound etc

stand for sth to be an abbreviation or symbol for sth

idioms

have/play a part (in sth) to be involved in sth: She **plays an active part** in local politics.

Unit 2

nouns

blame /bleɪm/ responsibility for sth bad: The government **put the blame** on rising prices. **verb**: blame

case study /'keɪs stʌdi/ a detailed study of a person, group, situation, etc over a period of time

celebration /ˌselɪˈbreɪʃn/ the act or occasion of doing sth enjoyable because it is a special day **verb**: celebrate

challenge /ˈtʃælɪndʒ/ something new and difficult that forces you to make a lot of effort **verb**: challenge

cheerfulness /ˈtʃɪəfʊlnəs/ the feeling of being happy and showing it

confidence /ˈkɒnfɪdəns/ (in sb/sth) the feeling that you are sure about sb/sth: I **had no confidence** in myself at school.

demonstration /ˌdemənˈstreɪʃn/ (against/for sb/sth) a public protest for or against sb/sth **verb**: demonstrate

expectation /ˌekspekˈteɪʃn/ (of sth) (usually pl) a hope that sth good will happen: The event did not live up to my expectations. **verb**: expect

nuisance /ˈnjuːsəns/ a person, thing or situation that annoys you or causes you trouble: It's a nuisance having to queue for everything.

psychiatrist /saɪˈkɪətrɪst/ a doctor who is trained to treat people with mental illness

outing /ˈaʊtɪŋ/ a short trip for pleasure: to go on an outing to the zoo

parade /pəˈreɪd/ an occasion when a group of people stand or walk in a line so that people can look at them: a military/fashion parade

pressure /ˈpreʃə/ (to do sth) worries or difficulties that you have because you have too much to deal with; stress: There is great pressure to sell as many products as possible.

relationship /rɪˈleɪʃnʃɪp/ (with sb) a friendly or loving connection between people: to have a relationship with sb

temper /ˈtempə/ if you have a temper you get angry easily

verbs

adopt /əˈdɒpt/ to take and use sth: What approach did you **adopt** when dealing with the problem?

anticipate /ænˈtɪsɪpeɪt/ to expect sth to happen and prepare for it **noun**: anticipation

bother /ˈbɒðə/ 1 to disturb, annoy or worry sb: Don't bother Geeta with that now – she's busy.

cope /kəʊp/ (with sb/sth) to deal successfully with a difficult matter or situation: She sometimes finds it difficult to **cope** with all the pressure at work.

deny /dɪˈnaɪ/ (sth/doing sth) to state that sth is not true; to refuse to admit or accept sth: She **denied** telling lies. **noun**: denial

drown /draʊn/ to die in water because it is not possible to breathe

fancy /ˈfænsi/ (sth/doing sth) to like the idea of having or doing sth; to want sth or want to do sth: I don't fancy going out in this rain.

matter /ˈmætə/ (to sb) to be important: It doesn't matter to me that he forgot my birthday.

mind /maɪnd/ to feel annoyed, upset or uncomfortable about sth/sb: Do you **mind** having to travel so far to work every day?

overwhelm /ˌəʊvəˈwelɪm/ (usually passive) to cause sb to feel such a strong emotion that he/she does not know how to react: He **felt** completely overwhelmed by their kindness.

persuade /pəˈsweɪd/ (sb to do sth) to make sb do sth by giving him/her good reasons: It was difficult to persuade Louise to change her mind. **noun**: persuasion

pretend /prɪˈtend/ to behave in a particular way in order to make other people believe sth that is not true: He's **pretending** to be hurt because I forgot our anniversary. **noun**: pretence

resent /rɪˈzent/ to feel angry about sth because you think it is unfair: I **resent** the fact that he has been promoted over me.

spoil /spɔɪl/ (sb/yourself) to do sth special or nice to make sb/yourself happy

stand /stænd/ (pt, pp stood) (in negative sentences) to not like sb/sth at all; to hate sb/sth: I can't stand being kept waiting.

yell /jel/ to shout very loudly, often because you are excited, angry or in pain **noun**: yell

adjectives

conscious /ˈkɒnʃəs/ (used about actions, feelings, etc) deliberate and controlled: to make a conscious decision

defensive /dɪˈfensɪv/ showing that you feel sb is criticising you: When I asked him about his promotion, he became very defensive and tried to change the subject.

fed up /ˌfed ʌp/ (with sb/sth/doing sth) bored or unhappy; tired of sth: I'm fed up with waiting for the phone to ring.

horrified /ˈhɒrɪfaɪd/ extremely shocked, disgusted or frightened: I was horrified by the conditions in which they lived.

keen /kiːn/ (on sb/sth) liking sb/sth very much; very interested in sb/sth: They are both keen on sport.

meaningful /ˈmiːnɪŋfl/ useful, important or interesting: Most people need a meaningful relationship with another person.

multi-racial /ˌmʌltiˈreɪʃl/ including or involving several different races of people

used /juːst/ (to sth/to doing sth) familiar with sth; accustomed to sth: I'll never get used to getting up so early.

worth /wɜːθ/ (doing sth) used as a way of recommending or advising: That museum's worth visiting if you have time.

adverbs

enthusiastically /m,θjuːzɪˈæstɪkli/ in a way that shows you are excited and interested in sth **adjective**: enthusiastic

eventually /ɪˈventʃuəli/ in the end; finally: He eventually managed to persuade his parents to let him buy a motorbike.

feebly /ˈfiːbli/ with no energy or power; weakly **adjective**: feeble

hurriedly /ˈhʌrɪdli/ quickly: I hurriedly got up and dressed.

instead /ɪnˈsted/ (of sb/sth/doing sth) in the place of sb/sth: You should play football instead of just watching it on TV.

ironically /aɪˈrɒnɪkli/ in a way that shows you mean the opposite of what you say **adjective**: ironic

miserably /ˈmɪzəbli/ in an unhappy way: I stared miserably out of the window. **adjective**: miserable

smoothly /ˈsmuːðli/ without any difficulty: Everything ran smoothly while the boss was away. **adjective**: smooth

steadily /ˈstedɪli/ gradually and at a regular rate: Unemployment has risen steadily since April 2000. **adjective**: steady

phrasal verbs

end up to find yourself in a place/situation that you did not plan or expect

get away with sth/doing sth to do sth bad and not be punished for it: Don't think you're going to get away with doing what you did!

get on with sb to have a friendly relationship with sb: Do you get on well with your colleagues?

get round sb to persuade sb to do sth or agree with sth: My father says he won't lend me the money but I think I can get round him.

join in (sth/doing sth) to take part in an activity

put off doing sth to move sth to a later time; to delay doing sth: She put off writing her essay until the last minute.

turn (sb/sth) **into sth** to (cause to) become: The magic spell turned frogs into men.

idioms

clear the air to improve a difficult or tense situation by talking honestly about worries, doubts, etc: I'm sure if you discuss your feelings with her it will help to clear the air between you.

get into trouble to get into a situation which is dangerous or in which you may be punished: You'll get into trouble for cheating in the exam.

get rid of sb/sth to make yourself free of sb/sth that is annoying you or that you do not want; to throw sth away: Let's get rid of that old chair.

go wrong 1 to make a mistake 2 to experience difficulties: Their relationship started to go wrong when they moved abroad.

in spite of (sth/doing sth) used to show that sth happened although you did not expect it: In spite of revising for weeks, she failed her exam.

be no good (doing sth) to be of no use or value: It's no good standing here in the cold. Let's go home.

it's no use (doing sth) used to say that there is no point in doing sth because it will not be successful or have a good result: It's no use worrying about it.

lose your temper to become very angry

take sth too far to continue doing sth beyond reasonable limits

Unit 3

nouns

access /'ækses/ a way of entering or reaching a place: *The police gained access to his personal files.*

archive /'ɑ:kərv/ a collection of historical documents, etc, which show the history of a place or an organisation; the place where they are kept

the bottom line /'bɒtəm 'laɪn/ the most important thing to consider or accept when you are discussing or deciding sth, etc: *A musical instrument should look good but the bottom line is how it sounds.*

broadcast /'brɔ:dkɑ:st/ a radio or television programme: *The next news broadcast is at 10 o'clock.*

broadsheet /'brɔ:dsji:t/ a newspaper printed on a large size of paper, generally considered more serious than smaller newspapers

channel /'tʃænl/ 1 a television station: *What's on Channel 4 tonight?* 2 a band of radio waves used for sending out radio or television programmes: *satellite/terrestrial channels*

chat show /'tʃæt ʃəʊ/ a television or radio programme on which well-known people are invited to talk about themselves

circulation /'sɜ:kjə'leɪʃn/ the number of copies of a newspaper, magazine, etc that are sold each time it is produced: *This newspaper has a circulation of over a million.*

columnist /'kɒləmnɪst/ a journalist who writes regular articles in a newspaper or magazine

coverage /'kʌvərɪdʒ/ the act or amount of reporting on an event in newspapers, on television, etc: *This channel offers in-depth coverage of world news.* verb: cover

current affairs /'kʌrənt ə'feəz/ important political or social events that are happening at the present time

documentary /'dɒkjʊ'mentri/ a film or television or radio programme that gives facts or information about a particular subject: *Did you see that documentary on genetic engineering?*

editorial /'edɪ'tɔ:riəl/ an article in a newspaper, usually written by the head of the newspaper (editor), giving an opinion on an important subject

factor /'fæktə/ one of the things that influences a decision, situation, etc: *Depression was a common factor in these case studies.*

feature /'fi:tʃə/ (on sth) a newspaper or magazine article or television programme about sth verb: feature

foreign correspondent /'fɒrən'kɒrə'spɒndənt/ a person who reports on news from a particular country for a newspaper, radio or television station

gossip column /'gɒsp kɒləm/ a part of a newspaper or magazine where you can read about the private lives of famous people

halt /hɔ:lt/ a stop (that does not last very long): *Work came to a halt when the machine broke down.*

headline /'hedlaɪn/ 1 the title of a newspaper article, printed in large letters above the story 2 the headlines the main items of news read on television or radio

host /həʊst/ a person who introduces a television or radio show and talks to the guests: *a chat show host*

insight /'ɪnsaɪt/ (into sth) an understanding of what sb/sth is like: *The book gives us an insight into how these people live.*

item /'aɪtəm/ a single piece of news: *There was an interesting item about Spain in yesterday's news.*

media /'mi:diə/ television, radio and newspapers used as a means of communication: *Reports in the media have been greatly exaggerated.*

point /pɔɪnt/ (of/in sth/doing sth) the meaning, reason or purpose of sth: *There's no point in talking to my parents – they never listen.*

press /pres/ (usually the press) newspapers and the journalists who work for them: *The story has been reported on TV and in the press.*

quiz show /'kwɪz ʃəʊ/ a competition or game on television in which people try to answer questions to test their knowledge

search engine /'sɜ:tʃ ɛndʒɪn/ a program on a computer that looks for information on the Internet

set /set/ a piece of equipment for receiving television or radio signals: *We are experiencing some interference. Please do not adjust your set.*

slogan /'sləʊɡən/ a short phrase that is easy to remember and that is used in politics or advertising

soap opera /'səʊp ɒpə/ (also informal *soap*) a story about the lives and problems of a group of people which continues several times a week on television or radio

spirits /'spɪrɪts/ the state of mind of sb/sth: *to be in high/low spirits* (= in a happy/sad mood)

tabloid /'tæblɔɪd/ a newspaper with small pages, a lot of pictures and short articles, especially about famous people

trivia /'trɪviə/ unimportant matters, details or information

verbs

allocate /'æləkeɪt/ (sth to/for sb/sth) to give sth to sb as his/her share or to decide to use sth for a particular purpose: *The government has allocated half the budget to education.* noun: allocation

ban /bæn/ (sb from doing sth) to officially say that sth is not allowed, often by law noun: ban

break /breɪk/ (used in journalism) if a story breaks or a newspaper breaks a story, then it becomes or is made known: *The tabloids were the first to break the story.*

devote /dɪ'vəʊt/ (yourself/sth to sb/sth) to give a lot of time, energy, etc to sb/sth: *Several pages of the newspaper were devoted to reports of the royal wedding.* noun: devotion

establish /'ɪstæblɪʃ/ to start or create an organisation, a system, etc: *The school was established in 1875.*

gather /'gæθə/ (used about people) to come or be brought together in a group: *The protesters gathered in the town square.*

maintain /meɪn'teɪn/ 1 to keep sth in good condition by checking and repairing it regularly: *The house is large and expensive to maintain.* noun: maintenance

regard /rɪ'ɡɑ:d/ (sb/sth/yourself as sth) to think of sb/sth/yourself in the way mentioned: *Do you regard yourself as a thorough worker?*

represent /'reprɪzent/ to act or speak in the place of sb else; to be the representative of a group or country: *It's an honour for an athlete to represent his or her country.*

adjectives

current /'kʌrənt/ of the present time; happening now: *current events/fashions*

edgy /'edʒi/ nervous, worried or quick to become upset or angry

interactive /'ɪntər'æktɪv/ (used in computing) involving direct communication both ways, between the computer and the person using it: *interactive computer games*

numb /nʌm/ not able to feel anything: *My fingers were numb with cold.*

restless /'restləs/ unable to relax or be still because you are bored, nervous or impatient

sensationalist /sen'seɪʃənəlɪst/ (used about a newspaper, etc) getting your interest by presenting facts or events as worse or more shocking than they really are: *sensationalist news stories*

prepositions

according to /ə'kɔ:dnɪŋ tə/ (before vowels tu:; tu/) as stated by sb; as shown by sth: *According to Mick, it's a brilliant film.*

phrasal verbs

key sth in to put information into a computer or give it an instruction by typing: *First, key in your password.*

look sth up to search for information in a book or on the Internet

track sb/sth down to find sb/sth after searching for him/her/it

idioms

all in all when everything is considered: *All in all it had been a great success.*

in print published in a book, newspaper, etc

without (a) doubt definitely; certainly: *It was, without doubt, the coldest winter for many years.*

Unit 4

nouns

acid rain /æsɪd 'rem/ rain that has chemicals in it from factories, etc and that causes damage to trees, buildings and rivers

anorak /'ænəræk/ a short coat with a covering for your head that protects you from rain, wind and cold

ash /æʃ/ the grey or black powder which is left after sth has burned: *volcanic ash*

the atmosphere /'ætməsfɪə/ the mixture of gases that surrounds the earth or any other star, planet, etc: *the earth's atmosphere*

avalanche /'ævələ:nʃ/ a very large amount of snow that slides quickly down the side of a mountain

axe /æks/ a tool with a wooden handle and a heavy metal head with a sharp edge, used for cutting wood, etc: *an ice axe*

binoculars /bɪ'nɒkjələz/ an instrument with two glass parts (lenses) which you look through in order to make objects in the distance seem nearer

campaign /kæm'peɪn/ a plan to do a number of things in order to achieve a special aim: *an advertising/election campaign* verb: campaign

captivity /kæp'tɪvəti/ the state of being kept in a place that you cannot escape from: *Wild animals are often unhappy in captivity.* verb: capture

cheetah /'tʃi:tə/ a large wild cat with black spots that can run very fast

compass /'kæmpəs/ an instrument for finding direction, with a needle that always points north: *They had to find their way back to the camp using a map and a compass.*

conservation /ˌkɒnsə'veɪʃn/ the protection of the natural world: *Conservation groups are protesting against the plan to build a road through the forest.* **verb:** conserve

contribution /ˌkɒntrɪ'bjuːʃn/ (to/toward sth) something that you give, especially money or help, or do together with other people **verb:** contribute

coral reef /'kɒrəl riːf/ a line of rock in the sea formed by a hard red, pink or white substance from the bones of very small sea animals

crater /'kreɪtə/ the hole in the top of a volcano

ecosystem /'iːkəʊsɪstəm/ all the plants and animals in a particular area considered together with their surroundings

famine /'fæmɪn/ a lack of food over a long period of time in a large area that can cause the death of many people

first aid /ˌfɜːst 'eɪd/ medical help that you give to sb who is hurt or ill before the doctor arrives: *a first aid kit/course*

flare /'fleə/ a thing that produces a bright light or flame, used especially as a signal: *a rescue flare*

food chain /'fuːd tʃeɪn/ a series of living creatures in which each creature eats the one below it in the series

habitat /'hæbɪtæt/ the natural home of a plant or an animal: *I've seen wolves in the zoo, but not in their natural habitat.*

handler /'hændlə/ a person who trains and controls animals, especially dogs

the homeless /'həʊmləs/ people who have no home

jungle /'dʒʌŋɡl/ a thick forest in a hot tropical country: *the jungles of Africa and South America*

lava /'lɑːvə/ hot liquid rock that comes out of a volcano

oil slick /'ɔɪl slɪk/ an area of oil that floats on the sea, usually after a ship carrying oil has crashed

operation /ˌɒpə'reɪʃn/ an organised activity that involves many people doing different things: *A rescue operation was mounted to find the missing children.*

orang-utan /ɔːˌræŋuː'tæn/ an animal like a large monkey with no tail (ape), with long arms and reddish hair, that lives in Borneo and Sumatra

outskirts /'aʊtskaːts/ the parts of a town or city that are furthest from the centre: *They live on the outskirts of Athens.*

postgraduate /ˌpɒst'grædʒuət/ a person who is doing further studies at a university after taking his/her first degree

release /rɪˈliːs/ the freeing of sb/sth or the state of being freed: *The release of the hostages took place this morning.* **verb:** release

shelter /'ʃeltə/ protection from danger or bad weather: *to give somebody food and shelter*

snowboarding /ˌsnəʊbɔːdɪŋ/ the sport of moving over snow on a long wide board (a snowboard)

starvation /ˈstɑː'veɪʃn/ suffering or death because there is not enough food: *to die of starvation* **verb:** starve

status /'stetəs/ your social or professional position in regard to other people: *The new job gave him much more status.*

superstar /'suːpəstɑː/ a singer, film star, etc who is very famous and popular

survival /sə'veɪvəl/ the state of continuing to live or exist, often in spite of difficulty or danger: *the fight for survival* **verb:** survive

tornado /ˈtɔːneɪdɔː/ (pl *tornadoes*) a violent storm with a very strong wind that blows in a circle

verbs

assure /ə'ʃʊə/ to promise sb that sth will certainly happen or be true, especially if he/she is worried: *I assure you that it will be safe.* **noun:** assurance

erupt /ɪ'rʌpt/ (used about a volcano) to explode and throw out fire, rock that has melted (*lava*), etc

misunderstand /ˌmɪsʌndə'stænd/ (pt; pp *misunderstood*) to understand sth wrongly: *I misunderstood the instructions and answered too many questions.*

owe /əʊ/ (sth to sb/sth) to feel that you should do sth for sb or give sth to sb, especially because he/she has done sth for you: *I owe a lot of money to Katrina.*

preserve /prɪ'zɜːv/ to keep sth safe or in good condition: *They've managed to preserve most of the wall paintings in the caves.* **noun:** preservation

rehabilitate /ˌrɪə'bɪlɪteɪt/ to help sb to live a normal life again after an illness, being in prison, etc **noun:** rehabilitation

suffer /sʌfə/ (from sth) to experience sth unpleasant, for example pain, sadness, difficulty, etc: *Mary often suffers from extreme headaches.*

adjectives

charming /'tʃɑːmɪŋ/ very pleasing or attractive: *a charming old church*

convinced /kən'vɪnst/ (not before a noun) completely sure about sth: *He's convinced of his ability to win.*

dramatic /drə'mætɪk/ (used about a person, a person's behaviour, etc) showing feelings, etc in a very obvious way because you want other people to notice you: *Calm down. There's no need to be so dramatic.*

extinct /ɪk'stɪŋkt/ (used about a type of animal, plant, etc) no longer existing: *Tigers are nearly extinct in the wild.* (see also Unit 7)

faint-hearted /femt 'hɑːtɪd/ lacking confidence and not brave; afraid of failing: *He tried not to appear faint-hearted.*

marine /mə'reɪn/ (only before a noun) connected with the sea and the creatures and plants that live there: *marine life*

materialistic /mə'tɪəriə'lɪstɪk/ believing that money and possessions are the most important things in life **noun:** materialism

over-priced /ˌəʊvə'praɪst/ too expensive; costing more than it is worth

priceless /'praɪsləs/ of very great value: *priceless jewels and antiques*

solitary /'sɒlətri/ (used about a person or an animal) enjoying being alone; frequently spending time alone

subconscious /sʌb'kɒnʃəs/ connected with feelings that influence your behaviour even though you are not aware of them: *the subconscious mind*

tight-fisted /taɪt 'fɪstɪd/ not wanting to spend or give much money

welcome /welkəm/ (to sth/do sth) allowed to do sth: *You're welcome to use my bicycle.* (see also Unit 8)

well-off /wel 'ɒf/ rich; having a lot of money

worthy /wɜːði/ that should receive respect, support or attention: *a worthy cause*

phrasal verbs

book sb in/into sth to arrange a room for sb at a hotel, etc in advance: *I've booked you into the George Hotel.*

butt in (on sb/sth) to interrupt sb/sth or to join in sth without being asked: *I'm sorry to butt in but could I speak to you urgently for a minute?*

come up with sth to find an answer or solution to sth: *Engineers have come up with new ways of saving energy.*

finish sb/sth off to kill sb/sth; to be the thing that makes sb unable to continue: *The cat played with the mouse before finishing it off.*

give sth away to give sth to sb without wanting any money in return: *We are giving away a free CD with this month's issue.*

help (sb) out to help sb in a difficult situation; to give money to help sb

pick sth up 1 to go and get sb/sth; to collect sb/sth: *I have to pick up my jacket from the cleaner's.* **2** to receive an electronic signal, sound or picture

start off to being in a particular way: *I'd like to start off by welcoming you all to Leeds.*

idioms

as far as sth goes... to a limited degree, usually less than is satisfactory: *It's a good plan as far as it goes, but there are a lot of things they haven't thought of.*

have come a long way to have made a lot of progress: *We've come a long way since the early days of the project.*

lose your touch to lose a special skill or ability

Never mind! don't worry; it doesn't matter

Not on your life! used to refuse very firmly to do sth

Not to worry! it is not important; it does not matter

Too bad! used to show that nothing can be done to change a situation

Well done! used to show admiration for sth sb has done

What a pity/shame! used to say that sth is a cause for feeling sad or disappointed

with regard (to sb/sth) concerning sb/sth: *The company's position with regard to overtime is made clear in their contracts.*

Unit 5

nouns

ancestor /'ænsəstə/ a person in your family who lived a long time before you

athlete /'æθliːt/ a person who can run, jump, etc very well, especially one who takes part in sports competitions, etc

belief /brɪ'liːf/ a feeling that sb/sth is true, morally good or right, or that sb/sth exists **verb:** believe

breakdown /'breɪkdaʊn/ a time when a vehicle, machine, etc stops working

breakthrough /'breɪkθruː/ an important discovery or development: *Scientists are hoping to make a breakthrough in cancer research.*

bug /bag/ (the ... bug) a sudden interest in sth such as a sport or hobby: *They've been bitten by the golf bug.*

cash till /kæʃ tɪl/ the machine or drawer where money is kept in a shop etc

courtyard /'kɔːtjɑːd/ an area of ground, without a roof, that has walls or buildings around it, for example in a castle or between houses and flats

criticism /'krɪtɪsɪzəm/ (an expression of) what you think is bad about sb/sth **verb:** criticise

dedication /ˌdedɪ'keɪʃn/ wanting to give your time and energy to sth because you feel it is important: *I admire her dedication to her career.*

destination /ˌdestɪ'neɪʃn/ the place where sb/sth is going

distribution /ˌdɪstrɪ'bjuːʃn/ the way sth is shared out; the pattern in which sth is found: *the distribution of wealth in a society*

drawback /ˈdrɔːbæk/ a disadvantage or a problem
expedition /ˌekspəˈdɪʃn/ a long journey for a special purpose: *a scientific expedition to Antarctica.*
flavour /ˈflevə/ the taste (of food): *ten different flavours of ice cream*
jigsaw /ˈdʒɪɡzɔː/ a picture on cardboard or wood that is cut into small pieces and has to be fitted together again
loan /ləʊn/ money, etc that sb/sth lends you: *to take out a bank loan*
monolith /ˈmɒnəlɪθ/ a large single standing block of stone, especially one that was put there by people living in ancient times
motive /ˈməʊtɪv/ a reason for doing sth, often sth bad: *The police discovered a motive for the murder.*
myth /mɪθ/ an idea or story which many people believe but that does not exist or is false
paperwork /ˈpeɪpəwɜːk/ the documents that need to be prepared, collected, etc in order for a piece of business to be completed: *Have you completed all the necessary paperwork?*
peak /piːk/ the pointed top of a mountain
performance /ˈpɜːfɔːməns/ the act of taking part in a play, singing, dancing, etc in front of an audience; something that you perform
puncture /ˈpʌŋktʃə/ a small hole made by a sharp point, especially in a bicycle or car tyre
record /ˈrekɔːd/ the best performance or the highest or lowest level, etc ever reached in sth, especially in sport
rejection /rɪˈdʒekʃn/ a refusal to accept sb/sth: *There has been a total rejection of the new policy.* verb: reject
resolve /rɪˈzɒlv/ strong determination to achieve sth: *The difficulties in her way merely hardened her resolve.*
role /rəʊl/ the position or function of sb/sth in a particular situation: *Parents often play a vital role in their children's education.*
role model /ˈrəʊl mɒdl/ a person that you admire and try to copy
stereotype /ˈsteriətaɪp/ a fixed idea about a particular type of person or thing, which is often not true in reality
summit /ˈsʌmɪt/ the highest point of sth, especially a mountain
terrain /təˈreɪn/ land of the type mentioned: *mountainous/steep/rocky terrain*
tip /trɪp/ a small piece of useful advice about sth practical: *She gave me some fashion tips.*
triplet /ˈtrɪplət/ one of three children or animals that are born to one mother at the same time

verbs

approach /əˈprəʊtʃ/ to speak to sb, usually in order to ask for sth: *I'm going to approach my bank manager about a loan.*
audition /ɔːˈdɪʃn/ (sb) (for sth) to give or watch sb give a short performance to find out if he/she is good enough to be in a play, show, etc
capture /ˈkæptʃə/ to take control of sth: *The town was captured by rebels.*
deserve /dɪˈzɜːv/ to earn sth, either good or bad, because of sth that you have done: *We've done a lot of work and we deserve a break.*
encompass /ɪnˈkʌmpəs/ to surround or cover sth completely: *The fog soon encompassed the whole valley.*
go backpacking /ˌɡəʊ ˈbækpækɪŋ/ to go walking or travelling with your clothes, etc in a large bag, often on a metal frame, that you carry on your back

graduate /ˈɡrædʒueɪt/ to get a (first) degree from a university, etc: *She graduated in History from Cambridge University.* noun: graduation
hallucinate /həˈluːsɪneɪt/ to see or hear sth that is not really there (because you are ill or have taken a drug)
handle /ˈhændl/ to deal with or to control sb/sth: *I have a problem with an employee. I don't really know how to handle her.*
hesitate /ˈhezɪteɪt/ to pause before you do sth or before you take a decision, usually because you are uncertain or worried: *He hesitated before going into the room.*
paraphrase /ˈpærəfreɪz/ to express sth again using different words so that it is easier to understand
pop /pɒp/ to suddenly appear, especially when not expected: *An idea suddenly popped into my head.*
raise /reɪz/ 1 to get money from people for a particular purpose: *We are doing a sponsored walk to raise money for charity.* 2 to look after a child or an animal until he/she/it is an adult: *You can't raise a family on what I earn.*
resume /rɪˈzʊːm/ to begin again or continue after a pause or interruption

adjectives

awful /ˈɔːfl/ (informal) very great: *We've got an awful lot of work to do.*
blindfolded /ˈblaɪndfəʊldɪd/ with your eyes covered
broke /brəʊk/ having no money
dedicated /ˈdedɪkətɪd/ giving a lot of your time and energy to sth because you feel that it is important: *She's dedicated to her children.*
demanding /dɪˈmɑːndɪŋ/ (used about a job, task, etc) needing a lot of effort, care, skill, etc: *It will be a demanding schedule – I have to go to six cities in six days.*
determined /dɪˈtɜːmɪd/ (to do sth) having firmly decided to do sth or to succeed, even if it is difficult: *He is determined to leave school, even though his parents are against it.* noun: determination
disturbing /dɪˈstɜːbɪŋ/ making you worried or upset: *I found the film about Aids very disturbing.*
dual /djuːəl/ having two parts; double: *to have dual nationality*
fluent /ˈfluːənt/ (in sth) able to speak or write a foreign language easily and accurately: *After a year in France she was fluent in French.*
formidable /ˈfɔːmɪdəbl/ 1 causing you to be quite frightened 2 difficult to deal with; needing a lot of effort: *Reforming the education system will be a formidable task.*
frustrating /frʌˈstreɪtɪŋ/ making you feel annoyed or impatient because you cannot do or achieve what you want
jubilant /dʒuːbɪlənt/ extremely happy, especially because of a success
knackered /ˈnækəd/ (informal) extremely tired: *I was knackered after the game.*
marathon /ˈmærəθən/ lasting a long time and needing a lot of effort: *Climbing the mountain was a marathon task.*
nasty /ˈnɑːsti/ very bad or unpleasant: *When she was asked to leave she got nasty.*
novelty /ˈnɒvlti/ different and unusual; intended to be amusing and to catch people's attention
outstanding /aʊtˈstændɪŋ/ extremely good; excellent: *The results in the exams were outstanding.*
sociable /ˈsəʊjəbl/ enjoying being with other people; friendly opposite: unsociable

towering /ˈtaʊərɪŋ/ extremely tall or high and therefore impressive: *towering cliffs/mountains*
work-shy /ˈwɜːk ʃaɪ/ not wanting to work; lazy

adverbs

leisurely /ˈleɪʒəli/ without hurry: *a leisurely Sunday breakfast*
logistically /ləˈdʒɪstɪkli/ connected with the practical organisation that is needed to make a complicated plan successful when a lot of people and equipment are involved

phrasal verbs

add (sth) up to find the total of several numbers: *The waiter hadn't added up the bill correctly.*
back sb/sth up to support sb; to say or show that sth is true: *I'm going to say exactly what I think at the meeting. Will you back me up?*
blow up to explode or be destroyed in an explosion: *The car blew up when the door was opened.*
break up (used about events that involve a group of people) to end or finish: *The meeting broke up just before lunch.*
deal with sb to treat sb in a particular way; to handle sb: *He's a difficult man. Nobody quite knows how to deal with him.*
dress up to put on formal clothes, usually for a special occasion: *You don't need to dress up for the party.*
fall back on sb/sth to go to sb for support; to have sth to use when you are in difficulty: *I have a little money in the bank to fall back on.*
fit sb/sth in to find time to see sb or to do sth: *You're tired because you're trying to fit too much into one day.*
lay sth down to give sth as a rule: *It's all laid down in the rules of the club.*
pick sb/sth up to go and get sb/sth; to collect sb/sth in a car, etc: *What time are you picking the children up from school?*
pile up (usually used about sth bad) to increase in quantity: *Work usually piles up at this time of year.*
set out to leave on a journey
set (sth) up to start a business, an organisation, system, etc: *She set up a language school in Spain.*
settle down to sth to start doing sth which involves all your attention: *Before you settle down to work, could I ask you something?*
take off (used about an idea, a product, etc) to become successful or popular very quickly or suddenly

idioms

be dying to do sth to want sth/to do sth very much: *I'm dying to go for a swim in the sea.*
get cracking to start doing sth immediately: *I have to finish this job today, so I'd better get cracking.*
give sb a hard time to make a situation unpleasant, embarrassing or difficult for sb: *They really gave me a hard time at the interview.*
loads (of sth) a lot (of sth): *There are loads of things to do in London in the evenings.*
make sense (to do sth) (used about an action) to be sensible and logical (to do sth): *I think it would make sense to wait for a while before making a decision.*
as a matter of fact... to tell the truth; in reality: *I like him very much, as a matter of fact.*
nowhere near (as many/much as) far from (as many/much as): *We've sold nowhere near as much stock as last year.*
sort of (informal) rather; in a way: *I'd sort of like to go, but I'm not sure.*

street cred a way of behaving and dressing that is acceptable to young people, especially those who live in cities and have experienced the problems of real life:

Unit 6

nouns

alien /'eɪliən/ a creature that comes from another planet
archaeologist /,ɑːki'ɒlədʒɪst/ a person whose job is to study the past, based on objects or parts of buildings that are found in the ground
barrel /'bærəl/ a large, round, wooden, plastic or metal container for liquids, that has a flat top and bottom and is wider in the middle: *a beer/wine barrel*
basement /'beɪsmənt/ a room or rooms in a building, partly or completely below ground level
cabin /'kæbm/ a small room in a ship or boat, where a passenger sleeps
cargo /'kɑːɡəʊ/ (pl *cargoes*) the goods that are carried in a ship or aircraft
conflict /'kɒnflɪkt/ a fight or an argument
corpse /'kɔːps/ a dead body, especially of a person
costume /'kɒstjuːm/ a set or style of clothes worn by people in a particular country or in a particular historical period: *dressed in 17th century costume*
crew /kruː/ all the people who work on a ship, aircraft, etc
crop circle /'krɒp sɜːkl/ a circular area in a field of crops that has suddenly become flat: *People say that crop circles were made by creatures from outer space.*
deck /dek/ one of the floors of a ship or bus: *I'm going out on deck for some fresh air.*
doorstep /'dɔːstep/ a step in front of a door outside a building: *He was standing on the doorstep.*
draught /drɑːft/ a flow of cold air that comes into a room: *Can you shut the door? There's a draught in here.*
encounter /ɪn'kaʊntə/ an unexpected (often unpleasant) meeting or event: *I've had a lot of close encounters (= situations which could have been dangerous) with bad drivers.* verb: *encounter*
enquiry /ɪn'kwɪəri/ (pl *enquiries*) a question that you ask about sth: *Police have been making enquiries into the woman's disappearance.*
entrepreneur /,ɒntrəprə'naː/ a person who makes money by starting or running businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
evidence /'eɪdɪns/ the facts, signs, etc that make you believe that sth is true: *There was no evidence of a struggle in the room.*
extraterrestrial /,ekstrə'terɪstriəl/ a creature that comes from another planet
figure /'fɪɡə/ a person that you cannot see very clearly or that you do not know: *There were two shadowy figures in the photo that I did not recognise. (see also Unit 1)*
flaw /flɔː/ (in sth) a mistake in sth that makes it not good enough or not function as it should: *There are some flaws in her argument.*
formation /fɔː'meɪʃn/ a number of people of things in a particular shape or pattern
foundation /faʊn'deɪʃn/ a layer of bricks, etc under the surface of the ground that forms the solid base of a building.
fraud /frɔːd/ (an act of) cheating sb in order to get money, etc illegally
fumes /fjuːmz/ smoke or gases that smell unpleasant and that can be dangerous to breathe in

gadget /'ɡædʒɪt/ a small device, tool or machine that has a particular but usually unimportant purpose: *This car has all the latest gadgets.*
hallucination /həˌluːsɪ'neɪʃn/ seeing or hearing sth that is not really there (often because you are ill or have taken a drug)
inhabitant /ɪn'hæbɪtənt/ a person or animal that lives in a place verb: *inhabit*
instrument /'ɪnstrəmənt/ something that is used for measuring speed, distance, temperature, etc in a car, plane or ship
legend /'ledʒənd/ an old story that may or may not be true
lifeboat /'laɪfbəʊt/ a small boat that is carried on a large ship and that is used to escape from the ship if it is in danger of sinking
local /'ləʊkl/ a person who lives in a particular place
lodging /'lɒdʒɪŋ/ a room or rooms in sb's house where you can pay to stay
mansion /'mænsjən/ a very large house
the paranormal /,pærə'nɔːml/ events or subjects that cannot be explained by science or reason and that seem to involve mysterious forces
party /'pɑːti/ a group of people who are working, travelling, etc together
phantom /'fæntəm/ the spirit of a dead person that is seen or heard by sb who is still living; a ghost
porter /'pɔːtə/ a person whose job is to be in charge of the entrance of a hotel or other large building
provisions /prə'vɪʒnz/ supplies of food and drink, especially for a long journey
quarters /'kwɔːtəz/ rooms that are provided for soldiers, servants, etc to live in
runaway /'rʌnəweɪ/ a person, especially a child, who has left or escaped from somewhere
sail /seɪl/ a large piece of strong material that is fixed onto a ship or boat (The wind blows against the sail and moves the ship along)
sceptic /'skeptɪk/ a person who doubts that sth is true, right, etc
sighting /'saɪtɪŋ/ an occasion when sb/sth is seen: *a reported sighting of the Loch Ness monster*
site /saɪt/ a place where sth has happened: *the site of a famous battle*
suspect /'sʌspekt/ a person who is thought to be guilty of a crime: *The suspects are being questioned by the police.*
sword /sɔːd/ a long, very sharp weapon, like a large knife
suspense /sʌs'pens/ the feeling of excitement or worry that you have when you feel sth is going to happen, when you are waiting for news, etc: *Don't keep us in suspense. Tell us what happened.*
temple /'templ/ a building where people pray to a god or gods
tornado /tɔː'neɪdɔː/ a violent storm with a very strong wind that blows in a circle
UFO /juː ef 'əʊ/ an unidentified flying object
whirlwind /'wɜːlwɪnd/ a very strong circular wind that forms a tall column of air moving round and round in a circle as it travels across the land or sea
wreckage /'rekɪdʒ/ the broken pieces of sth that has been destroyed: *Investigators searched the wreckage of the plane for evidence.*

verbs

assure /ə'ʃʊə/ to promise sb that sth will certainly happen or be true, especially if he/she is worried: *I assure you that it is perfectly safe.* noun: *assurance*
behead /bi'hed/ to cut off sb's head, usually as a punishment
board /bɔːd/ to get on a plane, ship, bus, etc: *We waved goodbye and boarded the ship.*

drag /dræɡ/ to pull sb/sth along with difficulty: *The box was so heavy that we had to drag it across the floor.*
excavate /'ekskəveɪt/ to dig in the ground to look for old objects or buildings that have been buried for a long time noun: *excavation*
reveal /rɪ'veɪl/ to make sth known that was secret or unknown before: *The truth was finally revealed.*
scan /skæn/ (used about a machine) to examine what is inside a person's body or inside an object such as a suitcase: *Machines scan all the luggage for weapons.*
shift /ʃɪft/ to move or be moved from one position or place to another: *She shifted uncomfortably in her chair.*
sink /sɪŋk/ (pt *sank*; pp *sunk*) to go down under the surface of liquid or a soft substance: *If you throw a stone into water, it sinks.*
stress /stres/ to give sth special force or attention because it is important: *He stressed that it wasn't our fault.*
unload /,ʌn'ləʊd/ to take things that have been transported off or out of a vehicle
witness /'wɪtnəs/ to see sth happen and be able to tell other people about it later: *to witness a murder*

adjectives

casual /'kæʒuəl/ (used about clothes) not formal: *I change into casual clothes after work.*
cramped /kræmpt/ not having enough space: *Hundreds of people were living in terribly cramped conditions.*
deserted /dɪ'zɜːtɪd/ empty, because all the people have left
disembodied /,dɪsm'bɒdɪd/ separated from the body: *disembodied spirits*
disposable /dɪ'spəʊəzəbl/ made to be thrown away after being used once or for a short time: *a disposable nappy/razor*
grotesque /grəʊ'tesk/ strange or ugly in a way that is not natural
haunted /'hɔːntɪd/ (used about a building) believed to be visited by ghosts: *a haunted house*
idle /'aɪdl/ not wanting to work hard; lazy
lethal /'liːθl/ that can cause death or great damage: *a lethal weapon/drug*
maritime /'mærɪtaɪm/ connected with the sea or ships: *a maritime disaster*
massive /'mæsɪv/ very big: *huge*
prominent /'prɒmɪnənt/ sticking out from sth: *prominent eyes/ears*
random /'rændəm/ done, chosen, etc without sb thinking or deciding what is going to happen first: *the random killing of innocent people*
scruffy /'skrʌfi/ dirty and untidy: *scruffy jeans*
severe /sɪ'vɪə/ extremely bad or serious: *severe weather conditions*
smart /smɑːt/ (used about a person) having a clean and tidy appearance: *You look smart. Are you going somewhere special?*
steep /stiːp/ (used about a hill, a mountain, etc) rising or falling quickly; at a sharp angle
suspicious /sə'spɪʃəs/ that makes you feel that sth is wrong, dishonest or illegal: *We became suspicious of his behaviour and alerted the police.*
unsolved /,ʌn'sɒlvd/ without an answer or explanation having been found for sth: *an unsolved mystery/murder*
vital /'vaɪtl/ 1 very important or necessary: *vital information* 2 full of energy; lively

adverbs

appallingly /ə'pɒ:lɪŋli/ very badly; terribly
indefinitely /ɪn'defɪnətli/ for a period of time that has no fixed end: *The meeting was postponed indefinitely.*

phrasal verbs

break up to separate into parts: *The ship broke up on the rocks.*
build sth up to create or develop sth
carry out sth to do a task, a repair, etc: *to carry out tests/an investigation*
find (sth) out to get some information; to discover a fact: *I later found out that Will had been lying to me.*
leave sth behind to go away from a place without taking sth with you: *She left her glasses behind last time she stayed with us.*
look into sth to study or try to find out sth; to investigate: *Police are looking into the matter.*
make for sth to move towards a particular place: *He was making for the door when the police caught him.*
make sb/sth out to be able to see or hear sb/sth; *I could just make out a shadowy figure in the background.*
meet with sth to get a particular answer, reaction or result: *to meet with success/failure/disaster*
run into sb to meet sb by chance: *I ran into Pete on my way to the butcher's.*
run into sth to enter an area of bad weather while travelling: *We ran into thick fog on our way home.*
stand up to sth to remain valid, etc even when tested, examined closely, etc: *It was brave of her to stand up to those bullies.*
turn out to be sth to be in the end: *The house they had promised us turned out to be a tiny flat.*
warn sb off to tell sb to leave or stay away from sb/sth, especially in a threatening way

idioms

on board on a ship or an aircraft: *All the passengers were safely on board.*
on/off duty (used about doctors, nurses, police officers, etc) to be working/not working: *The porter's on duty from 8 till 4.*
put sb/sth to the test to do sth to find out how good, strong, etc sb/sth is
set foot (in/on sth) to visit, enter or arrive at/in a place: *No woman had ever set foot in the temple.*
take shape to start to develop well: *Plans to expand the company are beginning to take shape.*
things that go bump in the night used to refer to ghosts and other supernatural things that cannot be explained

Unit 7

nouns

alternative /ɔ:l'ta:nətv/ (to sth) one of two or more things that you can choose between: *What can I eat as an alternative to meat?*
capsule /'kæpsju:l/ the part of a spaceship, etc in which people travel
character /'kærəktə/ a person in a book, story, etc: *The main character in the film is a boy who meets an alien.*
clay /kleɪ/ heavy earth that is soft and sticky when it is wet and becomes hard when baked or dried: *clay pots*

coincidence /kəʊ'ɪnsɪdəns/ two or more similar things happening at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
craftsman /'kra:ftsmən/(pl *craftsmen*) a person who makes things skilfully, especially with his/her hands
critic /'krɪtɪk/ a person whose job is to give his/her opinion about a play, book, film, etc
isolation /,aɪsə'leɪʃn/ the state of being separate and alone; the act of separating sth: *He lived in complete isolation from the outside world.*
landmark /'lændmɑ:k/ an object (often a building) that can be seen easily from a distance and will help you to recognise where you are: *Big Ben is one of the landmarks on London's skyline.*
landslide /'lændslaɪd/ the sudden fall of a mass of earth, rocks, etc down the side of a mountain
notion /'nəʊʃn/ something that you have in your mind; an idea: *I had a vague notion that I had seen her before.*
plot /plɒt/ the series of events which form the story of a novel, film, etc: *The play had a weak plot.*
plus /plʌs/ an advantage of a situation
recognition /,rekəg'nɪʃn/ a public show of respect for sb's work or actions: *She has received international recognition for her services to charity.* verb: *recognise*
review /rɪ'vju:/ a newspaper or magazine article, or an item on the television or radio, in which sb gives an opinion on a new book, film, play, etc: *The film got bad reviews.* verb: *review*
rioting /'raɪətɪŋ/ violent behaviour by a crowd of people in a public place, often as a protest: *Rioting broke out in the capital today.* verb: *riot*
sequel /'si:kwəl/ (to sth) a book, film, etc that continues the story of the one before
setting /'setɪŋ/ the place and time at which the action of a play, novel, etc take place: *short stories with a contemporary setting*
settlement /'setlmənt/ a place that a group of people have built and live in, where few or no people lived before: *There is believed to have been a prehistoric settlement on this site.*
source /sɔ:s/ a place, person or thing where sth comes or starts from or where sth is obtained: *Television is a great source of entertainment.*
storyline /'stɔ:raɪlɪn/ the series of events in a book, film, play, etc
superiority /su:'pɪəri'ɒrəti/ behaviour that shows that you think you are better than other people: *an air/a sense of superiority*
upbringing /'ʌpbɪŋɪŋ/ the way a child is treated and taught how to behave by his/her parents: *a strict upbringing* verb: *bring up*
values /'vælju:z/ beliefs about what is the right and wrong way for people to behave; moral principles

verbs

adapt /ə'dæpt/ to change a book or play so that it can be made into a play, film, television programme, etc: *The film was adapted from a novel.* noun: *adaptation*
broaden /'brɔ:dn/ to increase your experience, knowledge, etc: *Travel broadens your horizons.*
carve /kɑ:v/ to make objects, patterns, etc by cutting away material from wood or stone: *The statue was carved out of a single piece of stone.*
convey /kən'veɪ/ to make ideas, feelings, etc known to sb: *The film conveys a powerful message.*
dive /daɪv/ to swim under the surface of the sea, a lake, etc: *I'm hoping to go diving on holiday.*
eliminate /ɪ'lɪmɪneɪt/ to remove sb/sth that is not wanted or needed

emerge /ɪ'mɑ:dʒ/ to appear or come out from somewhere: *A man emerged from the shadows.* noun: *emergence*
extend /ɪk'stend/ to cover the area or period of time mentioned: *The company is planning to extend its operations into Asia.* noun: *extension*
fathom /'fæðəm/ (usually in the negative) to understand sth: *I can't fathom what he means.*
inspire /ɪn'spaɪə/ to give sb the idea for sth, especially sth artistic or imaginative: *His novel was clearly inspired by his childhood experiences.*
label /'leɪbl/ (sb/sth as sth) to describe sb/sth in a particular way, especially unfairly
pile /paɪl/ to put things one on top of another; to form a pile: *The clothes were piled high on the chair.*
reveal /rɪ'vi:l/ to make sth known that was secret or unknown before: *The police finally revealed the truth about the murder.*
set /set/ to make the action of a book, film play, etc take place in a particular time, situation, etc: *The film is set in 16th century Spain.*
settle /'setl/ to go and live permanently in a new country, area, town, etc: *Many immigrants have settled in this country.*
suspend /sə'spend/ to stop or delay sth for a time: *In the theatre we willingly suspend disbelief (= temporarily believe that the characters, etc are real).*
transport /træn'spɔ:t/ 1 to take sb/sth from one place to another in a vehicle 2 to make sb feel that he/she is in a different place, time or situation: *The book transports you to another world.* noun: *transportation*
unwind /,ʌn'waɪnd/ to relax, especially after working hard

adjectives

action-packed /'ækʃn pækt/ full of exciting events and activity: *an action-packed film*
affirmative /ə'fɜ:mətv/ expressing agreement or strong support for sth
amusing /ə'mju:zɪŋ/ causing you to laugh or smile
anecdotal /,ænɪk'dəʊtl/ based on short, interesting or amusing stories about real people or events and possible not true or accurate
anonymous /ə'nɒnɪməs/ done, written, etc by sb who does not want his/her name to be known or made public
argumentative /,ɑ:gju'mentətv/ often involved in or enjoying arguments and disagreements
bizarre /'bɜ:zə/ very strange: *The story had a bizarre ending.*
compelling /kəm'pelɪŋ/ that makes you pay attention to it because it is so interesting and exciting: *a compelling plot*
crucial /'kru:ʃl/ extremely important; vital
daring /'deərɪŋ/ involving or taking risks; brave: *a daring attack*
exotic /ɪg'zɒtɪk/ unusual or interesting because it comes from a different country or culture: *exotic fruit/food/plants*
gripping /'grɪpɪŋ/ exciting; holding your attention: *a gripping film/book*
inconvenient /ɪn'kɒn'vi:nɪənt/ causing trouble or difficulty, especially when it affects sth that you need to do: *It's a bit inconvenient at the moment - could you phone back later?*
intrigued /ɪn'tri:gd/ very interested in sth/sb and wanting to know more about it/him/her: *I'm intrigued to know what you thought of the film.*
oblivious /ə'bli:vɪəs/ (to/of sb/sth) not noticing or realising what is happening around you: *She was oblivious to all the noise around them.*

spine-chilling /'spain tʃɪlɪŋ/ frightening in an exciting way: *a spine-chilling horror story*
vital /'vaɪtəl/ very important or necessary

adverbs

fairly /'feəli/ quite; not very: *He is fairly tall.*
profoundly /prə'faʊndli/ very greatly; deeply: *I was profoundly relieved to hear the news.*
quite /kwaɪt/ 1 not very; to a certain degree: *The film's quite good.* 2 (used for emphasising sth) completely; very: *Are you quite sure you don't mind?*

phrasal verbs

chase sb off to force sb to run away: *Chase the dog off the lawn.*
die out to stop happening or disappear: *The use of horses on farms has almost died out in this country.*
draw sb into sth to involve sb or make sb take part in sth, although he/she may not want to take part at first: *She was painfully shy but he gradually drew her into conversation.*
give sth/sb away to show or tell the truth about sth/sth which was secret: *He smiled politely and didn't give away his real feelings.*
hang around to stay in or near a place not doing very much
hang out to spend a lot of time in a place: *The local kids hang out at the shopping mall.*
take off to leave a place, especially in a hurry: *When he saw me coming, he took off in the opposite direction.*
wipe sth out to destroy sth completely: *Whole villages were wiped out in the bombing raids.*

idioms

a change of heart a change in your opinion or the way that you feel
be beyond sb to be impossible for sb to understand or imagine: *Why she wants to go and live there is beyond me.*
be in tune (with sb/sth) to be in agreement with sb/sth; to have the same opinions, feelings, interests, etc as sb/sth: *These proposals are perfectly in tune with our own thoughts on the subject.*
make your/a mark (on sth) to become famous and successful in a particular area
on behalf of sb for sb; as the representative for sb: *On behalf of all my colleagues, I'd like to thank you.*
for a start used to emphasise your first reason for sth: *'Why can't we go on holiday?' 'Well, for a start we can't afford it.'*
take sb's word for it to believe what sb says without any proof
within earshot near enough to hear sb/sth or to be heard: *As she came within earshot of the group, she heard her name mentioned.*

claustrophobia /ˌkloʊstrə'fəʊbiə/ fear of being in a small or enclosed space
commitment /kə'mɪtmənt/ (to sth) being prepared to give a lot of your time and attention to sth because you believe it is right or important: *I admire his commitment to protecting the environment.*
curiosity /ˌkjʊəri'ɒsəti/ a desire to know or learn
decade /ˈdekeɪd/ a period of ten years
detector /dɪ'tektə/ a machine that is used for finding or noticing sth: *a smoke/metal/lie detector*
discord /ˈdɪskoːd/ disagreement or argument
division /dɪ'vɪʒn/ (between sb/sth) a disagreement or difference of opinion between sb/sth
era /'ɪərə/ a period of time in history (that is special for some reason: *We are living in the era of the computer.*
galaxy /ˈgæləksi/ (pl *galaxies*) a large group of stars and planets in space
gene /dʒiːn/ a unit of information inside a cell which controls what a living thing will be like (Genes are passed from parents to children)
highway /'haɪweɪ/ (especially US) a main road (between towns)
kerosene /ˈkerəsiːn/ (US) a type of oil that is burned to produce heat or light
maternity leave /mə'tɜːnəti liːv/ a period of time when a woman temporarily leaves her job to have a baby: *to be on maternity leave*
microchip /ˈmaɪkrəʊtʃɪp/ a very small piece of a special material (silicon) that is used inside a computer, etc to make it work
might /maɪt/ great strength or power: *I pushed with all my might but the rock didn't move.*
nature /'neɪtʃə/ the basic qualities of thing: *the changing nature of society*
orbit /'ɔːbɪt/ a curved path taken by a planet or another object as it moves around another planet, star, moon, etc: *a space station in orbit round the moon*
pace /peɪs/ the speed at which you walk, run, etc or at which sth happens: *He increased his pace as he got closer to home.*
pedestrian /pə'destriən/ a person who is walking in the street (not travelling in a vehicle)
puzzle /'pʌzl/ a game or toy that makes you think a lot: *a jigsaw puzzle*
reference /ˈrefrəns/ a statement or letter describing a person's character or ability that is given to a possible future employer: *I had to supply two references before they gave me the job.*
retail /ˈriːteɪl/ the selling of goods to the public in shops, etc: *She works in retail.*
sensor /'sensə/ a device that can react to light, heat, pressure, etc in order to make a machine, etc do sth or show sth: *an infrared sensor*
shuttle /'ʃʊtl/ a spacecraft designed to be used, for example, for travelling between the earth and a space station
sidewalk /ˈsaɪdwɔːk/ (US) the hard flat area at the side of a road for people to walk on; the pavement
space /speɪs/ the area which surrounds the planet Earth and the other planets and stars: *space travel*
term /tɜːm/ 1 a word or group of words with similar meanings: a technical term in computing 2 a period of time into which a school or university year is divided 3 a period of time for which sth lasts: *The US president is in his first term of office.*
terminal /ˈtɜːmɪnəl/ a piece of equipment, usually consisting of a keyboard and a screen, that joins the user to a central computer system
vision /'vɪʒn/ a picture in your imagination: *He has a vision of a world without weapons.*

wastage /'weɪstɪdʒ/ the fact of losing or destroying sth, especially because it has been used carelessly: *This lack of jobs has resulted in a huge wastage of talent.*

verbs

baste /beɪst/ to pour fat or juices over meat, etc while it is cooking
blaze /bleɪz/ to be extremely bright; to shine brightly: *Even at that time of night, every light in the house was blazing.*
colonise /ˈkɒlənaɪz/ to take control of another country or place and send people from your own country to live there *noun: colony*
commercialise /kə'mɜːʃəlaɪz/ to try to make money out of sth, even if it means spoiling it *noun: commercialisation*
download /ˈdaʊn'ləʊd/ to copy a computer file, etc from a large computer system to a smaller one
expand /ɪk'spænd/ to become or to make sth bigger: *We're hoping to expand our business next year.* *noun: expansion*
float /fləʊt/ to move slowly through air or water: *The balloon floated up into the sky.*
frown /fraʊn/ to show that you are angry, serious, etc by making lines appear on your forehead above your nose
hypnotise /'hɪpnətaɪz/ 1 to put sb into an unconscious state where the person's mind can be controlled 2 to interest sb so much that they can think of nothing else: *He was hypnotised by her beauty.* *noun: hypnosis*
implant /ɪm'plɑːnt/ to put sth (usually sth artificial) into a part of the body for medical purposes, usually by means of an operation *noun: implant*
jail /dʒeɪl/ to put sb in prison: *He was jailed for life.*
lease /liːs/ to use or let sb use sth, especially property or equipment, in exchange for rent or a regular payment: *Parts of the building are leased out to tenants.* *noun: lease*
lengthen /'lenθən/ to become longer or to make sth longer
participate /pɑː'tɪsɪpeɪt/ (in sth) to take part or become involved in sth: *Students are encouraged to participate in sporting activities.* *noun: participation*
preserve /prɪ'zɜːv/ to keep sth in its original state in good condition *noun: preservation*
pursue /pə'sjuː/ to try to achieve sth or to continue to do sth over a period of time: *She is pursuing a career in banking.*
recruit /rɪ'kruːt/ to find new people to join a company, an organisation, the armed forces, etc: *to recruit young people to the teaching profession* *noun: recruitment*
sigh /saɪ/ to let out a long, deep breath that shows you are tired, sad, disappointed, etc
speculate /ˈspekjuleɪt/ (about sth) to make a guess about sth: *to speculate about the result of the next election* *noun: speculation*

adjectives

accurate /'ækjərət/ exact and correct; without mistakes *opposite: inaccurate*
convinced /kən'vɪnst/ completely sure about sth: *He's convinced that his team will win.*
cosmic /ˈkɒzmɪk/ connected with space or the universe
desirable /dɪ'zaɪərəbl/ wanted, often by many people; worth having: *Experience is desirable but not essential for this job.* *opposite: undesirable*
digital /ˈdɪdʒɪtl/ using an electronic system that uses the numbers 1 and 0 to record sound or store

Unit 8

nouns

aptitude /'æptɪtjuːd/ (for sth) natural ability or skill: *She has an aptitude for learning languages.*
carbon monoxide /ˌkɑːbən mə'nɒksaɪd/ a poisonous gas. *Motor cars produce a lot of carbon monoxide.*

information, and that gives high-quality results: *a digital recording*

online /ˈɒnˈlaɪn/ controlled by or connected to a computer or to the Internet: *an online ticket booking system*

peculiar /prɪˈkjuːliə/ unusual or strange

prophetic /prəˈfetik/ correctly stating or showing what will happen in the future: *Many of his warnings proved prophetic.*

redundant /rɪˈdʌndənt/ (used about employees) no longer needed for a job and therefore out of work: *When the factory closed 800 people were made redundant.*

relevant /ˈrɛləvənt/ connected with what is happening or being talked about: *Do you have any relevant experience?*

remote-control /rɪˈməʊt kənˈtrəʊl/ operated from a distance, using radio or electrical signals: *a remote-control camera*

spicy /ˈspeɪsi/ having a strong taste because spices have been used to flavour it

thrilling /ˈθrɪlɪŋ/ very exciting and enjoyable

tremendous /trəˈmɛndəs/ very large or great: *a tremendous amount of work*

unconcerned /ˌʌnkənˈsɜːnd/ not worried or anxious about sth because you feel it does not affect you or is not important **opposite:** *concerned*

phrasal verbs

base sth on sth to use an idea, a fact, a situation, etc as the point from which sth can be developed: *This film is based on a true story.*

break down (used about a system, discussion, etc) to fail: *Talks between the two countries broke down.*

carry out sth to do a task, repair, etc: *to carry out tests/a survey/an experiment*

come up with sth to find an answer or a solution to sth: *Engineers have come up with new ways of saving energy.*

improve on/upon sth to produce sth that is better than sth else: *Nobody will be able to improve on that score (= nobody will be able to make a higher score).*

pick up to receive an electronic signal, sound or picture: *In the north of France you can pick up English TV programmes.*

rush by (sb/sth) to move past (sb/sth) at great speed, often too fast: *She rushed by without saying anything.*

trail off (used about sb's voice) to gradually become quieter and then stop

tuck sb up to make sb feel comfortable in bed by pulling the covers up around them: *The children are all tucked up in bed.*

idioms

change the subject to start talking about sth different

have a mind of your own to have your own opinion and make your own decisions without being influenced by other people: *My computer seems to have a mind of its own!*

not have a clue to know nothing about sth

on occasion(s) sometimes but not often

have sth at your fingertips to have sth ready for quick and easy use

put your feet up to sit down and relax, especially with your feet off the floor and supported: *I'm so tired that I just want to go home and put my feet up.*

search me used to emphasise that you do not know the answer to sb's question: *'Why didn't she say anything?' 'Search me!'*

Unit 9

nouns

almanac /ˈælmənæk/ a book that gives information about the sun, moon, times of the tides (= the rise and fall of the sea level), etc for each day of the year

astronomy /əˈstrɒnəmi/ the scientific study of the sun, moon, stars, etc

average /ˈævərɪdʒ/ the normal standard, amount or quality

background /ˈbækgraʊnd/ the part of a scene, view, picture, etc which is furthest away from the person looking at it: *red circles painted on a blue background*

bar chart /ˈbɑː tʃɑːt/ a diagram which uses narrow bands of different heights to show different amounts, so that they can be compared

brainpower /ˈbreɪnpaʊə/ the ability to think; intelligence

breed /brɪd/ a particular variety of animal: *a rare breed of cattle*

cab /kæb/ a taxi: *He drives a black cab in London.*

cage /keɪdʒ/ a box made of bars or wire, or a space surrounded by wire or metal bars, in which a bird or animal is kept so that it cannot escape

capacity /ˌkəˈpæsəti/ the ability to understand or do sth: *a capacity for hard work*

chart /tʃɑːt/ a map of the sea or sky: *navigation charts*

concentration /ˌkɒnsn̩ˈtreɪʃn/ (on sth) the ability to give all your attention or effort to sth **verb:** *concentrate*

concept /ˈkɒnsept/ (of sth) an idea; a basic principle: *It is difficult to grasp the concept of eternity.*

confusion /ˌkɒnˈfjuːzn/ the state of not being able to think clearly or not understanding sth: *He stared in confusion at the exam paper.* **verb:** *confuse*

context /ˈkɒntekst/ the words that come before or after a word, phrase or sentence that help you to understand its meaning: *You can often guess the meaning of a word from its context.*

debt /det/ an amount of money that you owe to sb **findings** /ˈfaɪndɪŋz/ information that is discovered as a result of research into sth: *the findings of a survey/ report/committee*

fortune /ˈfɔːtʃuːn/ a very large amount of money: *She made a fortune selling paintings.*

graph /ɡrɑːf/ a diagram in which a line or a curve shows the relationship between two quantities, measurements, etc: *a graph showing the number of cars sold each month*

host /həʊst/ (of sb/sth) a large number of people or things

longitude /ˈlɒndʒɪtjuːd/ the distance of a place east or west of a line from the North Pole to the South Pole that passes through Greenwich in London (Longitude is measured in degrees).

majority /məˈdʒɒrəti/ (of sb/sth) the largest number or part of a group of people or things: *The majority of students in the class come from Japan.*

meridian /məˈrɪdiən/ a line that we imagine on the surface of the earth that joins the North Pole to the South Pole and passes through a particular place: *the Greenwich meridian*

minority /maɪˈnɒrəti/ the smaller number or part of a group; less than half

mortal /ˈmɔːtl/ a human being

mould /məʊld/ a soft green or black substance like fur (fungus) that grows in wet places or on old food

navigation /ˌnævɪˈɡeɪʃn/ 1 the act of using a map, etc to find your way to somewhere 2 the act of sailing a boat along a river or across a sea

observatory /əbˈzɜːvətəri/ a building from which scientists can watch the stars, the weather, etc

opportunity /ˌɒpəˈtjuːnəti/ a chance to do sth that you would like to do; a situation or a time in which it is possible to do sth that you would like to do: *I have a golden opportunity to go to America now that my sister lives there.*

passion /ˈpæʃn/ (for sth) a very strong liking for or interest in sth: *He has a passion for music.*

pendulum /ˈpendjələm/ a chain or stick with a heavy weight at the bottom that moves regularly from side to side to work a clock

pigeon /ˈpɪdʒɪn/ a fat grey bird that often lives in towns

qualification /ˌkwɒlɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/ an exam that you have passed or a course of study that you have completed

range /remdʒ/ a variety of things that belong to the same group: *This shop has a wide range of clothes.*

reaction /rɪˈækʃn/ (to sb/sth) something that you say or do because of sth that has happened

relevance /ˈreləvəns/ a connection with what is happening or being talked about: *Most of what he said had no relevance at all to my situation.*

rival /ˈraɪv/ a person or thing that is competing with you

slide /slaɪd/ a small piece of photographic film in a plastic or cardboard frame

verbs

acquire /əˈkwaɪə/ to obtain or buy sth: *He's acquired a reputation for being difficult to work with.*

analyse /ˈænaləɪz/ to look at or think about the different parts or details of sth carefully in order to understand or explain it: *to analyse statistics/data* **noun:** *analysis*

assume /əˈsjʊːm/ to accept or believe that sth is true even though you have no proof; to expect sth to be true: *I assume that you have all the necessary documents.* **noun:** *assumption*

beat /biːt/ to defeat sb; to be better than sb: *He always beats me at tennis.*

combat /ˈkɒmbæt/ to fight against sth; to try to stop or defeat sth: *new medicines to combat heart disease*

comment /ˈkɒment/ (on sth) to say what you think or feel about sth: *Several people commented on how ill David looked.*

conduct /kənˈdʌkt/ to organise and do sth, especially research: *to conduct a survey/an inquiry* **confirm** /kənˈfɜːm/ to say or show that sth is true; to make sth definite: *Seeing the two of them together confirmed our suspicions.*

draw /drɔː/ (sth from sth) to learn or decide sth as a result of study, research or experience: *Can we draw any conclusions from this survey?*

dump /dʌmp/ to get rid of sth that you do not want, especially in a place which is not suitable: *Nuclear waste should not be dumped in the sea.*

fade /feɪd/ to become less strong or fresh; to disappear slowly

flash /flæʃ/ (sth up) to appear on a television screen, computer screen, etc for a short time; to make sth do this: *His name was flashed up on the screen.*

highlight /ˈhaɪlaɪt/ to emphasise sth so that people give it special attention: *The report highlighted the need for improved safety at football grounds.*

imagine /i'mædʒɪn/ (sb/sth doing sth) to form a picture in your mind of what sth/sb might be like: *I can't imagine myself cycling 20 miles a day.*
noun: imagination

maintain /meɪn'teɪn/ to make sth continue at the same level, standard, etc: *to maintain law and order*

outperform /aʊtpə'fɔ:m/ to achieve better results than sb/sth

outshine /aʊt'shaɪn/ (pt, pp *outshone*) to be more impressive than sb/sth; to be better than sb/sth: *He far outshone the rest of the class.*

overcome /əʊvə'kʌm/ (pt *overcame*; pp *overcome*) to manage to control or defeat sb/sth: *She tried hard to overcome her fear of flying.*

overestimate /əʊvər'estɪmeɪt/ to guess that sb/sth is bigger, better, more important, etc than he/she/it really is

recite /rɪ'saɪt/ to say aloud a piece of writing, especially a poem or a list, from memory

rotate /rəʊ'teɪt/ to turn in circles round a central point; to make sth do this: *The earth rotates on its axis.* **noun:** rotation

store /stɔ:/ to keep sth or a supply of sth for future use: to store information on a computer

tell /tel/ (A from B) to distinguish one thing or person from another: *It was hard to tell Tom from his brother. Can you tell the difference between the two versions?*

tend /tend/ (to do sth) to usually do or be sth: *Women tend to live longer than men.*

underestimate /ˌʌndər'estɪmeɪt/ to guess that the amount, etc of sth will be less than it really is

visualise /'vɪʒʊəlaɪz/ to imagine or have a picture in your mind of sb/sth: *It's hard to visualise what this place looked like before the factory was built.*

adjectives

angular /'æŋɡjələ/ with sharp points or corners

complicated /'kɒmplɪkeɪtɪd/ difficult to understand or deal with

confused /kən'fju:zd/ not able to think clearly

confusing /kən'fju:zɪŋ/ difficult to understand

contradictory /ˌkɒntrə'dɪktəri/ being opposite to or not matching sth else: *Contradictory reports appeared in the newspaper.*

dappled /'dæpld/ marked with spots of colour or shade

discerning /dɪ'sɜ:nɪŋ/ able to recognise the quality of sth

encouraging /ɪn'kʌrɪdʒɪŋ/ giving hope, support or confidence to sb: *This month's unemployment figures are not very encouraging.* **opposite:** discouraging

fatal /'feɪtl/ causing or ending in death; *a fatal accident/disease*

imaginative /ɪ'mædʒɪnətɪv/ having or showing imagination **opposite:** unimaginative

informative /ɪn'fɔ:mətɪv/ giving useful knowledge or information

observant /əb'zɜ:vənt/ good at noticing things around you **opposite:** unobservant

prime /praɪm/ main; the first example of sth that sb would think of or choose

rare /reə/ not done, seen, happening, etc very often: *a rare species/breed*

significant /sɪɡ'nɪfɪkənt/ important or large enough to be noticed: *There has been a significant improvement in your work.* **opposite:** insignificant

spatial /speɪʃl/ connected with space and the size, shape, position, etc of things in it: *the development of a child's spatial awareness* (= the ability to judge the positions and sizes of objects)

startling /'stɑ:tɪlɪŋ/ extremely unusual and surprising: *a startling contrast/discovery*

surreal /sə'ri:əl/ very strange; with images mixed together in a strange way like in a dream: *a surreal film/painting/situation*

visual /'vɪʒʊəl/ connected with seeing or sight: *the visual arts* (= painting, sculpture, cinema, etc)

vivid /'vɪvɪd/ (used about a light or a colour) strong and very bright

worrying /'wʌrɪŋ/ that makes you worry

adverbs

dead /ded/ completely, exactly or very: *The film was dead boring.*

elsewhere /els'weə/ in or to another place: *He's travelled a lot in Europe and elsewhere.*

intimately /ɪntɪmətli/ closely: *intimately connected/linked*

repeatedly /rɪ'pi:tɪdli/ many times; again and again

phrasal verbs

cut down (on sth) to reduce the quantity or amount of sth; to do sth less often: *You should cut down on fatty foods.*

put sb off (sb/sth/doing sth) to make sb not like sb/sth or not want to do sth: *The accident put me off driving for a long time.*

take after sb to look or behave like an older member of your family, especially a parent: *James takes after his father.*

take it out on sb to behave badly towards sb because you are angry or upset about sth, even though it is not this person's fault: *Just because you've had a bad day at work, there's no need to take it out on me!*

take sth back to admit that sth you said was wrong: *You'd better take back what you said about my cooking!*

take sth in to understand what you see, hear or read: *I was too tired to take in what she was saying.*

take to sb/sth to start liking sb/sth: *I didn't take to Kate's new boyfriend at all.*

work sth out 1 to find the answer to sth; to solve sth: *I can't work out how to do this.* 2 to calculate sth: *I worked out the total cost.*

idioms

all in all when everything is considered: *All in all it had been a great success.*

be no contest used to say that one side in a competition is so much stronger or better than the other that it is sure to win easily

not in the least not at all: *It doesn't matter in the least.*

Unit 10

nouns

arbitration /ˌɑ:bɪ'treɪʃn/ the official process of settling an argument or a disagreement between two people or groups

base /beɪs/ a military centre from which the armed forces operate: *an army base*

battlefield /'bætlfi:ld/ the place where a battle is fought

capital /'kæpɪtl/ an amount of money that you use to start a business or to put in a bank, etc so that you earn more money (interest) on it

cause /kɔ:z/ an idea or organisation that people believe in and support: *to fight for a cause*

citizen /'sɪtɪzn/ a person who is legally accepted as a member of a particular country

cockerel /'kɒkərəl/ a young male chicken

compensation /ˌkɒmpen'seɪʃn/ (for sth) money that you pay to sb because you have injured him/her or lost or damaged his/her property: *I want compensation for my unfair dismissal.*

courtship /'kɔ:tʃɪp/ the relationship between a man and woman before they get married

divide /dɪ'vaɪd/ a difference between two groups of people that separates them from each other: *the North/South divide*

heir /eə/ the person with the legal right to receive (inherit) money, property or a title when the owner dies

hen /hen/ a female chicken, often kept for its eggs or meat

issue /'ɪʃu:/ a problem or subject for discussion

the limelight /'lɪmlaɪt/ the centre of public attention: *to be in/out of the limelight*

litigation /ˌlɪtɪ'geɪʃn/ the process of taking legal action in a court of law

loyalty /'lɔ:əlti/ a strong feeling that you want to be loyal to sb: *a case of divided loyalties* (= with strong feelings of support for two different causes, people, etc)

marine /mə'reɪn/ a soldier who has been trained to fight on land or at sea

merchandise /'mɜ:tʃəndaɪs/ goods that are for sale

profit /'prɒfɪt/ the money that you make when you sell sth for more than it cost you: *Did you make a profit on your house when you sold it?*

rank /ræŋk/ the position, especially a high position, that sb has in an organisation such as the army

re-enactment /ˌri:ɪn'æktmənt/ the act of repeating the actions of a past event: *a re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings*

reputation /ˌrepju'teɪʃn/ (for/as sth) the opinion that people in general have about what sb/sth is like: *Adam has a reputation for being late.*

resource /rɪ'zɔ:s/ a supply of sth, a piece of equipment, etc that is available for sb to use: *We do not have the resources (= money) to update our computer software.*

rights /raɪt/ the authority to perform, publish, film, etc a particular work, event, etc: *He sold the film rights for \$2 million.*

sacrifice /'sækrɪfəs/ giving up sth that is important or valuable to you in order to get or do sth that seems more important; sth that you give up in this way: *If we're going to have a holiday this year, we'll all have to make some sacrifices.*

script /skɪpt/ the written form of a play, film, speech, etc

spectator /spek'teɪtə/ a person who is watching an event, especially a sporting event

thriller /'θrɪlə/ a play, film, book, etc with a very exciting story, often about crime

tie /taɪ/ a strong connection between people or organisations: *family ties*

verbs

applaud /ə'plɔ:d/ to express approval of sb/sth

assassinate /ə'sæsɪneɪt/ to kill a famous or important person for money or for political reasons **noun:** assassination

betray /bɪ'treɪ/ 1 to give information about sb/sth to an enemy; to make a secret known 2 to hurt sb who trusts you, especially by not being loyal or faithful to him/her **noun:** betrayal

commit /kə'mɪt/ to do sth bad or illegal: *to commit a crime*

confess /kən'fes/ (to sth/to doing sth) to admit that you have done sth bad or wrong: *The woman confessed to the murder of her boyfriend/to murdering her boyfriend.* **noun:** confession

confine /kən'faɪn/ (sb in/to sth) to keep a person or animal in a particular, usually small, place: *The prisoners are confined to their cells for long periods at a time.*

convict /kən'vɪkt/ (sb of sth) to say officially in a court of law that sb is guilty of a crime: *He was convicted of armed robbery and sent to prison.* **noun:** conviction

demote /di:'məʊt/ to move sb to a lower position or rank, often as a punishment

deport /dɪ'pɔ:t/ to force sb to leave a country because he/she has no legal right to be there **noun:** deportation

detain /dɪ'teɪn/ to stop sb from leaving a place; to delay sb: *A man has been detained by the police for questioning (= kept at the police station).* **noun:** detention

discharge /dɪs'tʃɑ:dʒ/ to give sb official permission to leave a place or a job; to make sb leave a job: *He was discharged from the army for bad conduct.* **noun:** discharge

dismiss /dɪs'mɪs/ to order an employee to leave his/her job **noun:** dismissal

enforce /ɪn'fɔ:s/ to make people obey a law or rule or do sth that they do not want to do: *How will they enforce the new law?* **noun:** enforcement

enrol /ɪn'reʊl/ (on sth) to become or make sb a member of a club, school, etc: *I've enrolled on an Italian course.*

feud /fju:d/ to have an angry and bitter argument with sb over a long period of time: *feuding families/gangs*

fire /faɪə/ to remove an employee from a job: *He was fired for being late.*

flee /fli:/ (pt, pp fled) to run away or escape from sth

forge /fɔ:dʒ/ to make an illegal copy of sth: *to forge a passport/ cheque/signature*

free /fri:/ to let sb/sth leave or escape from a place where he/she/it is held: *to free a prisoner* **noun:** freedom

fund /fʌnd/ to provide a project, school, charity, etc with money **noun:** fund

insist /ɪn'sɪst/ (on sth/doing sth) to say strongly that you must have or do sth, or that sb else must do sth: *Dan insisted on coming too.*

plead /pli:d/ (with sb) to ask sb for sth in a very strong and serious way: *She pleaded with him not to leave her.*

promote /prə'məʊt/ to advertise sth in order to increase its sales or make it popular **noun:** promotion

reckon /'rekən/ to calculate sth approximately: *I reckon the journey will take about five hours.*

resolve /rɪ'zɒlv/ to find an answer to a problem

rocket /'rɒkɪt/ to increase or rise very quickly: *She rocketed to stardom at the age of sixteen.*

sack /sæk/ to tell an employee that he/she can no longer work for you (because of bad work, bad behaviour, etc)

seek /si:k/ (pt, pp sought) to try to find or get sth: *Politicians are seeking a peaceful solution.*

serve /sɜ:v/ to perform a duty or provide a service for the public or for an organisation: *During the war he served in the Army.*

shrug /ʃrʌg/ (pt, pp shrugged) to lift your shoulders as a way of showing that you do not know sth or are not interested

sue /su:/ to go to a court of law and ask for money from sb because he/she has done sth bad to you, or said sth bad about you: *to sue sb for libel/damages*

surrender /sə'rendə/ to stop fighting and admit that you have lost

testify /'testɪfaɪ/ to make a formal statement that sth is true, especially in a court of law: *She refused to testify against her husband.*

urge /ɜ:dʒ/ (sb to do sth) to advise or try hard to persuade sb to do sth: *I urged him to fight the decision.*

vindicate /'vɪndɪkeɪt/ to prove that sth is true or that you were right to do sth, especially when other people thought differently

warn /wɔ:n/ to tell sb about sth unpleasant or dangerous that exists or might happen, so that he/she can try to avoid it: *He warned Billy to keep away from his daughter.*

adjectives

adaptable /ə'dæptəbl/ able to change to suit new situations

baggy /'bægi/ (used about a piece of clothing) big; hanging loosely on the body

devastating /'devəstetɪŋ/ that shocks or upsets sb very much: *The closure of the factory was a devastating blow to the workers.*

engaged /ɪn'geɪdʒd/ (to sb) having agreed to get married: *Susan is engaged to Jim.*

formative /'fɔ:mətɪv/ having an important and lasting influence (on sb's character and opinions): *A child's early years are thought to be the most formative ones.*

interactive /ɪntər'æktɪv/ involving communication both ways, between a computer and the person using it

key /ki:/ very important: *He was a key figure in the campaign.*

pushy /'puʃi/ (used about a person) trying hard to get what you want, in a way that seems rude: *You need to be pushy to be successful in show business.*

resentful /rɪ'zentfʊl/ feeling bitter or angry about sth that you think is unfair

unappreciated /ʌnə'pri:ʃɪetɪd/ not having your work or your qualities recognised and enjoyed by other people: *He was in a job where he felt unappreciated and undervalued.*

undervalued /ʌndə'veljʊ:d/ not recognised by other people for being as good, valuable, important, etc as sb/sth really is

phrasal verbs

clown around to act in a funny or foolish way

find (sth) out to get some information; to discover a fact: *Have you found out how much the tickets will cost?*

kit sb out (in sth) to give sb all the necessary clothes, equipment, tools, etc for sth

look through sth to read sth quickly

make for sb/sth to move toward sb/sth

move on to start doing or discussing sth new: *I've been in this job long enough — it's time I moved on.*

opt out (of sth) to choose not to take part in sth; to decide to stop being involved in sth

sign up to sign a form or a contract which says that you agree to do sth: *A major Hollywood studio has already signed up the film rights.*

split up (with sb) to end a marriage or relationship: *He's split up with his girlfriend.*

stand up for sb/sth to say or do sth which shows that you support sb/sth: *I admire him. He really stands up for his rights.*

idioms

go the whole way to do everything you can to achieve what you want

in excess of more than: *Her debts are in excess of \$50,000.*

fall in love (with sb) to start feeling a strong feeling of deep affection for sb that you are sexually attracted to

kick yourself to be annoyed with yourself because you have done sth stupid, missed an opportunity, etc: *I could kick myself for arriving late at the interview.*

knack for doing sth skill or ability to do sth (difficult) that you have naturally or that you can learn: *He has a knack for making money.*

make fun of sb/sth to laugh at sb/sth in an unkind way: *The older children are always making fun of his accent.*

make a habit of doing sth to start to do sth often and almost without thinking, especially sth that is hard to stop doing: *I'd prefer you not to make a habit of smoking in the house.*

no matter who, what, where, etc whoever, whatever, wherever, etc: *They never listen no matter what you say.*

not worth the effort not important, good or enjoyable enough to make sb feel satisfied, especially when difficulty or effort is involved: *Filling in all those application forms really wasn't worth the effort.*

raise the tone to improve the general character of sth such as a piece of writing, or the atmosphere of an event or a place: *By building such luxury flats, they hoped to raise the tone of the area.*

snap decision a decision made quickly and suddenly, often without any careful thought: *I made a snap decision.*

stroke of luck a single successful action or event: *It was a stroke of luck that I found you here!*

take sth for granted to accept sth as being true

take advantage of sb/sth 1 to make good or full use of sth: *We should take advantage of these prices while they last.*

take your (own) life to kill yourself

come your way to happen to you by chance, or when you were not expecting it: *He took whatever came his way.*

turn your back on sb/sth to refuse to be involved with sb/sth: *He turned his back on his career and went to live in the country.*