

Exam Trainer vocabulary	Part of speech	Pronunciation	Definition	Example	GSE	Exam part	Notes & Queries
micro	adj	maɪkrəʊ	extremely small	His house is very small. It's a micro house.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1	
realistic possibility	adj + n coll	rɪə'ɪstɪk ˌpɒsə'bɪləti	something that you can sensibly expect to achieve	If you study hard, there is a realistic possibility that you will pass the exam. We have enough money to pay the deposit for the house but we will need to ask our parents to help us pay the rest.		Reading and Use of English 61 Part 1	
deposit	n	dɪ'pɒzɪt	a part of the cost of something that you pay before paying the total amount later			Reading and Use of English 61 Part 1	
out of reach	phrase	əʊt əv ri:tʃ	if something is out of reach, it means it's beyond your abilities or power	Sally just started learning to play the piano so for now giving a concert was out of reach for her.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1	
compact	adj	kəm'pækt	small, but arranged so that everything fits neatly into the space available	The students' rooms were compact, with a desk, bed, and closet built in.		Reading and Use of English 67 Part 1	
alternative	n	ɔ:l'tɜ:nətɪv	something you can choose to do or use instead of something else	If your first choice is not available, we always have alternatives to offer.		Reading and Use of English 59 Part 1	
intend	v	ɪn'tend	to have something in your mind as a plan or purpose	I need to finish this painting before John's birthday because I intend to give it to him as a present. We were afraid that the severe storms and winds would damage our house.		Reading and Use of English 63 Part 1	
severe (weather)	adj	sɪ'vɪə ('weðə)	very extreme, and very hot, dry, cold etc			Reading and Use of English 64 Part 1	
linking word	phrase	'lɪŋkɪŋ wɜ:d	a word such as 'but', 'and', or 'while' that connects phrases or parts of sentences	You can improve your writing by using linking words such as "but" or "and".		Reading and Use of English 84 Part 1	
demand	v	dɪ'mɑ:nd	if one thing demands another thing, it needs that thing in order to be successful	Learning a language demands a great deal of time and effort. After months of hard work, Jolene's career finally started taking off.		Reading and Use of English 69 Part 1	
take off	phr v	teɪk ɒf	to suddenly start being successful			Reading and Use of English 67 Part 1	
make off with	phr v	meɪk ɒf wɪð	to steal something	Someone broke into the museum and made off with several priceless paintings. She's a vet, of course she's knowledgeable about animals!		Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1	
knowledgeable	adj	'nɒlɪdʒəbl	knowing a lot			Reading and Use of English 74 Part 1	
mend	v	mɛnd	to repair something that is broken or damaged; if a broken bone mends, it becomes whole again	I broke my arm last summer but it's mended since then.		Reading and Use of English 67 Part 1	
content	adj	kən'tent	satisfied and happy	I don't need anything else. I'm content with my life.		Reading and Use of English 67 Part 1	
damaging	adj	'dæmɪdʒɪŋ	causing damage	Wearing sunscreen can minimize the damaging effects of sunlight.		Reading and Use of English 72 Part 1	
employment	n	ɪm'plɔɪmənt	the condition of having a paid job	She was offered employment in the sales office. We couldn't get through to him. He still can't see what the problem is.		Reading and Use of English 60 Part 1	
get through to	phr v	get θru: tu:	to succeed in making someone understand you			Reading and Use of English 59 Part 1	
come up with	phr v	kʌm ʌp wɪð	to think of an idea, plan, or reply	They still haven't come up with a name for the baby.		Reading and Use of English 67 Part 1	
shut down	phr v	ʃʌt daʊn	if a machine etc shuts down, or if you shut it down, it stops operating	Why don't you shut the computer down when you leave the house? You're wasting electricity.		Reading and Use of English 59 Part 1	
bistro	n	'bi:stɹəʊ	a small restaurant	We ate breakfast at the local bistro.		Reading and Use of English 81 Part 1	
urge	v	ɜ:ɟ	to strongly suggest that someone do something to change the date or time of an event to a later one	I urged my brother to finish his sandwich so we could go already.		Reading and Use of English 66 Part 1	
postpone	v	pəʊst'pəʊn	one	The meeting has been postponed until July.		Reading and Use of English 63 Part 1	

I appreciate sth	phrase	ai 'ri:əli ə'pri:ʃieɪt 'sʌmθɪŋ	used to thank someone the activity of obtaining goods to sell in a way that is morally good, for example by making sure that the people who grow something are paid a fair price for it	I really appreciate all your help. Thank you.	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 1
fair trade	phrase	feə treɪd	several similar things wrapped or packed together in order to sell them or send them to someone	Are those fair trade bananas?	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1
pack	n	pæk	to be formed from a number of different things, parts, or people	This pack of books is ready do be sent.	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 1
compose (of)	v	kəm'pəʊz (ɒv)	a piece of equipment, usually kept on a roof, that collects and uses the sun's energy to heat water or make electricity	Water is composed of hydrogen and oxygen.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 1
solar panel	n	'səʊlə 'pænl	a narrow beam of light or energy from the sun, a lamp etc	If you live in a sunny place, you can instal solar panels on your roof to make electricity for your house.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 1
ray (of the sun)	n	reɪ (ɒv ðə sʌn)	a sudden quick bright light	The room darkened as a cloud hid the sun's rays.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1
flash	n	flæʃ	something you plan to do	A flash of lightning lit up the night sky. I have no intention to go to university. I want to travel instead.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 1
intention	n	ɪn'tenʃən	a quick look	The couple at the next table cast quick glances in our direction.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 1
glance	n	glɑ:ns	to use a situation to help you do or get something you want	I took advantage of the good weather to paint the shed.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 1
take advantage of	phrase	teɪk əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ əv	to have the effect or result you want	A little more glue should do the job.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 1
do the job	phrase	du: ðə dʒɒb	to throw away, sell, or destroy something you do not want any more	It's time we got rid of all these old toys. We don't want them any more.	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 1
get rid of		get rɪd əv	because of something	Owing to a lack of funds, the project will not continue next year.	Reading and Use of English 61 Part 1
owing to	phr	'əʊɪŋ tu:	a person playing agaist you who is extremely difficult to defeat	Brick was sure he would easily win against Suzie but she turned out to be a formidable opponent. I carefully got up from the couch so as not to wake up my cat.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1
formidable opponent	adj + n coll	'fɔ:mɪdəbl ə'pəʊnənt	in order to do something	We had a good time in spite of the rain.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 1
so as to	phrase	səʊ əz tu:	although something exists or is true	I'll make a cake, provided we have some flour and eggs.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 1
in spite of	phrase	ɪn spaɪt əv	used to say that one person, thing, or situation is different from another	I like summer, whereas my sister prefers winter.	Reading and Use of English 61 Part 1
provided (that)	prep	prə'vaɪdɪd (ðæt)	used to show a difference between people, ideas, situations, things etc that are being compared used when saying what bad thing will happen if something is not done	The lake house is very quiet, and, by contrast, the apartment in the city is very loud.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
whereas	prep	weə'æz		You'll have to go now, otherwise you'll miss your bus. It was a good concert – I enjoyed the last song in particular.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 1
by contrast	collocation	bai 'kɒntrɑ:st	especially	He's friendly enough, but nevertheless I don't trust him.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 1
otherwise	adverb	'ʌðəwaɪz	in spite of what has just been mentioned		Reading and Use of English 67 Part 1
in particular	phrase	ɪn pə'tɪkjʊlə			Reading and Use of English 63 Part 1
nevertheless	adverb	ˌneɪvəðə'les			Reading and Use of English 62 Part 1

take it for granted (that)	phrase	teɪk ɪt fɔː ˈgrɑːntɪd (ðæt)	to believe that something is true without making sure	You should have asked me if I could help on Friday, instead of taking it for granted. I already have other plans for Friday.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 1
prepared	adj	pɪˈpeəd	ready to deal with a situation	He wasn't really prepared for all their questions.	68 Part 1
disrupt	v	dɪsˈrʌpt	prevent something from continuing normally by causing problems	My quiet morning was disrupted by the unexpected arrival of guests.	69 Part 1
outbreak	n	ˈaʊtbreɪk	if there is an outbreak of fighting or disease in an area, it suddenly starts to happen	There was a flu outbreak in our school in January.	59 Part 1
bottled (water)	adj + n coll	ˈbɒtlɪd (ˈwɔːtə)	(water) sold in bottles	While on this trip, remember to drink only bottled water. Don't drink water from the river.	70 Part 1
odd	adj	ɒd	strange or different from what you expect something, especially money, that you give to help a person or organization	That's odd. I was sure I had some more cash in my bag.	59 Part 1
donation	n	dəʊˈneɪʃən	an amount of something that is available to be used	Please make a donation to the hospital fund.	64 Part 1
supply	n/v	səˈplaɪ	to do something you had planned or promised to do	I've only got a week's supply of tablets left.	60/- Part 1
go through with	phr v	gəʊ θruː wɪð	to do something without experiencing any problems or difficulties, even though it is not the best thing to do	Even though he wasn't sure it was the right choice, he decided to go through with it.	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 1
get away with	phr v	get əˈweɪ wɪð	the way in which the parts of something are put together or organised	At school he had always got away with doing the bare minimum amount of work.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 1
structure	n	ˈstrʌktʃə	a short sleep in the middle of the day that helps you to have more energy, do your job better, and make better decisions	Languages usually have very complex structures.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 2
power nap	adj + n coll	ˈpaʊə nəp	to think about someone or something in a particular way	Dave had trouble concentrating on his project so he decided to take a 20 minute power nap.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 2
regard	v	rɪˈgɑːd	to get back your strength and energy again	I've always regarded you as my friend.	63 Part 2
recharge your batteries	collocation	riːˈtʃɑːdʒ ɔː ˈbætərɪz	partly relating to something such as a study that involves comparing something with something else	I'm going to spend a week in the mountains to recharge my batteries.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 2
to some extent	collocation	tuː sʌm ɪksˈtɛnt	a race in which people run about 26 miles or 42 kilometres	What you say is true to some extent, but it's not the whole picture.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 2
comparative	adj	kəmˈpærətɪv	a job that you have to do, especially a boring one when the sun or moon comes up, it appears in the sky	She's working on a comparative study of the two writers.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 2
marathon	n	ˈmərəθən		Garcia ran the marathon in just under three hours.	65 Part 2
chore	n	tʃɔː		We share the domestic chores, like cooking, washing up and taking out the trash.	72 Part 2
come up	phr v	kʌm ʌp		It was worth getting up early to see the sun come up in the mountains.	Reading and Use of English 64 Part 2
by the time	phrase	bɑɪ ðə taɪm	when	By the time I arrived, he had left.	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 2
gap year	n	gæp jɪə	a year between leaving school and starting university, in which someone travels or works a group of people who sing together, especially in a church or school	I don't want to go to university just now, I think I'll take a gap year to travel and work abroad.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 2
choir	n	ˈkwɔɪə	a type of bus which carries passengers along the street on metal tracks	Susan sings in the school choir.	66 Part 2
tram	n	træm		Don't take a bus to get to the university, take a tram, it will be much faster.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 2

significantly	adv	sig'nɪfɪkəntli	in an important way or to an important degree to improve something, or change it for something better	Health problems can be significantly reduced by careful diet.	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 2
upgrade	n	ʌp'ɡreɪd	a large animal that lived about 200 million years ago and is now extinct	We need to upgrade our computer.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 2
dinosaur	n	'daɪnəʊsɔː	all the bones in a human or animal body wanting to do something very much, so that you will not let anything stop you	The site, which is near the Carson National Forest, is rich in dinosaur bones. I saw dinosaur skeletons in the Natural History Museum.	Reading and Use of English 61 Part 2 Reading and Use of English 67 Part 2
skeleton	n	'skelɪtn	refusing to change your mind even when other people criticise you or try to persuade you	She was determined to start her own business.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 2
determined	adj	dɪ'tɜːmɪnd	an attempt to do something admired by many people because of things you have achieved	Kim is making an effort to drink more water.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 2
effort	n	'efət	respected	The author is a highly respected historian.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 2
respected	adj	rɪs'pektɪd	stubborn	Your father is so stubborn – he won't listen.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 2
stubborn	adj	'stʌbən	tone	The tone of her letter was rather unfriendly.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 2
tone	n	təʊn	convey	What does this poem convey?	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 2
convey	v	kən'veɪ	troubled	Benson looked troubled when he heard the news.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 2
troubled	adj	'trʌblɪd	worrying	The possibility that I might lose my job is very worrying. The detail of this book requires more explanation than is possible here, but this is a rewarding book to read.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 2 Reading and Use of English 66 Part 2
worrying	adj	'wʌrɪŋ	rewarding	making you feel happy and satisfied	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 2
rewarding	adj	rɪ'wɔːdɪŋ	characterise	to be typical of someone or something if there is heavy rainfall, the amount of rain that falls on an area in a particular period of time is high	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 2
characterise	v	'kærɪktəraɪz	heavy rainfall	collocation	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 2
heavy rainfall	collocation	'hevi 'reɪnfɔːl	glorious	adj	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 2
glorious	adj	'ɡlɔːrɪəs	demonstration	n	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 2
demonstration	n	ˌdeməns'treɪʃən	summit	n	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 2
summit	n	'sʌmɪt	within your grasp	collocation	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 2
within your grasp	collocation	wɪ'ðɪn jɔː grɑːsp	motivated	adj	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 2
motivated	adj	'məʊtɪveɪtɪd	brightly coloured	adj	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 2
brightly coloured	adj	'braɪtli 'kɒləd	breeding season	collocation	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 2
breeding season	collocation	'briːdɪŋ 'siːzn	sustainable	adj	Reading and Use of English 61 Part 2
sustainable	adj	səs'teɪnəbl			

generate	v	'dʒenəreɪt	to produce energy, power, heat etc while doing something, without previous planning or preparation	The program would generate a lot of new jobs.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 2
as you go along	collocation	əz jʊ ɡəʊ ə 'lɒŋ	special importance or attention that you give something	I made the story up as I went along.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 2
emphasis	n	'emfəsis		The company places great emphasis on customer care.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 2
manufacturer	n	,mænjʊ'fæktʃərə	a company that makes goods	Contact the manufacturer of your washing machine for a replacement part.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 3
gel	n	dʒel	a thick liquid, especially one for cleaning or for arranging your hair	I put some gel in my hair to make the ends stand up.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
lotion	n	'ləʊʃən	a liquid mixture that you put on your skin or hair to clean, soften, or protect it	Remember to take the sun lotion with you when you go to the beach.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
appearance	n	ə 'piərəns	the way someone or something looks to other people	They've changed the appearance of the whole building.	Reading and Use of English 61 Part 3
judge	v	'dʒʌdʒ	to form or give an opinion about someone or something using the information you have	Never judge a person by their looks.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
findings	n	'faɪndɪŋz	the information that people have learned as a result of their study, work etc	The Commission's findings are presented in a report.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 3
conclusively	adv	kən'klu:siʋli	definitely	It was impossible to conclusively determine who ate the cookies. I guess we'll never know.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 3
inaccurate	adj	ɪn'ækjʊrɪt	not correct	The old maps were usually inaccurate or incomplete.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 3
uncertain	adj	ʌn'sɜ:tn	feeling doubt about something	I was uncertain about what to do next.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
disorganised	adj	di'sɔ:ɡənəɪzd	not good at arranging, planning, or remembering things	He's terribly disorganised. He never remembers where he's left his keys!	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
impatient	adj	ɪm'peɪʃənt	annoyed because of delays or mistakes that make you wait	The passengers were becoming impatient. The plane was supposed to leave two hours ago.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 3
unpleasant	adj	ʌn'pleznt	unkind or rude	Did she really say that? What an unpleasant person!	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 3
precise	adj	preɪ'saɪs	precise information, details etc are exact, clear, and correct	We don't yet have precise details of the agreement.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 3
irregular	adj	ɪ'regjələ	having a shape, surface, pattern etc that is not even, smooth, or balanced	It has a highly irregular shape, covered in bumps and indentations.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
relevant	adj	'relɪvənt	important and useful	I don't think your arguments are relevant to this discussion.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
irrelevant	adj	ɪ'reləvənt	not useful or not relating to a particular situation, and therefore not important	We're focussing too much on irrelevant details.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
satisfied	adj	'sætɪsfɑɪd	feeling that something is as good as it should be, or that something has happened in the way that you want	They have plenty of satisfied customers.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
dissatisfied	adj	di'sætəsfɑɪd	not satisfied because something is not as good as you had expected	We have to do something about our quality control because we have more and more dissatisfied clients.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 3
assist	v	ə'sɪst	to help someone do something	They had no maps to assist them.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
assistance	n	ə'sɪstəns	help	How can I be of your assistance?	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
destruction	n	di's'trʌkʃən	when something is destroyed	The rains caused widespread destruction to crops.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3

employment	n	ɪm'plɔ:zmənt	when an organisation, person, or company pays someone to do a job	Steve's still looking for full-time employment.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
encouragement	n	ɪn'kʌrɪdʒmənt	when you encourage someone or something, or the things that encourage them	My parents offered encouragement and support.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 3
kindness	n	'kaɪndnɪs	kind behaviour	What this child needs is a little love and kindness.	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 3
nervousness	n	'nɜ:vəsənəs	a sense of worry about something	During the exam, Mike's nervousness showed in his voice.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 3
popularity	n	ˌpɒpjə'lærəti	when something or someone is liked or supported by a lot of people	The popularity of the Internet has grown dramatically.	Reading and Use of English 61 Part 3
similarity	n	ˌsɪmɪ'lærɪti	when people or things are similar, or a way in which they are similar	There is some similarity between the styles of the two authors.	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 3
vary	v	'veəri	to change	His moods seem to vary according to the weather.	Reading and Use of English 61 Part 3
comedian	n	kə'mi:diən	someone whose job is to tell jokes and make people laugh	Circus performers, magicians and comedians will round out the entertainment.	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 3
economist	n	ɪ'kɒnəmɪst	someone who studies economics	He works as a chief economist at the local bank.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
instruct	v	ɪn'strʌkt	to teach someone something	Greater effort is needed to instruct children in road safety.	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 3
instructor	n	ɪn'strʌktə	someone who teaches an activity or sport	Joan has always been good at skiing so she decided to become a ski instructor.	Reading and Use of English 61 Part 3
pride	n	praɪd	the feeling you have when you are proud of something that you or someone connected with you has achieved	His father smiled with pride.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
loss (of)	v	lɒs (ɒv)	the fact of no longer having something, or of having less of it than you used to have, or the process by which this happens	The disease causes fever and a loss of appetite.	Reading and Use of English 61 Part 3
shortage	n	'ʃɔ:tɪdʒ	a situation in which there is not enough of something	Dry weather and no rain could cause food shortages in the winter.	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 3
sniper	n	'snaɪpə	someone who shoots at people from a hidden position	The sniper is believed to be shooting from a hillside just east of the freeway.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 3
gamer	n	'geɪmə	someone who plays computer games	Lucy liked watching other gamers play her favorite computer games so she could pick up some new tricks and try them when she played on her own.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 3
retire	v	rɪ'taɪə	to stop working because you are old	He retired at 65.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 3
retirement	n	rɪ'taɪəmənt	when you stop working or have stopped working because you are old	Her coworkers threw a party to celebrate her retirement and thank her for her work.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
gaming	n	'geɪmɪŋ	the activity of playing computer games	She prefers single-player gaming to online gaming.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 3
trophy	n	'trɒfi	an object such as a silver cup that you get for winning a race or competition	The winner went up to the podium to receive her trophy.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
satisfy	v	'sætsfaɪ	to make someone happy by doing what they want	I felt that nothing I did would ever satisfy my parents.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
satisfaction	n	ˌsætsɪs'fækʃən	a feeling of happiness or pleasure because you have achieved something or got what you wanted	'I've passed all my exams,' he announced with satisfaction.	Reading and Use of English 64 Part 3

loyal	adj	'ləʊəl	always supporting your friends, principles, country etc	Loyal fans support their team even when the team is not winning.	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 3
cheer on	phr v	tʃɪər ɒn	to encourage a person or a team by cheering for them	Her family and friends were cheering her on. Linda has always been an ambitious and hard-working manager.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 3
ambitious	adj	æm' bɪʃəs	determined to be successful or powerful		Reading and Use of English 62 Part 3
ambition	n	æm' bɪʃ(ə)n	a strong desire to do or achieve something not giving enough thought and attention to something, so that you make mistakes, damage things etc	Her ambition is to climb Mount Everest.	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 3
careless	adj	'keəlɪs	someone who is caring is kind to other people and tries to help them	It was careless of him to leave the door unlocked.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 3
caring	adj	'keərɪŋ		Roger's a warm and caring person. You're so creative! I could never make my own clothes.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 3
creative	adj	kri'eɪtɪv	a creative person is good at thinking of new idea	He would often do very foolish things just to prove how daring he was.	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 3
daring	adj	'deərɪŋ	willing to do dangerous things	The company launched a highly effective advertising campaign.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 3
effective	adj	ɪ'fektɪv	successful, and working in the way that was intended	My parents always embarrass me in front of my friends.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
embarrass	v	ɪm'bærəs	to make someone feel ashamed, stupid, or uncomfortable	It was very embarrassing being called up onto the stage.	Reading and Use of English 61 Part 3
embarrassing	adj	ɪm'bærəsɪŋ	if something is embarrassing, it makes you feel embarrassed	She was at a point in her life where her work didn't really excite her anymore.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
excite	v	ɪk'saɪt	to make someone feel excited	I was feeling pretty helpless but talking with my friends helped me feel better.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 3
helpless	adj	'helplɪs	unable to look after or defend yourself	The professor was trying to impress us with his knowledge of the topic.	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 3
impress	v	'ɪmpres	to make someone feel admiration and respect for you		Reading and Use of English 65 Part 3
impressive	adj	ɪm'presɪv	something that is impressive makes you admire it because it is very good, large, important etc	The cathedral is very impressive.	Reading and Use of English 64 Part 3
successive	adj	sək'sesɪv	happening one after the other	The team had three successive victories.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 3
wonder	n	'wʌndə	surprise and admiration	They listened to her tale in wonder.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
artistic	adj	ɑ:'tɪstɪk	good at painting, drawing etc	She was so artistic and creative. This latest interview was a proof of how good at her job Cara was.	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 3
proof	n	pru:f	something that proves something is true	He had a talent for commerce and soon had a brilliant career working for the World Bank.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
commerce	n	'kɒmɜ:s	the activity of buying and selling things in business		Reading and Use of English 65 Part 3
commercial	adj	kə'mɜ:ʃəl	related to the ability of a product or business to make a profit	The film was a huge commercial success.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 3
enthusiasm	n	ɪn'θju:zɪæzɪzəm	a strong feeling of interest and enjoyment	She shares your enthusiasm for jazz. Everyone was very enthusiastic about the project and couldn't wait to start.	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 3
enthusiastic	adj	ɪn'θju:zɪ'æstɪk	interested and excited	During the trip, we had a chance to see the magnificent spectacle of a herd of elephants.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 3
spectacle	n	'spektəkl	something that is unusual or exciting to see		Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3

spectacular	adj	spek'tækjələ	very impressive	We enjoyed the spectacular view of the Grand Canyon.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
fascinate	v	'fæsɪnert	to interest you very much	The story fascinated her.	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 3
fascinating	adj	'fæsɪnertɪŋ	extremely interesting	The book was so fascinating that she stayed up all night to finish it.	Reading and Use of English 61 Part 3
delight	v	dɪ'laɪt	to give someone great pleasure and enjoyment	She delighted fans with her performance.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
delighted	adj	dɪ'laɪtɪd	very pleased	Yoko will be delighted to see you.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
amaze	v	ə'meɪz	to make someone feel very surprised	Kay amazed her friends by saying she was getting married.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 3
amazed	adj	ə'meɪzd	very surprised	We were amazed at how quickly the kids learned the song.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
entertain	v	ˌentə'teɪn	to amuse people by doing something they enjoy watching or listening to	A magician entertained the children with tricks.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
entertaining	adj	ˌentə'teɪnɪŋ	interesting and enjoyable	I really enjoyed her performance, it was really entertaining.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
disappoint	v	ˌdɪsə'pɔɪnt	to make someone unhappy because something they hoped for did not happen	The picnic was cancelled, which disappointed the children.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 3
disappointed	adj	ˌdɪsə'pɔɪntɪd	unhappy because something you hoped for did not happen, or was not as good as you expected something that tests your skill or ability, especially in a way that is interesting	Visitors were disappointed to find the museum closed.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
challenge	n	'tʃælɪndʒ		The race is a tough challenge for any athlete.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
challenging	adj	'tʃælɪndʒɪŋ	difficult in an interesting or enjoyable way if you feel embarrassed, you feel nervous or uncomfortable about what other people think of you	The job wasn't challenging enough for me – I wanted something more creative.	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 3
embarrassed	adj	ɪm'bærəst	to make known something that was previously secret or unknown	I felt embarrassed about how untidy the house was.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 3
reveal	v	rɪ'vi:l	making known something that was previously secret or unknown	Doctors are not allowed to reveal confidential information.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
revealing	adj	rɪ'vi:lɪŋ	the ability to continue waiting or doing something for a long time without becoming angry or anxious	I found this history sad but also rather revealing.	Reading and Use of English Part 3
patience	n	'peɪjəns		You'll need patience and understanding if you're going to be a teacher.	Reading and Use of English 64 Part 3
profitable	adj	'prɒfətəbəl	producing a profit or a useful result to depend confidently; put trust in (usually followed by on or upon)	The advertising campaign proved very profitable.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
rely (on)	v	rɪ'laɪ ɒn	if someone or something is reliable, you can trust and depend on them	I knew I could rely on David.	Reading and Use of English 56 Part 3
reliable	adj	rɪ'laɪəbəl	food that is tasty has a nice taste, but is not sweet	Mary is hard-working and very reliable.	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 3
tasty	adj	'teɪsti	something that is unexpected is surprising because you did not expect it to happen	These cookies are very tasty.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
unexpected	adj	ˌʌnɪks'pektɪd		Bobby's decision to leave the band was totally unexpected.	Reading and Use of English 64 Part 3
fortune	n	'fɔ:tʃən	the good and bad things that happen to you	I had the good fortune to work with a brilliant head of department.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
fortunate	adj	'fɔ:tʃnɪt	lucky	We were fortunate enough to get tickets for the last show.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3



unhealthy	adj	ʌn'helθi	likely to make you ill if people communicate with each other, they give each other information by speaking, writing letters etc	Eating all that junk food is really unhealthy.	61	Reading and Use of English Part 3
communicate	v	kə'mju:nɪkeɪt		We communicate by email. We were unlucky with the weather this weekend. It rained constantly.	60	Reading and Use of English Part 3 Reading and Use of English Part 3
unlucky	adj	ʌn'lʌki	having bad luck	We have been unsuccessful in finding a new manager.	61	Reading and Use of English Part 3
unsuccessful	adj	ʌnsək'sesfʊl	not achieving what you wanted to achieve used when saying that something happens more and more	There is increasing difficulty in finding trained staff. Marketing techniques are becoming increasingly sophisticated.	66	Reading and Use of English Part 3 Reading and Use of English Part 3
increasing	adj	ɪn'kri:ɪŋ			77	Reading and Use of English Part 3
increasingly	adv	ɪn'kri:ɪŋli	more and more all the time		61	Reading and Use of English Part 3
comfortably	adj	'kʌmf(ə)təbli	in a way that makes you feel comfortable a feeling that you have no hope at all/to feel that there is no hope at all	The hotel is comfortably furnished. Dan was in despair. Everything seemed to be going wrong.	61	Reading and Use of English Part 3 Reading and Use of English Part 3
despair	n/v	dɪz'peə		Time was running out and we were getting desperate.	64/76	Reading and Use of English Part 3
desperate	adj	'despəreɪt	needing or wanting something very much		65	Reading and Use of English Part 3
desperately	adv	'despəreɪtli	very or very much	The crops desperately needed rain. They had an occasional coffee together after shopping.	71	Reading and Use of English Part 3 Reading and Use of English Part 3
occasional	adj	ə'keɪʒənəl	happening sometimes but not often following the method that has usually been used in the past	Traditionally, everything is carried in baskets on the head or shoulders.	65	Reading and Use of English Part 3
traditionally	adv	trə'dɪʃnəli			64	Reading and Use of English Part 3
accidental	adj	ˌæksɪ'dentl	if something that happens is accidental, it was not planned or intended	I didn't mean to take your book, it was accidental.	63	Reading and Use of English Part 3
accidentally	adv	ˌæksɪ'dentəli	in a way that was not planned or intended	I accidentally set off the alarm.	69	Reading and Use of English Part 3
originally	adv	ə'ɹɪdʒɪnəli	in the beginning doing something yourself rather than getting someone else to do it	Her family originally came from Thailand.	64	Reading and Use of English Part 3
personally	adv	'pɜ:snəli		I delivered the letter personally.	62	Reading and Use of English Part 3
imaginative	adj	ɪ'mædʒɪnətɪv	containing new and interesting ideas	A lot of fantasy writers are very imaginative people.	63	Reading and Use of English Part 3
imaginatively	adv	ɪ'mædʒɪnətɪvli	in a way that uses new and interesting ideas	The work was presented very imaginatively.	81	Reading and Use of English Part 3
drama	n	'drɑ:mə	exciting or unusual things that happen	Maggie's life is always full of drama. Rosa made a dramatic entrance into the room, wearing a fabulous red dress.	71	Reading and Use of English Part 3
dramatic	adj	drə'mætɪk	exciting and impressive		63	Reading and Use of English Part 3
praise	v	preɪz	to say that you admire someone or something they have done, especially publicly	Jane was praised by her teacher for her good work.	70	Reading and Use of English Part 3
fright	n	fraɪt	a sudden feeling of fear when someone gives their judgment of a film, play, book etc	The noise gave me a fright.	78	Reading and Use of English Part 3
criticism	n	'krɪtɪsɪzəm	to say what faults you think someone or something has	Praise and constructive criticism are both very useful.	61	Reading and Use of English Part 3
criticise	v	'krɪtɪsaɪz		The decision has been strongly criticised by teachers.	62	Reading and Use of English Part 3

enable	v	ɪˈneɪbl	to make it possible for someone to do something or for something to happen	The money enabled me to buy a house.	Reading and Use of English 64 Part 3
tighten	v	ˈtaɪtn	to become tighter, or to make something tighter	Tighten the screws firmly.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 3
coral reef	n	ˈkɔrəl ri:f	a line of hard rocks formed by coral, found in warm sea water that is not very deep	We went diving near the coral reef.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
formation	n	fɔːˈmeɪʃən	rock or cloud that is formed in a particular shape, or the shape in which it is formed	Look at the natural rock formations of Bryce Canyon!	Reading and Use of English Part 3
shell	n	ʃel	the hard outside part that covers some animals, for example snails and crabs	The children were collecting shells on the beach.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 3
(sea) creature	n	(siː) ˈkri:tʃə	an animal, fish, or insect (which lives in the sea)	There were a lot of sea creatures near the reef.	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 3
suffer	v	ˈsʌfə	to experience and be badly affected by something	Small businesses suffered financially because of the crisis.	Reading and Use of English 61 Part 3
substance	n	ˈsʌbstəns	any type of solid, liquid, or gas	The bag was covered with a sticky substance.	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 3
substantial	adj	səbˈstænjəl	large in amount or number	A substantial number of houses were damaged by the floods.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
household	adj	ˈhaʊshəʊld	relating to your home	In this shop you can buy household products like washing-up liquid or paper towels.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 3
glue	n	gluː	a sticky substance used for joining things together	Do you have some glue? I want to stick this photo in my diary.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 3
diver	n	ˈdaɪvə	someone who swims under water with breathing equipment	The divers investigated the sunken ship.	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 3
carry out	v	ˈkæəri aʊt	to do something that has been planned or discussed, or that someone has told you to do	We need to carry out more research.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
strictly	adj	ˈstriktli	in a strict way	We have to follow the instructions strictly.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 3
theory	n	ˈθiəri	an idea or set of ideas that is intended to explain something about life or the world, especially an idea that has not yet been proved to be true	There are many different theories about how the brain works.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 4
Middle Ages	n	ˈmɪdl ˈeɪdʒz	the period in European history between about 1100 and 1500 AD	This is a very old book, written in the Middle Ages.	Reading and Use of English Part 4
bump	n	bʌmp	a small raised area on a surface	The car hit a bump on the road.	Reading and Use of English 64 Part 4
exhibition	n	ˌeksɪˈbɪʃən	a public show where people can go and see paintings, photographs etc	The museum is preparing an exhibition of Picasso's work.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 4
social media	n	ˈsəʊʃəl ˈmi:diə	ways of sharing information, opinions, images, videos etc using the Internet, especially social networking sites	I use social media to keep in touch with my friends who live in different countries.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 4
regret	v	rɪˈgret	to feel sorry about something you have done and wish you had not done it	We've always regretted selling that car.	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 4
accountant	n	əˈkaʊntənt	someone whose job is to write or check financial records	It's hard to keep track of financial records when you're self employed, so I hired an accountant.	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 4
give off	phr v	ɡɪv ɒf	to produce a smell, light, heat etc	The burning wood gave off a sweet smell.	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 4
give in	phr v	ɡɪv ɪn	to finally agree to do something that you did not want to do	Eventually I gave in and said yes.	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 4

unique	adj	ju:'ni:k	unusually good and special	This is a unique opportunity to study these rare creatures.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 5
extreme (weather conditions)	adj + n coll	ɪks'tri:m ('wɛðə kən'diʒənz)	very unusual and severe or serious weather, including very low or very high temperature	If you want to climb Mount Everest, you need to prepare for extreme weather conditions.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
(be) attracted to the idea of	phr	(bi:) ə'træktɪd tu: ði aɪ'diə ov	to like the idea of something	I'm really attracted to the idea of moving to a remote area after living in a big city for a few years.	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 5
remote place	n	rɪ'məʊt pleɪs	far from towns or other places where people live	They lived in a remote place, far from other people.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 5
excuse	n	ɪks'kju:s	a reason that you invent to explain why you do something	Karl was glad of an excuse to leave.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 5
unforgettable experience	adj + n coll	ˌʌnfə'getəbl ɪks'priəriəns	an unforgettable experience is extremely good or exciting and you will remember it for a long time	My trip to Japan was an unforgettable experience.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 5
inhabitant	n	ɪn'hæbɪtənt	the inhabitants of a place are the people who live there	Copenhagen has about 1.4 million inhabitants.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 5
vast	adj	vɑ:st	extremely large	Vast areas of the Amazon rainforest have been destroyed.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 5
wilderness	n	'wɪldənɪs	a large natural area of land that has never been built on	Few people live in the Alaskan wilderness.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
serve	v	sɜ:v	to be useful or suitable for a particular purpose	The sofa also serves as a bed.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 5
colleague	n	'kɒli:g	someone you work with - used especially by professional people	This is Mona, a colleague of mine from the bank.	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 5
unbelievably	adv	ˌʌnbɪ'li:vəbli	expressing great surprise about something	Unbelievably, not one person offered to help him.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
rejection letter	n	rɪ'dʒɛkʃən 'lɛtə	a letter you receive when you are not accepted for a job, school etc.	I'm a bit disappointed because I got a rejection letter from my university of first choice.	Reading and Use of English 64 Part 5
facility	n	fə'sɪlɪti	a building used for a particular activity	We aim to improve the educational facilities such as libraries.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 5
hairdresser/the hairdresser's	n	'heə drɛsə / ðə 'heə drɛsəz	a person who cuts and arranges your hair in particular styles/a hairdresser's shop	I have an appointment at the hairdresser's.	64/67 Reading and Use of English Part 5
trivial	adj	'trɪvɪəl	not serious or important	She often loses her temper over trivial matters.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 5
(a widely held) belief	collocation	(ə 'waɪdli held) bi'li:f	the feeling that something is definitely true or definitely exists; a widely held belief is shared by many people	The article expressed the widely-held belief that unemployment leads to crime.	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 5
heroic account	n	hɪ'rəʊɪk ə 'kaʊnt	a written or spoken description of something that has happened that has a hero in it	The story is a heroic account of her achievements.	Reading and Use of English 73/67 Part 5
adventurer	n	əd'ventʃərə	someone who likes doing dangerous and exciting things	She's an adventurer travelling the world.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 5
tale	n	teɪl	a story about things that happened long ago, or things that may not have really happened	He always tells tales of his adventures.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 5
courageous	adj	kə'reɪdʒəs	brave	He was wrong, and courageous enough to admit it.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 5
determination	n	dɪ,tɜ:mə'neɪʃən	the quality of trying to do something even when it is difficult	Yuri shows great determination to learn English.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
overcome	v	ˌəʊvə 'kʌm	to succeed in controlling a feeling or solving a problem	I'm trying to overcome my fear of flying.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 5

prejudice	n	'preɪdʒʊdɪs	an unreasonable dislike and distrust of people who are different from you, especially because of their race, sex, religion etc	I tried to show him he was just talking out of prejudice.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
once-in-a-lifetime	adj	wʌns-ɪn-ə-'laɪftaɪm	something that happens only once during the period of time when someone is alive; something that will never happen again	The Olympics is a once in a lifetime opportunity.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
live up to (expectations)	phr v	lɪv ʌp tu: (,ekspek'teɪʃənz)	to be as good as someone expects	The film has certainly lived up to my expectations.	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 5
outrageous	adj	əʊt'reɪdʒəs	very shocking or bad	She accused Sloan of telling outrageous lies.	73 Part 5
adequate	adj	'ædɪkwɪt	enough in quantity or of a good enough quality for a particular purpose	Her income is hardly adequate to pay the bills.	72 Part 5
sympathetic	adj	,sɪmpə'θetɪk	caring and feeling sorry about someone's problems	My friends were very sympathetic when I lost my job.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 5
drop	n	drɒp	the distance from a high place to the ground	There is a sharp drop to the valley below.	77 Part 5
hesitate	v	'hezɪteɪt	to pause before doing or saying something because you are nervous or not sure	She hesitated before answering.	69 Part 5
discouraged	adj	dɪs'kʌrɪdʒd	no longer having the confidence you need to continue doing something feeling very sorry or guilty about something bad you have done, or someone in your family has done	Some players get discouraged and quit.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 5
ashamed	adj	ə'ʃeɪmd	feeling happy because you are no longer worried about something	Mike felt ashamed of his own behaviour. I felt relieved that Ben would be there because I knew that he could deal with anything.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 5
relieved	adj	rɪ'li:vɪd			Reading and Use of English 79 Part 5
annoyed	adj	ə'nɔɪd	a little angry	Are you annoyed with me just because I'm a bit late?	72 Part 5
suspicious	adj	sə'spɪʃəs	thinking that someone might be guilty of doing something wrong or dishonest	Some of his colleagues at work became suspicious of his behaviour.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 5
confused	adj	kən'fju:zd	unable to understand something, especially because it does not seem to make sense	He was totally confused by the tax form.	64 Part 5
rock	v	rɒk	if something rocks, or if you rock it, it moves gently from side to side	Jane sat rocking the baby.	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 5
unsure	adj	ʌn'ʃʊə	not certain about something	If you are unsure about anything, just ask.	64 Part 5
thrilled	adj	θrɪld	very excited, happy, and pleased	We're thrilled with the results.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
concerned	adj	kən'sɜ:nd	worried about something	Sarah is deeply concerned about your safety.	66 Part 5
get on my nerves	phr	get ɒn maɪ nɜ:vz	if someone gets on your nerves, they annoy you, especially by doing something all the time	I hope Emma isn't going to be there – she really gets on my nerves.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 5
fascinated	adj	'fæsɪneɪtɪd	extremely interested	I am fascinated by space travel.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 5
impressed	adj	ɪm'prest	feeling admiration and respect for someone or something	When I saw what they'd done I was really impressed.	75 Part 5
jealous	adj	'dʒeləs	unhappy because someone you like or love is showing interest in another person	Why are you so jealous of his success?	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 5
alarmed	adj	ə'lɑ:md	worried that something bad will happen	He was rather alarmed to find her there.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 5

horde	n	hɔ:d	a very large crowd of people	There were hordes of people inside the station.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 5
disillusioned	adj	ˌdɪsɪˈlu:ʒənd	unhappy because you have lost your belief that someone or something is true or good	Disillusioned voters are turning against the government.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 5
beat around the bush	idiom	bi:t əˈraʊnd ðə bʊʃ	to avoid or delay talking about something embarrassing or unpleasant	I meant to be open with him but when it came to it I beat around the bush.	Reading and Use of English Part 5 Reading and Use of English
prosperous	adj	ˈprɒspərəs	rich and successful	A prosperous and healthy New Year to you all!	75 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
sauna	n	ˈsəʊnə	a room that is heated to a very high temperature, where people sit and relax	You get free use of all the hotel's facilities such as swimming pool and sauna.	72 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
be a cut above the rest	phrase	bi ə kʌt əˈbʌv ðə rɛst	to be better than someone or something else	This movie is a cut above the rest.	78 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
stall	n	stɔ:l	a table or a small shop with an open front, especially outdoors, where goods are sold	She was astonished to see hundreds of stalls at the antiques market.	61 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
crammed	adj	kræmd	very full of people or things	The train was crammed and I decided to wait for the next one, with less people on it.	78 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
rip off	phr v	rɪp ɒf	to steal something	Somebody had come in and ripped off the TV and stereo.	71 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
muffled	adj	ˈmʌfld	(of a sound) not loud or clear because far away or covered by something	I heard muffled voices downstairs.	77 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
innovative	adj	ɪnˈnɒvətɪv	new, different and good	The city has introduced an innovative system of traffic control.	72 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
jump on the bandwagon	idiom	dʒʌmp ɒn ðə ˈbænd,wægən	to start doing or saying something that a lot of people are already doing or saying – used to show disapproval	After a couple of politicians won elections by promising to cut taxes, most of the others jumped on the bandwagon.	Reading and Use of English Part 5 Reading and Use of English
dubious	adj	ˈdju:biəs	not sure whether something is good or true	I'm very dubious about this idea.	77 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
drive sb mad	phrase	draɪv sb məd	if something or someone drives you mad, you find them very annoying	The flies are driving me mad.	69 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
flock	v	flok	if people flock to a place, a lot of them go there	People have been flocking to see the play.	80 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
plop	n	plop	the sound made by something when it falls or is dropped in liquid	The frog reached the stream and jumped in with a plop.	84 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
magnificent	adj	mæɡˈnɪfɪsnt	very good or beautiful, and very impressive	He gave a magnificent performance.	68 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
on the verge of extinction	collocation	ɒn ðə vɜ: dʒ əv ɪksˈtɪŋkʃən	when a type of animal or plant is very close to disappearing forever because they die out	Some whale species are on the verge of extinction.	74 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
humid	adj	ˈhju:mɪd	humid air, weather etc feels hot and wet	It was difficult to deal with the humid heat of a tropical forest.	73 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
thrill	n	θrɪl	a strong feeling of excitement and pleasure, or something that makes you feel this	It gave Pat a thrill to finally see the group perform live.	72 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
fierce	adj	fɪəs	a fierce person or animal looks very violent or angry and likely to attack people	She turned round, looking fierce.	65 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
rumble	n	ˈrʌmbəl	a continuous low sound	The rumble of the train going by woke me up.	79 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
skilful	adj	ˈskɪlfəl	good at doing something, especially something that needs special ability or training	After a few years, he became very skilful at drawing.	73 Part 5 Reading and Use of English
mist	n	mɪst	a layer of cloud close to the ground that makes it difficult for you to see very far	The mist was starting to clear and we could finally see the beautiful views.	66 Part 5

daunting	adj	'dɔ:ntɪŋ	frightening or worrying	The interview process can be daunting.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 5
demanding	adj	dɪ'mɑ:ndɪŋ	needing a lot of time, ability, and effort	Climbing is physically demanding.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
dense	adj	dɛns	containing a lot of things or people close together	A narrow track wound steeply up through dense forest.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
ultimate challenge	collocation	'ʌltɪmɪt 'tʃælɪndʒ	final challenge	This match will be my ultimate challenge.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 5
bargain for something	phr v	'bɑ:gɪn fə 'sʌmθɪŋ	to expect that something will happen and make it part of your plans	They hadn't bargained for such a dramatic change in the weather.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
tide	n	taɪd	the regular rising and falling of the level of the sea	High tide is at 9 o'clock tonight. Don't go to the beach then.	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 6
urban	adj	'ɜ:bən	in or relating to a town or city	Many urban areas have severe pollution problems.	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 6
voyage of exploration	collocation	'vɔɪdʒ	a long trip, especially in a ship or space vehicle for the purpose of exploring	I've always wanted to go on a voyage of exploration and discover new land.	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 6
crude oil	n	kru:d ɔɪl	oil that is in its natural condition, as it comes out of an oil well, before it is made more pure or separated into different products	Diesel comes from crude oil, and it is less refined than gasoline.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 6
investigation	n	ɪn'vestrɪ'geɪʃən	an official attempt to find out about something, especially a crime, accident, or scientific problem	A private detective was hired to conduct the investigation.	Reading and Use of English 64 Part 6
propel	v	prə'pɛl	to move someone into a new situation or make them do something	The film propelled her to stardom.	Reading and Use of English Part 6
household name	n	'haʊshəʊld neɪm	a name of a product, company etc that is very well known	Nintendo is now a household name.	Reading and Use of English Part 6
modernise	v	'mɒdənaɪz	to make something more modern, or to become more modern	They need more funds to modernise the country's telephone system.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 6
bare	adj	beə	empty, or not covered by anything	The room was very bare.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 6
accumulate	v	ə'kju:mjʊleɪt	to gradually increase in amount, or to make the amount of something gradually increase	Dirt and dust had accumulated in the corners of the room.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 6
disposable	adj	dɪs'pəʊzəbl	intended to be used once or for a short time and then thrown away	I try to avoid getting coffee in disposable cups.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 6
awareness	n	ə'weənəs	knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or situation	She was active in raising awareness and money to combat serious diseases.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 6
fibre	n	'faɪbə	a mass of threads used to make rope, cloth etc	Nylon is a man-made fibre.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 6
factor	n	'fæktə	one of several things that influence or cause a situation	Vaccination is an important factor in improving the nation's health.	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 6
restricted	adj	rɪ'strɪktɪd	limited or controlled	He has a very restricted diet.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 6
peer	v	pɪə	to look very carefully, especially because it is difficult for you to see something clearly	Someone was peering through the window.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 6
interfere with	phr v	ɪntə'fɪə wɪð	to prevent something from continuing or developing successfully	Don't let sports interfere with your schoolwork.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 6
essentially	adv	ɪ'senʃəli	used when giving the most basic fact about something	The neighbourhood has remained essentially unchanged.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 6
reluctance	n	rɪ'lʌktəns	when someone is not keen to do something, or shows this by doing something slowly	The men showed a reluctance to talk to outsiders.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 6

captivity	n	kæp'tɪvɪti	when a person or animal is kept in a prison, cage etc and not allowed to leave	Many animals won't breed in captivity.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 6
profound effect	adj + n coll	prə'faʊndɪ'fekt	a profound effect, feeling etc is very great or serious	The story had a profound effect on me. I couldn't stop thinking about it.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 6
blurred	adj	blɜ:d	not clear or easy to see	The photos were blurred and the people in it were impossible to recognise.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 6
distinct (from)	adj	dɪs'tɪŋkt (frəm)	clearly different or separate	The learning needs of the two groups are quite distinct from each other.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 6
convincing	adj	kən'vɪnsɪŋ	making you believe that something is true or right	It was a convincing excuse, and we believed him.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 6
desire	n	dɪ'zɑɪə	a strong feeling that you want something very much	She had a strong desire to win and trained very hard to achieve it.	Reading and Use of English 64 Part 6
mud	n	mʌd	soft wet earth	The path beside the river was slippery with mud.	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 6
forceful	adj	'fɔ:sfʊl	expressing opinions strongly and clearly	He can be arrogant and forceful.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 7
straightforward	adj	streɪt'fɔ:wəd	simple to do or easy to understand	The questions seemed straightforward.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 7
relief	n	rɪ'li:f	a feeling of comfort when something frightening, worrying, or painful has ended or has not happened	It was a relief when the cruise ended and he could step on dry land.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 7
thoroughly	adv	'θʌrəli	very or very much	Thanks for the meal. I thoroughly enjoyed it.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 7
spring on	phr v	sprɪŋ ɒn	to tell someone something or ask them to do something that they are not expecting	It's not fair to spring this on her now.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 7
out of the blue	idiom	aʊt əv ðə blu:	if something happens out of the blue, it is very unexpected	Out of the blue, he asked me to come with him to Europe.	Reading and Use of English Part 7
uneasy	adj	ʌn'i:zi	worried because you think something bad may happen	We felt uneasy about his decision.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 7
spot	v	spɒt	to notice someone or something	I spotted a police car behind us.	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 7
chunk	n	tʃʌŋk	a large piece of something	The rent takes a large chunk out of my monthly salary.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 7
draw up	phr v	droup	to prepare a document	Before we started working on the project, we drew up a plan.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 7
charm	n	tʃɑ:m	a quality someone or something has that makes people like them	The house is a long way from anywhere and that is part of its charm.	Reading and Use of English 63 Part 7
tricky	adj	'trɪki	something that is difficult to deal with or do because it is complicated and full of problems	I can get you tickets for the show but it'll be tricky.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 7
dull	adj	dʌl	not interesting or exciting	Life is never dull when Elizabeth is here.	Reading and Use of English 62 Part 7
be spoilt for choice	idiom	bɪ spɔɪlt fə tʃɔɪs	to have so many good things to choose from that you cannot decide which one to choose	The children were spoilt for choice in the amusement park and didn't know which attraction to choose first.	Reading and Use of English Part 7
metro	n	'metrəʊ	a railway system under a city	Shall we take the metro or a bus?	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 7
guarantee	v	ˌgærən'ti:	to promise something	I guarantee you'll love this film.	Reading and Use of English 64 Part 7
imply	v	ɪm'plɪ	to suggest that something is true without saying or showing it directly	He implied that the money had been stolen.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 7

infer	v	ɪn'fɜ:	to decide that something is probably true because of other information that you already have	I inferred from his letter that he was still angry with me.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 7
yacht	n	jɒt	a large expensive boat, used for travelling or pleasure	The yachts picked up a freshening breeze and sped through the sea.	Reading and Use of English 66 Part 7
hit	n	hɪt	a visit to a website	The site gets 20,000 hits a day.	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 7
travel light	phrase	'trævl laɪt	to not take too many clothes etc with you when you travel	I'm supposed to travel light, so I guess I should leave the hairdryer behind.	Reading and Use of English 83 Part 7
a steady job	phrase	ə 'stedi dʒɒb	a job you get paid regularly for, and is likely to continue for a long time	It's hard to find a steady, well-paying job.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 7
weather forecast	n	'weðə 'fɔ:kə:st	a report on the television or radio that says what the weather will be like	It's going to rain, according to the weather forecast.	Reading and Use of English 60 Part 7
abandon	v	ə'bændən	to stop doing or using something because of problems	Because of the fog they abandoned their idea of driving.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 7
lack	n	læk	when there is not enough of something	She suffers from a lack of confidence.	Reading and Use of English 59 Part 7
workload	n	'wɜ:k,ləʊd	the amount of work you must do	She's struggling to cope with the heavy workload.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 7
get-together	n	'gettə,geðə	an informal meeting or party an occasion when someone takes photographs or makes a film	Shana's picture won first prize, so we had a little get-together to celebrate.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 7
shoot	n	ʃu:t	making a film	She's out on a video shoot.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 7
initial	adj	i'nɪʃəl	happening at the beginning	The initial response has been encouraging.	Reading and Use of English 65 Part 7
trek	v	trek	to make a long and difficult journey on foot	The scouts will have to trek 40km back to the base camp.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 7
cautious	adj	'kɔ:ʃəs	careful to avoid problems or danger	She is a very cautious driver.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 7
win round/win over	phr v	wɪn raʊnd/wɪn 'əʊvə	to persuade someone to agree with you, support you, or like you	We'll be working hard over the next ten days to win round the undecided voters.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 7
boast	v	bəʊst	if a place boasts something good, the place has it	The health club boasts an Olympic-sized swimming pool.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 7
unsuitable	adj	ʌn'sju:təbl	not having the right qualities for a particular person, purpose, or situation	The movie is unsuitable for young children.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 7
fairground	n	feə graʊnd	an open space on which a fair takes place	You will also see the Big Wheel in the famous fairground.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 7
compulsory	adj	kəm'pʌlsəri	if something is compulsory, you must do it	Car insurance is compulsory.	Reading and Use of English 62 Writing Part 1
nowadays	adv	'naʊədeɪz	now, compared to what happened in the past	People live longer nowadays.	Writing Part 1 62 Writing Part 1
necessity	n	nɪ'sesɪti	something you need	A car is an absolute necessity for this job.	Writing Part 1 66 Writing Part 1
require somebody to (do)	v	rɪ'kwaɪə 'sʌmbədi tu: (du:)	to officially demand that people do something, because of a law or rule	This law requires companies to publish their financial results at least once a year.	Writing Part 1 62 Writing Part 1
chatty	adj	'tʃæti	a piece of writing that is chatty has a friendly informal style	She sent me a very chatty letter.	Writing Part 1 - Writing Part 1
struggle	v	'strʌgl	to try very hard to achieve something difficult	He's struggling to bring up his children on a low income.	Writing Part 1 63 Writing Part 1
on balance	phrase	ɒn 'bæləns	used to tell someone your opinion after considering all the facts	On balance, I prefer the new system.	Writing Part 1 71 Writing Part 1



special effects	n	'speʃəl ɪ 'fekts	pictures and sounds that are made for a film or television programme to make it seem as if something exciting or impossible is really happening	The special effects in this movie were incredible.	66 Writing Part 1
all in all	phrase	ɔ:l ɪn ɔ:l	considering everything	All in all, the evening went well.	68 Writing Part 1
in conclusion	phrase	ɪn kən'klu:ʒən	used at the end of a piece of writing or formal speech before giving your final comments or opinions	In conclusion, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed today and thank you all for coming.	61 Writing Part 1
lastly	adv	'lɑ:stli	used to say that the next thing you mention will be the last thing	And lastly, I'd like to thank my producer.	67 Writing Part 1
last but not least	phrase	lɑ:st bət nɒt li:st	used before mentioning the last person or thing in a list, to emphasise that they are still important	Last but not least, I'd like to thank my mother.	72 Writing Part 1
secondly	phrase	'sekəndli	used to introduce the second fact or reason that you want to talk about	Firstly, the cars are expensive to make and secondly, they are not very good.	59 Writing Part 1
to sum up	phr v	tə sʌm ʌp	used at the end of a piece of speech or writing before repeating the main information in a few words	To sum up, for a healthy heart you must take regular exercise and stop smoking.	67 Writing Part 1
friendship	n	'frendʃɪp	a relationship between friends	Friendship often develops on the basis of shared interests.	60 Writing Part 1
diet	n	'daɪət	the kind of food that you eat each day	It is important to eat a healthy diet.	67 Writing Part 1
stick to	phr v	stɪk tə	to do what you said you would do, even when it is difficult	We decided to stick to our original plan.	65 Writing Part 1
engaging	adj	ɪn'geɪdʒɪŋ	pleasant and attracting your interest	Her engaging personality helped her make many friends in school.	79 Writing Part 2
rhetorical question	adj + n coll	rɪ'tɔrɪkəl 'kwɛstʃən	a rhetorical question is one that you ask as a way of making a statement, without expecting an answer	That was not a rhetorical question. I'm expecting an answer from you.	76 Writing Part 2
thought-provoking	adj	θɔ:t-prə'vəʊkɪŋ	a thought-provoking film, book etc makes you think deeply about the subject of the film, book etc	It is readable, informative and thought-provoking.	80 Writing Part 2
so-called	adj	'səʊ'kɔ:ld	used when you think the word used to describe something is wrong	The so-called experts were no help.	69 Writing Part 2
offend	v	ə'fend	to make someone angry or upset by doing or saying something that they think is rude, unkind etc	His remarks deeply offended many Scottish people.	63 Writing Part 2
eye-catching	adj	aɪ-'kætʃɪŋ	unusual, attractive, or noticeable	The posters come in several eye-catching designs.	81 Writing Part 2
memorable	adj	'memərəbəl	very good, enjoyable, or unusual, and worth remembering	We want to make this a truly memorable day for the children.	65 Writing Part 2
hang out	phr v	hæŋ aʊt	to spend a lot of time at a particular place or with particular people	Where does he usually hang out?	64 Writing Part 2
descriptive	adj	dɪs'krɪptɪv	a descriptive word or piece of writing describes something	When you write your paragraph, include as many descriptive details as possible.	69 Writing Part 2
trendy	adj	'trendi	modern and fashionable	She only talks like that because she wants to sound trendy.	67 Writing Part 2
leisure centre	n	'leɪʒə 'sentə	a place where you can do sports, exercise classes etc	They're building a new hotel and leisure centre.	61 Writing Part 2
bump into	phr v	bʌmp 'ɪntu:	to meet someone when you were not expecting to	Guess who I bumped into this morning?	72 Writing Part 2
amusing	adj	ə'mju:zɪŋ	funny and entertaining	The book is full of amusing stories about his childhood.	64 Writing Part 2

potential	adj	pəʊ'tenʃəl	likely to become a particular type of person or thing in the future	The salesmen were eager to impress potential customers.	64 Writing Part 2
convention	n	kən'venʃən	the normal and traditional way of behaving and thinking in a society	Saying 'thank you' and 'please' is an accepted convention.	67 Writing Part 2
barbecue	n	'bɑ:bɪkju:	an occasion when you cook and eat food outdoors	We had a barbecue on the beach.	67 Writing Part 2
refer to	phr v	rɪ'fɜ:tə	to mention someone or something	He referred to her several times.	66 Writing Part 2
get round to	phr v	get raʊnd tə	to do something you have been intending to do for a long time	I must get round to writing some cards.	65 Writing Part 2
sing-song	n	sɪŋ-sɒŋ	when people sing songs together for fun, for example at a party	I took my guitar in case we wanted to have a sing-song at the party.	83 Writing Part 2
changeable	adj	'tʃeɪndʒəbl	likely to change or changing often	The daughter refused, because the wind was too cold and changeable.	77 Writing Part 2
cuisine	n	kwi(:)'zi:n	a particular style of cooking	The restaurant specialises in French cuisine.	74 Writing Part 2
put forward	phr v	pʊt 'fɔ:wəd	to suggest a plan, proposal etc, especially in order to start discussions about something that needs to be decided	The working party has put forward a number of interesting proposals.	66 Writing Part 2
beneficial	adj	,benɪ'fɪʃəl	helpful or useful	The agreement will be beneficial to both groups.	70 Writing Part 2
express	v	ɪks'pres	to tell people what you are thinking or feeling	A number of people expressed their concern.	66 Writing Part 2
novelist	n	'nɒvəlɪst	someone who writes novels	Charles Dickens was one of the greatest 19th century novelists.	66 Writing Part 2
recommendation	n	,rekəmen'deɪʃən	a statement advising people what to do about something	Here are my recommendations on how you can improve your work.	63 Writing Part 2
anecdote	n	'æni:kdəʊt	a short interesting story about a particular person or event	The book is full of amusing anecdotes about his life in Japan.	77 Writing Part 2
misunderstanding	n	,mɪsʌndə'stændɪŋ	a small argument or disagreement	The whole argument was based on a misunderstanding.	70 Writing Part 2
leading	adj	'li:dɪŋ	best, most important, or most successful	She plays the leading role in the newest play.	69 Writing Part 2
genre	n	'(d)ʒɑ:ŋrə	a type of art, music, literature etc that has a particular style or feature	Science fiction as a genre is relatively new.	70 Writing Part 2
receive	v	rɪ'si:v	to react to something in a particular way	The speech was well received.	61 Writing Part 2
superb	adj	sju(:)'pɜ:b	very good	She is a superb cook.	62 Writing Part 2
it's a pity	phrase	ɪts ə 'pɪti	used to say that you wish a situation were different	It's a pity there aren't more people like you in the world.	65 Writing Part 2
admire	v	əd'maɪə	to look at something and think how beautiful or impressive it is	We stopped halfway to admire the view.	66 Writing Part 2
layout	n	'leɪaʊt	the way in which the different parts of something are arranged	He described the layout of the building.	63 Writing Part 2
standard	adj	'stændəd	normal or usual	The shoes are available in all standard sizes.	64 Writing Part 2
loyalty	n	'lɔ:lti	when someone always supports someone or something	She was touched by her friend's fierce loyalty.	63 Writing Part 2
loudspeaker	n	,ləʊd'spi:kə	a piece of equipment that makes sounds louder	The concert used a system of loudspeakers.	76 Writing Part 2
fringe	adj	frɪndʒ	a group, event etc that is less important or popular than the main group etc, or whose opinions are not accepted by most other people involved in the same activity, opposite of mainstream	I usually stick to popular music but recently I discovered some fringe music genres too.	71 Writing Part 2

beyond (the reach)	adv	bɪ'jɒnd (ðə ri:tʃ)	outside the limits of what someone or something can do	It's sad but now the trip is beyond my reach.	71 Writing Part 2
ordinary	adj	'ɔ:dnri	average, common, or usual, not different or special	It's just an ordinary camera.	60 Writing Part 2
overtime	n	'əʊvətáɪm	time that you spend working in your job in addition to your normal working hours	He said engineers are working overtime to fix the problems.	64 Writing Part 2
auditorium	n	,'ɔ:drɪ'tɔ:riəm	the part of a theatre where people sit to watch a performance	We gathered in an auditorium and watched the play.	77 Writing Part 2
disturbing	adj	dɪs'tɜ:brɪŋ	worrying or upsetting	I usually enjoy scary stories but this book was too disturbing and I never finished it.	69 Writing Part 2
empathise	v	'empəθaɪz	to be able to understand someone else's problems, especially because you have had similar problems	I found it hard to empathise with him.	82 Writing Part 2
enterprise	n	'entəpraɪz	a large and complicated project	The film festival is a huge enterprise.	71 Writing Part 2
strategy	n	'strætɪdʒi	skilful planning in general	The most successful strategy is often the simplest one.	67 Writing Part 2
badminton	n	'bædmɪntən	a game in which you hit a small object with feathers on it over a net	At its best, badminton has been proven to be more demanding, faster and requiring more agility than tennis.	73 Writing Part 2
reputation	n	,'repju(:)'teɪʃən	the opinion that people have of a person, product, company etc	In her last job she gained a reputation as a hard worker.	64 Writing Part 2
niche market	phrase	ni:ʃ 'mɑ:kɪt	a small group of people with particular needs or interests that companies try to sell specific products to	These products are not very popular, I'm afraid. They would only be for a niche market.	75 Writing Part 2
science fiction	n	'saɪəns 'fɪkʃən	books and stories about the future, for example about travelling in time and space	Jane was an illustrator and a writer of science fiction and adventure novels.	66 Writing Part 2
soundtrack	n	'saʊndtræk	the recorded music from a film or game	Every time I listen to the soundtrack from 'Top Gun', I want to watch the film again.	67 Writing Part 2
overall	adv	'əʊvəɹɔ:l	considering or including everything	The overall cost of the trip is \$500.	62 Writing Part 2
acceptable	adj	ək'septəbl	good enough, especially for a particular purpose	How do we reach an acceptable level of data security?	64 Writing Part 2
competent	adj	'kɒmpɪtənt	good at your work or able to do something well	She's a highly competent doctor.	65 Writing Part 2
convenient	adj	kən'vi:nɪənt	a convenient way of doing something is useful and easy	Online shopping is a convenient way to shop.	60 Writing Part 2
remarkable	adj	rɪ'mɑ:kəbəl	unusual or surprising and therefore deserving attention or praise	She has made remarkable progress.	62 Writing Part 2
ridiculous	adj	rɪ'dɪkjələs	very silly or unreasonable	I'd look ridiculous in this hat.	Writing Part 2
satisfactory	adj	,'sætɪs'fæktəri	good enough	Your work this term has been satisfactory.	63 Writing Part 2
stunning	adj	'stʌnɪŋ	extremely attractive or beautiful	The view from my hotel window in the mountains was absolutely stunning.	66 Writing Part 2
upsetting	adj	ʌp'setɪŋ	something that is upsetting makes you feel shocked and unhappy	They found witnessing the accident very upsetting.	71 Writing Part 2
worthwhile	adj	'wɜ:θ'waɪl	if something is worthwhile, it is important or useful, even though you have to spend time, effort, or money doing it	It's worthwhile comparing prices.	74 Writing Part 2
incredibly	adv	ɪn'kredəbli	extremely	Raising money for the homeless has been incredibly difficult.	62 Writing Part 2
partly	adv	'pɑ:tlɪ	to some degree, but not completely	They moved to France, partly to be nearer their daughter.	59 Writing Part 2
truly	adv	'tru:lɪ	sincerely	She truly believed he was innocent.	61 Writing Part 2

terribly	adv	'tɛrəbli	very badly	He missed his mother terribly. You can't reasonably expect people to work for such low wages.	59 Writing Part 2
reasonably	adv	'ri:znəbli	in a way that is fair or sensible	We saw a bronze sculpture of a horse at the museum.	65 Writing Part 2
sculpture	n	'skʌlptʃə	a work of art made from stone, wood, clay etc		66 Writing Part 2
mobility problem	n	məʊ'bilɪti 'prɒbləm	if someone has mobility problems they have limited or no ability to move easily	Many elderly people have mobility problems.	68 Writing Part 2
hand-made	adj	hænd-meɪd	made by a person and not a machine	They gave me a lovely pair of hand-made earrings.	73 Writing Part 2
bracelet	n	'breɪslɪt	a piece of jewellery that you wear around your wrist	With it, she had chosen a pair of black sneakers and a huge black bracelet.	63 Writing Part 2
outdoor event	adj + n coll	'aʊtdɔ: rɪ'vent	a performance, competition, party etc that is happening outside, not inside a building	There are lots of outdoor events during summer, like concerts or fairs.	63 Writing Part 2
tournament	n	'tʊənəmənt	a competition in which many players compete against each other until there is one winner	If it's raining in the afternoon there will be a table tennis tournament.	66 Writing Part 2
outline	v	'aʊtlaɪn	to describe the main ideas or facts about something	The new president outlined plans to deal with the economic slump.	67 Writing Part 2
highlight	n	'haɪlaɪt	the most important, interesting, or enjoyable part of something	At 11.30 we'll be showing highlights from the third round of the FA Cup.	70 Writing Part 2
sum	n	sʌm	an amount of money	The city has spent a large sum of money on parks.	59 Writing Part 2
refreshments	n	rɪ'frɛʃmənts	small amounts of food and drink that are provided at a meeting, sports event etc	Refreshments will be served after the meeting.	73 Writing Part 2
cafeteria	n	ˌkæfɪ'tɪəriə	a place in a factory, school etc where people can get meals, usually cheaply	Students complained about the food in the cafeteria.	71 Writing Part 2
crisp	n	kɪzɪp	a thin flat round piece of potato cooked in very hot oil and eaten cold as a snack	I bought a packet of crisps as a snack for the movie night.	63 Writing Part 2
address	v	ə'dres	if you address a problem, you start trying to solve it	We are now starting to address the problem of oil on the beaches.	65 Writing Part 2
provision	n	prə'vɪʒən	when you provide something that someone needs	He made provisions for his wife and children in the will.	73 Writing Part 2
authentic	adj	ɔ: 'θentɪk	something that is authentic really is what it seems to be	This restaurant serves authentic Indian food.	74 Writing Part 2
according to	prep	ə'kɔ: dɪŋ tə	as shown by something or said by someone	According to our records, she hasn't paid her bill.	64 Writing Part 2
survey	v	'sɜ: veɪ	to ask a lot of people questions in order to find out about their opinions or behaviour	More than 50% of those I surveyed agreed.	64 Writing Part 2
dissatisfaction	n	dɪs,sætɪs'fækʃən	a feeling of not being satisfied	Thirty percent of customers expressed dissatisfaction with the service.	76 Writing Part 2
insufficient	adj	ˌɪnsə'fɪʃənt	not enough	Her salary was insufficient for their needs.	73 Writing Part 2
consider	v	kən'sɪdə	to think of someone or something in a particular way	They considered that the film was not suitable for children.	62 Writing Part 2
theme park	n	θi:m pɑ:k	a place where you can have fun riding on big machines, which are all based on one subject	There are also plans for a theme park next to Disneyland.	65 Writing Part 2
smoothly	adj	'smu:ðli	such as water or space travel with a smooth movement	The peg slid smoothly into the hole.	72 Writing Part 2
hurry	v	'hʌri	to go somewhere or do something quickly, or to make someone do this	They hurried into the platform, hoping the train was still there.	63 Writing Part 2
excitedly	adv	ɪk'saɪtɪdli	in an excited way	They cheered excitedly when players scored.	77 Writing Part 2

cheerfully	adv	'tʃiəfəli (dɒ ju:)' fænsi ( 'du(:)ŋ) sth?	happily	She smiled cheerfully and wished everyone good morning.	74 Writing Part 2
(do you) fancy (doing) sth?	phrase		used to make a suggestion	Do you fancy having a little break?	63 Writing Part 2
chest	n	tʃest	a large strong box with a lid, that you use to keep things in	They stored their toys in a big wooden chest.	65 Writing Part 2
crowded	adj	'kraʊdɪd	very full of people or things	The train was very crowded, and we had to stand.	62 Writing Part 2
elegant	adj	'eləgənt	beautiful, attractive, or graceful	All the dancers looked so elegant as they moved slowly round the room.	64 Writing Part 2
icy	adj	'aɪsi	extremely cold	We hid inside from the icy wind and snow.	66 Writing Part 2
slim	adj	slɪm	someone who is slim is thin in an attractive way	He was tall, slim, blond, and really good-looking.	60 Writing Part 2
stormy	adj	'stɔ:mi	with strong winds, heavy rain, and dark clouds	We should head home – the sky is starting to look stormy.	63 Writing Part 2
miserable	adj	'mɪzərəbl	very unhappy	After I failed the interview, I felt miserable.	62 Writing Part 2
miserably	adv	'mɪzərəbli	in a way that makes you feel miserable	It was miserably cold.	80 Writing Part 2
peacefully	adv	'pi:sfəli	in a peaceful way	The cat was sleeping peacefully.	71 Writing Part 2
calmly	adv	'kɑ:mli	in a relaxed and quiet way, without getting angry or upset	He walked calmly away.	67 Writing Part 2
nervously	adv	'nɜ:vəsli	in a nervous way	He answered the questions nervously.	73 Writing Part 2
confidently	adv	'kɒnfɪdəntli	in a way that shows that you are sure that you have the ability to do things well or deal with situations successfully	She leant back confidently in her chair and waited for his response.	74 Writing Part 2
kindly	adv	'kaɪndli	in a kind way	My friends kindly offered me a ride home.	64 Writing Part 2
unrelated	adj	ˌʌnrɪ'leɪtɪd	events, situations etc that are unrelated are not connected with each other	The police think the attacks are unrelated.	73 Listening Part 1
particularly	adv	pə'tɪkjələli	more than usual, or more than other people or things	It was particularly hot that day.	53 Listening Part 1
extract	n	'ekstrækt	a small part taken from a story, poem etc	They showed us only an extract from the film.	71 Listening Part 1
threaten	v	'θreɪn	to be likely to harm or destroy something	Large areas of the jungle are now threatened with destruction.	- Listening Part 1
preserve	v	pri'zɜ:v	to stop something from being harmed, damaged, or destroyed	It is important to preserve the rain forests.	66 Listening Part 1
time-consuming	adj	'taɪmkən'sju:miŋ	taking a long time to do	Repairs can be time-consuming and expensive.	- Listening Part 1
script	n	skript	the written form of a speech, play, film etc	Her first movie script was for a thrilling adventure movie.	66 Listening Part 1
habitat	n	'hæbitæt	the natural environment in which a plant or animal lives	It was great to see monkeys in their natural habitat.	63 Listening Part 1
crucial	adj	'kru:ʃəl	something that is crucial is extremely important, because everything else depends on it	This aid money is crucial to the government's economic policies.	70 Listening Part 1
conservationist	n	ˌkɒnsə(:)'veɪʃənɪst	someone who works to protect animals and plants, the environment, or important old buildings	Conservationists hope they can preserve the area's outstanding natural beauty and cater for the tourists too.	75 Listening Part 1
predator	n	'predətə	an animal that kills and eats other animals	Wolves, foxes and bears are predator animals.	70 Listening Part 1
polluted	adj	pə'lju:tɪd	full of pollution	The rivers are heavily polluted.	72 Listening Part 1
attract	v	ə'trækt	if something attracts things, it makes them move towards it	Left-over food attracts flies.	61 Listening Part 1
hazard	n	'hæzəd	something that may be dangerous, or cause accidents or problems	That pile of rubbish is a fire hazard.	- Listening Part 1

endangered	adj	ɪnˈdeɪndʒəd	an endangered animal, bird etc is one that may soon no longer exist because there are so few of them	The lizards are classed as an endangered species. The only dwellers of this abandoned house were bats.	74 Listening Part 1
dweller	n	ˈdwelə	a person or animal that lives in a particular place		Listening Part 1
coursework	n	ˈkɔːswɜːk	work that students do during a course of study, rather than in examinations, and that forms part of their final mark	Half of the marks are for the exam, and half are for coursework.	67 Listening Part 1
prospectus	n	prəˈspektəs	a small book that advertises a school, college, business etc	A detailed prospectus is one of the signs of a good school.	75 Listening Part 1
inevitably	adv	ɪnˈevɪtəbli	in a way that cannot be avoided	Inevitably, his sleeping problems affected his work.	75 Listening Part 1
emphasise	v	ˈemfəsaɪz	if you emphasise something you say or write, you give it special importance so that people will notice it	I emphasised that I was not criticising him.	59 Listening Part 1
up-to-date	adj	ˈʌptəˈdeɪt	modern, recent, or containing the latest information	The hospital has the most up-to-date equipment in Europe.	69 Listening Part 1
hacker	n	ˈhækə	someone who secretly uses or changes the information in other people's computer systems	Hackers broke into the Pentagon's security system last night.	72 Listening Part 1
lottery	n	ˈlɒtəri	a competition in which people choose a set of numbers and win money if they have chosen the winning numbers	If you have just won the lottery, speak to a financial adviser.	63 Listening Part 1
request	v	rɪˈkwest	to ask for something officially or formally	The pilot requested permission to land. We demanded that he return the money he had taken.	64 Listening Part 1
demand	v	dɪˈmɑːnd	to ask for something in a determined way		65 Listening Part 1
warehouse	n	ˈweəhaʊs	a large building for storing goods before they are sold	The company has four warehouses where they keep their products.	61 Listening Part 1
justify	v	ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪ	to give a good reason for doing something that other people think is unreasonable	How can you justify spending so much money on a coat?	71 Listening Part 1
assignment	n	əˈsaɪnmənt	a job or piece of work that is given to someone	Students have to do three written assignments.	62 Listening Part 1
unacceptable	adj	ˌʌnəkˈseptəbl	something that is unacceptable is wrong or bad and should not be allowed to continue	Your behaviour is totally unacceptable.	65 Listening Part 1
unwilling	adj	ʌnˈwɪlɪŋ	not wanting to do something, or refusing to do it	He's unwilling to admit he was wrong.	69 Listening Part 1
clever concept	adj + n collocation	ˈklevə ˈkɒnsept	a general idea or principle that is skilfully designed	The science teacher was impressed with her clever concept for an experiment.	69 Listening Part 1
cramped	adj	kræmpt	a cramped room or building does not have enough space for the people or things in it	I couldn't sleep on the plane – it was too cramped.	77 Listening Part 1
deliberately	adv	dɪˈlɪbərtli	done in a way that is intended or planned	The fire was started deliberately.	70 Listening Part 1
delay	v	dɪˈleɪ	to wait until a later time to do something	He agreed to delay the decision. The tension as we waited for the news was unbearable.	66 Listening Part 1
tension	n	ˈtɛnʃən	a nervous and anxious feeling		67 Listening Part 1
anticipation	n	ænˈtɪsɪˈpeɪʃ(ə)n	happy feelings when you think something good is going to happen	Her eyes sparkled with anticipation. I had high hopes for this movie and it turned out to be a complete let-down.	73 Listening Part 1
let-down	n	let-daʊn	a disappointment		Listening Part 1
unbelievable	adj	ˌʌnbɪˈliːvəbl	extremely bad, impressive, or surprising	The noise was unbelievable.	63 Listening Part 1
underdog	n	ˈʌndədɒg	the person or team in a game or competition that is not expected to win	The underdogs fully deserved their win over the previous champions.	76 Listening Part 1

I reckon (that)...	phrase	aɪ 'rɛkən (ðæt)...	used for giving your opinion	I reckon he won't turn up.	59 Listening Part 1
eco campaign	n	'i:kəʊ kæm 'peɪn	a series of actions intended to get a particular result connected to promoting actions that are not harmful to the environment, e.g. recycling	They prepared an eco campaign to encourage people to clean the beach from trash.	85 Listening Part 1
initiative	n	ɪ 'nɪʃɪətɪv	an important new plan or process to achieve an aim or solve a problem	They presented a new government initiative to reduce car crime.	69 Listening Part 1
cut down on	phr v	kʌt daʊn ɒn	to eat, drink, or use less of something, especially in order to improve your health	I'm trying to cut down on coffee.	69 Listening Part 1
mind you	phrase	maɪnd ju:	used to add more information to what you have just said, especially something that explains or contrasts with it	It's a beautiful house. Mind you, it cost him a fortune.	71 Listening Part 1
(phone) charger	n	(fəʊn) 'tʃɑ:dʒə	a piece of equipment that is used to put electricity into a battery or a piece of equipment such as a mobile phone	My battery's almost dead. Can I borrow your phone charger, please?	65 Listening Part 1
publicity	n	pʌb 'lɪsɪtɪ	attention that someone or something gets from newspapers, television etc	They had hoped to avoid bad publicity .	59 Listening Part 1
voicemail	n	'vɔɪsmɛɪl	a system that records telephone calls so that you can listen to them later	In addition, users can access their voicemail remotely.	69 Listening Part 1
fed up with	phr v	fɛd ʌp wɪð	used to say that you are annoyed or bored with something and want it to change	I'm fed up with you being late all the time.	63 Listening Part 1
contact	n	'kɒntækt	someone you know who may be able to help you or give you advice	Do you have any contacts in the area?	66 Listening Part 1
front person	n	frʌnt 'pɜ:sn	the person in something such as a band or television programme who leads it and is most well-known to the public	The band consists of five people but I can only recall the name of the front person who is on vocals.	79 Listening Part 1
start-up	adj	'stɑ:tʌp	connected with starting a new business	Are you interested in joining a start-up company?	75 Listening Part 1
commercially	adv	kə'mɜ:ʃəli	considering whether a business or product is making a profit	Commercially, the movie was a failure.	74 Listening Part 1
skateboard	n	'skeɪtbɔ:d	a board with wheels on the bottom that you stand on and ride on	We'd often go to the skate park to ride our skateboards and do trick on them.	77 Listening Part 1
trip	v	trɪp	to hit something with your foot by accident so that you fall or almost fall	Gary tripped over a cable and broke his foot	65 Listening Part 1
brighten up	phr v	'braɪtn ʌp	to become happier, or to make someone happier	She brightened up when she saw us coming.	76 Listening Part 1
presenter	n	pri'zentə	someone who introduces a television or radio programme, by announcing the performers on it and saying what is going to happen	The presenter read the news headlines.	59 Listening Part 1
documentary	n	ˌdɒkjʊ'mentəri	a film or television programme that gives information about a subject	They are making a documentary about volcanoes.	59 Listening Part 1
housing	n	'haʊzɪŋ	the houses that people live in	There is a shortage of good housing in this area.	66 Listening Part 1
apparent	adj	ə'pærənt	easy to notice	It soon became apparent that we had a major problem.	71 Listening Part 1
exterior	n	eks'tɪəriə	the outside of something	The exterior of the cathedral is unimpressive.	70 Listening Part 1
be taken aback	phrase	bi 'teɪkən ə'bæk	to be very surprised or shocked	I was taken aback by Linda's rudeness.	79 Listening Part 1
concept	n	'kɒnsɛpt	a general idea or principle	The children are taught the basic concepts of mathematics.	69 Listening Part 1
decorative	adj	'deɪkəreɪv	pretty and used as a decoration	My grandma was proud of her shelf for decorative plates.	76 Listening Part 1

spirit	n	'spɪrɪt	the attitude that you have towards something	The task was completed in a spirit of cooperation.	68 Listening Part 1
quizmaster	n	kwɪz 'mɑ:stə	someone who asks people questions during a quiz	The team started arguing with the quizmaster when their answer wasn't accepted.	Listening Part 1
let down	phr v	let daʊn	to disappoint someone, especially by not doing what you promised	You won't let me down, will you?	66 Listening Part 1
isolation	n	,aɪsəʊ'leɪʃən	when one person, place, or thing is separate from others	Because of its geographical isolation, the area developed its own unique culture.	64 Listening Part 1
impact	v	ɪm'pækt	to have an important or noticeable effect on someone or something	The Food Safety Act will progressively impact on the way food businesses operate.	73 Listening Part 1
favour	n	'feɪvə	something you do for someone in order to help them	Could you do me a favour and tell Kelly I'm here?	59 Listening Part 1
compromise	v	'kɒmprəmaɪz	to accept something that is not exactly what you want	Peter has said that he would be ready to compromise.	69 Listening Part 1
irresponsible	adj	,ɪrɪ'spɒnsəbəl	doing careless things without thinking or worrying about the possible bad results	When it comes to money, Dan is completely irresponsible.	71 Listening Part 1
irritated	adj	'ɪrətetəd	feeling annoyed and impatient about something	John was getting irritated by all her questions.	80 Listening Part 1
contestant	n	kən'testənt	someone who competes in a competition	Contestants for the game show go through a tough selection process.	67 Listening Part 1
paraphrase	n	'pærəfreɪz	a statement expressing something in different words	Read the text and write a paraphrase of what you found out from it.	81 Listening Part 2
ambition	n	æm'bɪʃ(ə)n	a strong desire to do or achieve something	Her ambition is to climb Mount Everest.	62 Listening Part 2
chemistry	n	'kɛmɪstri	the science that studies the structure of substances and the way that they change or combine with each other	Following the presentations Prof Ward spoke about chemistry and the environment.	59 Listening Part 2
efficient	adj	ɪ'fɪʃənt	working well, without wasting time or energy	It's important to find an efficient way of organising your work.	64 Listening Part 2
lavender	n	'lævɪndə	a plant that has purple flowers with a strong pleasant smell	I climbed out through the kitchen window and dropped into a bed of lavender.	79 Listening Part 2
pickled	adj	'pɪklɪd	pickled vegetables, eggs etc have been preserved in vinegar	Would you like some pickled eggs for a snack?	82 Listening Part 2
mango	n	'mæŋgəʊ	a tropical fruit with sweet yellow flesh	He served a dish of cooked diced chicken mixed with sour cream and fresh mango.	73 Listening Part 2
declare	v	dɪ'kleə	to state officially and publicly that a particular situation exists or that something is true	She declared her intention to stand for president.	72 Listening Part 2
(dense) vegetation	n	(dɛns) ,vedʒɪ'teɪʃən	the plants, flowers, trees etc that grow in a particular area (growing very close together)	A narrow track wound steeply up through dense vegetation.	72 Listening Part 2
deforestation	n	dɪ'fɔ:ɪ'steɪʃ(ə)n	when all the trees in an area are cut down or destroyed	Some parts of tropical America have seen over 70% deforestation.	76 Listening Part 2
evidence	n	'evɪdəns	facts or signs that show that something is true or that something exists	You must be able to provide evidence of your ability.	61 Listening Part 2
leopard	n	'leɪpəd	a large wild cat with yellow fur and black spots	The basic leopard is spotted almost from nose to tail.	72 Listening Part 2
indicate	v	'ɪndɪkeɪt	to say or do something that shows what you want or intend to do	Ralph patted the sofa to indicate that they should join him.	72 Listening Part 2
long	v	lɒŋ	to want something very much	I used to long for a baby sister.	75 Listening Part 2
spark	v	spɑ:k	to make something start happening	The book sparked her interest in astronomy.	77 Listening Part 2
mountainous	adj	'maʊntɪnəs	a mountainous area has a lot of mountains	The mainland of Greece is mountainous and largely infertile.	73 Listening Part 2



face	v	feɪs	to have to deal with a difficult situation to try to do something, especially something difficult	The team faces the impossible task of beating Brazil. The second question was so difficult I didn't even attempt it.	59 Listening Part 2 60 Listening Part 2
attempt	v	ə'tempt			
convinced	adj	kən'vɪnst 'pæʃənɪt ə'baʊt	completely certain that something is true used to say that you like something very much and spend a lot of time doing it	You don't sound convinced.	68 Listening Part 2
passionate about sth	phrase	'sʌmθɪŋ		I'm passionate about football.	69 Listening Part 2
amused	adj	ə'mju:zd	smiling or laughing because something is funny someone who tells actors in a play what words to say when they forget	The man looked a little amused. She works as a prompter at the local theatre.	79 Listening Part 2 Listening Part 2
prompter	n	'prɒmptə		Employees' opinions were often treated as unimportant.	67 Listening Part 2
unimportant	adj	ˌʌnɪm'pɔ:tənt	not important an actor, musician etc who performs to entertain people	They always dreamed of becoming circus performers.	59 Listening Part 2
performer	n	pə'fɔ:mə		The downside of the plan is the cost.	72 Listening Part 2
downside	n	'daʊn,sɑɪd	the bad part of something to give money, help, ideas etc to something that other people are also involved in	Everyone was expected to contribute £2.	61 Listening Part 2
contribute	v	kən'trɪbjʊ(:)t	if people acknowledge something, they recognise how good or important it is	The Brazilian coach acknowledged the talent of his players.	Listening Part 2
acknowledge	v	ək'nɒlɪdʒ	the sound of people hitting their hands together to show that they have enjoyed a play, concert, speaker etc	He was given a big round of applause.	68 Listening Part 2
applause	n	ə'plɔ:z	to think that something is important and worth having	I always value your advice.	64 Listening Part 2
value	v	'vælju:			
shelter	n	'ʃeltə	a small building or covered place that protects you from bad weather or from attack	They built a shelter next to the big tree.	66 Listening Part 2
unexpectedly	adv	ˌʌnɪks'pektɪdli	if something happens unexpectedly, it surprises you because you were not expecting it a powder produced by flowers, which is carried by the wind or insects to make other flowers produce seeds	His father died unexpectedly. The pollen of one flower is transferred to another by means of a fine brush.	73 Listening Part 2 76 Listening Part 2
pollen	n	'pɒlɪn	if you are hooked on something, you like it a lot and want to continue doing it	She's been hooked on filmmaking since she attended the course.	79 Listening Part 2
hooked	adj	hʊkt		I watched the bumblebees flying from one flower to the next.	82 Listening Part 2
bumblebee	n	'bʌmblbi:	a large bee solitary people and animals spend a lot of time alone	Ed enjoys the solitary life of a rancher. My grandfather gave us a jar of honey made by the honeybees living in his garden.	Listening Part 2
solitary	adj	'sɒlɪtəri			
honeybee	n	'hʌnbi:	a bee that makes honey a group of the same kind of animals living together	The ant carried the sugar to the ant colony. I walked over to the hive, which was at the edge of the woods.	69 Listening Part 2 78 Listening Part 2
colony	n	'kɒləni		We discovered a wasps' nest in the attic.	71 Listening Part 2
hive	n	haɪv			
nest	n	nest	to move from one place, part of an organisation etc to another, or to make someone or something do this	Stella's transferred to head office.	64 Listening Part 2
transfer	v	'trænsfə(:)			

pollination	n	ˌpɒlɪˈneɪʃən	when a flower is given pollen and produces seeds to make something continue in the same way or at the same standard as before	Insects and small animals take part in the pollination. We need to maintain good relations with our customers.	82 Listening Part 2
maintain	v	meɪnˈteɪn			64 Listening Part 2
ecosystem	n	ˈi:kəʊˌsɪstəm	all the animals and plants in an area, and their relationship to each other and their environment	The bay has a very complex and delicate ecosystem. They planted some raspberries and blueberries in the garden.	67 Listening Part 2
blueberry	n	ˈblu:bəri	a small round dark blue fruit	Stir in melted chocolate, flour, peppermint extract and chopped almonds.	74 Listening Part 2
almond	n	ˈɑ:mənd	a flat white nut with a slightly sweet taste		77 Listening Part 2
clover	n	ˈklɒvə	a small plant with three round leaves on each stem	He watched the rabbit munching on clover.	81 Listening Part 2
violet	n	ˈvaɪələt	a purple colour	Violet is too dark for the walls of this room.	80 Listening Part 2
forestry	n	ˈfɒrɪstri	the science of planting and taking care of trees in forests	He always loved the woods and decided to specialise in forestry. We never use pesticides or insecticides and this is the wonderful result.	72 Listening Part 2
pesticide	n	ˈpestɪsaɪd	a chemical used to kill insects that damage crops		70 Listening Part 2
housing development	adj + n collocation	ˈhaʊzɪŋ dɪˈveləpmənt	a group of new buildings, or the process of building them	We might look for our new house at the new housing development.	69 Listening Part 2
individual	n	ˌɪndɪˈvɪdʒjəəl	one person, considered separately from the rest of the group or society that they live in	The fitness program is adapted to the needs of the individual.	55 Listening Part 2
rainfall	n	ˈreɪnfɔ:l	the amount of rain that falls on an area in a particular period of time	The annual rainfall is about 70 cm.	72 Listening Part 2
adapt	v	əˈdæpt	to gradually change your behaviour and attitudes in order to be successful in a new situation	The children are finding it hard to adapt to the new school.	63 Listening Part 2
beekeeping	n	bi:ˈki:pɪŋ	owning or taking care of bees	If you want your own honey, consider beekeeping.	Listening Part 2
mismatch	n	ˌmɪsˈmætʃ	a combination of things or people that do not work well together or are not suitable for each other	There was a huge mismatch between supply and demand.	78 Listening Part 2
perception	n	pəˈsepʃən	the way you think about something and your idea of what it is like	Can you compare a child's perception of the world with an adult's?	70 Listening Part 2
frightening	adj	ˈfraɪtnɪŋ	making you feel frightened	Going into hospital can be very frightening for a child.	59 Listening Part 2
cuddly	adj	ˈkʌdli	a person or animal that is cuddly makes you want to cuddle them	He is the most affectionate and cuddly dog I have ever known.	Listening Part 2
bonus	n	ˈbɒnəs	something good that you do not expect in a situation	We work well together – the fact that we're friends is a bonus.	63 Listening Part 2
unlimited	adj	ʌnˈlɪmɪtɪd	without a fixed limit	They seem to have unlimited funds.	64 Listening Part 2
sting	n	stɪŋ	if an insect, animal, or plant stings you, it hurts you by putting poison into your skin	Jamie got stung by a bee.	66 Listening Part 2
hood	n	hʊd	the part of a coat or jacket that you pull up to cover your head	Sandvik put his hood up against the cold. Bring binoculars, sunscreen, walking shoes, hat and a good bird guide.	63 Listening Part 2
sunscreen	n	ˈsʌnˌskri:n	a skin cream to stop the sun from burning you	Before you style your hair, lift sections of hair and spray with hairspray.	73 Listening Part 2
hairspray	n	ˈheəˌsprɛɪ	sticky liquid that you spray on your hair to keep it in place		Listening Part 2
buzz	n	bʌz	a feeling of excitement or success	I get a real buzz from living in New York.	74 Listening Part 2

blend in	phr v	blænd ɪn	if something blends in, it looks suitably similar to everything around it	The old house blends in perfectly with the countryside.	74 Listening Part 2
supportive	adj	sə'pɔ:tɪv	giving help or encouragement	Mark and Sally are very supportive of each other.	68 Listening Part 3
outcome	n	'aʊtkʌm	the final result of a meeting, process etc	It was impossible to predict the outcome of the election.	68 Listening Part 3
gist	n	dʒɪst	the main idea and meaning of what someone has said or written	Read the article once through to get the gist of it.	79 Listening Part 3
aspect	n	'æspekt	one part of a situation, plan, or subject	What's the most interesting aspect of your work?	67 Listening Part 3
lodge	n	lɒdʒ	a small house in the country, especially one at the entrance to a very large house	We decided to rent a lodge during our trip.	79 Listening Part 3
convert	v	'kɒnvɜ:t	to change from one system or purpose to another, or to change something in this way	They had a sofa that converted into a bed.	65 Listening Part 3
hit and miss	adj	hɪt ənd mɪs self-	done in a way that is not planned or organised	The legal procedure is far too clumsy and hit-and-miss.	Listening Part 3
self-catering (accommodation)	adj + n collocation	'keɪtərɪŋ (ə,kəmə'der f(ə)n)	a self-catering holiday is one in which you stay in a place where you can cook your own food	If you prefer self-catering, prices start from £230 to £375.	78 Listening Part 3
in the long run	phrase	ɪn ðə lɒŋ rʌn	in the future, not immediately	All our hard work will be worth it in the long run.	65 Listening Part 3
luxurious	adj	lʌg'zjʊəriəs	very comfortable, beautiful, and expensive	The hotel we stayed in was really luxurious.	69 Listening Part 3
safari	n	sə'fɑ:ri	a trip through the country areas of Africa in order to watch wild animals	We'll be going on safari in Kenya.	73 Listening Part 3
honesty	n	'ɒnɪstɪ	when someone is honest	We never doubted his honesty.	62 Listening Part 3
vivid	adj	'vɪvəd	(of a colour) intensely deep or bright	She was wearing a vivid pink shirt.	73 Listening Part 3
traffic jam	n	'træfɪk dʒæm	a long line of vehicles on the road that cannot move, or that move very slowly	We were stuck in a traffic jam for hours.	68 Listening Part 3
peak time	adj + n collocation	pi:k taɪm	peak times are when the largest number of people are travelling or doing something	There are extra buses during peak times.	70 Listening Part 3
flow	n	fləʊ	a smooth steady movement of something such as a liquid, people, traffic, or information	There has been a steady flow of people leaving the area.	65 Listening Part 3
overrated	adj	,əʊvə'reɪtɪd	not as good or important as some people think	We thought the play was overrated.	80 Listening Part 3
pastime	n	'pɑ:staɪm	something that you enjoy doing when you are not working	As a pastime, keeping and riding horses has always been very expensive.	75 Listening Part 3
status	n	'stetəs	your social or professional rank or position, considered in relation to other people	Doctors have traditionally enjoyed high social status.	69 Listening Part 3
work/life balance	collocation	wɜ:k/lɑɪf 'bæləns	when the correct relationship exists between your work and leisure	It's important to maintain a good work/life balance.	61 Listening Part 3
pressure	n	'preʃə	conditions in your life that make you feel worried because you have too much to do or think that you must do well	He was under a lot of pressure at his old job, so he decided to quit and find something else.	61 Listening Part 3
unbalanced	adj	ʌn'bælənst	unfair or unequal	The relationship between them was unbalanced.	79 Listening Part 3
financially secure	collocation	fai'nænʃli sɪ'kjʊə	if you feel secure, you feel safe, confident, and free from worries; if you're financially secure you don't have to worry about money	Now that I have a job, I can feel financially secure.	69 Listening Part 3

top dog	n	tɒp dɒg	the most powerful or important person in a group	He's the top dog now, and doesn't have to prove himself any more.	83 Listening Part 3
ups and downs	phrase	ʌps ənd daʊnz	the mixture of good and bad experiences that happen in any situation or relationship	We have our ups and downs like all couples.	- Listening Part 3
frustrated	adj	fɹʌs'treɪtɪd	feeling impatient or angry because you are unable to do what you want	I get really frustrated with my computer sometimes.	70 Listening Part 3
be a recipe for sth	phrase	bi ə'resɪpi fə sth	to be very likely to cause a particular result	Driving for too long without a break is a recipe for disaster.	78 Listening Part 3
interviewer	n	'ɪntəvjʊ:ə	the person who asks the questions in an interview	Paxman is seen as a tough interviewer whom politicians fear.	62 Listening Part 4
interviewee	n	,'ɪntəvjʊ(:)'i:	the person who answers the questions in an interview	The interviewee remained calm despite being asked very difficult questions.	75 Listening Part 4
bookseller	n	'bʊk,sɛlə	a person or company that sells books	She's always loved books so she decided to become either a librarian or a bookseller.	75 Listening Part 4
market	v	'mɑ:kɪt	to advertise something in a particular way in order to sell it	The book is being marketed as a sophisticated comedy.	65 Listening Part 4
livelihood	n	'lɑ:vliθʊd	the way you earn money in order to live	Farming is their livelihood.	74 Listening Part 4
label	v	'leɪbl	to use a word or phrase to describe someone	He was labelled a troublemaker.	72 Listening Part 4
categorise	v	'kætɪgəraɪz	to put people or things into groups according to what type, level etc they are	The students were categorised according to ability.	72 Listening Part 4
browse	v	braʊz	to look at the goods in a shop without looking for a particular thing to buy	'Can I help you?' 'No thanks. I'm just browsing.'	71 Listening Part 4
sweeping generalisation	collocation	'swi:pɪŋ ,dʒenərəlaɪ'zeɪʃən	a statement that may be true for most people or situations, but that is not true for all of them	Don't make sweeping generalisations. They usually turn out to be unfair.	77 Listening Part 4
perpetuate (a stereotype)	v	pə'pɛtʃʊət (ə 'stɪərɪətaɪp)	to make a situation, attitude etc continue to exist for a long time, especially one that is bad, wrong or unfair	The news seem to perpetuate incorrect stereotypes.	79 Listening Part 4
gender-specific	adj	'dʒɛndə-spɪ'sɪfɪk	relating only to males or only to females	Try to avoid gender-specific language such as "mankind," which seems to refer only to men.	- Listening Part 4
spontaneously	adv	spon'teɪniəsli	something that is done spontaneously happens without being planned	She laughed spontaneously.	- Listening Part 4
blurb	n	blɜ:b	a short description giving information about a book or new product	The blurb for her latest book describes her as 'one of Britain's best-loved art critics'.	81 Listening Part 4
impulsively	adv	ɪm'pʌlsɪvli	in an impulsive way	He often acts impulsively.	83 Listening Part 4
declutter	v	di:'klʌtə	to make a place tidy by removing things you do not want or need	I decided it was time to declutter my bedroom.	87 Listening Part 4
minimalist	adj	'mɪnɪmlɪst	a style of art, design, music etc that uses only a very few simple ideas or patterns	He lived in a modern apartment with minimalist style furniture.	- Listening Part 4
filter out	phr v	'fɪltə əʊt	to remove words, information etc that you do not need or want	Net users can filter out unwanted emails with software.	- Listening Part 4
tempting	adj	'tɛmptɪŋ	making you want to have or do something	Getting ice cream after dinner was a tempting idea.	77 Listening Part 4
consumerism	n	kən'sju:mərəz(ə)m	the buying and selling of goods and services something that you do regularly or usually, often without thinking about it because you have done it so many times before	We have seen the growth of consumerism over the last years.	78 Listening Part 4
habit	n	'hæbɪt	to keep something for a special purpose	Regular exercise is a good habit.	59 Listening Part 4
set aside	phr v	set ə'saɪd		I set aside a little money every week.	61 Listening Part 4

debt	n	dɛt	if you have debts, or if you are in debt, you owe money to someone	Nearly half the students said they were in debt.	60 Listening Part 4
underlying	adj	ˌʌndəˈlaɪɪŋ	being the basic cause of something, or the basic thing from which something develops	Stress is the underlying cause of many illnesses.	- Listening Part 4
orchestra	n	ˈɔːkɪstrə	a large group of musicians who play classical music together	The orchestra on this occasion played marvellous.	65 Listening Part 4
acquaintance	n	əˈkweɪntəns	someone you know, but do not know well	She's just an acquaintance – I see her sometimes at night school.	71 Listening Part 4
psychology	n	sɑɪˈkɒlədʒi	the study of the way people's minds work	She spent years studying psychology to become a therapist.	61 Listening Part 4
deafening	adj	ˈdeɪfɪŋ	making it impossible for you to hear anything	The noise was deafening.	77 Listening Part 4
inconvenient	adj	ˌɪnkənˈviːniənt	causing problems, often in a way that is annoying	Monday's a bit inconvenient. How about Tuesday?	74 Listening Part 4
(in) the spotlight	phrase	(ɪn) ðə ˈspɒtlaɪt	a lot of attention from newspapers, television etc	Education is once again in the spotlight.	72 Listening Part 4
simplicity	n	sɪmˈplɪsɪti	when something is simple	The design was beautiful in its simplicity.	74 Listening Part 4
scheduled	adj	ˈʃɛdʒuːld	happening at the same time every day or every week	There are daily scheduled flights to Paris from the local airport.	74 Listening Part 4
jet engine	n	dʒɛt ˈɛndʒɪn	a powerful engine used in planes	The noise sounded as loud as a jet engine.	78 Listening Part 4
appeal to	phr	əˈpiːl tə	be attractive; if someone or something appeals to you, they seem attractive and interesting	The idea of working abroad really appeals to me.	70 Listening Part 4
privacy	n	ˈprɪvəsi	when you are alone and not seen or heard by other people	Teenagers need some privacy.	64 Listening Part 4
clarinet	n	ˌklærɪˈnet	a wooden musical instrument like a long black tube that you play by blowing into it	She likes playing the clarinet and reading.	79 Listening Part 4
guitarist	n	ɡɪˈtɑːrɪst	someone who plays the guitar	She's the lead guitarist in a rock band.	69 Listening Part 4
demotivating	adj	diːˈməʊtəveɪtɪŋ	making someone less eager or willing to do their job	Tasks that do not challenge you can be very demotivating.	- Listening Part 4
claustrophobic	adj	ˌklɒstrəˈfəʊbɪk	afraid of being in a small space or a crowd	Elevators make me claustrophobic.	80 Listening Part 4
sight-reading	n	sɑɪt-ˈriːdɪŋ	when you play or sing written music looking at it for the first time, without practising it first	Because of her excellent sight-reading skills, she was soon in demand in recording studios.	- Listening Part 4
quality	n	ˈkwɒləti	a good or bad part of someone's character	Stacy has all the qualities of a natural leader.	61 Listening Part 4
ego	n	ˈɛɡəʊ	the good opinion that you have about yourself	He has an enormous ego.	74 Listening Part 4
understudy	n	ˌʌndəˈstʌdi	an actor who learns the words of a character in a play so that they can perform if the usual actor is ill	In her place was her understudy, Miss Lisa Fennell, a young dancer usually seen in the chorus.	83 Listening Part 4
exhausting	adj	ɪɡˈzɔːstɪŋ	making you feel extremely tired	It was a long and exhausting journey. I'm glad we're home now.	71 Listening Part 4
worn out	adj	wɔːn aʊt	very tired	You look worn out.	70 Listening Part 4
pull your weight	phrase	pʊl jə weɪt	to do a fair share of the work	The team accused us of not pulling our weight.	72 Listening Part 4
rehearse	v	rɪˈhɜːs	to practise, or make people practise, something such as a play or concert before giving a public performance	The band has been rehearsing at the studio all day.	73 Listening Part 4
spare	n	speə	not being used and therefore available	I have some spare time before the lecture, so I'll go get a coffee.	66 Listening Part 4

conductor	n	kən'dʌktə	someone who conducts a group of musicians or singers	After each conductor leads the orchestra in the morning sessions, some will be called back for afternoon finals.	73 Listening Part 4
pass on	phr v	pɑ:s ɒn	to give someone something, especially information that someone else has given you	Can you pass the message on to Bob?	61 Listening Part 4
matinée	n	'mæʔneɪ:	a performance of a play or film in the afternoon	She arrived early, for the matinee performance.	84 Listening Part 4
psychological	adj	ˌsaɪkə'lɒdʒɪkəl	relating to your mind, or the study of people's minds	If you have any psychological problems, make sure to talk about them with someone you trust.	63 Listening Part 4
aspiring	adj	ə'spaɪərɪŋ	hoping to be successful in a particular job, activity, or way of life	They organised a part-time course for aspiring chefs.	Listening Part 4
individually	adv	ˌɪndɪ'vɪdʒʊəli	separately, not together in a group	He thanked everyone individually.	70 Speaking Part 1
cathedral	n	kə'θi:drəl	the most important church in an area	He walked farther into the vast cathedral.	61 Speaking Part 1
to be honest (with you)	phrase	tə bi 'ɒnɪst (wɪð ju:)	used when you are saying what you really think	To be honest, I think she'll win.	59 Speaking Part 1
extend	v	ɪks'tend	to make something continue for longer than previously arranged or planned	Could you extend your visa for six months?	61 Speaking Part 1
escapism	n	ɪs'keɪpɪzəm	activities or entertainment that help you forget about bad or boring things for a short time	Books were a form of escapism from the real world.	Speaking Part 1
hockey	n	'hɒki	a game played on grass between two teams who use long curved sticks to hit a ball	In hockey, the goalkeeper has to wear a special mask that protects his face and neck.	63 Speaking Part 1
clash	v	klæʃ	if colours or clothes clash, they do not look nice together	That tie clashes with your jacket.	74 Speaking Part 1
coming	adj	'kʌmɪŋ	happening soon	In the coming months, I intend to concentrate on my art.	71 Speaking Part 1
preference	n	'prefərəns	when someone likes something more than something else	Which style you choose is just a matter of personal preference.	70 Speaking Part 2
striped	adj	straɪpt	something that is striped has a pattern of stripes on it	She was wearing a red and white striped dress.	73 Speaking Part 2
jumper	n	'dʒʌmpə	a piece of clothing made of wool that covers the upper part of your body and arms	It's cold outside, don't forget your jumper!	Speaking Part 2
blouse	n	blaʊz	a shirt for a woman or girl	She was wearing a silk blouse and a denim skirt.	63 Speaking Part 2
orchard	n	'ɔ:tʃəd	a place where fruit trees are grown	Their family owned a cherry orchard.	77 Speaking Part 2
ripe	adj	raɪp	fruit that is ripe is ready to eat	Those peaches don't look ripe yet.	65 Speaking Part 2
related	adj	rɪ'reɪtɪd	things that are related are connected	Police believe the two robberies are related.	70 Speaking Part 2
identify	v	aɪ'dentɪfaɪ	to recognise something or discover exactly what it is	Scientists have identified the gene that causes abnormal growth.	65 Speaking Part 2
common	adj	'kɒmən	shared by two or more people or things	We have a common interest in films.	60 Speaking Part 2
casual	adj	'kæʒʒjəl	relaxed and not worried, or seeming not to care about something	She's always been pretty casual about her appearance.	67 Speaking Part 2
picnic	n	'pɪknɪk	if you have a picnic, you take food somewhere and eat it outdoors, especially in the country	We decided to have a picnic down by the lake.	62 Speaking Part 2
speculate	v	'spekjʊleɪt	to guess why something happened or what will happen next without knowing all the facts	He refused to speculate on the cause of the accident.	74 Speaking Part 2

bus shelter	n	bʌs 'ʃeltə	a small building or covered place that protects you from bad weather while waiting for a bus	It was raining heavily and my bus was late, and I was grateful for the bus shelter.	66 Speaking Part 2
windsurfing	n	'wɪnd,sɜ:fɪŋ	the sport of sailing across water by standing on a special board and holding onto a large sail	On the hotel's private beach, wind-surfing can be arranged, and there are tennis courts.	75 Speaking Part 2
sailing	n	'seɪlɪŋ	the activity of sailing in boats	They've invited us to go sailing this weekend.	61 Speaking Part 2
go blank	phrase	gəʊ blæŋk	if your mind goes blank, you are suddenly unable to remember something	When she saw the exam questions, her mind went blank.	72 Speaking Part 2
diagram	n	'daɪəgræm	a drawing that uses simple lines to show what something looks like, where something is, or how something works	We had to study a diagram of a car engine to learn how to fix it.	60 Speaking Part 3
motivation	n	ˌməʊtɪ'veɪʃən	when you are keen and willing to do something	Jack is smart, but he lacks motivation.	70 Speaking Part 3
go along with	phr v	gəʊ ə 'lɒŋ wɪð	to agree with or support someone or something	I'm happy to go along with your suggestion.	63 Speaking Part 3
lasting	adj	'lɑ:stɪŋ	continuing for a long time	The incident made a lasting impression on me.	72 Speaking Part 3
not necessarily	phrase	nɒt 'nesɪsərɪli	used to say that you do not think something is true	'We're going to have to start all over again.' 'Not necessarily.'	65 Speaking Part 3
sportsperson	n	spɔ:ts 'pɜ:sn	someone who takes part in sports or a sport	The trophy is presented annually to the most promising young sportsperson.	- Speaking Part 3
agreement	n	ə'gri:mənt	when people have the same opinion	There is general agreement on the need for prison reform.	60 Speaking Part 3
inability	n	ˌɪnə'bɪlɪti	when someone is unable to do something	We talked about their inability to compromise.	68 Speaking Part 3
agree to disagree	phrase	ə'gri: tə ˌdɪsə'gri:	if two people agree to disagree, they accept that they have different opinions about something	They seemed to respect each other, and simply agreed to disagree.	- Speaking Part 3
relaxation	n	ˌrɪ:læks'eɪʃən	and stop arguing about it a way of resting and enjoying yourself	I swim for relaxation.	62 Speaking Part 3
interrupt	v	ˌɪntə'rʌpt	to stop something happening for a short time	His career was interrupted by his travels.	68 Speaking Part 3
depressed	adj	dɪ'prest	very unhappy	She felt lonely and depressed.	65 Speaking Part 4
pretend	v	prɪ'tend	to behave as though something is true when you know that it is not	He's not really angry – he's just pretending.	63 Speaking Part 4
on top of that	phrase	ɒn tɒp əv ðæt	used to add something to what you have said	He arrived late, and on top of that, he hadn't brought any equipment.	70 Speaking Part 4
carbon footprint	n	'kɑ:bən 'fʊtprɪnt	the amount of carbon dioxide that a person or organisation produces by the things they do, used as a way of measuring how much they harm the environment	There are lots of ways you can reduce your carbon footprint.	79 Speaking Part 4
sedentary	adj	'sedntəri	a sedentary job or life involves sitting down a lot rather than moving around	Quite simply, like millions of other people, we had become sedentary.	83 Speaking Part 4
dump	v	dʌmp	to get rid of something that you do not want	Waste chemicals are simply dumped in the river.	60 Speaking Part 4
global warming	n	'gləʊbəl 'wɔ:mɪŋ	an increase in world temperatures, caused by an increase in carbon dioxide around the Earth	The real danger to the mountain vegetation comes from global warming.	60 Speaking Part 4
convenience	n	kən'vi:niəns	the quality of being suitable or useful for a particular purpose	Most people like the convenience of using credit cards.	69 Speaking Part 4
admit	v	əd'mɪt	to agree unwillingly that something is true	'OK, I was scared,' she admitted.	62 Speaking Part 4