

Exam Trainer vocabulary	Part of speech	Pronunciation	Definition	Example	GSE	Exam part	Notes & Queries
precise	adj	pri'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 1	
collocation	n	ˌkɒləʊ'keɪʃən	the way in which some words are often used together, or a particular combination of words used in this way	'Give someone advice' is a typical collocation in English.		Reading and Use of English 81 Part 1	
fixed phrase	n	fɪkst freɪz	a fixed phrase cannot be changed without losing its meaning	'Out of the blue' is a fixed phrase meaning something happening unexpectedly.	-	Reading and Use of English 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	
octopus	n	'ɒktəpəs	a sea creature with a soft body and eight tentacles	The rubbery-looking creature was obviously related to an octopus.		Reading and Use of English 73 Part 1	
extraordinarily	adv	ɪks'trɔ:dnrɪli	extremely	We were extraordinarily lucky.		Reading and Use of English 74 Part 1	
one-hit wonder	n	wʌn-hɪt 'wʌndə	something or someone that becomes very popular for a single piece of work (often used for bands or singers who are known for a single song and their other work is not as popular)	I don't know any other songs by this group. I guess they were a one-hit wonder.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1	
astonishing	adj	ə'stɒnɪʃɪŋ	very surprising	Their album has sold an astonishing 11 million copies.		Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1	
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.		Reading and Use of English 74 Part 1	
surroundings	n	sə'raʊndɪŋz	the place where you are and all the things in it to try to make yourself or a thing fit into a small space	I soon got used to my new surroundings.		Reading and Use of English 70 Part 1	
squeeze	v	skwi:z		Can you squeeze in next to Rick?		Reading and Use of English 69 Part 1	
predatory	adj	'predətəri	predatory animals kill and eat other animals	Owls and falcons are examples of predatory birds.		Reading and Use of English 78 Part 1	
shellfish	n	'ʃelfɪʃ	an animal that lives in water, has a shell, and is eaten as food	Specialities are fresh fish and shellfish.		Reading and Use of English 75 Part 1	
reside	v	rɪ'zaɪd	to live or be somewhere	Miss Badu grew up in Dallas but now resides in Brooklyn.		Reading and Use of English 76 Part 1	
dwell	v	dwel	to live in a particular place	A woodsman and his family dwelt in the middle of the forest.		Reading and Use of English 81 Part 1	
immense	adj	ɪ'mens	extremely large or great	They do an immense amount of work.		Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1	
gigantic	adj	dʒaɪ'gæntɪk	extremely big	They built a gigantic skyscraper, which towered over the rest of the city.		Reading and Use of English 75 Part 1	
lone	adj	ləʊn	used to talk about the only person in a place, or the only person that does something	A lone figure was standing at the bus stop.		Reading and Use of English 70 Part 1	
solitary	adj	'sɒltəri	solitary people and animals spend a lot of time alone	Ed enjoys the solitary life of a rancher.		Reading and Use of English 74 Part 1	
unsociable	adj	ʌn'səʊjəbl	not wanting to be with people or to go to social events	He was considered stubborn, selfish and unsociable as a child.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1	
measure	n	'meɪʒə	a way of measuring or calculating something	Car sales are often seen as a measure of consumer confidence.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1	
a measure of sth	phrase	ə 'meɪʒər əv sth	a reasonable amount of something	He achieved a measure of success with his first book.		Reading and Use of English 77 Part 1	

typically	adv	'tɪpɪk(ə)li	used to say what usually happens	Prices typically start at around \$600.		Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
the vast majority	collocation	ðə vɑːst mə 'dʒɔrɪtɪ	almost all of a group of people or things if something happens overnight, it happens quickly	The vast majority of students work very hard.		Reading and Use of English 69 Part 1
overnight	adj/adv	ˌəʊvə 'naɪt		Reputations are not changed overnight.		72 Part 1 Reading and Use of English Part 1
necessitate	v	nɪ 'sesɪteɪt nəʊ ə 'məʊnt əv	to make it necessary for you to do something	Lack of money necessitated a change of plan.	-	
no amount of something can/will etc do something	collocation	'sʌmθɪŋ kæn/wɪl ɪt 'setrə dʊ 'sʌmθɪŋ	used to say that something has no effect	No amount of money could replace the vase he accidentally broke.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1
persuasion	n	pə 'swetʃən	when you persuade someone to do something if you have had your share of something, for example problems, success, or adventure, a lot of it has happened to you	After a little gentle persuasion, Debbie agreed to come.		76 Part 1
your (fair) share	phrase	jɔː (feə) ʃeə		She'd had more than her fair share of adventure.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1
have a part to play (in something)	collocation	həv ə pɑːt tə pleɪ (ɪn 'sʌmθɪŋ)	to have a particular job or be responsible for something	Everyone on the team has a part to play in completing this project.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1 Reading and Use of English
all things considered	phrase	ɔːl θɪŋz kən 'sɪdəd	when you think about all parts of a situation	All things considered, I think the day went well.		77 Part 1 Reading and Use of English
fitting	adj	'fɪtɪŋ	suitable with very little warning or time to prepare for something	The statue is a fitting tribute to the President.		76 Part 1 Reading and Use of English
at short notice	phrase	ət ʃɔːt 'nəʊtɪs	to give the right amount of importance to two different things	The party was arranged at short notice.		67 Part 1
strike a balance	phrase	straɪk ə 'bæləns		It's never easy to strike a balance between work and family.		75 Part 1
burning desire	adj + n	'bɜːnɪŋ dɪ 'zʌə	a burning ambition, desire, need etc is very strong	You see, she had this burning desire to succeed on the stage.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1
there's room for improvement	collocation	ðəz ruːm fər ɪm 'pruːvmənt	used to say that something is not perfect and needs to be improved	The report shows that there is room for improvement.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1
hesitation	phrase	ˌhezɪ 'teɪʃən	when you hesitate	He agreed without hesitation.		68 Part 1
expand your horizons	n	ɪks 'pænd jə hə 'raɪznz	expand the limits of your ideas, knowledge, and experience	Living with people from different countries can expand your horizons.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1 Reading and Use of English
grasp	v	grɑːsp	to understand something completely	At the time, I didn't fully grasp what he meant.		71 Part 1
complexity	n	kəm 'pleksɪtɪ	how complex something is, or a complex part of something	They don't realise the complexity of the problem.		71 Part 1
take its toll (on sb/sth)	phrase	teɪk ɪts təʊl (ɒn sb/sth)	to have a bad effect on someone or something over a long period of time	Years of smoking have taken their toll on his health.		79 Part 1
smash	v	smæʃ	to break into a lot of small pieces, or to make something break in this way	The plates smashed on the floor.		71 Part 1 Reading and Use of English
crack a joke	v	kræk ə dʒɔk	to tell a joke	He kept cracking jokes about my new haircut.		71 Part 1
drive	phrase	draɪv	to force someone or something into a particular state, often an unpleasant one	Recent events have driven the stock market to lows not seen in ten years.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1
send	v	send	to cause someone or something to be in a particular state	His lectures send me to sleep.		66 Part 1
press	v	pres	to try very hard to persuade someone to do something	Nurses are pressing for a pay rise.		Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1

steer	v	stiə	to influence someone's behaviour or the way a situation develops	She steered me towards a medical career.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 1
maintain	v	meɪn'teɪn	to say that you are sure that something is true	She always maintained that her son was innocent.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 1
motivate	v	'məʊtɪveɪt	to be the reason why someone does something	The tennis player's early success motivated him to work harder.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 1
flaw	n	flɔː	a mistake, mark, or weakness that stops something from being perfect	A design flaw caused the engine to explode.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 1
cause	n	kɔːz	a reason for doing something or having a particular feeling	The birth of a baby is a cause for celebration.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 1
pose a threat	phrase	pəʊz ə θret	to be a threat to something	The rebels do not pose a serious threat to the armed forces.	Reading and Use of English Part 1
fame	n	feɪm	the state of being known about by a lot of people because of your achievements	He first won fame as a singer.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 1
take note (of sth)	phrase	teɪk nəʊt (əv sth)	to pay careful attention to something	We must always take note of our customers' views.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
masterpiece	n	'mɑːstəpiːs	a very good work of art or piece of writing	Jones' performance was a masterpiece.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 1
fake	n	feɪk	a copy of a valuable object that is intended to deceive people	The painting was a fake.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 1
fulfill lifelong ambition	adj	fʊl'fɪl 'lɪflɒŋ æm'brɪʃ(ə)n	to achieve something you wanted to achieve all through your life	She fulfilled her lifelong ambition to have her books published.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 1
fulfil	v	fʊl'fɪl	to make you feel satisfied because you are using all your skills and qualities	Motherhood alone did not fulfil her.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1
conclude	v	kən'kluːd			
finalise	v	'faɪnəlaɪz	to complete something that you have been doing to decide firmly on the details of a plan or arrangement	Can we finalise the details of the deal?	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 1
on site	adv	ɒn saɪt	at the place where people work, study, or stay	There's a bar, restaurant, and gym on site.	Reading and Use of English Part 1
set	n	set	a place where a film or programme is filmed	He met her on the set of his latest movie.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 1
reef	n	riːf	a line of sharp rocks or a raised area near the surface of the sea, often made of coral	They presented a proposal to protect several miles of thousand-year-old coral reef.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1
labour market	n	'leɪbə 'mɑːkt	used to talk about all the people looking for work and the jobs that are available	After years of being a stay-at-home dad, he decided to re-enter the labour market.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 1
nowhere near	phrase	'nəʊweə nə	not at all	The building's nowhere near finished.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 1
close	adj/adv	kləʊs	near to a number	Inflation is now close to 6%.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 1
like	adv	laɪk	used when you are describing something in a vague or general way	Their house is, like, massive.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 1
approach	v	ə'prəʊtʃ	if an event or particular time is approaching, or if you are approaching it, it will happen soon	It was approaching 4.15 p.m.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 1
ecotourism	n	'iːkəʊ'tʊərɪz(ə)m	the business of organising holidays to natural areas where people can visit and learn about the area in a way that will not hurt the environment	The boom in ecotourism has certainly seen a welcome expansion of special interest holiday options.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 1
trade	n	treɪd	a particular kind of business	My first job was in the motor trade.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1

growth industry	n	grəʊθ 'ɪndəstri	an industry that is growing fast	They moved away from steel to tourism, which is a growth industry.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1
corporation	n	ˌkɔːpə'reɪʃən	a large company or organisation	He works for a large American corporation.		Reading and Use of English 69 Part 1
broken	adj	'brʊkən	if you speak in broken English, French etc, you speak the language slowly and not very well someone who is spoiled behaves badly because they have always been allowed to have or do whatever they want	She spoken in broken Spanish.		Reading and Use of English 74 Part 1
spoiled	adj	spɔɪld		She would feel like a spoiled child insisting that she wanted to go home.		Reading and Use of English 77 Part 1
bounce	v	baʊns	to walk quickly and with a lot of energy	The children came bouncing into the room.		Reading and Use of English 73 Part 1
knock over	phr v	nɒk 'əʊvə	to hit someone with a moving vehicle and hurt or kill them	The elderly man was knocked over while crossing the road.		Reading and Use of English 70 Part 1
bump into	phr v	bʌmp 'ɪntuː	to meet someone when you were not expecting to	Guess who I bumped into this morning?		Reading and Use of English 72 Part 1
collide	v	kə'laɪd	to crash violently into something or someone	The two trains collided in a tunnel.		Reading and Use of English 74 Part 1
red meat	n	red mi:t	dark-coloured meat such as beef	My doctor warned me that eating red meat increases the risk of heart disease.		Reading and Use of English 73 Part 1
cut out	phr v	kʌt aʊt	to stop doing or eating something, especially because it might be bad for your health	The current advice to pregnant women is to cut out spicy food.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1
try your hand at sth	phrase	traɪ jə'hænd ət sth	to try a new activity	He was keen to try his hand at painting.		Reading and Use of English 73 Part 1
be getting at something	phr v	bi'getɪŋ ət'slɪmθɪŋ	to be trying to say something in a way that is difficult for other people to understand	What are you getting at, Helen?	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1
kick in	phr v	kɪk ɪn	to start or to begin to have an effect	The painkillers kicked in and he became sleepy.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1
jump in	phr v	dʒʌmp ɪn	to interrupt someone or suddenly join a conversation	Lena quickly jumped in with a diverting remark.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 1
management	n	'mænɪdʒmənt	the people who are in charge of controlling and organising a company or organisation	Management will discuss this issue next week.		Reading and Use of English 67 Part 1
put forward	phr v	pʊt 'fɔ:wəd	to suggest a plan or idea, or suggest someone for a job or position	Milne has put his name forward as a candidate at the next election.		Reading and Use of English 66 Part 1
put out	phr v	pʊt aʊt	to produce a book, record, film etc	They're putting out a new album in the fall.		Reading and Use of English 67 Part 1
put through	phr v	pʊt θruː	to make someone experience something unpleasant	I'm sorry to have to put you through this.		Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
uncertainty	n	ʌn'sɜːntɪ	the feeling that you have when you are not sure about something	There is a great deal of uncertainty about the future of the company.		Reading and Use of English 69 Part 1
stem from	phr v	stem frɒm	to develop as a result of something	His headaches stemmed from vision problems.		Reading and Use of English 73 Part 1
condemn	v	kən'dem	to say very strongly that you do not approve of someone or something	Politicians were quick to condemn the protests.		Reading and Use of English 72 Part 1
aggression	n	ə'grɛʃ(ə)n	the act of attacking a country, especially when that country has not attacked first	It will inevitably be harder to prevent similar acts of aggression in future.		Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1
acclaimed	adj	ə'kleɪmd	praised by a lot of people	They discussed the band's highly acclaimed debut album.		Reading and Use of English 81 Part 1
commend	v	kə'mend	to praise someone or something publicly or formally	She was commended for her years of service to the community.		Reading and Use of English 78 Part 1

applaud	v	ə'plɔ:d	to praise something that someone does	She should be applauded for her honesty. We had four violinists from the Philharmonic Orchestra.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 1
violinist	n	'vaɪəlɪnɪst	someone who plays a violin		Reading and Use of English 80 Part 1
favourite	n	'feɪvərɪt	the team, player etc that is expected to win a race or competition	Brazil were the favourites to win the World Cup. Analysis of the data should have been done more systematically.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 1
systematically	adv	ˌsɪstɪ'mæɪtɪkəli	carefully and thoroughly		Reading and Use of English 75 Part 1
comprehensive / comprehensively	adj / adv	ˌkɒmprɪ'hensɪv / ˌkɒmprɪ'hensɪvli	including everything	You'll need to have a comprehensive guide to university courses.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 1
broadly	adv	'brɔ:ðli	in a general way	We reached broadly similar conclusions.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 1
exhaustively	adv	ɪg'zɔ:stɪvli	extremely thoroughly and completely	The rescue team searched the area exhaustively.	Reading and Use of English Part 1
alarmed	adj	ə'lə:md	worried that something bad will happen	He was rather alarmed to find her there.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 1
subtract	v	səb'trækt	to take one number away from another number	If you subtract 15 from 25 you get 10.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
detach	v	dɪ'tæʃ	to remove part of something that has been made so that you can remove it	The control unit can be detached from the base.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 1
extract	v	ɪk'strækt	to remove something from a place or thing	Precious gems are extracted from the mine.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
assumption	n	ə'sʌmpʃ(ə)n	something that you think is true although you have no proof	We're working on the assumption that prices will rise.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 1
speculation	n	ˌspekjʊ'leɪʃən	things that people say or think when they speculate	There has been a lot of speculation about her future.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 1
deduction	n	dɪ'dʌkʃən	when you decide that something is likely to be true, using the information that you have	Children will soon make deductions about the meaning of a word.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 1
supposition	n	ˌsʌpə'zɪʃən	something that someone believes is true even though they cannot prove it	The report will be based on fact, not supposition.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 1
plunge	v	plʌndʒ	to suddenly decrease by a large amount	Oil prices have plunged to a new low.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 1
crash	v	kræʃ	if a stock market crashes, prices suddenly fall by a large amount	The cost of the project has soared, causing the shares to crash 11p to 329p.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 1
collapse	v	kə'læps	to fall down suddenly	Many buildings collapsed during the earthquake.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
consistent	adj	kən'sɪstənt	always happening or doing something in the same way	She's always been the team's most consistent player.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1
matching	adj	'mætʃɪŋ	in the same colour, style, pattern etc as something else	She wore a necklace with matching earrings.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 1
comparable	adj	'kɒmpərəbl	similar to something else in size, number, quality etc, so that you can make a comparison	His poetry is hardly comparable to Shakespeare's.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1
alike	adj	ə'laɪk	very similar	All small cars look alike to me.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 1
contrary to popular opinion/belief	phrase	'kɒntrəri tə 'pɒpjələr ə'pɪnjən/bɪ'li:f	used when saying that something is the opposite of what most people think	Contrary to popular belief, a desert can be very cold.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 1
opposing	adj	ə'pəʊzɪŋ	opposing ideas, opinions etc are completely different from each other	Brad was prepared to accept that opposing beliefs could be held equally strongly and passionately.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 1

contrasting	adj	kən'trɑ:stɪŋ	very different from each other	Wear the jacket and skirt with contrasting pieces for a different look.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1
distinctive	adj	dɪs'tɪŋktɪv	different from other things and very easy to recognise	The band have a distinctive sound.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 1
in accordance with sth	phrase	ɪn ə'kɔ:dəns wɪð sth	according to a system or rule	Safety checks were made in accordance with the rules.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 1
assurance	n	ə'ʃʊərəns	a promise that something is true or will happen	He gave me an assurance that the work would be complete by now.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 1
in connection with sth	phrase	ɪn kə'nekʃən wɪð sth	concerning something	Police are questioning a man in connection with the crime.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 1
in respect of something	phrase	ɪn rɪs'pekt əv 'sʌmθɪŋ	concerning or in relation to something	This is especially true in respect of the UK.	Reading and Use of English Part 1
direct	v	dɪ'rekt	to aim something at a particular person or situation	His anger is mainly directed at his father.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 1
trouble	v	'trʌbl	to say something or ask someone to do something which may use or waste their time or upset them	I won't trouble you with the details.	Reading and Use of English Part 1
dedicate	v	'dedɪkeɪt	to give all your attention and effort to one particular thing	The actress now dedicates herself to children's charity work.	Reading and Use of English Part 1
there's no harm in doing sth	phrase	ðəz nəʊ hɑ:m ɪn 'du(:)ɪŋ sth	used to suggest that it might be useful to do something	There's no harm in asking.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 1
be in two minds (about something)	idiom	maɪndz (ə'baʊt 'sʌmθɪŋ)	to be unable to decide what to do, or what you think about something	I was in two minds about whether to go with him.	Reading and Use of English Part 1
keep pace (with sb/sth)	phrase	ki:p peɪs (wɪð sb/sth)	to change as fast as something else, or to move as fast as someone else	Supply has to keep pace with increasing demand.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 1
anticipate	v	æn'tɪsɪpət	to expect something to happen and to prepare for it	We don't anticipate any problems.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1
beware	v	bɪ'weə	used to warn someone to be careful	Beware of the dog!	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
beyond	adv	bɪ'jɒnd	outside the limits of what someone or something can do	Such tasks are far beyond the abilities of the average student.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1
complicate	v	'kɒmplɪkeɪt	to make a problem or situation more difficult	Don't tell Michael about this. It'll only complicate matters.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
envision	v	ɪn'vɪʒən	to think that something will be possible in the future	I can't envision moving from here.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 1
instruct	v	ɪn'strʌkt	to officially tell someone what to do	The doctor instructed me to change my diet.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 1
consequently	adv	'kɒnsɪkwəntli	as a result	He did no work and consequently failed the exam.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 1
interestingly	adv	'ɪntrɪstɪŋli	used to introduce a fact that you think is interesting	Interestingly, none of their three children ever married.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
nonetheless	adv	,nʌnðə'les	in spite of what has just been mentioned	The information was complicated but nonetheless helpful.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 1
owing to	phr	'əʊɪŋ tu:	because of something	Owing to a lack of funds, the project will not continue next year.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1
dramatically	adv	dra'mætɪk(ə)li	in a sudden and extreme way	Output has increased dramatically.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 1
life expectancy	n	laɪf ɪks'pektənsɪ	the length of time that someone is likely to live	The average life expectancy of many people has risen because they have access to better health care.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1

outward	adj	'aʊtwəd	going away from a place or towards the outside	The outward flight was very uncomfortable.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 1
announce	v	ə'naʊns	to officially tell people about something so that everyone knows	The winner of the competition will be announced shortly.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 1
world-class	adj	wɜ:l-d-kla:s	among the best in the world	She's a world-class tennis player.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 1
unsurprisingly	adv	ˌʌnsə'praɪzɪŋli	not making you feel surprised	Unsurprisingly, the project failed.	Reading and Use of English Part 1
sufficiently	adv	sə'fɪʃəntli	to a sufficient degree	He is not sufficiently experienced to apply for the job.	71 Part 1
psychology	n	sai'kɒlədʒi	the study of the way people's minds work	She has become an expert in the field of developmental psychology.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
outlier	n	'aʊt.laɪə	a number that is a lot higher or lower than all the other numbers in a set of numbers that represent facts or measurements	In the set {3,5, 4,6, 2,25,5, 6}, 25 is an outlier.	Reading and Use of English Part 1
stipulation	n	ˌstɪpjʊ'leɪʃən	something which must be done, stated as part of a rule, law or agreement	The union is pressing for higher pay but has made no stipulations about the numbers of workers to be employed.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 1
concept	n	'kɒnsɛpt	a general idea or principle	The children are taught the basic concepts of mathematics.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 1
deliberate	adj	dɪ'libərɪt	intended or planned	He definitely meant to be rude – it was quite deliberate.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1
casual	adj	'kæʒjʊəl	relaxed and not worried, or seeming not to care about something	She's always been pretty casual about her appearance.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 1
strum	v	strʌm	to play an instrument such as a guitar by moving your fingers across the strings	The guitar player strummed along respectfully.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 1
intriguing	adj	ɪn'trɪ:ɡɪŋ	something that is intriguing is interesting because it is unusual or mysterious	She wrote a strong story, with intriguing, realistic characters.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 1
tangible	adj	'tændʒəbl	definite and able to be seen or touched	He has no tangible evidence of John's guilt.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 1
proportion	n	prə'pɔ:ʃən	a part of an amount or group	The proportion of adults who smoke is decreasing.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
disciplined	adj	'dɪsɪplɪnd	a disciplined person obeys rules and controls their behaviour	We're very disciplined when it comes to money.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 1
controlled	adj	kən'trəʊld	calm and not showing emotion, even if you feel angry, afraid etc	She spoke in a controlled authoritative voice.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 1
restricted	adj	rɪ'strɪktɪd	limited or controlled	He has a very restricted diet.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 1
principle	n	'prɪnsəpl	a basic rule or idea that controls or explains the way something works or is organised	One important principle is that you should give yourself plenty of reward for your success.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
in question	phrase	ɪn 'kwɛstʃən	the person or thing in question is the person or thing that is being discussed	Where were you on the evening in question?	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 1
uncover	v	ʌn'kʌvə	to find out about something that has been kept secret	The detective uncovered vital clues which led to a break in the case.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 1
expose	v	ɪks'pəʊz	to tell people the truth about something bad or dishonest	The report exposed corruption among officials.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
release	v	rɪ'li:s	to give news or information to people after it has been secret	The reported refused to release the name of his source.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 1
amount to	phr v	ə'maʊnt tʊ	to add up to a particular total	Jenny's debts amount to \$1,000.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1

account for	phr v	ə'kaʊnt fɔ:	to be a particular part of an amount	Oil and gas account for 60% of our exports.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 1
generate	v	'dʒenəreɪt	to make something happen or start to exist	Our discussion generated a lot of ideas.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 1
justify	v	'dʒʌstɪfaɪ	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?	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 1
cautiously	adv	'kɔ:ʃəsli	carefully avoiding any danger or risk	I drove home cautiously.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 1
uncertainly	adv	ʌn'sɜ:tnlɪ	in a way that lacks confidence	He answered the questions uncertainly.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 1
doubtfully	adv	'daʊtfulɪ	in an uncertain way	'Are you telling me the truth?' he asked doubtfully.	Reading and Use of English 83 Part 1
arguably	adv	'ɑ:gjʊəblɪ	used when giving your opinion to say that there are good reasons why something might be true	Senna was arguably the greatest racing driver of all time.	Reading and Use of English Part 1
monitor	v	'mɒnɪtə	to carefully watch and check a situation in order to see how it changes over a period of time	The temperature is carefully monitored.	Reading and Use of English Part 2
differentiate	v	,dɪfə'renʃɪeɪt	to recognise or express the difference between things or people	It's important to differentiate between fact and opinion.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 2
means	n	mi:nz	a way of doing something	The window is the only means of escape.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 2
encounter	v	ɪn'kaʊntə	to meet someone when you did not plan to	I first encountered him at Oxford.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 2
contribute	v	kən'trɪbjʊ(:)t	to write for a newspaper or magazine	Several hundred people contributed articles, photographs, and cartoons.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 2
migratory	adj	'maɪgrətəri	involved in or relating to migration	There are lots of birds, both resident and migratory, and other wildlife.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 2
calve	v	kɑ:v	to give birth to a calf	Nobody knew more about lambing and calving than a veterinary surgeon so he was invited to instruct.	Reading and Use of English Part 2
extent	n	ɪks'tent	how big, important, or serious something is to change, or to make something or someone change	What is the full extent of his injuries?	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 2
alter	v	'ɔ:ltə	to move information, a program etc from a computer to a computer network so that other people can see it or use it	Her face hadn't altered much over the years.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 2
upload	v	ʌp'ləʊd	an amount that is added to a bill as a charge for the waiters that serve you	Take great care when uploading personal information such as your address or credit card number.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 2
service charge	n	'sɜ:vɪs tʃɑ:dʒ	the activity of moving across water on a surfboard while holding a large kite which is attached to strong strings	Is there a service charge on top of the labor charge?	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 2
kite surfing	n	kɑɪt 'sɜ:fɪŋ	wanting to do something very much, so that you will not let anything stop you	I would like to try kite surfing when I'm in Hawaii.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 2
determined	adj	dɪ'tɜ:mɪnd	someone who takes part in an activity or event	She was determined to start her own business.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 2
participant	n	pɑ: 'tɪspɑnt	to correct something that is wrong	This summer's children's art program had 14 participants.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 2
rectify	v	'rektɪfaɪ	to manage to remain in a job for a period of time	I did my best to rectify the situation, but the damage was already done.	Reading and Use of English Part 2
hold down a job	phr v	həʊld daʊn ə dʒɒb		He's never held down a job for more than a few months.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 2

demanding	adj	dɪ'mɑ:ndɪŋ	needing a lot of time, ability, and effort	Climbing is physically demanding. When you give a speech, it's natural to feel nervous beforehand.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 2
beforehand	adv	bɪ'fɔ:hænd	before something happens		Reading and Use of English 74 Part 2
considering	prep	kən'sɪdərɪŋ	used to say that you are thinking about a particular fact when giving your opinion	She did very well considering it was her first attempt.	84 Part 2
provided (that)	prep	prə'vaɪdɪd (ðæt)	used to say that something will happen only if another thing happens	I'll make a cake, provided we have some flour and eggs.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 2
imitate	v	'ɪmɪteɪt	to copy the way that someone does something	Children often imitate their parents' behaviour.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 2
solar eclipse	n	'səʊlər ɪ'klɪps	when the Sun seems to disappear, because the Moon is passing between it and the Earth	The only safe way to watch a solar eclipse is with special protective eye gear.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 2
thankfully	adv	'θæŋkfʊli	used to say that you are glad that something good has happened	Thankfully, they all got home safely.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 2
breeding ground	n	'brɪ:dɪŋ graʊnd	a place where animals or birds go to breed	The whales' breeding grounds are off the west coast of Mexico.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 2
sustainability	n	səs'teɪnə'bɪləti	when something can be used without causing future harm to the environment	The government should do more to promote sustainability in agriculture.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 2
climber	n	'klaɪmə	someone who climbs rocks or mountains as a sport	Wanda Rutkiewicz was the first female climber to reach the summit of K2.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 2
comparatively	adv	kəm'pærətɪvli	compared with something else	Videos are still comparatively expensive.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 2
respected	adj	rɪs'pektɪd	admired by many people because of things you have achieved	The author is a highly respected historian.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 2
speed limit	n	spi:d 'lɪmɪt	the fastest speed that you are legally allowed to drive at	Slow down! There is a 40 mph speed limit in this area!	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 2
by far	phrase	bɑɪ fɑ:	used to emphasise a comparison	She was by far the best candidate.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 2
wrestling	n	'reslɪŋ	a sport in which two people fight and try to push each other to the ground	She won six high-school wrestling matches in a row.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 2
adjacent	adj	ə'dʒeɪsənt	next to something	We stayed in adjacent rooms.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 2
decline	n	dɪ'klaɪn	a decrease in the quality, quantity, or importance of something	There has been a decline in the number of unemployed.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 2
unexpectedly	adv	,ʌnɪks'pektɪdli	if something happens unexpectedly, it surprises you because you were not expecting it	He lost his job unexpectedly.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 2
launch	v	lɔ:ntʃ	to start something big or important	We have launched a campaign to raise \$50,000.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 2
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 2
environmentally-friendly	adj	ɪn'vaɪərən'mentli-'frendli	not harmful to the environment	Adding plastic glitter to soaps and lotions is not environmentally-friendly.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 2
waste product	adj + n collocation	weɪst 'prɒdʌkt	a useless material or substance that is produced during the process of making something else	Kidneys separate water and waste products from the blood.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 2
supplier	n	sə'plaɪə	a company that provides goods for shops and businesses	The company is now the main supplier of educational software to schools.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 2
put yourself in sb's shoes	phrase	pʊt jɔ:'self ɪn sb's ʃu:z	imagine what it would feel like to be in their situation	Don't be cross with them. Try to put yourself in their shoes.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 2

have no choice but to do sth	phrase	hæv nəʊ tʃɔɪs bət tə dʊ sth	used when you have to do something because there is nothing else that you can do to officially make someone leave their school or job for a short time, after something bad has happened	We had no choice but to wait.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 2
suspend	v	səs'pænd		Bob was suspended for a week because he attacked another student.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 2
in excess of sth	phrase	ɪn ɪk'ses əv sth	more than an amount or level	Our profits were in excess of \$5 million.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 2
sparsely	adv	'spɑ:sli	used when there are very few people or things in a place	The flowers in the garden grew sparsely.	Reading and Use of English 83 Part 2
be no easy task	phrase	bi nəʊ 'i:zi tɑ:sk	used for saying that something is difficult if you are obliged to do something, you have to do it because the situation, the law, a duty etc makes it necessary	Bringing up a child on your own is no easy task.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 2
oblige	v	ə'blaɪdʒ	a picturesque place is pretty in an old-fashioned way	The minister was obliged to report at least once every six months.	Reading and Use of English Part 2
picturesque	adj	ˌpɪktʃə'resk	a small plane suitable for carrying only a small number of passengers	Conwy Town is a picturesque and richly historic touring centre.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 2
light aircraft	n	laɪt 'eəkrɑ:ft	to provide someone with the tools or equipment they need	I remembered that they had never flown in a light aircraft before today.	Reading and Use of English Part 2
equip	v	ɪ'kwɪp	a construction attached to a plane which allows it to stay on the surface of the water rather than on ground	The researchers equipped themselves with cameras. There's no space for an airport on the island, so planes are equipped with floats so that they can land on the lake.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 2
floats	n	fləʊts	loud or continuous noise that is unpleasant and annoying	Our survey revealed the impact of noise pollution on the community.	Reading and Use of English Part 2
noise pollution	n	nɔɪz pə'lu:ʃən	travelling on a small vehicle used for sliding over snow, called a sled, which is pulled by dogs	Dogsledding is practiced for many different purposes, e.g. sport, delivering mail or hunting.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 2
dogsledding	n	dɒg 'sledɪŋ	a system of exercises which helps you to relax your body and mind	They argue that yoga can contribute to a healthy and more successful life.	Reading and Use of English Part 2
yoga	n	'jəʊgə	one of the owners of a business or an asset when there is more than one owner	My brother and I have become the co-owners of our family business, after our mother retired.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 2
co-owner	n	kəʊ-'əʊnə	relating to cooking of very high quality	The restaurant hired a Cordon Bleu chef.	Reading and Use of English Part 2
Cordon Bleu	adj	'kɔ:dn 'blɜ:	a shop that sells unusual products or food that are special in some way	I bought this French cheese at the local speciality store.	Reading and Use of English Part 2
speciality store	n	ˌspeʃi'æltɪ stɔ:	used to emphasize your opinion or emphasize that something is definitely true	Amis is undoubtedly one of the best writers of his generation.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 2
undoubtedly	adv	ʌn'daʊtɪdli	large enough to be important or have an effect feeling that something is as good as it should be, or that something has happened in the way that you want	He borrowed a considerable amount of money to buy a house.	Reading and Use of English Part 3
considerable	adj	kən'sɪdərəbl		They have plenty of satisfied customers.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
satisfied	adj	'sætɪsfɑɪd	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
dissatisfied	adj	dɪ'sætəsfɑɪd	not done deliberately	I know she upset you, but I'm sure it was unintentional.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 3
unintentional	adj	ˌʌnɪn'tenʃənəl			

rainfall	n	'reɪnfɔ:l	the amount of rain that falls on an area in a particular period of time	The annual rainfall is about 70 cm.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 3
straightforward	adj	streɪt'fɔ:wəd	simple to do or easy to understand	The questions seemed straightforward.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
retrieve	v	rɪ'tri:v	to find something and bring it back	I retrieved my suitcase from the hall cupboard.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
capacity	n	kə'pæsɪti	the amount that can fit inside a container, space, building etc	The fuel tank has a capacity of 50 litres.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
short-term	adj	ʃɔ:t-tɜ:m	continuing for only a short time	Most of the staff are on short-term contracts.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
processing	n	'prəʊsesɪŋ	the use of information, figures etc to produce a particular result	We use the computer for processing the information.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
cortex	n	'kɔ:teks	the outer layer of an organ in your body, especially your brain	Fortunately, his cerebral cortex was not affected by the shock.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 3
conversion	n	kən'veɜ:ʃən	when you change something from one system or purpose to another	The warehouse was undergoing conversion into apartments.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
normality	n	nɔ:'mælɪti	a situation in which everything happens in the usual way	We're hoping for a return to normality as soon as possible.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 3
abnormal	adj	æb'nɔ:məl	different from what is normal, especially in a way that is strange, worrying, or dangerous	Some people suffer an abnormal fear of being in open places.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
illogical	adj	ɪ'lɒdʒɪkəl	not sensible or reasonable	I found some of his arguments totally illogical.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 3
maturity	n	mæ'tjʊərɪti	when someone behaves sensibly and like an adult	He showed a lack of maturity for his age.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
immature	adj	ɪmæ'tjʊə	behaving like a younger person	He's very immature. I have relevant information that she will want to hear.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 3
relevant	adj	'relɪvənt	important and useful		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
relevance	n	'relɪvəns	the degree to which something is relevant, or the fact that it is relevant	He didn't realise the relevance of what he had seen.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
misbehave	v	ˌmɪsbɪ'heɪv	to behave badly	We never dared to misbehave in Mr. Dill's classes.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 3
overconfident	adj	ˌəʊvə'kɒnfɪdənt	an overconfident person has too much confidence	They were overconfident in their skills and that's why they failed.	Reading and Use of English Part 3
autobiographical	adj	ˌɔ:təʊˌbaɪəʊ'græfɪkəl	a book in which someone writes about their own life, or books of this type	She wrote an autobiographical novel with elements of fantasy.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 3
interactive	adj	ˌɪntər'æktɪv	involving communication between a computer, television etc and the person using it	The museum features interactive exhibits.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
reconsider	v	ˌri:kən'sɪdə	to think again about something in order to decide whether you should change your opinion	Please reconsider your decision.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
vivid	adj	'vɪvɪd	vivid descriptions, memories, dreams etc are so clear that they seem real	I've got vivid memories of that summer.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 3
assign	v	ə'saɪn	to give something to someone	We assigned a different task to each student.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 3
capable	adj	'keɪpəbl	having the qualities or ability needed to do something	I'm perfectly capable of looking after myself, thank you!	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 3

consume	v	kən'sju:m	to eat or drink something	For example, how many calories a day do you consume?	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
deficient	adj	dɪ'fɪjənt	not good enough	People who are dieting can become iron deficient.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 3
disapprove	v	ˌdɪsə'pru:v	to think that someone or something is bad or wrong	Her parents strongly disapprove of her lifestyle.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 3
capability	n	ˌkeɪpə'bɪləti	the ability to do something, especially something difficult	The capability of this device has made it useful in several areas of research.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
sensitivity	n	ˌsensɪ'tɪvɪti	the ability to understand other people's feelings and problems	His comments show a lack of sensitivity.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
leadership	n	'li:dəʃɪp	the quality of being good at leading a team, organisation, country etc	She has great faith in her own leadership qualities.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
competence	n	'kɒmpɪtəns	the ability to do something well	Players are judged by their competence on the field.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
innocence	n	'ɪnəsəns	the fact that someone is not guilty of a crime	Can you prove your innocence?	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
jealousy	n	'dʒeləsi	the feeling you have when you are jealous	She felt a stab of jealousy.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 3
disapproval	n	ˌdɪsə'pru:vəl	the feeling when you do not like or agree with someone or something	She looked at our clothes with obvious disapproval.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 3
nervousness	n	'nɜ:vəsənəs	a sense of worry about something	Mike's nervousness showed in his voice.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 3
rudeness	n	'ru:dɪnəs	the quality of being rude, or an instance of being rude	I was surprised by his rudeness.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 3
selfishness	n	'selfɪʃnɪs	when you act in a selfish way	I think it was unfair to accuse her of selfishness after she refused his last-minute request.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 3
willingness	n	'wɪlɪŋnɪs	the feeling of being willing	He has shown no willingness to compromise.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
cancellation	n	ˌkænsəl'eɪʃən	a decision not to carry out an activity that had been planned	Passengers are fed up with cancellations and delays.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 3
consumption	n	kən'sʌm(p)ʃən	the amount of electricity, gas, oil etc that is used	Fuel consumption is predicted to rise.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
reception	n	rɪ'seɪʃən	the quality of radio, television, or other electronic signals	There have been complaints of poor reception from mobile phone users.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 3
allowance	n	ə'laʊəns	an amount of money that you are given	His father gives him a small monthly allowance.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
annoyance	n	ə'nɔɪəns	the feeling of being annoyed	Mia's annoyance never showed.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 3
deficiency	n	dɪ'fɪjənsi	a fault that makes something or someone not good enough	There are deep deficiencies in this law.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
competency	n	'kɒmpɪtənsi	the ability to do something well	The engineer's competency was questioned when a flaw was discovered in the machinery.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
archaeology	n	ˌɑ:kɪ'blɒdʒi	the study of ancient societies by examining what remains of their buildings, tools, places they were buried etc	They contacted Newcastle University's archaeology department which sent a team down to investigate.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
archaeologist	n	ˌɑ:kɪ'blɒdʒɪst	someone who studies, works, or is interested in archaeology	The site is being studied by archaeologists.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
consultant	n	kən'sʌltənt	someone whose job is to give advice about a particular subject	An educational programme was planned by outside consultants.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
civil service	n	'sɪvl 'sɜ:vɪs	all the government departments and the people who work in them	Almost 40 percent of the country's budget goes on the 57,000-strong civil service.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 3

exhaust	v	ɪg'zɔ:st	to make someone very tired	The trip totally exhausted us.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
reputable	adj	'repjətəbl	respected for being honest or for doing good work	If you have a burglar alarm fitted, make sure it is done by a reputable company.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 3
administrative	adj	əd'mɪnɪstrətɪv	relating to the work of managing a company or organisation	The job is mainly administrative.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
changeable	adj	'tʃeɪndʒəbl	likely to change or changing often	The weather in this region is changeable and it's hard to depend on the weather forecast.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 3
diplomatic	adj	ˌdɪplə'mætɪk	good at dealing with people without upsetting them	She's usually very diplomatic.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
edible	adj	'edɪbl	if something is edible, you can eat it	Are these mushrooms edible?	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 3
exhaustive	adj	ɪg'zɔ:stɪv	extremely thorough and complete	The list shown here is by no means exhaustive. There are some points missing.	Reading and Use of English Part 3
idealistic	adj	aɪˌdɪə'lɪstɪk	believing that you should live according to high standards or principles, even if it is difficult	She's young and idealistic but I wouldn't call her naive.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 3
persuasive	adj	pə'sweɪsɪv	able to make people do or believe something	I didn't want to work overtime today but my boss can be very persuasive.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
accidentally	adv	ˌæksɪ'dentəli	in a way that was not planned or intended	I accidentally set off the alarm.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
insult	v	'ɪnsʌlt	to say or do something that offends someone	You should apologise for insulting her.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
appetising	adj	'æpətʌzɪŋ	food that is appetising looks or smells very good	The soup didn't look very appetising but it tasted delicious.	Reading and Use of English 83 Part 3
assure	v	ə'ʃʊə	to tell someone that something is definitely true or will happen, to try to stop them worrying	She kept assuring me that she felt quite well.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
perfectly	adv	'pɜ:fɪktli	used to emphasise what you are saying	The sale was perfectly legal.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
dismiss	v	dɪs'mɪs	to refuse to consider someone's idea or opinion because you think it is not serious, true, or important	He dismissed the idea as impossible.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
sales representative	n	seɪlz ,reprɪ'zentətɪv	someone who travels around an area selling their company's products	He worked as a sales representative and she stayed home to have a family.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
aggression	n	ə'grɛf(ə)n	angry or violent behaviour or feelings	Our dogs have never shown aggression towards other dogs.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
confidence	n	'kɒnfɪdəns	a secret or some personal and secret information	We spent the evening talking and sharing confidences.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 3
substance	n	'sʌbstəns	the most important ideas in a speech or piece of writing	The news report said little about the substance of the peace talks.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 3
constructive	adj	kən'strʌktɪv	useful and helpful	Constructive criticism should help people improve, not make them feel bad about themselves.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 3
responsive	adj	rɪs'pɒnsɪv	someone who is responsive does what people want or need, or replies to them	We must be responsive to the needs of our customers.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 3
substantive	adj	'sʌbstəntɪv	dealing with things that are important or real	In the end there were no substantive changes to the company's policy.	Reading and Use of English Part 3
courageous	adj	kə'reɪdʒəs	brave	He was wrong, and courageous enough to admit it.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 3

convincing	adj	kən'vɪnsɪŋ	making you believe that something is true or right	It was a convincing excuse.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
refreshing	adj	rɪ'frɛʃɪŋ	making you feel less tired or less hot	The ocean breeze was refreshing.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 3
confidential	adj	ˌkɒnfɪ'denʃəl	secret and not intended to be shown or told to other people	Doctors are required to keep patients' records completely confidential.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
spatial	adj	'speɪʃəl	relating to the position, size, or shape of things	She showed great spacial abilities like easily interpreting charts and diagrams, and solving puzzles.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 3
substantial	adj	səb'stænʃəl	large in amount or number	We have the support of a substantial number of parents.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
newsworthy	adj	'nju:z,wɜ:ði	important or interesting enough to be reported in newspapers, on the radio, or on television	Nothing he said during the interview was really newsworthy.	Reading and Use of English Part 3
trustworthy	adj	'trʌst,wɜ:ði	if someone is trustworthy, you can trust them completely	We got the information from a trustworthy source.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 3
variable	adj	'veəriəbl	likely to change often or to be different	Expect variable cloudiness and fog tomorrow.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
statistical	adj	stə'tɪstɪkəl	relating to information that has been collected and counted or given a value	There is no statistical evidence to confirm your theory.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
satisfactorily	adv	ˌsætsɪs'fæktərɪli	in a way that is satisfactory, or good enough for a particular purpose	The question has not been satisfactorily answered.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 3
dishonestly	adv	dɪz'ɒnɪstli	in a dishonest way, by deceiving people, for example by lying, stealing, or cheating	I feel he's been acting dishonestly. Do you think he's hiding anything from us?	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 3
jointly	adv	'dʒɔɪntli	in collaboration with two or more other people or groups	Sam and I are jointly responsible for the project.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
noticeably	adv	'nəʊtɪsəbli	in a way that is easy to notice	She has become noticeably more confident.	Reading and Use of English Part 3
technologically	adv	ˌteknə'lɒdʒɪk(ə)li	relating to technology	They founded the most technologically advanced factory in Europe.	Reading and Use of English Part 3
receipt	n	rɪ'si:t	when someone receives something	Please acknowledge receipt of the letter.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
effectiveness	n	ɪ'fektɪvnəs	how effective something is	How can we improve the effectiveness of this program?	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
acknowledge	v	ək'nɒlɪdʒ	to write to someone telling them that you have received something they sent you	They still haven't acknowledged my email.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 3
imprison	v	ɪm'prɪzn	to put someone in prison or keep them in a place they cannot escape from	He was imprisoned for 18 months.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
lengthen	v	'lɛŋθən	to become longer, or to make something longer	Shadows began to lengthen as the sun sank in the sky.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 3
simplify	v	'sɪmplɪfaɪ	to make something easier to do or understand	There was an attempt to simplify the tax system.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
content	n	'kɒntent	the amount of a substance that something contains	Dark chocolate has a high content of cocoa.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
ray	n	reɪ	a narrow beam of light or energy from the sun, a lamp etc	The room darkened as a cloud hid the sun's rays.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
position	n	pə'zɪʃən	the opinion that someone has, especially the opinion of a government or organisation	The principal took the position that the students didn't need music classes.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
challenge	v	'tʃælɪndʒ	to refuse to accept that something is right, fair, or legal	She is challenging the court's decision.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 3

conventional	adj	kən'venʃənl	thinking and behaving in the normal and traditional way	Tom is conventional in his approach to life.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
it is advisable to...	phrase	ɪt s əd'vaɪzəbl tʊ...	used to say that something should be done in order to avoid problems or risks	It is advisable to stay away from frozen lakes.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 3
clarify	v	'klærɪfaɪ	to make something easier to understand	I need you to clarify a few points.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
decisive	adj	dɪ'saɪsɪv	good at making decisions quickly and firmly	She proved to be a decisive and reasonable leader for her company.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
wisdom	n	'wɪzdəm	whether something is sensible	Some people doubted the wisdom of his decision.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 3
believable	adj	bɪ'li:vəbl	able to be believed	We will be able to judge which candidate is more believable.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
controlling	adj	kən'trəʊlɪŋ	always trying to make someone do what you want – used to show disapproval	She wanted to get away from her controlling parents.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
luxurious	adj	lʌg'zjʊəriəs	very comfortable, beautiful, and expensive	The hotel we stayed in was really luxurious.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
pleasurable	adj	'pleɪzərəbl	enjoyable	Swimming in the pool was a pleasurable experience.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 3
disastrous	adj	dɪ'zɑ:stɹəs	very bad, or ending in failure	Climate change could have disastrous effects on Earth.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 3
suitability	n	ˌsju:tə'bi:lɪti	the degree to which something or someone has the right qualities for a particular purpose	There's no doubt about Christine's suitability for the job.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
suitably	adv	'sju:təbli	wearing the right clothes, having the right information, equipment etc for a particular situation	The sales team were suitably dressed except for Barry who wore casual clothes to the meeting.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
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 3
eye-catching	adj	aɪ-'kæʃɪŋ	unusual, attractive, or noticeable	The posters come in several eye-catching designs.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 3
alongside	adv/prep	ə'lɒŋ'saɪd	working or doing something with someone else	Charles spent a week working alongside the miners.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
waterproof	adj	'wɔ:təpru:f	not allowing water to enter	Wear your waterproof boots when you go out today.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
supernatural	adj	ˌsju:pə'nætʃrəl	impossible to explain by natural causes, and therefore seeming to involve the powers of gods or magic	This character has supernatural powers, she can control fire with her mind.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
unreliable	adj	ˌʌnrɪ'laɪəbl	if someone or something is unreliable, you cannot trust or depend on them	The buses here are often unreliable.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 3
rational	adj	'ræʃənl	able to make decisions based on the facts of a situation, and not influenced too much by feelings	Let's try to discuss this like rational human beings.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
deputy	n	'depjʊti	someone in an organisation who is directly below another person in rank, and who is officially in charge when that person is not there	He became the deputy head of the FBI at the age of only 36.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 3
drone	n	drəʊn	an aircraft with no pilot controlled from the ground, especially a military aircraft	The photographer used a drone to film the wedding from high up.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 3
device	n	dɪ'vaɪs	a machine or tool used for a particular purpose	The company makes devices to detect carbon monoxide.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3

roll sth out	phr v	rəʊl sth aʊt	to make a new product available for people to buy or use	The company expects to roll out the new software in September.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 3
groundbreaking	adj	'graʊnd,breɪkɪŋ	involving the use of new discoveries, new methods, or new ideas	Her team worked on a groundbreaking medical research.	-	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 3
setback	n	'setbæk	a problem that stops you from making progress	Today's result was a major setback for the team.	-	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 3
time-saving	adj	'taɪm,seɪvɪŋ	designed to reduce the time usually needed to do something	The dishwasher is such a time-saving device.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 3
undergo	v	,ʌndə'gəʊ	if you undergo a change, an unpleasant experience etc, it happens to you or is done to you	He had to undergo major heart surgery.	-	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
meantime	n	'mi:n'taɪm	until something happens, or in the time between two events	Dinner's nearly ready. Would you like something to drink in the meantime?	-	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
whatsoever	adv	,wɒtsəʊ'evə	used to emphasise a negative statement	He's had no luck whatsoever.	-	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 3
shrimp	n	ʃrɪmp	a small sea animal that you can eat, that is pink when cooked	Include shrimp for a special treat or add chicken or ham for a really substantial meal.	-	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
relatively	adv	'relatɪvli	quite, when compared with other things	Food is relatively cheap in the US.	-	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
insignificant	adj	,ɪnsɪg'nɪfɪkənt	small and unimportant	The difference between these two products is insignificant.	-	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 3
food chain	n	fu:d tʃeɪn	animals and plants considered as a group, in which a plant is eaten by an insect or animal which is then eaten by another animal etc	The fox is needed in the food chain.	-	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 3
organism	n	'ɔ:gənɪzəm	a living thing, usually a very small one	All living organisms have to adapt to changes in environmental conditions.	-	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
marine ecosystem	adj + n collocation	mə'ri:n 'i:kəʊ,sɪstəm	all the animals and plants in an area living in the sea or ocean, and their relationship to each other and their environment	The coral reef is an example of a marine ecosystem.	-	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 3
amongst	adv	ə'mʌŋst	in a particular group of people or things	Relax, you're amongst friends here.	-	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 3
intriguingly	adv	ɪn'trɪ:ɡɪŋli	in an interesting way because it is unusual or mysterious; fascinatingly	Intriguingly, the man seemed to have just vanished.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 3
congregate	v	'kɒŋgrɪɡeɪt	to come together in a group	A group of protesters had congregated outside.	-	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 3
visible	adj	'vɪzəbl	something that is visible can be seen or noticed	The lights of the city were clearly visible below them.	-	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 3
diet	n	'daɪət	the kind of food that you eat each day	It is important to eat a healthy diet.	-	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 3
herbivorous	adj	hɜ:'bɪvərəs	relating to animals that eat only plants	Sheep are herbivorous animals. They don't eat meat.	-	Reading and Use of English 84 Part 3
microscopic	adj	,maɪkrəs'kɒpɪk	extremely small	Scientists observed microscopic organisms in the water sample.	-	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 3
algae	n	'ældʒi:	a very simple plant without stems or leaves that grows in or near water	Swimming in the lake is currently forbidden due to the presence of harmful algae in the water.	-	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 3
cycling	n	'saɪklɪŋ	the activity of riding a bicycle	Cycling to work instead of taking a bus can be good for your health.	-	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 4
transform	v	træns'fɔ:m	to change something or someone completely, especially in a way that improves them	The movie transformed Amy from an unknown schoolgirl into a star.	-	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 4

idiomatic phrase / idiom	adj	ˌɪdɪəˈmæɪtɪk freɪz / ˈɪdɪəm	a group of words that have a different meaning from the usual meaning of the separate words. For example, 'under the weather' is an idiom meaning 'ill'. if you are stuck, you cannot get away from a boring or unpleasant situation	'Full of beans' is an idiom which means lively and energetic.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 4
stuck	adj	stʌk		I was stuck at home with a cold.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 4
offensive	adj	əˈfensɪv	likely to upset or offend people	Some people found the song offensive.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 4
apparatus	n	ˌæpəˈreɪtəs	a set of equipment that is used for a particular purpose	The firefighters had to wear breathing apparatus to protect them from smoke.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 4
ridiculous	adj	rɪˈdɪkjələs	very silly or unreasonable	I'd look ridiculous in this hat.	Reading and Use of English Part 4
speedily	adv	ˈspiːdli	doing something in a short time, or moving somewhere quickly	We will speedily proceed with the reforms.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 4
truly	adv	ˈtruːli	used to emphasise that the way you are describing something is really true	She gave a truly great lecture on medieval literature.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 4
take sth into consideration	phrase	teɪk sth ˈɪntə kənˌsɪdəˈreɪʃən	to think about something when making a decision to think that something is true, although you have no proof	We'll take into consideration the fact that you were ill.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 4
assume	v	əˈsjuːm		Your light wasn't on, so I assumed you were out.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 4
alternative medicine	n	ɔːlˈtɜːnətɪv ˈmedɪsɪn	alternative medicine uses treatments that are not part of traditional Western medicine	Acupuncture and homeotherapy are sometimes described as alternative medicine.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 4
acceptance	n	əkˈseptəns	when people agree that something is right or true	There is widespread acceptance of the need for economic reform.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 4
virtually	adv	ˈvɜːtʃʊəli	almost	The town was virtually destroyed.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 4
emit	v	ɪˈmɪt	to send out gas, heat, a sound etc into the air	Sounds emitted by the dolphins were recorded with an underwater microphone.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 4
accustomed	adj	əˈkʌstəmd	used to something and accepting it as normal	He was accustomed to a life of luxury.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 4
compel	v	kəmˈpɛl	to force someone to do something	He felt compelled to resign because of the scandal.	Reading and Use of English Part 4
directly	adv	dɪˈrektli	with no other person, process etc between	You can order the book directly from the publisher.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 4
related	adj	rɪˈleɪtɪd	things that are related are connected if a place reopens, it opens again after a period when it was closed	Police believe the crimes are related.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 4
reopen	v	ˌriːˈəʊpən	to say that you do not like or approve of something	The restaurant will reopen in two weeks.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 4
object	v	ˈɒbdʒɪkt		If no one objects, I would like to be present.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 4
regardless of sth	phrase	rɪˈgɔːdlɪs əv sth	in spite of something	He'll sign that contract regardless of what anyone says!	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 4
not have a clue	phrase	nɒt həv ə kluː	to definitely not know or understand something if something happens out of the blue, it is very unexpected	'Where's Karen?' 'I haven't got a clue.'	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 4
out of the blue	idiom	aʊt əv ðə bluː		Out of the blue, he asked me to come with him to Europe.	Reading and Use of English Part 4
incline	v	ɪnˈklaɪn	to think that a particular belief or opinion is probably right	I incline to the view that the child was telling the truth.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 4
imply	v	ɪmˈplaɪ	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 5

contrast	v	'kɒntrɑːst	to compare two people, ideas, objects etc and show how they are different from each other	The speaker contrasted this approach with earlier methods.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
scope	n	skəʊp	the range of things that a subject, book, activity etc deals with	Such questions are beyond the scope of this book.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 5
outline	v	'aʊtlaɪn	to describe the main ideas or facts about something	The new president outlined plans to deal with the economic slump.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 5
powerless	adj	'paʊəls	unable to stop or control something	I was powerless to stop the leak when the pipe burst.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 5
tackle	v	'tækəl	to deal with a difficult problem	There is more than one way to tackle the problem.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
awareness	n	ə'weənəs	knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or situation	She was active raising awareness and money to combat serious diseases.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
denial	n	dɪ'naɪəl	a statement saying that something is not true	The government issued an official denial of the reports.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
worsen	v	'wɜːsn	to become worse or make something worse	His condition is worsening.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
solo voyage	adj + n collocation	'səʊləʊəʊ 'vɔɪdʒ	a voyage that is done alone without anyone else helping you	She set out on a solo voyage across the Atlantic.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
awfully	adv	'ɔːfʊli	very	I'm awfully sorry – I didn't mean to disturb you.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 5
civilisation	n	ˌsɪvɪlaɪ'zeɪʃən	when people live in a well-organised society and have a comfortable way of life	Technology is one of the benefits of modern civilisation.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 5
inevitably	adv	ɪn'evɪtəbli	in a way that cannot be avoided	Inevitably, his sleeping problems affected his work.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
pollinator	n	'pɒlɪneɪtə	an animal that makes a flower produce seeds by moving pollen from other flowers	Insects such as bees are pollinators.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
disperse	v	dɪs'pɜːs	to scatter in different directions, or to make something do this	Police used tear gas to disperse the crowd.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
predator	n	'predətə	an animal that kills and eats other animals	Wolves, foxes and bears are predator animals.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
flee	v	fliː	to leave a place very quickly in order to escape from danger	She fled the country.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
thus	adv	ðʌs	as a result of something that you have just mentioned	Traffic will become heavier, thus increasing pollution.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
remarkably	adv	rɪ'mɑːkəbli	in a way that is surprising	Jane and her cousin look remarkably similar.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 5
adept	adj	'ædept	good at doing something that needs care or skill	He became adept at cooking her favourite dishes.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 5
consciously	adv	'kɒnʃəsli	in a conscious and deliberate way	He was probably not consciously aware of her true feelings.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
filter sth out	phr v	'fɪltə sth aʊt	to remove words, information etc that you do not need or want	Net users can filter out unwanted emails with software.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
excess	adj	ɪk'ses	more than is wanted or allowed	He wanted to lose some excess weight from his backpack, which was far too heavy to carry.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
loom	v	luːm	if a problem or difficulty looms, it is likely to happen very soon	An economic crisis is looming on the horizon.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
disrupt	v	dɪs'rʌpt	to prevent something from continuing normally by causing problems	Road works are seriously disrupting traffic.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 5
conveniently	adv	kən'viːniəntli	in a way that is useful or suitable	At that time, ice cream couldn't be conveniently bought in a store.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5

truth of the matter	phrase	tru:θ əv ðə 'mæta	used when saying what you think is really true concerning a situation	The truth of the matter is that we don't know exactly how the gossip has spread.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
dilemma	n	dɪ'lemə	a situation in which you must make a difficult choice between two things	He now finds himself in a terrible dilemma.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
reluctant	adj	rɪ'lʌktənt	unwilling to do something	Maddox was reluctant to talk about it.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
inference	n	'ɪnfərəns	a fact that you think is true, based on information that you already know, or the process of deciding this	What inferences have you drawn from this evidence?	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 5
implication	n	ˌɪmplɪ'keɪʃən	something that you suggest is true, without saying it directly	I dislike your implication that I was lying.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
overspend	v	ˌəʊvə'spend	to spend more money than you can afford	The hospital has overspent its budget.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 5
unusually	adv	ʌn'ju:zʊəli	hotter, bigger etc than is usual	That winter was unusually cold.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
sequel	n	'si:kwəl	a film, book etc that continues the story of an earlier one	She's writing a sequel to her first novel.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 5
ground-breaking	adj	graʊnd-'breɪkɪŋ	involving the use of new discoveries, new methods, or new ideas	She received an award for her ground-breaking work in physics.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 5
tour guide	n	tʊə gaɪd	someone whose job is to show a place to tourists	The group listened as the tour guide spoke about the history of the palace.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 5
repeated	adj	rɪ'pi:tɪd	done or happening several times	He made repeated attempts to buy the house, even though the family refused every time.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
insistence	n	ɪn'sɪstəns	when you demand that something should happen	The manager's insistence on high standards helped to transform the restaurant into the most popular place in town.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 5
paramount	adj	'pærəmaʊnt	more important than anything else	Safety is paramount.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 5
singularly	adv	'sɪŋgjʊləli	very	New England has some singularly beautiful towns.	Reading and Use of English 83 Part 5
aspect	n	'æspekt	one part of a situation, plan, or subject	What's the most interesting aspect of your work?	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 5
genuinely	adv	'dʒenjuɪnli	in a genuine way	He was genuinely sorry.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 5
solo	adj	'səʊləʊ	done alone without anyone else helping you	It was her second solo travel across the Atlantic.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
directly	adj	dɪ'rektli	done in a clear way that shows what you honestly feel	He didn't answer my question directly.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 5
extract	n	'ekstrækt	a small part taken from a story, poem etc	They showed us only an extract from the film.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
anecdote	n	'ænɪkdəʊt	a short interesting story about a particular person or event	The book is full of amusing anecdotes about his life in Japan.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 5
virtual reality	n	'vɜ:tʃʊəl rɪ(:)'ælɪti	when a computer makes you feel as though you are in a real situation by showing images and sounds	Video game makers were the first mainstream users of virtual reality.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 5
be thin on the ground	phrase	bɪ θɪn ɒn ðə graʊnd	to be very few	Good restaurants are very thin on the ground here.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 5
diagnose	v	'daɪəgnəʊz	to find out what illness a person has, or what the cause of a fault is, after doing tests, examinations etc	Jo struggled in school before she was diagnosed as dyslexic.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5

drawback	n	'drɔ:bæk	a disadvantage	The only drawback to a holiday in Scotland is the weather. The book was disliked by many reviewers but I really enjoyed it.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 5
reviewer	n	rɪ'vju:(ə)	someone who writes about new books, films etc feeling admiration and respect for someone or something	When I saw what they'd done I was really impressed.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
impressed	adj	ɪm'prest	people that you work with, study with, or who are in the same situation as you	I asked my fellow students how they were doing.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
fellow	adj	'feləʊ	a group of buildings or houses where people live or lived	The railway stations created new settlements.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
settlement	n	'setlmənt	a person or an organisation that works on a new idea, product etc to make it successful	The company was an early developer of personal computers.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
developer	n	dɪ'veləpə	the set of methods used to do a job or study something	We've been developing a new methodology for assessing new products.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
methodology	n	,məθə'dɒlədʒi	something that you say or write that you strongly believe	He makes very general assertions about marriage in the poem.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 5
assertion	n	ə'sɜ:(ə)n	according to the way someone looks or a situation appears, although you cannot be sure	She turned to face him, her anger apparently gone. Her research in chemistry turned out to be revolutionary.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
apparently	adv	ə'pærəntli	completely new and different		Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
revolutionary	adj	,revə'lu:ʃnəri	if you are dismissive of someone or something, you refuse to consider them seriously	He tends to be dismissive of anyone who complains.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 5
dismissive	adj	dɪ'smɪsɪv	to appear or come out from somewhere completely different from each other, or opposed to something	He emerged from his hiding place. The government's actions are contrary to the public interest.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 5
emerge	v	ɪ'mɜ:ʒ	someone who writes music	Amelia likes German composers, particularly Wagner. I could just discern the outline of the bridge in the fog.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
contrary	adj	'kɒntrəri	the richness of a colour, taste, or smell is its quality of being strong and pleasant	She captured the richness of the autumn colours in her painting. We listened to one of Beethoven's early compositions.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
richness	n	'rɪʃnɪs	a piece of music that someone has written		Reading and Use of English 74 Part 5
composition	n	,kɒmpə'zɪʃən	in the informal style of a conversation if something appeals to you, you think it is attractive or interesting	McGovern lectures in a conversational style. That idea doesn't appeal to me at all. Thomas has this exasperating way of talking to me like a child.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 5
conversational	adj	,kɒnvə'seɪʃənl	very annoying		Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
appeal	v	ə'pi:l	feeling annoyed and impatient about something	John was getting irritated by all her questions.	Reading and Use of English 83 Part 5
exasperating	adj	ɪg'zɑ:spəreɪtɪŋ	the opinion or feeling you have about someone or something because of the way they seem	I had the impression that she wasn't very happy. Should more difficulties come to pass, we might have to consider cancelling the project.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 5
irritated	adj	'ɪrətetɪd	to happen after a period of time		Reading and Use of English Part 5
impression	n	ɪm'preʃən	believing that other people are good and honest	He's so trusting of people.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 5
come to pass	phrase	kʌm tə pɑ:s			
trusting	adj	'trʌstɪŋ			

politely	adv	pə'laɪtli	in a polite way	'It's very nice,' he said politely.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 5
affiliation	n	ə'fɪli'ej(ə)n	a relationship or close connection with another larger organisation or group	Many people were arrested for their political affiliations.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 5
hyper-vigilance	n	'haɪpə-'vɪdʒɪləns	more than usual, especially too much of careful attention that you give to what is happening, so that you will notice any danger or illegal activity	He insisted on hyper-vigilance because he was afraid someone would try and rob him.	- Reading and Use of English Part 5
outdated	adj	aʊt'deɪtɪd	no longer useful or modern	The old factory is full of outdated machinery.	76 Part 5
ensure	v	ɪn'ʃʊə	to make certain that something happens or is done	Ensure that the fire doors are kept clear.	67 Part 5
dog-eat-dog world	phrase	dɒg-i:t-dɒg wɜ:lɪd	when people compete against each other and will do anything to get what they want	It's a dog-eat-dog world out there.	- Reading and Use of English Part 5
unprecedented	adj	ʌn'prɛsɪdɛntɪd	something that is unprecedented has never happened before	Crime has increased on an unprecedented scale.	71 Part 5
cautious	adj	'kɔ:ʃəs	careful to avoid problems or danger	She is a very cautious driver.	70 Part 5
comfort	n	'kʌmfət	someone or something that helps you feel happier or less worried	The stray cat visiting me every morning has been a great comfort to me since I moved to the the new town, where I didn't really know anyone.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 5
inconclusive	adj	ɪnkən'klu:zɪv	not leading to a clear decision or result	The evidence was inconclusive.	81 Part 5
sympathetic	adj	ˌsɪmpə'θetɪk	showing that you understand and care about someone's problems	Jim was a very sympathetic listener.	67 Part 5
discouraged	adj	dɪs'kʌrɪdʒd	no longer having the confidence you need to continue doing something	Some players get discouraged and quit.	81 Part 5
prioritise	v	praɪ'ɔrɪ'taɪz	to put several things in order of importance, so that you can do the most important first	Try to prioritise your work.	80 Part 5
instantly	adv	'ɪnstəntli	immediately	They realised instantly something was wrong.	69 Part 5
exposed	adj	ɪks'pəʊzd	not covered	All exposed skin should be covered with protective cream.	80 Part 5
cabin	n	'kæbɪn	a small house made of wood	We spent the summer in a log cabin deep in the woods.	72 Part 5
hummingbird	n	'hʌmɪŋbɜ:d	a very small brightly coloured tropical bird whose wings move very quickly	Tiny hummingbirds were circling the flowers in the garden.	- Reading and Use of English Part 5
astonished	adj	ə'stɒnɪʃt	very surprised	We were astonished at his ignorance.	71 Part 5
resilient	adj	rɪ'zɪliənt	strong enough to get better quickly after problems, illness, damage etc	Small babies can be remarkably resilient.	79 Part 5
reunion	n	ri:'ju:njən	a meeting of people who have not met for a long time	I met my childhood friend at the school reunion.	69 Part 5
radiate	v	'reɪdɪət	if someone radiates a feeling, or if it radiates from them, it is very easy to see that this is how they feel	She radiated calm confidence.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 5
utter	v	'ʌtə	to say something	No one uttered a word.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 5
convey	v	kən'veɪ	to express ideas, feelings etc	What does this poem convey?	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 5

hub	n	hʌb	the central and most important part of an area, system etc	The local school was the hub of the community.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
flood the market	phrase	fɪlɒd ðə 'mɑ:kit	to sell something in very large quantities, so that the price goes down	Manufacturers have been accused of flooding the market with cheap cars.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
devise	v	dɪ'vaɪz	to think of a new way of doing something	He's devised a game to help kids learn English.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
insufficient	adj	ˌɪnsə'fɪʃənt	not enough	His salary was insufficient for their needs.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 5
carry out	phr v	'kæəri aʊt	to do something that has been planned or discussed, or that someone has told you to do	The students carried out a survey on attitudes to politicians.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 5
following	n	'fɒləʊɪŋ	a group of people who support or admire someone	The band has a huge following in the US.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
inspiration	n	ˌɪnspə'reɪʃən	a good idea about what you should say, do, write etc, or the person or thing which gives you this	The artist draws inspiration from ordinary scenes.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
dwelling	n	'dwelɪŋ	a house, apartment etc where people live	Most of the buildings are single-family dwellings.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 5
subterranean	adj	ˌsʌbtə'reɪniən	under the surface of the earth	A subterranean river is believed to flow underneath the castle.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 5
dynamic	n	dʌɪ'næmɪk	something that causes action or change	She regards class conflict as a central dynamic of historical change.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 5
increasing	adj	ɪn'kri:stɪŋ	used when saying that something happens more and more	There has been an increasing difficulty in finding affordable housing.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 5
commission	n	kə'mɪʃən	an official group whose job is to find out about or control an activity	The Government set up a commission to investigate pollution.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 5
subject matter	n	'sʌbdʒɪkt 'mætə	the subject that is being discussed	The subject matter was much too technical for him, many of the words almost incomprehensible.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
vessel	n	'vesl	a ship or large boat	The fishing vessel was last seen yesterday evening, as it was leaving the bay.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 5
collision	n	kə'lɪʒən	a violent crash in which one vehicle hits another	Two people were injured in a head-on collision.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 5
ironic	adj	aɪ'rɒnɪk	an ironic situation is strange or amusing because it is completely different from what you expect	It's ironic that your car was stolen outside the police station.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
breakdown	n	'breɪk daʊn	a statement explaining the details of something	I'd like a breakdown of these figures, please.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
offend	v	ə'fend	to commit a crime	What can be done to stop criminals offending again?	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
craft	n	kra:ft	a boat	A small fishing craft got caught out in the storm and the coast guard was sent to rescue the crew.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 5
instance	n	'ɪnstəns	an example of a particular kind of situation used when you are mentioning a situation in which the opposite of what you expect happens	They came across many instances of discrimination.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 5
ironically,	phrase	aɪ'rɒnɪkəli,	used when you are mentioning a situation in which the opposite of what you expect happens or is true	Ironically, a lot of crimes are committed quite close to police stations.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
yacht	n	jɒt	a boat with sails used for races or sailing for pleasure	The yachts picked up a freshening breeze and sped through the sea.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 5

naval	adj	'neɪvəl	relating to the navy	His orders were to protect the port from naval attack.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
distort	v	dɪs'tɔ:t	to change the shape or sound of something so it is strange or unclear	Tall buildings can distort radio signals.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 5
roughly	adv	'rʌfli	not exactly	Roughly 100 people took part in the event.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 5
frail	adj	fretl	thin and weak	His great-grandfather was a frail elderly man.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 5
washed out	adj	wɒʃt aʊt	tired and pale	You look washed-out. Didn't you sleep well last night?	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 5
blunt	adj	blʌnt	saying exactly what you think, even if it upsets people	Julian's blunt words hurt them.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
casually	adv	'kæʒjʊəli	in a relaxed manner, without showing signs of being worried or upset	'Your boss seemed rather upset,' she remarked casually.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
anxiously	adv	'æŋkjʌsli	in a way that shows you are nervous or worried	Mom and dad waited anxiously by the phone.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 5
flick through	phr v	flɪk θru:	to look at a book, magazine etc quickly	She was flicking through a magazine, not really reading anything.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 5
festivities	n	fes'tɪvɪtɪz	things such as eating, drinking, or dancing that people do to celebrate something	We spent the day preparing for the Christmas festivities.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 5
indefinitely	adv	ɪn'defɪnɪtli	until a time in the future that has not yet been arranged	The meeting has been postponed indefinitely.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 5
regime	n	reɪ'ʒi:m	a special plan of food, exercise etc that is intended to improve your health	In order to prepare for the marathon, she introduced a new dietary and training regime.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
cut/give somebody some slack	phrase	kʌt/gɪv 'sʌmbədi sɒm slæk	to allow someone to do something without criticising them or making it more difficult	Let's cut them some slack, they are clearly doing their best.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
the last straw	phrase	ðə lɑ:st strɔ:	the last problem in a series of problems that finally makes you give up, get angry etc	Making me work late on Friday was the last straw.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
moodiness	n	'mu:dnəs	when someone is often angry or unhappy	They knew Tom was under a lot of stress but they found it difficult to deal with his moodiness.	Reading and Use of English 85 Part 5
isolate	v	'aɪsəleɪt	to separate one person or thing from other people or things	Presley's success isolated him from his friends.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 5
portray	v	pɔ:'treɪ	to describe or show someone or something in a particular way, according to your opinion of them	Romantic artists portrayed nature as wild and powerful.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
exhibit	v	ɪg'zɪbɪt	to show a quality or feeling	She exhibited great intelligence and kindness ever since she was a child.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
fleeting glimpse	adj + n collocation	'fli:tɪŋ glɪmp्स	a quick look at someone or something that does not allow you to see them clearly, lasting for only a short time	I caught a fleeting glimpse of them as they drove past.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
draw	v	drɔ:	to get a reaction or support from someone or something	His comments drew an angry response.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 5
sympathy	n	'sɪmpəθi	the feeling you have when you understand why someone is unhappy and want to help them feel better	I have a lot of sympathy for him.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
conduct	n	'kɒndʌkt	the way someone behaves, especially in public or in their job	He swore at the referee, and was penalised for unsportsmanlike conduct.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 5
first-hand	adj	'fɜ:st'hænd	experience etc that has been learned or gained by doing something yourself or by talking to someone yourself	You should listen to her, she has a first-hand experience on how to deal with such issues.	Reading and Use of English Part 5

stereotypical	adj	ˌstɛrɪəˈtɪpɪk(ə)l	a belief or idea of what a particular type of person or thing is like. Stereotypes are often unfair or untrue	You can't judge a person based on stereotypical ideas.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 5
helpline	n	hɛlp laɪn	a telephone number you can call for advice or information	The company set up a helpline you can call if you have trouble with their product.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 5
dispatch	v	dɪsˈpætʃ	to send someone or something somewhere	The packages were dispatched yesterday.	74 Part 5
admission	n	ədˈmɪʃ(ə)n	when you admit that something is true or that you have done something wrong	If he resigns, it will be an admission of guilt.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 5
faultless	adj	ˈfɔːltlɪs	having no mistakes	Yasmin spoke faultless French.	81 Part 5
seasoned	adj	ˈsiːznd	with a lot of experience of doing something	Artie was by then a seasoned musician with six albums to his credit.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 5
compelling	adj	kəmˈpɛlɪŋ	very interesting or exciting	Her life makes a compelling story.	76 Part 5
superficial	adj	ˌsjuːpəˈfɪʃəl	seeming to have a particular quality, although this is not true or real	The two animals have a superficial resemblance but they are actually different breeds.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 5
trend	n	trɛnd	a fashion or something that is fashionable, such as a type of clothing	He's always dressed in the latest trends.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 5
nurture	v	ˈnɜːtʃə	to help a plan, idea, feeling etc to develop	Reading aloud nurtures a love of books in children.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
brand	v	brænd	to describe someone or something as a very bad type of person	Ryan was branded a liar by the media.	75 Part 5
tender	adj	ˈtɛndə	gentle in a way that shows love	His voice was tender and soft.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 5
sensibility	n	ˌsɛnsɪˈbɪlɪti	the way that someone reacts to particular subjects or types of behaviour	Avoid using words that might offend someone's racial or moral sensibilities.	81 Part 5
loudspeaker	n	ˌlaʊdˈspiːkə	Broadcasting of the concert was via a system of street loudspeakers.	The sun emerged from behind the clouds in all its glory.	76 Part 5
glory	n	ˈglɔːri	a piece of equipment that makes sounds louder	Stuart exemplifies the kind of student we like at our school.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
exemplify	v	ɪɡˈzɛmplɪfaɪ	the things about a place or way of life which are beautiful or make people feel proud	Retailers face their slowest business period in January and February.	78 Part 5
retailer	n	riːˈteɪlə	a person or company that sells things to people in shops	The social world of the child slowly broadens.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 5
broaden	v	ˈbrɔːdn	to include more people, ideas, activities etc, or to make something do this	We need to revisit this proposal as soon as the budget is clearer.	73 Part 5
revisit	v	ˌriːˈvɪzɪt	to consider or discuss something again	There's a striking similarity between the two girls.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 5
striking	adj	ˈstraɪkɪŋ	unusual and noticeable	In the small towns racial prejudice was deeply entrenched.	82 Part 5
entrenched	adj	ɪnˈtrɛntʃt	entrenched ideas have existed for a long time and are not likely to change	He placed his gift atop the mountain of other presents.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 5
atop	prep	əˈtɒp	on top of something	The school district reorganised the administrative hierarchy, which helped to save money.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 5
hierarchy	n	ˈhɪərərki	a system of organising people or things according to their importance	There was a heap of stones where the building used to be.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
heap	n	hi:p	a large untidy pile of things		

social media	n	'səʊʃəl 'mi: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 5
solitary	adj	'sɒlɪtəri	a solitary activity is something that you do alone	She likes to take long solitary walks along the beach.	75 Part 5
antisocial	adj	,æntɪ'səʊʃ(ə)l	someone who is antisocial does not enjoy meeting or being with other people	If I don't go tonight, everyone will accuse me of being antisocial.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
projection	n	prə'dʒekʃən	a statement about what is likely to happen, using information you have now	They presented the next year's sales projections.	76 Part 5
convinced	adj	kən'vɪnst	completely certain that something is true	You don't sound convinced.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 5
greenhouse effect	n	'gri:nhaʊs ɪ'fekt	the warming of the air around the Earth as a result of the Sun's heat being trapped by pollution	The gas is responsible for around six percent of the current greenhouse effect.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 5
theoretical	adj	θɪə'retɪkəl	relating to scientific ideas rather than practical situations	She has a good theoretical understanding of physics.	69 Part 5
ardent	adj	'ɑ:dənt	supporting or wanting something very strongly	Even his most ardent supporters disagreed with this move.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 5
sceptic	n	'skeptɪk	someone who doubts whether something is true or right	Sceptics argued that the rise in prices was temporary.	80 Part 5
worst-case scenario	adj + n collocation	wɜ:st-keɪs si'nɑ:riəʊ	the worst situation that could possibly happen	Let's imagine the worst-case scenario and prepare for that.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5
characteristic	n	,kærɪktə'rɪstɪk	typical of a particular person or thing	These problems are characteristic of modern life.	68 Part 5
gratitude	n	'grættɪtju:d	the feeling of being grateful	Tears of gratitude filled his eyes.	74 Part 5
spin (cotton)	v	spɪn ('kɒtn)	to make cotton into thread by twisting it together	The village has a reputation for spinning fine cotton yarn.	76 Part 5
crunch (the) numbers	phrase	kranʃ (ði:) 'nʌmbəz	to do a lot of calculations in order to find an answer	The computer will crunch all the numbers to determine the final score.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
excel	v	ɪk'sel	to do something very well	I never excelled at sport.	75 Part 5
intimately	adv	'ɪntɪmɪtli	in a way that involves a very close personal relationship	The two aspects are intimately connected.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 5
partial	adj	'pɑ:ʃəl	not complete	The exhibition was only a partial success.	69 Part 5
weave	v	wi:v	to join different ideas or subjects together in a clever way	The plot weaves together fact and fiction.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 5
domestic	adj	dəʊ'mestɪk	relating to family relationships and life at home	We share the domestic chores.	68 Part 5
aspire	v	ə'spaɪə	to have a strong desire to achieve something	There are lots of students who aspire to a career in law.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 5
sabbatical	n	sə'bætɪkəl	a period when someone, especially a university teacher, stops doing their usual work to travel or study	Professor Burton is on sabbatical for two months.	84 Part 5
film-maker	n	fɪlm-'meɪkə	someone who makes films for the cinema or television	Cinema was her passion so she studied to become a film-maker.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 5
integral	adj	'ɪntɪgrəl	forming part of something, especially a very important part	Training is an integral part of any team's preparation.	75 Part 5
profound	adj	prə'faʊnd	a profound effect, feeling etc is very great or serious	The story had a profound effect on me.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 5

distinctly	adv	dɪs'tɪŋktli	clearly heard, seen, remembered etc	I distinctly remember his words.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
unsettled	adj	ʌn'setld	worried, upset, or nervous in an indignant way, angry because you feel insulted or unfairly treated	Children often feel unsettled by moving home.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 5
indignantly	adv	ɪn'dɪɡnəntli	to stop doing, using, or having something that you enjoy	He agreed to the terms indignantly.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 5
forsake	v	fə'seɪk	to make a person or animal behave in a particular way by training or influencing them over a period of time	She will never forsake her vegetarian principles.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
condition	v	kən'dɪʃən	a product that is bought and sold if something is scarce, there is not enough of it available	The horses are conditioned to expect food from people.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 5
commodity	n	kə'mɒdɪti	extremely	Land is an extremely valuable commodity.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 5
scarce	adj	skeəs	a type of exercise in which you lie facing the ground, and push your body up with your arms things that are uniform are all the same size, shape etc	Food was often scarce in the winter.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
wildly	adv	'waɪldli	raw emotion, power etc is very strong or powerful	The band is wildly popular in Cuba.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 5
press-up	n	pres-ʌp	involving a series of connected events, ideas etc, that move or progress from one stage to the next	She started each morning with 50 press-ups and a quick jog around the neighbourhood.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
uniform	adj	'ju:nɪfɔ:m	not influenced by your own feelings or opinions a system or plan that is elastic can change or be changed easily	The temperature must be uniform in every area of the reactor.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 5
raw	adj	rɔ:	a substance used to make bread rise	The film is full of raw emotion.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 5
linear	adj	'lɪniə	extremely important or necessary	Let's try some creative exercises to break away from our linear thinking.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 5
objective	adj	əb'dʒektɪv	a spoken or written remark	It's hard to give an objective opinion about your own children.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 5
elastic	adj	ɪ'læstɪk	the fact of doing something well/effectively, without wasting time, money, or energy	Demand for this type of holiday will probably be fairly elastic.	Reading and Use of English Part 5
yeast	n	ji:st	when you are keen and willing to do something	Bread is made from flour, yeast, and water.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 5
vital	adj	'vaɪtl	if your opinions or beliefs shift, they change the way you think about something and your idea of what it is like	His evidence was vital to the defence case.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 5
observation	n	ˌɒbzə(:)'veɪʃən	acceptable	I would like to make an observation.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
efficiency	n	ɪ'fɪʃənsi	to have an effect on someone or something	Better fuel efficiency can be achieved by driving more slowly.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
impact	v	ɪm'pækt	when you are keen and willing to do something	How will the changes impact on us?	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 5
motivation	n	ˌməʊtɪ'veɪʃən	if your opinions or beliefs shift, they change the way you think about something and your idea of what it is like	Jack is smart, but he lacks motivation.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
shift	v	ʃɪft	acceptable	He refused to shift his opinion.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 5
perception	n	pə'sepʃən	to have an effect on someone or something	Can you compare a child's perception of the world with an adult's?	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 5
agreeable	adj	ə'grɪəbl	acceptable	The main objective is to find a solution that is agreeable to the company in terms of cost.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 5

temptation	n	ˈtɛmp'teɪʃən	a strong feeling that you want to have or do something, although you know you should not	I had to resist the temptation to snap at him.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 5
endeavour	v	ɪn'devə	to try to do something new or difficult	I endeavoured to reassure him.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 5
skim	v	skɪm	to read something quickly to find the main facts or ideas in it	She skimmed through that morning's headlines.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 6
geopolitical	adj	ˌdʒi:əpə'li:tɪk(ə)	relating to the way that a country's position, population etc affect its political development and its relationship with other countries, or the study of this	The complex geopolitical situation in the region made it difficult to find an agreement.	Reading and Use of English Part 6
hotspot	n	hɒt spɒt	a place where there is likely to be a lot of activity or fighting	The report identified eight pollution hotspots.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 6
instability	n	ˌɪnstə'bɪləti	when a situation or someone's behaviour is likely to change suddenly	There is a lot of political instability in this region.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 6
unfold	n	ʌn'fəʊld	if a story or event unfolds, it becomes clearer and you understand it	The case began to slowly unfold in court.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 6
superpower	n	'sju:pə,pəʊə	a country that has a lot of military and political power	The book traces the emergence of the country as a superpower in the 21st century.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 6
impressively	adv	ɪm'presɪvli	in a way that seems surprisingly big, good, skilful etc	Production standards are impressively high.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 6
revelation	n	ˌrevɪ'leɪʃən	a surprising fact that was secret and has now been told to people	He resigned after revelations about his affair. The book is an exploration into how a loved and supported child becomes a happy and competent adult.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 6
exploration	n	ˌɛksplɔ:'reɪʃən	when you try to find out more about something by discussing it, thinking about it etc		Reading and Use of English 68 Part 6
unrest	n	ʌn'rest	when the people in a country feel angry about something and protest about it, often violently	There is growing unrest throughout the country.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 6
tension	n	'tɛnʃən	the feeling that exists when people do not trust each other and may suddenly attack each other	The obvious tension between Warren and Anne made everyone else uncomfortable.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 6
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'.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 6
extravagant	adj	ɪks'trævɪgənt	extravagant claims, promises etc are not likely to be true	Extravagant claims have been made for some herbal remedies including the curing of baldness.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 6
comprehensively	adv	ˌkɒmpri'hensɪvli	in a way that includes everything	I think you explained your work comprehensively enough.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 6
spectacularly	adv	spek'tækjʊləli	very impressively	It was sad to see how spectacularly his business failed.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 6
adventurous	adj	əd'ventʃərəs	wanting to do new, exciting, or dangerous things	Andy is a very adventurous rock-climber.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 6
be taken aback	phrase	bi'teɪkən ə'bæk	to be very surprised or shocked	I was taken aback by Linda's rudeness.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 6
comprehend	v	ˌkɒmpri'hend	to understand something	They don't seem to comprehend how serious this is.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 6
contradict	v	ˌkɒntrə'dɪkt	if one statement, story etc contradicts another, they are different, and both cannot be true	The witnesses' accounts contradict each other.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 6

commentator	n	'komentətə	someone who knows a lot about a subject, and who writes about it or discusses it on the television or radio	The sports commentator was overcome with emotion when the player scored the goal.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 6
regulation	n	ˌrɛɡjʊˈleɪʃən	when a system or process is controlled	There seem to be so many rules and regulations these days.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 6
quarter	n	'kwɔ:tə	an area of a town where a particular group of people live	I found a small flat in the student quarter.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 6
impose	v	ɪmˈpəʊz	to force people to accept something	The government imposed a ban on all imports.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 6
ultimately	adv	ˈʌltɪmɪtli	finally, after everything else has been done or considered	Their efforts ultimately resulted in his release from prison.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 6
counterproductive	adj	ˌkaʊntəprəˈdʌktɪv	achieving the opposite result to the one that you want	Being too available can be counterproductive.	Reading and Use of English Part 6
replacement	n	rɪˈpleɪsmənt	someone or something that replaces another person or thing	We're waiting for Mr Dunley's replacement.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 6
pollute	v	pəˈlu:t	The island has been seriously polluted by a copper mine.	Airlines were required to implement new safety recommendations.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 6
implement	v	ˈɪmpləment	if you implement a plan or process, you begin to make it happen		Reading and Use of English 71 Part 6
consensus	n	kənˈsɛnsəs	agreement between everyone in a group	Ministers failed to reach a consensus on the issue.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 6
subjective	adj	səbˈdʒektɪv	influenced by your own opinions and feelings rather than facts	Try not to be too subjective when you write about the film.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 6
would-be	adj	ˈwʊðbi:	someone who hopes to have a particular job or intends to do a particular thing	The city is full of young would-be actors hoping to get a role in the latest movie.	Reading and Use of English Part 6
mistakenly	adv	mɪsˈteɪkənli	He mistakenly believed that he had packed his toothbrush.		Reading and Use of English 75 Part 6
stage	v	steɪdʒ	incorrectly	They're staging a rock concert in the park.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 6
amenity	n	əˈmi:nɪti	to organise an event or performance	The hotel's amenities include a pool and two bars.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 6
accessible	adj	əkˈsɛsəbl	something that makes a place comfortable and easy to live in	The park is not accessible by road.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 6
inspection	n	ɪnˈspeɪkʃən	easy to reach, find, or use	An inspection was carried out at the school.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 6
relaxation	n	ˌri:læksɪˈeɪʃən	an official visit to a building or organization in order to make sure everything is satisfactory and that rules are being obeyed	We can expect a relaxation of government regulations soon.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 6
framework	n	ˈfreɪmwɜ:k	when rules, laws etc are made less strict	A rigid metal framework supported the sculpture.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 6
misguided	adj	ˌmɪsˈɡaɪdɪd	the main structure that supports something such as a building or vehicle	He had a misguided belief that it would be easier to find work in London.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 6
vocal	adj	ˈvəʊkəl	based on an idea or opinion that is wrong	Mary was a vocal opponent of the plan.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 6
continually	adv	kənˈtɪnjuəli	expressing strong opinions publicly	The phone rang continually.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 6
abolition	n	ˌæbəʊˈlɪʃ(ə)n	repeated many times, often in a way that is harmful or annoying	The abolition of certain regulations made the country much more business-friendly.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 6
extreme sports	n	ɪksˈtri:m spɔ:ts	the act of officially ending a law, system etc	She has always been into extreme sports such as free climbing and base jumping.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 6
			sports are that are dangerous, or are done in a way that is more dangerous than the usual form of that sport		

fundamental	adj	ˌfʌndəˈmentl	relating to the most basic and important parts of something	The fundamental cause of the problem is that they didn't listen to the experts before they started the project.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 6
sustain	v	səsˈteɪn	to suffer injury, damage, or loss	Two people sustained minor injuries.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 6
base jumping	n	beɪs ˈdʒʌmpɪŋ	a sport in which people jump off tall objects such as buildings, bridges, or cliffs, using a parachute	With my fear of heights, I'd say no to base jumping.	Reading and Use of English Part 6
sceptical	adj	ˈskeptɪkəl	doubting whether something is true or right	I'm highly sceptical about what I read in the press.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 6
prototype	n	ˈprəʊtəʊtaɪp	the first form of a new car, machine etc, which is used to test the design before it is made in large numbers	Pilots have begun testing a prototype of the new aircraft.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 6
revert to	phr v	rɪˈvɜ:t tə	to change back to a previous thing or situation	The city reverted to its former name of St Petersburg.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 6
illegally	adv	ɪˈli:gəli	thereby breaking the law	The items had been brought into the country illegally.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 6
hazardous	adj	ˈhæzədəs	dangerous or likely to cause accidents	Wear protective clothing when handling chemicals which may be hazardous to health.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 6
oversee	v	ˌəʊvəˈsi:	to be in charge of a group of workers and check that work is done correctly	Schultz oversees 61 workers and a \$5.9 million budget.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 6
inherently	adv	ɪnˈhɪərəntli	a quality that is inherent in something is a natural part of it and cannot be separated from it	Firefighting is an inherently dangerous occupation.	Reading and Use of English Part 6
utterly	adv	ˈʌtəli	completely; thoroughly	They were utterly defeated.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 6
pointless	adj	ˈpɔɪntlɪs	without any useful purpose or effect	It's pointless telling him to clean his room – he'll never do it.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 6
disproportionate	adj	ˌdɪsprəˈpɔ:ʃnɪt	too much or too little in relation to something	He gets a disproportionate amount of publicity.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 6
partake	v	pɑ:ˈteɪk	to take part, to participate	It was seen as an honour to partake in this.	Reading and Use of English Part 6
incentive	n	ɪnˈsentɪv	something that encourages you to work harder or to start a new activity	The promise of going outside once they finish was an incentive for children to work hard.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 6
thrive	v	θraɪv	to become very successful or very strong and healthy	Let's find a plant that is able to thrive in dry conditions.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 6
latter	adj	ˈlætə	the latter part of a period of time is nearest to the end of it	We'll be travelling in the latter part of November.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 6
parachute	v	ˈpærəʃu:t	to jump from a plane using a parachute (a piece of equipment worn by people who jump out of planes, to make them fall slowly and safely to the ground)	The plane was damaged so the pilot needed to parachute to safety.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 6
simulation	n	ˌsɪmjʊˈleɪʃən	something you do or produce in order to study or test what happens in a real situation	The training included a computer simulation of an emergency landing.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 6
cancel out	phr v	ˈkænsəl aʊt	if two things cancel each other out, each stops the other from having any effect	The gains and losses will cancel each other out.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 6
regulatory	adj	ˈregjʊlət(ə)rɪ	a regulatory authority has the official power to control an activity and to make sure that it is done in a satisfactory way	New products have been approved by the regulatory authority.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 6

vastly	adj	'vɑ:stli	very much	The two books are vastly different.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 6
unpick	v	ʌn'pɪk	to examine the different parts of a subject, deal etc, especially in order to find faults	I didn't want to unpick the past.	Reading and Use of English Part 6
intimate	adj	'ɪntɪmɪt	having a very close relationship	They became intimate friends. Maybe I was able to express my thoughts more	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 6
eloquently	adv	'eləʊkwəntli	in a way that expresses ideas and opinions well	eloquently than I feared.	79 Part 6
broadsheet	n	'brɔ:dʃi:t	a serious newspaper printed on large sheets of paper	I haven't seen someone reading a broadsheet at the cafe in years.	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 6
tabloid	n	'tæblɔɪd	a newspaper that has small pages, a lot of photographs, and not very much serious news	He had brought a national tabloid printed in London, to read while he waited.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 6
manipulate	v	mə'nɪpjʊleɪt	to make someone do what you want by skilfully influencing them	The salesman tried to manipulate the boss into buying more printers than he needed.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 6
conviction	n	ˌkɒnvɪkʃən	a very strong belief or opinion	She spoke with great conviction.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 6
algorithm	n	'ælɡərɪðm	a set of instructions that are followed in a fixed order and used for solving a mathematical problem, making a computer program etc	Spelling correction algorithms usually suggest a few alternative words which are in some sense similar to the detected misspelled word.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 6
division	n	dɪ'vɪʒən	disagreement among the members of a group	There are deep divisions within the party.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 6
plausible	adj	'plɔ:zəbəl	reasonable and likely to be true or successful	His story certainly sounds plausible. The company has vigorously asserted that it is not	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 6
assert	v	ə'sɜ:t	to say firmly that something is true	breaking the law.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 6
sane	adj	seɪn	not mentally ill	He seems perfectly sane to me.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 6
insight	n	'ɪnsaɪt	a clear understanding of a complicated situation, idea etc	The article gives us an insight into Chinese culture.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 6
bleak	adj	bli:k	without anything to make you feel happy or hopeful	Without a job, the future seemed bleak.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 6
integrity	n	ɪn'teɡrɪti	the quality of being honest and having high moral standards	She brought dignity and integrity to the profession.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 6
perceptively	adv	pə'seɪptɪvli	in a way that suggests an ability to notice things quickly and understand situations, people's feelings etc well	She commented on the plan perceptively and helped us improve it. Animal welfare did not become a contentious issue	Reading and Use of English 85 Part 6
contentious	adj	kən'tenʃəs	likely to cause an argument	until the late 1970s. There is a growing sense of unease in the financial	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 6
unease	n	ˌʌn'i:z	a feeling of worry or slight fear	world about the industry's future. They spoke of the trip so persuasively that I finally	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 6
persuasively	adv	pə'sweɪsɪvli	convincingly	agreed to join them. Bailey expressed irritation with the inaccurate reports	Reading and Use of English 81 Part 6
irritation	n	ˌɪrɪ'teɪʃən	impatient and annoyed feelings	in the media.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 6
hence	adv	hens	for this reason	Her family are Welsh – hence the accent.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 6
interference	n	ˌɪntə'fɪərəns	when someone interferes in something	I resented his interference in my work.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 6

sheer	adj	ʃɪə	used to emphasize the amount, size, or degree of something	The sheer size of some files caused problems.		Reading and Use of English 78 Part 6
etiquette	n	'etɪkət	the rules of polite behaviour	Etiquette is especially important on occasions such as weddings and funerals.		Reading and Use of English 78 Part 7
realm	n	reɪlm	an area of knowledge, interest, or thought	In the realm of oceanography he can tell you anything you need to know.		Reading and Use of English 78 Part 7
allocate	v	'æləʊkərt	to use something for a particular purpose, give something to a particular person etc, especially after an official decision has been made	You should allocate the same amount of time to each question.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 7
resent	v	ri'zent	to feel angry and upset about a situation or action	He resents having to explain his work to other people.		72 Part 7
deterrent	n	dɪ'terənt	something that makes people less likely to do something	Window locks are an effective deterrent against burglars.		Reading and Use of English 78 Part 7
no-show	n	nəʊ-ʃəʊ	someone who does not arrive or appear somewhere they were expected to be, for example at a restaurant or a meeting	The bad weather meant there were a lot of no-shows at the game.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 7
machinations	n	'mæki'neɪʃənz	secret, clever, and often unfair methods used to achieve something – used to show disapproval talk about dishonest or immoral things that famous or important people are believed to have done	She complained about the machinations political candidates employed to win.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 7
scandal	n	'skændl	to use a particular amount of time for something, or give a particular share of money, space etc to someone or something	The magazine is full of gossip and scandal.		Reading and Use of English 69 Part 7
allot	v	ə'lɒt	to use a particular amount of time for something, or give a particular share of money, space etc to someone or something	Try and allot two or three hours a day to revision.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 7
disingenuously	adv	'dɪsɪn' dʒenjuəsli	in a not sincere and slightly dishonest way	I never expected her to act so disingenuously.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 7
admirable	adj	'ædmərəbl	having many good qualities that you respect and admire	It is an admirable book, the first to tell the whole truth about the war.		74 Part 7
courtesy	n	'kɜ:tʃi	polite behaviour	He didn't even have the courtesy to apologise.		71 Part 7
prospective	adj	prə'spektɪv	someone who is likely to do a particular thing or achieve a particular position	Once you have a list of prospective candidates, you need to do a bit of research.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 7
torrential (rain)	adj	tə'rentʃəl (reɪn)	very heavy (rain)	I woke to the sound of torrential rain.		80 Part 7
vigilance	n	'vɪdʒɪləns	careful attention that you give to what is happening, so that you will notice any danger or illegal activity	The increasing use of child-proof containers for medicines is helpful, but vigilance is still necessary.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 7
consideration	n	kən'sɪdə'reɪʃən	when you think about other people's feelings and needs	He shows no consideration for others.		70 Part 7
reciprocate	v	ri'sɪprəkeɪt	to do or give something, because something similar has been done or given to you	When he spoke I was expected to reciprocate with some remark of my own.	-	Reading and Use of English Part 7
harsh	adj	hɑ:ʃ	unkind, cruel, or strict	We need harsher laws to deal with dangerous drivers.		70 Part 7
dustpan	n	'dʌstpæn	a flat container with a handle that you use with a brush to remove dust and waste from the floor	I carried the mess in the dustpan into the garden.		Reading and Use of English 84 Part 7
instinctively	adv	ɪn'stɪŋktɪvli	using your instincts, without needing to think carefully about what you are going to do	The cat instinctively knew she could trust us.		Reading and Use of English 78 Part 7

compass	n	'kʌmpəs	an instrument that shows the direction you are travelling in, with a needle that always points north	After we took the wrong path, we had to use a compass to find our way back to camp.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 7
modernist	adj	'mɒdənɪst	relating to using styles that are very different from traditional styles of art, music, literature etc. something which is futuristic looks unusual and modern, as if it belongs in the future instead of the present	He studied modernist architecture at university.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 7
futuristic	adj	ˌfjuːtʃə'rɪstɪk		The futuristic sports stadium is the pride of the city.	Reading and Use of English Part 7
boost	v	buːst	to increase or improve something	The publicity boosted sales by 30%.	73 Part 7
multinational	n	ˌmʌltɪ'næʃənl	a large company that has offices in many different countries	They worked in a Connecticut-based multinational that produces chemicals.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 7
cynical	adj	'sɪznɪkəl	unwilling to believe that people have good, honest, or sincere reasons for doing something	The public is cynical about election promises.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 7
ebb and flow	phrase	eb ənd fləʊ	a situation or state in which something increases and decreases in a kind of pattern	In the harbour you got a secondary ebb and flow between the main tides.	Reading and Use of English 83 Part 7
rigid	adj	'rɪdʒɪd	very unwilling to change your ideas	Our manager was so rigid, he'd never listen to our ideas.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 7
yawn	v	ɔːn	to open your mouth wide and breathe deeply because you are tired or bored	He looked at his watch and yawned.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 7
promptly	adj	'prɒmptli	without delay	She replied promptly.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 7
doctorate	n	'dɒktərɪt	a university degree at the highest level	She then earned a doctorate in political sociology at City University of New York.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 7
unbothered	adj	ˌʌn'boʊəd	worried or upset	He seems completely unbothered about what she said.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 7
rebellious	adj	rɪ'beljəs	opposing someone in authority or the rules of society	He's always had a rebellious attitude.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 7
the performing arts	n	ðə pə'fɔːmɪŋ ɑːts	arts such as dance, music, or drama	He loved taking part in the performing arts after school.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 7
curriculum	n	kə'rɪkjʊləm	the subjects that students learn at a school, college etc	Are politicians the best people to be developing the educational curriculum?	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 7
knock	v	nɒk	to criticise someone or something, especially unfairly	'I hate this job.' 'Don't knock it – it could be worse!'	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 7
slim	adj	slɪm	very small in amount or degree	Doctors say she has only a slim chance of recovery.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 7
renowned	adj	rɪ'naʊnd	known and admired by a lot of people, especially for a special skill, achievement, or quality	She's renowned as a brilliant speaker.	Reading and Use of English Part 7
fetch	v	fetʃ	to be sold for a particular amount of money	The painting fetched \$1.2 million.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 7
obligation	n	ˌɒblɪ'geɪʃən	a moral or legal duty to do something	Employers have an obligation to provide a safe working environment.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 7
absurd	adj	əb'sɜːd	completely unreasonable or silly	It seems quite absurd to expect anyone to drive for 3 hours just for a 20-minute meeting.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 7
merit	n	'merɪt	a good quality or feature	The new scheme has several merits.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 7
sparks	v	spɑːks	to make something start happening	The speech sparked off riots.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 7

gifted	adj	'gɪftɪd	having a natural ability to do one or more things extremely well	She is a gifted poet.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 7
artistically	adv	ɑ: 'tɪstɪk(ə)li	with a lot of artistic skill, or in a way that is related to an artist's skills	He arranged the flowers artistically.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 7
attain	v	ə 'teɪn	to achieve something after trying for a long time	More women are now attaining high positions in business.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 7
to all intents and purposes	phrase	tə ɔ:l ɪn 'tents ənd 'pɜ:pəʊzɪz	used to say that a situation is not exactly as you describe it, but the effect is the same as if it were	The war was, to all intents and purposes, over.	Reading and Use of English Part 7
scenario	n	sɪ'na:riəʊ	a situation that could possibly happen changing the way something is produced or done, so that computers or robots are used instead of workers	I might get the job, but it is an unlikely scenario.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 7
automation	n	ˌɔ:tə'meɪʃ(ə)n	if a process accelerates or if you accelerate it, it starts to happen more quickly	Automation of some processes can help us save time.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 7
accelerate	v	ək'seləreɪt	to expect that something will happen in the future	Economic growth should accelerate as the year goes on.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 7
foresee	v	fɔ:'si:	when something continues to exist or happen	No one could have foreseen such a disaster.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 7
continuation	n	kən'tɪnjʊ'eɪʃən	someone who earns money for the job they do	The present economic policy is a continuation of the earlier one.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 7
earner	n	'ɜ:nə	when you feel angry or upset about a situation	She is the only wage earner in the family.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 7
resentment	n	rɪ'zentmənt	the period when a young person is developing into an adult, usually between the ages of 12 and 18	He was filled with deep resentment at being passed over for promotion.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 7
adolescence	n	ˌædəʊ'lesns	the buying and selling of goods and services	During adolescence, boys and girls are sometimes very shy and lacking in self-confidence.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 7
consumerism	n	kən'sju:məɪz(ə)m	an opinion or feeling you have about something	We have seen the growth of consumerism over the last years.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 7
sentiment	n	'sentɪmənt	to express or show something in a short way	Similar sentiments were expressed by many politicians.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 7
encapsulate	v	ɪn'kæpsjʊleɪt	a large amount of traffic that makes it difficult for vehicles to move around	The words of the song neatly encapsulate the mood of the country at that time.	Reading and Use of English Part 7
congestion	n	kən'dʒestʃən	believing or feeling something very strongly	Councillors are looking at ways to reduce traffic congestion in the town centre.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 7
fervent	adj	'fɜ:vənt	a list of all the things in a place	She is a fervent supporter of human rights.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 7
inventory	n	'ɪnvəntri	the traditional customs, buildings, arts etc that are important to a country	They made an inventory of the museum.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 7
cultural heritage	adj + n collocation	'kʌltʃərəl 'herɪtɪdʒ	a group of towns that have spread and become joined together	We cannot deny the importance of preserving the cultural heritage.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 7
conurbation	n	ˌkɒnə:'beɪʃən	to show the public something for the first time, or tell them about a new plan, product etc	They lived in the densely populated conurbations of Britain.	Reading and Use of English 83 Part 7
unveil	v	ʌn'veɪl	a multi-storey building has many levels	He unveiled a painting of the princess in a pink gown.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 7
multi-storey	adj	'mʌltɪ-'stɔ:ri	to shine softly and pleasantly	She left her car in a multi-storey car park near the shopping centre.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 7
gleam	v	gli:m		The table was gleaming with wax polish.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 7

double-decker	adj	'dʌbl'deɪkə	something with two levels, especially a bus a frame or shelf with bars, where you can put or keep things	They got on the red double-decker bus in the centre of London.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 7
rack	n	ræk	to put something firmly and deeply into something else	Put the suitcase on the luggage rack.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 7
embed	v	ɪm'bed	to try very hard to do something	A piece of glass was embedded in her hand.	79 Part 7
strive	v	straɪv	a place or situation that you like very much or that is very beautiful	Don't always strive for perfection. Done is better than perfect.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 7
paradise	n	'pærədəɪs	the basic systems and structures that a country or organisation needs in order to work properly, for example roads, railways, banks etc	Hawaii is a paradise for wind surfers.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 7
infrastructure	n	'ɪnfra'strʌktʃə	to be in a leading position in an important activity that is trying to achieve something or develop new ideas	Where existing infrastructure is poor, development is slow.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 7
be at the forefront (of something)	phrase	bi æt ðə 'fɔ:frʌnt (əv 'sʌmθɪŋ)	to officially take something away from someone	The company has always been at the forefront of science and technology.	Reading and Use of English Part 7
confiscate	v	'kɒnfɪskət	the quality of being lively and full of energy	Customs officers confiscated his passport.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 7
liveliness	n	'lɪvɪnlɪnis	the activity of riding on ocean waves standing on a board	She missed the liveliness of the city.	83 Part 7
surfing	n	'sɜ:fɪŋ	changing so much that you do not know what to expect	He felt he had only come alive when he started surfing.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 8
unpredictable	adj	ˌʌnpɪrɪ'dɪktəbl	a large part or amount of something	Be careful during your hike, the weather is unpredictable today.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 8
chunk	n	tʃʌŋk	if people flock to a place, a lot of them go there	Hospital bills took a big chunk out of her savings.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 8
flock	v	fɒk	a person who supports you in a difficult situation something that happens or exists, especially something that is unusual or difficult to understand	People have been flocking to see the play.	80 Part 8
ally	n	'æli	someone who has just begun learning a skill or activity	She knew she had found an ally in Ted.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 8
phenomenon	n	fɪ'nɒmɪnən	to reduce the power or strength of something and prevent it from causing trouble	The phenomenon of laughter is unknown in animals.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 8
novice	n	'nɒvɪs	to want something very much	I'm still a complete novice at the sport.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 8
tame	v	teɪm	to move smoothly and quietly, as if without effort	Is there a product to tame my hair?	Reading and Use of English Part 8
crave	v	kreɪv	a change in something, or the process of changing it	The child was bored and craved attention.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 8
glide	v	glɑɪd	to make someone want to do something	A swan glided across the surface of the lake.	Reading and Use of English Part 8
alteration	n	ˌɔ:ltə'reɪʃ(ə)n	to guess why something happened or what will happen next without knowing all the facts	I have just made a couple of minor alterations to the drawings.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 8
tempt	v	tempt		I was tempted to eat the whole cake.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 8
speculate	v	'spekjʊleɪt		He refused to speculate on the cause of the accident.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 8

contention	n	kən'tenʃən	a strong opinion that someone expresses	Your contention in this discussion doesn't make any sense.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 8
bias	n	'bi:əs	an opinion about a person, group, or idea which makes you treat them unfairly or differently	He has accused his employers of racial bias.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 8
factual	adj	'fæktʃuəl	based on or relating to facts	Your report is full of factual errors.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 8
resemblance	n	rɪ'zɛmbləns	a similarity between two people or things, especially in the way they look	There's a slight resemblance between Mike and his cousin.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 8
venture	n	'ventʃə	a new activity that involves taking risks, especially in business	The new venture was not a success.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 8
bear in mind sth	phrase	bɛər ɪn maɪnd sth	used to tell someone they should not forget a fact or idea	Here are a few things to bear in mind. Everyone in the centre has been through a steep learning curve.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 8
learning curve	n	'lɜ:nɪŋ kɜ:v	the rate at which you learn a new skill	The economy is booming and small businesses are flourishing.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 8
flourish	v	'flaʊrɪʃ	to develop or grow and be successful		Reading and Use of English 74 Part 8
start-up	n	'stɑ:tʌp	a new small company	Together they established an Internet start-up. So the level of investment depends on expectations about future profitability.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 8
profitability	n	ˌprɒfɪtə'bɪləti	the amount of profit that a business makes	A further escalation of the crisis now seems inevitable.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 8
inevitable	adj	ɪn'evɪtəbl	if something is inevitable, it will definitely happen and you cannot avoid it		Reading and Use of English 71 Part 8
overwhelm	v	ˌəʊvə'wɛlm	if a feeling overwhelms you, you feel it so strongly that you cannot think clearly	Josh was overwhelmed with guilt.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 8
donor	n	'dɒnə	someone who gives something, especially money, to an organisation in order to help people	The Museum received \$10,000 from an anonymous donor.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 8
be liable to do sth	phrase	bi 'laɪəbl tə dʊ sth	very likely to do something	He's liable to say anything that comes into his head. The boys remained optimistic that their musical career might bear fruit.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 8
bear fruit	phrase	biə fru:t	if a plan or decision bears fruit, it is successful	As an introvert, I need to recharge my mental batteries after spending time with people.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 8
introvert	n	'ɪntrəʊ,vɜ:t	someone who is quiet and shy, and does not enjoy being with other people		Reading and Use of English 82 Part 8
paradox	n	'pærədɒks	a situation or statement that seems strange because it involves two ideas or qualities that are very different	It's a paradox that so many poor people are living in such a rich country.	Reading and Use of English 76 Part 8
over the moon	phrase	'əʊvə ðə mu:n	very happy	She's over the moon about her new job. There was still a nagging doubt in the back of her mind.	Reading and Use of English 71 Part 8
nagging	adj	'nægɪŋ	making you worry or feel pain all the time		Reading and Use of English 79 Part 8
elect to do sth	phrase	ɪ'lekt tə dʊ sth	to choose to do something	He elected to stay at home.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 8
justification	n	ˌdʒʌstɪfɪ'keɪʃən	a good reason for doing something	There's no justification for upsetting her like that. These exercises can easily be incorporated into your daily routine.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 8
incorporate	v	ɪn'kɔ:pəreɪt	to include something as part of a group, system, plan etc		Reading and Use of English 72 Part 8
tendency	n	'tendənsi	if someone or something has a tendency to do something, they are likely to do it	He has a tendency to talk too much.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 8

fundraising	n	'fʌndˌreɪzɪŋ	the activity of collecting money for a specific purpose, especially in order to help people who are ill, old etc	The school organised a fundraising to collect money for new equipment.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 8
combat	v	'kɒmbæt	to try to stop something bad from happening or getting worse	To combat inflation, the government raised interest rates.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 8
chair	n	tʃeə	someone who is in charge of a meeting or committee	She is the chair of the board of governors at a local school.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 8
panel	n	'pænl	a group of people who are chosen to discuss something or answer questions	A panel of experts has looked at the proposal.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 8
collate	v	kə'leɪt	to arrange sheets of paper in the correct order	Please collate and staple ten copies of the report for the meeting.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 8
descend	v	dɪ'send	to go down	He slowly descended the steps.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 8
roots	n	ru:ts	your relation to a place because you were born there, or your family used to live there	Alex Haley's story about his search for his roots became a bestseller.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 8
come of age	phrase	kʌm əv eɪdʒ	to reach the age when you are legally an adult	When they come of age, we'll have a special celebration.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 8
contemplate	v	'kɒntemplət	to think about something in a serious way when you remember something from the past, or something you remember	Have you contemplated resigning?	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 8
recollection	n	ˌrekə'leɪkjən	a plant that produces grain used for making flour, or this grain	He had no recollection of the accident.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 8
wheat	n	wi:t	a game in which a child tries to find other children who are hiding	The farmer grows wheat here.	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 8
hide-and-seek	n	'haɪdænd'si:k	when someone or something moves to a higher position	He suggested a game of hide-and-seek.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 8
ascent	n	ə'sent		They attempted an ascent of Mount Everest.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 8
stuff	v	stʌf	to push things into a small space	She stuffed some clothes into a bag and left.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 8
resemble	v	rɪ'zembəl	to be similar to someone or something	She resembles her mother in many ways.	Reading and Use of English 67 Part 8
spirits	n	'spɪrɪts	the way you are feeling, for example whether you are happy or sad	The children were all in high spirits.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 8
surge	n	sɜ:ʒ	a sudden increase	There's been a surge in food costs.	Reading and Use of English 74 Part 8
thereafter	adv	ðeə'rɑ:ftə	after a particular event or time	He got a job offer abroad and moved shortly thereafter.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 8
miraculously	adv	mɪ'rækjələsli	extremely luckily and completely unexpectedly	We were saved from the storm when we miraculously discovered a cave on the island.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 8
viral	adj	'vaɪərəl	shared by a lot of people on the internet	The clip soon went viral.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 8
pay cheque	n	peɪ tʃek	a cheque that you get each week or each month for doing your job	She got her first pay cheque today and decided to get herself a nice dinner.	Reading and Use of English 82 Part 8
inspector	n	ɪn'spektə	someone whose job is to check that something is satisfactory and that rules are being obeyed	I showed my ticket to the ticket inspector.	Reading and Use of English 68 Part 8
spare	v	speə	to not damage or harm someone or something	These trees were spared because they offered shade on the pavement.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 8
staggering	adj	'stægərɪŋ	very surprising or shocking	She spent a staggering £2,000 on a new dress.	Reading and Use of English 75 Part 8

stick in sb's mind	phrase	stɪk ɪn sb's maɪnd	if something sticks in your mind, you remember it well because it was surprising, interesting etc	It's the kind of name that sticks in your mind.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 8
formulaic	adj	ˌfɔːmjəˈleɪ-ɪk	containing or made from ideas or expressions that have been used many times before and are therefore not very new or interesting	Children love jokes and riddles that are heavily formulaic.	Reading and Use of English Part 8
perplexed	adj	pəˈplekst	confused by something that you do not understand	The child looked totally perplexed.	Reading and Use of English 79 Part 8
covering letter	n	ˈkʌvərɪŋ ˈletə	a letter that you send with a document or package, which gives more information about it	The documents had been returned to him, with no covering letter or word of explanation.	Reading and Use of English 80 Part 8
manuscript	n	ˈmænjʊskrɪpt	a book or piece of writing before it is printed	The finished manuscript was sent to the publisher on 5 January.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 8
snap up	phr v	snap ʌp	to buy something immediately or take an opportunity to get something	At that price, they'll be snapped up in no time.	Reading and Use of English 77 Part 8
subsequent	adj	ˈsʌbsɪkwənt	happening or coming after something else	These skills were passed on to subsequent generations.	Reading and Use of English 73 Part 8
pedestrian	adj	pɪˈdestriən	ordinary, and not very interesting or exciting	The whole ceremony was rather pedestrian.	Reading and Use of English 78 Part 8
debut	n	ˈdeɪbuː	the first time that a performer or sports player performs in public	He made his debut for Wales in 98.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 8
put off	phr v	pʊt ɒf	to make it difficult for someone to do something by preventing them from thinking clearly about what they are doing	Stop laughing – you're putting me off!	Reading and Use of English 69 Part 8
refusal	n	rɪˈfjuːzəl	when someone refuses to do, accept, or allow something	His refusal to pay the fine means he may go to prison.	Reading and Use of English 70 Part 8
destiny	n	ˈdestɪni	the things that will happen to someone in the future	Nancy wondered whether it was her destiny to live in England and become a scientist.	Reading and Use of English 72 Part 8
dependence	n	dɪˈpendəns	the fact of needing someone or something in order to exist, be successful, healthy etc	We need to reduce our dependence on foreign oil.	76 Writing Part 1
undesirable	adj	ˌʌndɪˈzʌərəbl	because it may have a bad effect	The treatment has no undesirable side-effects.	75 Writing Part 1
large-scale	adj	lɑːdʒ-ˈskeɪl	something that is undesirable is not wanted using or involving a lot of people or things	They conducted a large-scale rescue operation.	72 Writing Part 1
sector	n	ˈsektə	one part of a country's economy	The country is making efforts to expand such economic sectors as tourism and information technology.	70 Writing Part 1
hardship	n	ˈhɑːdʃɪp	something that makes your life difficult, especially not having enough money	Many families were suffering hardship.	74 Writing Part 1
manufacturing	n	ˌmænjʊˈfæktʃərɪŋ	the business of producing goods in factories	Thousands of jobs had been lost in manufacturing.	70 Writing Part 1
considerably	adv	kənˈsɪdərəbli	to a considerable degree	New gas supplies have cut the cost of fuel considerably.	67 Writing Part 1
discipline	n	ˈdɪsɪplɪn	a particular subject of study	History and economics only became separate academic disciplines in the 20th century.	72 Writing Part 1
vocational	adj	vəʊˈkeɪʃənəl	relating to, or teaching, the skills needed to do a job	After that students go off to vocational and on-the-job training.	73 Writing Part 1
at sb's expense	phrase	ət sb's ɪksˈpens	if you do something at someone's expense, they pay for you to do it	His mansion was refurnished at taxpayers' expense.	71 Writing Part 1
refuge	n	ˈrefjuːdʒ	a place that provides protection from danger	We can take refuge in this hut until the storm passes.	71 Writing Part 1

additionally	adv	ə'dɪʃənli	used to add something to what you have said	A new contract is in place. Additionally, staff will be offered a bonus scheme.	72 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
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
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
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
cart	n	kɑ:t	a vehicle pulled by a horse and used to carry things	A cart drove very loudly into the yard below.	73 Writing Part 1
storyline	n	'sto:ri:lain	the main set of related events in a story	The play had a strong storyline.	73 Writing Part 1
expertise	v	ˌekspɜ:ˈti:z	special skills or knowledge that you learn by experience or training	Each scientist had expertise in either mammals, insects, birds, or plants.	68 Writing Part 1
beneficial	adj	ˌbenɪˈfɪʃəl	helpful or useful	The agreement will be beneficial to both groups.	70 Writing Part 1
impersonal	adj	ɪmˈpɜ:snl	not showing any sympathy, friendliness etc	Business letters do not have to be impersonal and formal.	78 Writing Part 1
ownership	n	'əʊnəʃɪp	the state of owning something, or the fact that a particular person owns something	The price of home ownership is increasing.	71 Writing Part 1
emotive	adj	ɪˈməʊtɪv	causing strong feelings of anger, sadness etc	Let's try to avoid emotive subjects during this meeting.	82 Writing Part 2
closure	n	'kləʊzə	when an institution, building, or road is closed	Further factory closures have been announced.	71 Writing Part 2
in conjunction with sb/sth	phrase	ɪn kənˈdʒʌŋkʃən wɪð sb/sth	working, happening, or being used with someone or something else	The worksheets should be used in conjunction with the video.	70 Writing Part 2
favourably	adv	'feɪvərəbli	in a way that makes people like or approve of someone or something	I believe history will look favourably on your economic and financial skills.	79 Writing Part 2
immensely	adv	ɪˈmensli	very much	He enjoyed it immensely.	76 Writing Part 2
disrepair	n	ˌdɪsrɪˈpeə	buildings that are in disrepair are in bad condition because they have not been cared for	The old house had fallen into disrepair.	83 Writing Part 2
lucrative	adj	'lu:krətɪv	a lucrative job or activity is one that you earn a lot of money from	He inherited a lucrative business from his father.	76 Writing Part 2
appealing	adj	əˈpi:lɪŋ	attractive or interesting	Both cities have a wealth of attractions that make them appealing.	76 Writing Part 2
exaggerate	v	ɪgˈzædʒəreɪt	to make something seem better, larger, worse etc than it really is	I couldn't sleep for three days – I'm not exaggerating.	Writing Part 2
rhetorical question	adj + n coll	rɪˈtɔ:ɪkəl ˈkwɛstʃən	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
repetition	n	ˌrepiˈtɪʃən	when something happens again or is done again many times	We don't want a repetition of this disaster.	72 Writing Part 2
joyful	adj	'dʒɔɪfəl	very happy, or making people very happy	After their election victory, party members seemed positively joyful.	77 Writing Part 2
appalling	adj	əˈpɔ:lɪŋ	very bad	The weather was appalling.	75 Writing Part 2
canteen	n	kænˈti:n	a place in a factory, school etc where people can get meals, usually cheaply	Often an informal group will eat lunch near a machine or other work station, even though a canteen is available.	71 Writing Part 2

enhance	v	ɪn'hɑːns	to improve something	Salt enhances flavour.	71 Writing Part 2
wholeheartedly	adv	'həʊl'hɑːtɪdli	used when saying that someone completely agrees with or supports someone or something	I agree wholeheartedly with the mayor on this issue.	79 Writing Part 2
constitute uphill	v adj/adv	'kɒnstɪtjuːt ,ʌp'hɪl	to be considered to be something towards the top of a hill	This rule change constitutes a completely different approach to how the referee can penalise the team. I don't like cycling uphill.	71 Writing Part 2 72 Writing Part 2
determination	n	dɪ,tɜːmɪ'neɪʃən	the desire to continue trying to do something even when it is difficult	I admire her determination to work her way through law school.	72 Writing Part 2
racer	n	'reɪsə	someone who competes in a race	She trained hard to become one of the best motorcycle racers in the country.	76 Writing Part 2
register	n	'redʒɪstə	a way of speaking or writing that is formal, informal, humorous etc that you use when you are in a particular situation	Business letters should be written in a formal register.	71 Writing Part 2
supervisory	adj	,sjuːpə'vaɪzəri	relating to the supervision of people or activities	The mayor has a supervisory role.	77 Writing Part 2
at your earliest convenience	phrase	ət jəɪ 'ɜːliɪst	as soon as possible – used in letters	We should be grateful if you would reply at your earliest convenience.	Writing Part 2
poorly	adj	'puəli	ill	I felt poorly. Inland there are attractive narrow rivers for gentle canoeing.	83 Writing Part 2
canoeing	n	kə'nuːɪŋ	the activity of rowing a canoe		72 Writing Part 2
extensive	adj	ɪks'tensɪv	large in amount or area	The exhibition received extensive media coverage.	72 Writing Part 2
ascend	v	ə'send	to move to a higher position	The plane ascended rapidly.	73 Writing Part 2
climb	n	klaɪm	an act of climbing or something you have to climb	It was a long but steady climb to the top.	67 Writing Part 2
curiosity	n	,kjʊərɪ'ɒsɪti	the desire to know about something	I opened the box to satisfy my curiosity.	71 Writing Part 2
Yours faithfully	phrase	jɔːz 'feɪθfʊli	the usual polite way of ending a formal letter	Yours faithfully, Miss V. Neil	67 Writing Part 2
isolated	adj	'aɪsələteɪd	which begins Dear Sir or Dear Madam far away from other places	Not many people visit this isolated spot.	71 Writing Part 2
engaging	adj	ɪn'geɪdʒɪŋ	pleasant and attracting your interest	Her engaging personality helped her make many friends in school.	79 Writing Part 2
entertaining	adj	,entə'teɪnɪŋ	interesting and enjoyable	We had a highly entertaining evening at the opera house.	67 Writing Part 2
drama	n	'drɑːmə	exciting or unusual things that happen	Maggie's life is always full of drama.	71 Writing Part 2
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.	67 Writing Part 2
twist	n	twɪst	a sudden change in a story or situation that you did not expect	Her disappearance added a new twist to the story.	74 Writing Part 2
mansion	n	'mænjən	Wakehurst Place is a beautiful Elizabethan mansion known primarily for its exotic gardens.		74 Writing Part 2
come across	phr v	kʌm ə'krɒs	if someone comes across in a particular way, they seem to have particular qualities	He comes across as a nice guy.	67 Writing Part 2
quality	adj	'kwɒlɪti	very good	We sell quality clothing at a price you can afford.	72 Writing Part 2
combine	v	kəm'baɪn	to do two different activities at the same time	He manages to combine family life with a career.	67 Writing Part 2
affection	n	ə'fekʃ(ə)n	a feeling of liking or loving someone or something	Barry felt a great affection for her.	72 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
dramatic	adj	dɹə'mæɪtɪk	showing your feelings in a way that makes other people notice you	Tony threw up his hands in a dramatic gesture.	72 Writing Part 2
roar	v	rɔ:	to laugh loudly and continuously	By this time, Michael was roaring with laughter.	- Writing Part 2
spine-tingling	adj	spaɪn-'tɪŋglɪŋ	making you feel very excited or frightened, in an enjoyable way	The festival opened with the famous director's latest spine-tingling film.	- Writing Part 2
absorb	v	əb'sɔ:b	if someone is absorbed in something, they are very interested in something that they are doing, watching etc	I was completely absorbed in the book.	70 Writing Part 2
moving	adj	'mu:vɪŋ	making you feel strong emotions, especially sadness or sympathy	Attending the memorial service was a moving experience.	79 Writing Part 2
tragic	adj	'trædʒɪk	a tragic event, situation, or story is very sad, especially because it involves death	This trend has already had plenty of tragic consequences.	70 Writing Part 2
monotonous	adj	mə'notnəs	boring and always the same	Life on the farm was slow and monotonous.	80 Writing Part 2
absent-minded	adj	'æbsənt'maɪndɪd	someone who is absent-minded often forgets or does not notice things because they are thinking of something else	She's a brilliant scientist but hopelessly absent-minded.	83 Writing Part 2
mean-spirited	adj	mi:n-'spɪrɪtɪd	not generous or sympathetic	What you said was very mean-spirited. You should apologise.	- Writing Part 2
tearjerker	n	'tɪə,dʒɜ:kə	a film, book, or story that is very sad and makes you cry	His latest movie is a typical Hollywood tearjerker.	85 Writing Part 2
kind-hearted	adj	'kaɪnd'hɑ:tɪd	kind and generous	Being a kind-hearted woman, she felt sorry for the poor child.	83 Writing Part 2
sun-baked	adj	'sʌnbekt	made very hard and dry by the sun	Their travels took them to the sun-baked Moroccan desert.	- Writing Part 2
time-saver	adj	taɪm-'seɪvə	something designed to reduce the time usually needed to do something	I never knew how much of a time-saver a dishwasher is.	- Writing Part 2
thought-provoking	adj	θɔ:t-prə'vʊkɪŋ	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
record-breaker	n	'rekɔ:d-'breɪkə	a number, level, performance, or person that is the highest, lowest, biggest, best etc of its type that has ever happened or existed	She's a national record-breaker in swimming.	- Writing Part 2
memorably	adv	'memərəbli	in a memorable way	The character was memorably introduced as sailing on a sinking ship.	82 Writing Part 2
non-fiction	n	nɒn-'fɪkʃən	books about real facts or events	The books in the library are divided into fiction and non-fiction.	74 Writing Part 2
villain	n	'vɪlən	the main bad character in a story, film etc	At the end of the story, the villain is caught and punished.	71 Writing Part 2
controversial	adj	,kɒntrə'vɜ:ʃəl	causing a lot of disagreement among people	The site of the new road has been a controversial issue.	69 Writing Part 2
brilliantly	adv	'brɪljəntli	extremely well	The sun was shining brilliantly.	68 Writing Part 2
satire	n	'sætɪə	using jokes to make a person or political party seem silly so that people will see their faults	The evening performance includes a comedy group that does political satire.	80 Writing Part 2
absurdity	n	əb'sɜ:dtɪ	the quality of being absurd, or something that seems absurd	Duncan laughed at the absurdity of the situation.	79 Writing Part 2
introductory	adj	,ɪntrə'dʌktəri	said or written at the beginning of a book or speech in order to explain what it is about	Write a short introductory paragraph for your essay.	70 Writing Part 2

authentic	adj	ɔ:'θentɪk	something that is authentic really is what it seems to be	They play music on authentic medieval instruments.	74 Writing Part 2
gameplay	n	geɪm pleɪ	the way that a computer game is designed and the skills that you need to play it	This is packed with brilliant graphics and gameplay.	78 Writing Part 2
terrain	n	tə'reɪn	a particular type of land	They had to drive very slowly over the difficult terrain.	76 Writing Part 2
praise	v	preɪz	things you say to praise someone or something	Most parents are full of praise for the school.	72 Writing Part 2
novelty	n	'nɒvəlti	the quality of being new, different, and unusual	It was fun for a while, but the novelty wore off.	75 Writing Part 2
knowledgeable	adj	'nɒlɪdʒəbl	knowing a lot	She's a vet, of course she's knowledgeable about animals!	74 Writing Part 2
inferior	adj	ɪn'fɪəriə	not good, or not as good as someone or something else	Iron is greatly inferior to steel in many ways.	72 Writing Part 2
mundane	adj	'mʌndɪn	ordinary and boring	Initially, the work was pretty mundane.	79 Writing Part 2
shabby	adj	'ʃæbi	old and in bad condition	Hugh's jacket was old and shabby.	76 Writing Part 2
sparkling	adj	'spɑ:kɪŋ	shining brightly with points of flashing light	We sat and stared at the sparkling blue lake.	- Writing Part 2
splendid	adj	'splendɪd	very good	The staff are doing a splendid job.	- Writing Part 2
tedious	adj	'ti:diəs	very boring	I'm done with this tedious discussion.	75 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
exceptionally	adv	ɪk'seɪʃənli	extremely	Gloria is an exceptionally gifted singer.	76 Writing Part 2
constructively	adv	kən'strʌktɪvli	in a helpful way	You can't just criticise their work, you need to do it constructively, so that they know how to improve.	79 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
five-a-side	adj	faɪv-ə-saɪd	five-a-side football is played with five players on each side, usually indoors	He also plays five-a-side soccer three times a week.	- Writing Part 2
comprise	v	kəm'praɪz	to consist of particular parts, groups, or people	The course comprises a class book, a practice book, and a CD.	72 Writing Part 2
simultaneously	adv	,sɪməl'teɪniəsli	if two things happen simultaneously, they happen at the same time	The opera will be broadcast simultaneously on television and radio.	70 Writing Part 2
distinct	adj	dɪs'tɪŋkt	clearly different or separate	Spanish and Catalan are two entirely distinct languages.	72 Writing Part 2
minority	n	maɪ'nɔrɪti	a small part of a larger group of people or things	Only a minority of students get a first-class degree.	67 Writing Part 2
make the most of sth	phrase	meɪk ðə məʊst əv sth	to get the greatest advantage you can from a situation	Go out and make the most of the sunshine.	67 Writing Part 2
questionnaire	n	,kwɛstɪə'neə	a set of written questions that you answer in order to give information about something	Students were asked to fill out a questionnaire.	67 Writing Part 2
usage	n	'ju:zɪdʒ	the way in which something is used, or the amount of it that is used	Water usage is increasing.	67 Writing Part 2
respondent	n	rɪs'pɒndənt	someone who answers questions in a survey	About 30% of respondents were under twenty-one, 36% were 21-30, and 34% over thirty; 52% were female.	69 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

fortunate	adj	'fɔ:ʃnɪt	lucky	We were fortunate enough to get tickets for the last show.	67 Writing Part 2
in sb's favour	phrase	ɪn sb's 'feɪvə	to someone's advantage, or so that someone wins	The new rules should actually work in your favour.	68 Writing Part 2
sponsor	v	'spɒnsə	to agree to give someone money for a charity if they do something difficult, for example walk a long way	Eva said she was doing a ten-mile walk for charity and asked if I'd sponsor her.	69 Writing Part 2
validity	n	və'ɪldɪtɪ	a reason, argument etc that is based on what is reasonable or sensible	I'm not sure about the validity of this argument.	- Listening Part 1
withdraw	v	wɪð'drɔ:	to stop taking part in a race, competition etc, or to leave an organisation	Injury forced her to withdraw from the race.	67 Listening Part 1
advocate	n	'ædvəkət	someone who publicly supports someone or something	She's a passionate advocate of body positivity.	71 Listening Part 1
familiarise yourself with sth	phrase	wɪð sth	to learn about something so that you know it well	Familiarise yourself with the office routine.	82 Listening Part 1
glossy	adj	'glɒsi	shiny and smooth	She stroked the horse's long glossy neck.	75 Listening Part 1
lack	v	læk	to not have something or not have enough of something	The only thing she lacks is experience.	68 Listening Part 1
schooldays	n	'sku:ldeɪz	the time in your life when you go to school	They shared the memories from their schooldays.	82 Listening Part 1
in-joke	n	ɪn-ɔʒəʊk	a joke that is only understood by a particular group of people	I didn't understand any of their in-jokes but they seemed to be having fun.	82 Listening Part 1
formula	n	'fɔ:mjələ	a method used to make something successful	There's no magic formula for success.	70 Listening Part 1
moral	n	'mɒrəl	something you learn from a story	The moral of the story is that crime doesn't pay.	76 Listening Part 1
corporate	adj	'kɔ:pərt	relating to a corporation or the people in it	Our corporate headquarters are in Houston.	73 Listening Part 1
introductory	adj	ɪntrə'daktəri	intended for people who have never done something before	They attended an introductory course in French.	60 Listening Part 1
input	n	'ɪnpʊt	ideas, advice, money, or effort that you put into a job or activity in order to help it succeed	We'll need input from community nurses.	- Listening Part 1
hospitality	n	ˌhɒspɪ'tælɪtɪ	services such as food and drink that an organisation provides for guests at a special event	There was a reception in the hospitality suite before the game.	- Listening Part 1
get on the bandwagon	idiom	get ɒn ðə 'bænd,wæɡən	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 got on the bandwagon.	- Listening Part 1
altruistic	adj	ˌæltrə'ɪstɪk	caring more about other people's needs and happiness than about your own	You can't expect a large corporation to be altruistic.	83 Listening Part 1
environmentally	adv	ɪnˌvaɪəən'mentli	in a way that relates to the environment	The company uses chemicals that are environmentally safe.	73 Listening Part 1
devote	v	dɪ'vəʊt	to use most of your time, effort etc doing something	She devoted most of her spare time to tennis.	73 Listening Part 1
(right) up your street	phrase	(raɪt) ʌp jə stri:t	exactly right for you	This sort of thing should be right up your street.	- Listening Part 1
black ice	n	blæk aɪs	an area of ice that is very difficult to see	Driving conditions are dangerous, with black ice in many areas.	- Listening Part 1
privilege	n	'prɪvɪlɪdʒ	something that you are lucky to have the chance to do	It's been a privilege to meet you, ma'am.	69 Listening Part 1
insecure	adj	ˌɪnsɪ'kjʊə	if you are insecure, you do not feel confident about yourself	He felt lonely and insecure away from his family.	74 Listening Part 1

frustrated	adj	frʌs'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 1
protective	adj	prə'tektɪv	wanting to protect someone from harm	He is very protective towards his children.	73 Listening Part 1
respectful	adj	rɪs'pektfʊl	showing respect for someone or something annoyed because of delays or mistakes that make you wait	The interviewer was very respectful.	74 Listening Part 1
impatient	adj	ɪm'peɪjənt		The passengers were becoming impatient.	68 Listening Part 1
content	adj	kən'tent	satisfied and happy	I don't need anything else. I'm content with my life.	67 Listening Part 1
bitter	adj	'bɪtə	angry and upset because you feel you have been treated unfairly	I feel very bitter about what happened.	68 Listening Part 1
self-conscious	adj	self-'kɒnʃəs	uncomfortable and worried about what other people think about you or your appearance	He felt self-conscious in his new suit.	79 Listening Part 1
desperate	adj	'despəɪt	willing to do anything to change a bad situation, even if it is dangerous or unpleasant	Joe had been unemployed for over a year and was getting desperate.	68 Listening Part 1
eager	adj	'i:gə	wanting to do something very much, or waiting with excitement for something to happen	Rosie was eager to leave.	71 Listening Part 1
realistic	adj	rɪə'lɪstɪk	someone who is realistic accepts the facts about a situation and realises what is possible and what is not possible	You need to be realistic about your chances of winning.	67 Listening Part 1
stubborn	adj	'stʌbən	refusing to change your mind even when other people criticise you or try to persuade you behaving in an unpleasant or rude way because you think you are more important than other people	Steve can be very stubborn sometimes.	72 Listening Part 1
arrogant	adj	'ærəʊgənt		What an arrogant, selfish person!	75 Listening Part 1
doubtful	adj	'daʊtful	not certain about something	I'm still doubtful if I should take the job.	71 Listening Part 1
productive	adj	prə'dʌktɪv	producing or achieving a lot	Some of us are more productive in the morning.	70 Listening Part 1
tic	n	tɪk	a sudden uncontrolled movement of a muscle in your face	Tension prodded a tic under her eye.	81 Listening Part 1
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 Listening Part 1
compassion	n	kəm'pæʃən	sympathy for someone who is suffering	I was shocked by their lack of compassion. I never forgot the generosity he showed to my parents.	76 Listening Part 1
generosity	n	'dʒenə'rɒsɪti	a generous attitude, or generous behaviour	Grants are awarded solely on the basis of need.	72 Listening Part 1
solely	adv	'səʊlɪ	only		
appreciate	v	ə'pri:ʃeɪt	to understand how serious or important a situation or problem is or what someone's feelings are	He did not fully appreciate the significance of signing the contract.	70 Listening Part 1
prize	v	praɪz	to think that something is very important or valuable	These coins are prized by collectors.	77 Listening Part 1
agony	n	'ægəni	very severe pain, sadness, or worry	He was lying on the floor in agony.	71 Listening Part 1
unsettle	v	ʌn'setl	to make someone feel slightly nervous, worried, or upset	The sudden changes unsettled Judy.	- Listening Part 1
genuine	adj	'dʒenjʊɪn	someone who is genuine is honest and sincere in a way that does not help in a situation and sometimes makes it worse	She's a charming girl, and as genuine as her sister. He was unhelpfully commenting on everything we were doing.	72 Listening Part 1
unhelpfully	adv	ʌn'helpfəli			- Listening Part 1

veterinary	adj	'vetərɪnəri	relating to the medical care and treatment of sick animals	All of the rescued dogs need veterinary attention.	69 Listening Part 1
sticker	n	'stɪkə	a small piece of paper or plastic with a picture or writing on it, that you can put onto something	I know what his car looks like – it's yellow, and he's got this sticker on the back window.	70 Listening Part 1
establishment	n	ɪs'tæblɪʃmənt	an institution, organisation, or business	It's a large educational establishment with over 2,000 pupils.	71 Listening Part 1
limitation	n	ˌlɪmɪ'teɪʃən	when something is kept below a particular amount	They put a limitation on how many books you can take from the library at a time.	71 Listening Part 1
expectation	n	ˌekspek'teɪʃən	something good that you think will happen	The trip didn't live up to our expectations.	68 Listening Part 1
steer clear of sb/sth	phrase	stiə klɪə əv sb/sth	to try to avoid someone or something	I steer clear of talking about politics.	76 Listening Part 1
philosophy	n	fɪ'lɒsəfi	the study of ideas about life, thought, and behaviour	She's studying philosophy at university.	67 Listening Part 1
volatile	adj	'vɒlətaɪl	a volatile situation is likely to change suddenly and become worse	The political situation in the region is still extremely volatile.	77 Listening Part 1
mandatory	adj	'mændətəri	something that is mandatory must be done because of a rule or law	Crash helmets are mandatory for motorcyclists.	76 Listening Part 1
universally	adv	ˌjuːnɪ'vɜːsəli	by everyone	The practice is by no means universally accepted.	73 Listening Part 1
cosmetic	adj	kɒz'metɪk	involving only small unimportant changes, instead of more important ones	We're making a few cosmetic changes to the house before we sell it.	76 Listening Part 1
primarily	adv	'praɪməri	mainly	Toy advertisements are aimed primarily at children.	73 Listening Part 1
misconception	n	ˌmɪskən'sepʃən	an idea which is wrong or untrue, but which people believe because they do not understand the subject properly	There is a lot of misconceptions about video games.	- Listening Part 1
cater for somebody/something	phr v	'keɪtə fə 'sʌmbədi/'sʌmθɪŋ	to provide a particular group of people with the things they need or want	Vegetarians are well catered for at the local restaurants.	- Listening Part 1
biodegrade	v	'baɪəʊ dɪ'greɪd	to be destroyed by natural processes, in a way that does not harm the environment	Let's get paper straws for our drinks, they'll biodegrade much faster than plastic ones.	80 Listening Part 1
ingest	v	ɪn'dʒest	to eat or drink something	This poison had been ingested by our two patients.	81 Listening Part 1
stem	v	stem	to stop something from spreading or growing	The company is making an attempt to stem the decline in profits.	79 Listening Part 1
minimise	v	'mɪnɪməz	to make the amount of something dangerous or unpleasant as small as possible	To minimise the risk of getting heart disease, exercise daily.	72 Listening Part 1
forthcoming	adj	fɔːθ'kʌmɪŋ	happening soon	Keep an eye on the noticeboards for forthcoming events.	75 Listening Part 1
flake	n	fleɪk	a small flat thin piece of something	The paint was coming off the door in flakes.	78 Listening Part 1
discard	v	dɪs'kɑːd	to get rid of something	People who discard their litter in the streets should have to pay heavy fines.	- Listening Part 1
devastating	adj	'devəsteɪtɪŋ	causing a lot of damage	Chemical pollution has had a devastating effect on the environment.	71 Listening Part 1
recall	v	rɪ'kɔːl	to remember something	I seem to recall we had problems finding the place.	71 Listening Part 1
diminish	v	dɪ'mɪnɪʃ	to become or make something become smaller or less	He tried to diminish their achievements.	- Listening Part 1
recapture	v	ˌriː'kæptʃə	to make someone experience or feel something again	The movie tried to recapture the innocence of childhood.	79 Listening Part 1

caution	n	'kɔːʃən	an official warning that a police officer or judge gives to someone who has done something wrong	He was let off with a caution.	68 Listening Part 1
food poisoning	n	fuːd 'pɔɪzənɪŋ	a stomach illness caused by eating food that contains harmful bacteria	Poor hygiene and handling are also to blame for food poisoning.	69 Listening Part 1
loophole	n	'luːphəʊl	a small mistake in a law that makes it possible to legally avoid doing what the law says	The president is eager to close tax loopholes for foreign companies.	78 Listening Part 1
proprietor	n	prə'praɪətə	the owner of a business	As proprietors of the general store, Mr and Mrs Stacey knew everything that went on in the town.	77 Listening Part 1
ignorance	n	'ɪgnərəns	lack of knowledge or information	Ignorance of the law is no excuse.	72 Listening Part 1
advisory	adj	əd'vaɪzəri	having the purpose of giving advice	He was employed in a purely advisory role.	71 Listening Part 1
eye-opener	n	'aɪ,əʊpnə	an experience from which you learn something new or surprising	A visit to a farm is an eye-opener to a city child.	82 Listening Part 1
associate	v	ə'səʊʃɪət	if you associate two people or things, or if they are associated, you see that they are connected in some way	You don't normally associate sunshine with England.	69 Listening Part 2
abundant	adj	ə'bʌndənt	existing in large quantities	The food was abundant and delicious. This new type of aluminum is much stronger than the one we were using previously.	77 Listening Part 2
aluminum	n	,ælə'mɪniəm	a silver-white metal that is light and easy to bend to use something effectively so that you get as much advantage as possible from it	We must exploit the country's mineral resources.	68 Listening Part 2
exploit	v	ɪk'splɔɪt			69 Listening Part 2
electronics	n	ɪlek'trɒnɪks	the science of making electronic equipment, such as computers or televisions	She's got a degree in electronics.	68 Listening Part 2
dentistry	n	'dentɪstri	the medical study of the mouth and teeth, or the work of a dentist	He still needed to choose between studying dentistry or medicine.	77 Listening Part 2
confine	v	kən'faɪn	if you confine yourself or your activities to one thing, you do only that thing, or you do something, using only that thing	We confined our research to young people. Scientists studied the reproduction, diet, and health of the dolphins.	78 Listening Part 2
reproduction	n	,riːprə'dʌkʃən	the process of producing babies, eggs etc		69 Listening Part 2
endemic	adj	en'demɪk	an endemic disease or problem is always present in a particular place, or among a particular group of people	This pest is endemic to corn fields in Europe.	80 Listening Part 2
invasive species	adj + n collocation	ɪn'veɪsɪv 'spiːʃiːz	an invasive species spreads quickly in an area, so that it becomes a problem	The population of local birds has decreased due to the arrival of the invasive species. We work mainly with the elderly and other vulnerable groups.	81 Listening Part 2
vulnerable	adj	'vʌlnərəbl	easily harmed, hurt, or attacked		72 Listening Part 2
endangered	adj	ɪn'deɪndʒəd	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.	74 Listening Part 2
subtle	adj	'sʌtl	a subtle taste, smell, sound, or colour is pleasant and delicate	There was a subtle scent of mint in the air.	70 Listening Part 2
colouration	n	,kʌlə'reɪʃən	the colours or pattern of colours on a plant or animal	I was amazed at the beautiful colouration of the parrots.	Listening Part 2
advancement	n	əd'vɑːnsmənt	development	She was hoping for career advancement after she finished the course.	77 Listening Part 2
competitiveness	n	kəm'petɪtɪvnəs	the fact or quality of wanting to win	Her enthusiasm and competitiveness rubbed off on everyone.	75 Listening Part 2

trait	n	treɪt	a quality that is part of someone's character	Does Bryce have any bad traits? His houseboat was anchored overnight in a cove at Lake Shasta.	76 Listening Part 2
houseboat	n	'haʊsbəʊt	a river boat that you can live in		81 Listening Part 2
restless	adj	'rɛstlɪs	not satisfied with your situation and wanting new experiences	After three years at college, I started to get restless.	75 Listening Part 2
well-balanced	adj	wel-'bælənst	a well-balanced person is sensible and does not suddenly become angry, upset etc	I enjoyed working with her, she's an incredibly well-balanced person.	81 Listening Part 2
optimism	n	'ɒptɪzɪzəm	the belief that good things will happen	Recent results must give some cause for optimism.	73 Listening Part 2
exclusively	adv	ɪks'klu:svli	only	This offer is available exclusively to club members.	71 Listening Part 2
further afield	phrase	'fɜ:ðər ə'fi:ld	far away, especially from home	Some students were born in this city, while some came from further afield.	- Listening Part 2
weatherman	n	'weðəmæn	a person on the television or radio whose job is to say what the weather will be like	And now let's hear from our weatherman, Jack, on what we can expect from the weather this weekend.	81 Listening Part 2
comfort zone	n	'kʌmfət zəʊn	your comfort zone is the range of activities or situations that you feel happy and confident in to walk with short steps, with your body moving from one side to the other – used especially about people or birds with fat bodies and short legs	Most people, when faced with doing something that lies outside their comfort zone, will get nervous and panic.	- Listening Part 2
waddle	v	'wɒdl		Half a dozen ducks waddled up the bank.	- Listening Part 2
meteorology	n	ˌmi:tɪə'rɒlədʒi	the scientific study of weather	His work was largely within the field of meteorology.	81 Listening Part 2
whereabouts	n	'weəəbaʊts	the place where someone or something is	His whereabouts are a mystery.	73 Listening Part 2
fascination	n	ˌfæsɪ'neɪʃən	the state of being very interested in something	She had a fascination with science.	75 Listening Part 2
curator	n	kjʊə'reɪtə	someone who is in charge of a museum	The curator was able to find several ancient statues and acquire them for the museum.	74 Listening Part 2
broaden somebody's horizons	phrase	'brɔ:dn 'sʌmbədɪz hə'reɪznz	to expand the limit of your ideas, knowledge, and experience	Travelling abroad can broaden your horizons.	- Listening Part 2
aerial	adj	'eəriəl	from a plane or happening in the air	They used a plane to take the aerial pictures.	74 Listening Part 2
bulky	adj	'bʌlki	big and difficult to move	The package was too bulky to fit into the car.	77 Listening Part 2
beam	n	bi:m	a line of light or energy	Maggie stumbled across the field with only a narrow beam of light from her flashlight to help her.	74 Listening Part 2
reservoir	n	'rezəvwa:	an artificial lake where water is stored before it is supplied to people's houses	Every available stretch of water – be it river, sea or reservoir – is likely to harbour a sailing club.	67 Listening Part 2
metropolis	n	mɪ'trɒpəlɪs	a very large city, or the most important city of a country	After 1850 Paris grew quickly into a busy metropolis.	80 Listening Part 2
hypothesis	n	haɪ'pəθɪsɪs	a suggested explanation for something which has not yet been proved	The results of our experiment confirmed this hypothesis.	72 Listening Part 2
recollect	v	ˌrekə'lekt	to remember something	I know her but I don't recollect her name.	80 Listening Part 3
unwind	v	ʌn'waɪnd	to relax and stop thinking about your work or problems	Swimming helps me unwind after a stressful day.	79 Listening Part 3
pick somebody's brain	phr v	pɪk 'sʌmbədɪz breɪn	ask someone for ideas	Can I pick your brain about what to buy for Claire for her birthday?	- Listening Part 3
premises	n	'premɪsɪz	the buildings and land that a shop, company etc uses	We would prefer if you didn't eat your lunch on the premises.	69 Listening Part 3

favourable	adj	'feɪvərəbl	if a loan, agreement, rate etc is favourable, the conditions of it are reasonable and not too expensive or difficult	They offered us a great interest rate, more favourable than the other bank.	74 Listening Part 3
perfectionist at random	n phrase	pə'fɛkjənɪst ət 'rændəm	someone who is not satisfied with anything unless it is completely perfect without any definite plan, aim, or pattern	As a perfectionist, I want to do everything perfectly but sometimes I need to remind myself that good is fine too. Participants were chosen at random.	81 Listening Part 3 70 Listening Part 3
thrilling	adj	'θrɪlɪŋ	interesting and exciting	The helicopter trip over the mountains was a thrilling end to a fantastic holiday.	73 Listening Part 3
exhilarating fraction	adj n	ɪg'zɪləreɪtɪŋ 'frækʃən	making you feel extremely happy and excited a very small amount of something	Sky-diving is a scary but at the same time exhilarating experience. She paused for a fraction of a second.	79 Listening Part 3 74 Listening Part 3
lasting	adj	'lɑ:stɪŋ	continuing for a long time	The incident made a lasting impression on me. It was hard for me to stop thinking about it.	72 Listening Part 3
hazy	adj	'heɪzi	not clear or exact	My memories of that day are a little hazy. I remember only some bits of it.	78 Listening Part 3
reserve	n	rɪ'zɜ:v	a supply of something that is kept to be used at a time when it is needed	Water reserves are dangerously low.	67 Listening Part 3
entitle	v	ɪn'taɪtl	to give someone the right to have or do something	Employees are entitled to free health insurance. The car is put through rigorous road performance tests.	74 Listening Part 3 76 Listening Part 3
rigorous	adj	'rɪgərəs	careful and thorough		
upbeat	adj	ʌp'bi:t	cheerful and making you feel that good things will happen	I prefer movies with more upbeat endings, so that I'm not sad after watching them.	77 Listening Part 3
rousing	adj	'raʊzɪŋ	making people excited and eager to do something	His rousing speeches helped gather volunteers for the beach clean-up.	82 Listening Part 3
sombre	adj	'sɒmbə	sad and serious	We were all in a sombre mood after our team was defeated.	82 Listening Part 3
nutritional	adj	nju(:)'trɪʃən(ə)l	relating to the way food affects your health	Cooking vegetables for too long lessens their nutritional value.	78 Listening Part 3
handout	n	'hændaʊt	money or food that is given to someone because they are poor	After they lost their jobs, they relied on food handouts from the state.	74 Listening Part 3
well-off	adj	wel-ɒf	fairly rich	Her family are quite well-off, so she could afford to rent a bigger apartment.	67 Listening Part 3
heartening	adj	'hɑ:tnɪŋ	making you feel happier and more hopeful	I have some heartening news! My sister is feeling much better now.	82 Listening Part 3
moan	v	məʊn	to complain in a sad annoying voice about something	A lot of people moaned about the parking problems.	76 Listening Part 3
homeschooling	n	'həʊmsku:lɪŋ	teaching children at home instead of sending them to school	The nearest school was many kilometres away so the parents decided for homeschooling their children.	Listening Part 3
credibility	n	ˌkrədɪ'bɪlɪtɪ	when someone or something can be trusted and believed by people	There's enough evidence to give credibility to this theory.	77 Listening Part 3
unwilling	adj	ʌn'wɪlɪŋ	not wanting to do something, or refusing to do it	He's unwilling to admit he was wrong.	69 Listening Part 3
deteriorate	v	dɪ'tɪəriəreɪt	to become worse	My eyesight seems to have deteriorated. I will need stronger glasses.	68 Listening Part 3
flexibility	n	ˌfleksɪ'bɪlɪtɪ	the ability to change and suit new conditions	Employees expect flexibility in the workplace so that they can adjust their schedules to their private lives.	67 Listening Part 3
creep	v	kri:p	to gradually start to happen	A note of panic had crept into his voice.	71 Listening Part 3

wholly	adv	'həʊli	completely happening only once, or existing in only one place	The rumours are wholly untrue. The argument was an isolated incident. We usually get along fine.	77 Listening Part 3 74 Listening Part 3
isolated	adj	'aɪsələteɪd		He became a citizen in 1978, thereby gaining the right to vote.	72 Listening Part 3
thereby	adv	'ðeə'baɪ	with the result that something happens		
tiresome	adj	'taɪəsəm	annoying or boring	It has been a tiresome day. I just want to go to sleep.	79 Listening Part 3
money-grabbing	adj	'mʌni-'græbɪŋ	determined to get money, even by unfair or illegal methods	He turned out to be a money-grabbing person who would do anything to get rich.	Listening Part 3
elite	n	eɪ'li:t	a group of people who have a lot of power because they have money, knowledge, or special skills	Some goods once reserved for the elite are now available to everyone.	70 Listening Part 3
emulate	v	'emjʊleɪt	if you emulate someone, you try to be like them	Children emulate their heroes.	81 Listening Part 3
predominantly	adv	prɪ'dɒmɪnəntli	because you admire them	The city's population is predominantly Irish.	75 Listening Part 3
outburst	n	'aʊtbɜːst	mostly or mainly		
recount	v	rɪ'kaʊnt	when someone suddenly shows a strong emotion, especially anger	He later apologised for his outburst.	77 Listening Part 3
commute	n	kə'mju:t	to tell a story or describe events	Alan recounted how he and Joyce had met.	75 Listening Part 3
occurrence	n	ə'kʌrəns	a regular journey to work	My morning commute takes 45 minutes.	76 Listening Part 3
prior to sth	phrase	'praɪə tə sth	something that happens	The teacher was very strict and therefore laughter was a rare occurrence in his classroom.	74 Listening Part 3
materialise	v	mə'tɪəriəlaɪz	before	All the arrangements should be completed prior to your departure.	68 Listening Part 3
compromise	n adj + n	'kɒmprəmaɪz	if a possible event or plan materialises, it happens when people or groups accept less than they really want, especially in order to make an agreement	His dream failed to materialise. To stop the argument they decided on a compromise.	68 Listening Part 3
sugary (foods)	collocation	'ʃʊɡəri (fu:dz)		Eat fruit between meals, and try to avoid sugary snacks.	79 Listening Part 3
reassure	v	,ri:ə'ʃʊə	to make someone feel less worried about something	Police have reassured the public that the area is now perfectly safe.	72 Listening Part 3
prospect	n	'prɒspekt	an event which will probably or definitely happen in the future – used when you say how you feel about it	The prospect of selling the house terrified Alice.	71 Listening Part 3
cutting edge	n	'kʌtɪŋ ɛdʒ	the newest and most exciting stage in the development of something	Their research is at the cutting edge of science. No one has tried this method before.	73 Listening Part 3
influential	adj	,ɪnflu'ɛnʃəl	able to influence what happens or what people think	Jacobson's one of the most influential people in New York.	72 Listening Part 3
notable	adj	'nəʊtəbl	important, interesting, or unusual enough to be noticed	A notable feature of the church is its unusual bell tower.	75 Listening Part 3
spaceship	n	'speɪsʃɪp	a vehicle that can travel in space	You need a spaceship to travel to other planets.	71 Listening Part 3
grant	n	grɑ:nt	an amount of money given to someone by an organisation for a particular purpose	She received a research grant of \$50,000 to study the effect of pollution on the environment.	71 Listening Part 3
eminent	adj	'emɪnənt	famous and respected	She's an eminent psychiatrist at the Harvard Medical School.	81 Listening Part 3
intervention	n	,ɪntə(:)'venʃən	the act of becoming involved with something bad in order to change what happens	They voted against the government's intervention to regulate prices.	73 Listening Part 3

what possessed somebody (to do something)?	phrase	wɒt pə'zest 'sʌmbədi (tə dʊ 'sʌmθɪŋ)?	used to say that you cannot understand why someone did something stupid	I don't know what possessed me to buy such an ugly dress.	-	Listening Part 4
change your tune	phrase	tʃeɪndʒ jə tju:n	to start expressing a different opinion about something	You've changed your tune all of a sudden! Now you like the idea?		74 Listening Part 4
best man	n	best mæn	a friend of a bridegroom, who helps him to get ready and stands next to him during the wedding	He asked his brother to be the best man at his wedding.		73 Listening Part 4
payroll	n	'peɪrəʊl	a list of all the people who are employed by a company	The company has over a thousand people on its payroll.		72 Listening Part 4
augmented reality	n	ɔ:g'mentɪd ri(:)'æltɪ	a situation in which computer-generated information, images etc are combined with things in the real world or images of real things	This app uses augmented reality to show 3D models of animals in your room!	-	Listening Part 4
hindsight	n	'haɪndsaɪt	the ability to understand a situation only after it has happened	With hindsight, I should have warned you to expect trouble.		80 Listening Part 4
ladder	n	'lædə	a series of levels within an organisation, profession, or society	She managed to climb the career ladder and became the new CEO.		76 Listening Part 4
top dog	n	tɒp dɒg	the most powerful or important person in a group	She's the top dog now, and doesn't have to prove herself any more.		83 Listening Part 4
direction	n	dɪ'rekʃən	a purpose or aim	I feel that there is a lack of direction in my life. I don't really know what I want from life.		70 Listening Part 4
spring to (sb's) mind	phrase	sprɪŋ tʊ (sb's) maɪnd	if something springs to mind, you immediately think of it	I looked at the costumes they were wearing and many questions sprung to my mind.		76 Listening Part 4
takeaway	n	'teɪkəweɪ	a meal that you buy from a restaurant to eat at home, or a restaurant that sells this food	I don't feel like cooking tonight, let's have a takeaway.		74 Listening Part 4
flurry	n	'flʌrɪ	a time when there is suddenly a lot of activity and people are very busy	After a quiet spell there was a sudden flurry of phone calls.		82 Listening Part 4
acclaim	n	ə'kleɪm	a lot of public praise for someone or something	His first novel received widespread acclaim.		81 Listening Part 4
nerve-racking	adj	'nɜ:v,rækɪŋ	very worrying or frightening	Giving a speech is a nerve-racking experience.		83 Listening Part 4
anticipation	n	æn,tɪsɪ'peɪʃ(ə)n	happy feelings when you think something good is going to happen	Her eyes sparkled with anticipation as the concert started.		73 Listening Part 4
on-screen	adj	ɒn-skri:n	shown on a computer screen, or on a television or cinema screen	Click 'Yes', then follow the on-screen instructions.		72 Listening Part 4
peer	v	pɪə	to look very carefully, especially because it is difficult for you to see something clearly	Someone was peering through the window.		73 Listening Part 4
underrated	adj	ˌʌndə'reɪtɪd	better than people think or say	I can't believe this book is so underrated! I loved it.		79 Listening Part 4
gap year	n	ɡæp jɪə	a year between leaving school and starting university, in which someone travels or works	After he graduated, he decided to take a gap year and travel around the world.		81 Listening Part 4
distant	adj	'dɪstənt	not friendly or not interested	She seemed cold and distant.		73 Listening Part 4
stretch	v	streɪtʃ	to continue for a long period of time	The project will probably stretch into next year.		71 Listening Part 4
momentum	n	məʊ'mentəm	when something continues to increase, develop, or become more successful	The campaign continued to gather momentum as more and more people became interested in it.		74 Listening Part 4
recharge your batteries	phrase	ri:'tʃɑ:dʒ jə 'bætərɪz	to rest or relax in order to get back your energy when you feel desperate, or when a situation is very bad	A week in the mountains should recharge my batteries.	-	Listening Part 4
desperation	n	ˌdespə'reɪʃən	very bad	They looked in desperation for a way out.		75 Listening Part 4

red tape	n	rɛd teɪp	official rules that seem unnecessary and prevent things from being done quickly	The new rules should help cut the red tape for farmers.	75	Listening Part 4
the weak/weakest link	phrase	ðə wi:k/ 'wi:kɪst lɪŋk	the person or thing in a situation that is less strong, skilful etc than the others	The goalkeeper proved to be the weakest link in the match. His performance cost the team the championship.	-	Listening Part 4
partway	adv	'pɑ:tweɪ	time has passed, halfway	She left partway through the two-year contract.	-	Listening Part 4
bizarre	adj	bɪ'zɑ:	very unusual and strange	They tell the most bizarre stories about him.	69	Listening Part 4
downturn	n	'daʊntɜ:n	a time when there is less business activity and conditions become worse	There is evidence of a downturn in the housing market.	76	Listening Part 4
inherit	v	ɪn 'hɛrɪt	to receive money or property from someone when they die	He inherited £10,000 from his aunt.	67	Listening Part 4
dawn on	phr v	dɔ:n ɒn	if a fact dawns on you, you realise it for the first time	It dawned on me that Jo had been right all along.	79	Listening Part 4
stamina	n	'stæmɪnə	physical or mental strength that lets you continue doing something for a long time	You should try exercises that improve speed and stamina.	74	Listening Part 4
climbing	n	'klaɪmɪŋ	the sport of climbing mountains or rocks	Dan taught me the basic techniques of rock climbing.	77	Listening Part 4
transferable skill	n	træns'fɜ:rəbl skɪl	someone with transferable skills is able to use their skills to do a job for which they have not been formally trained	By identifying your transferable skills, you will be able to see a wider range of career possibilities that you are capable of undertaking.	-	Listening Part 4
effortless	adj	'ɛfətɪs	if something is effortless, you can do it very easily	His running looks effortless.	77	Listening Part 4
exertion	n	ɪg'zɜ:ʃən	when you make a great effort	The afternoon's exertions had left us feeling exhausted.	81	Listening Part 4
extended family	n	ɪks'tendɪd 'fæmɪli	a family group that consists of parents, children, and also of grandparents, aunts, uncles etc	We are making a big party and all of our extended family is invited!	73	Listening Part 4
diving board	n	'daɪvɪŋ bɔ:d	a board above a swimming pool that people can jump from	The children had a lot of fun jumping from the diving board into the pool.	83	Listening Part 4
bat	v	bæt	to hit the ball with a bat in cricket or baseball	She batted the ball and sent it flying though the air.	78	Listening Part 4
induction	n	ɪn'dʌkʃən	the process of officially introducing someone into a group or organisation	Her induction as councillor took place in the town hall.	75	Listening Part 4
innovative	adj	ɪn'ɒvətɪv	new, different and good	We need to come up with an innovative solution to a common problem.	72	Listening Part 4
(heavy) workload	adj + n collocation	('hevi) 'wɜ:k,ləʊd	the amount of work you must do	I had to deal with the heavy workload caused by my coworker's absence.	69	Listening Part 4
smoothly	adv	'smu:ðli	with no problems	The event ran smoothly, with no problems whatsoever.	74	Listening Part 4
for the sake of it	phrase	fə ðə seɪk əv ɪt	if you do something for the sake of it, you do it because you want to and not for any particular reason	He likes spending money just for the sake of it.	-	Speaking Part 1
specialise	v	'speʃ(ə)laɪz	to study mainly one subject or do mainly one activity	She's a lawyer who specialises in tax law.	67	Speaking Part 1
scuba diving	n	'sku:bə 'daɪvɪŋ	the sport of swimming under water using a container of air on your back to help you breathe	I always enjoyed swimming so when we were in Hawaii, I decided to try scuba diving.	80	Speaking Part 1
unfit	adj	ʌn'fɪt	not in a good physical condition	He's still unfit after his injury.	75	Speaking Part 1

rehearse	v	ri'hɜ:s	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 Speaking Part 1
accomplish	v	ə'kɒmplɪʃ	to succeed in doing something	As you accomplish each task, cross it off your list.	70 Speaking Part 1
hysterical	adj	hɪs'terɪkəl	extremely funny	The new movie was hysterical. I laughed so hard my stomach hurt!	76 Speaking Part 1
substantially	adv	səb'stænʃəli	very much	Prices have increased substantially and now many people can't afford to pay rent.	73 Speaking Part 1
high-pressure	adj	haɪ-'preʃə	a high-pressure job or situation is one in which you must work very hard to succeed	She decided to give up her high-pressure job on Wall Street, as it was too stressful for her.	75 Speaking Part 2
presumably	adv	prɪ'zju:məbli	used to say that you think something is probably true	One of the players is sick, so presumably, the tennis match will be cancelled.	70 Speaking Part 2
spectacular	adj	spek'tækjələ	very impressive	We were stunned by the spectacular view of the Grand Canyon.	70 Speaking Part 2
amateur	adj	'æmətə(:)	doing something because you enjoy it, not because it is your job	She's an amateur tennis player but with her skills I'm sure she could play professionally.	68 Speaking Part 2
businesslike	adj	'bɪznɪslək	sensible and practical in the way you do things	Sometimes wearing a suit makes me feel more businesslike.	80 Speaking Part 2
principally	adv	'prɪnsəpəli	mainly	It's principally a language college, but they do teach some other subjects.	76 Speaking Part 2
robotic	adj	rəʊ'bɒtɪk	using robots, or relating to robots	The surgeons used a robotic arm to perform the operation.	79 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 and she couldn't remember anything she had learnt.	72 Speaking Part 2
screwdriver	n	'skru: ,draɪvə	a tool that you use for turning screws	I need my screwdriver to fix the shelf but it's not in my toolbox.	75 Speaking Part 2
collaborative	adj	kə'læb(ə)rətɪv	involving two or more people collaborating in a task	The project was a collaborative work of the entire group.	76 Speaking Part 3
necessity	n	nɪ'sesɪti	when you must do something	The report stresses the necessity of eating plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables.	70 Speaking Part 3
as far as sth is concerned	phrase	əz fɑ:r əz sth z kən'sɜ:nd	used to show which subject or thing you are talking about	As far as money is concerned, the club is doing fairly well.	71 Speaking Part 3
wind down	phr v	wɑɪnd daʊn	to rest and relax after a lot of hard work or excitement	This week was very stressful so I'll try to wind down by taking a walk in the park.	71 Speaking Part 3
rank	v	ræŋk	to have a particular position on a list that shows how good or important people or things are, or to decide someone's or something's position in a list like this	The lake must rank as one of the most beautiful in Europe.	72 Speaking Part 3
primary	adj	'praɪməri	most important	Our primary concern is the safety of the children.	68 Speaking Part 3
genetics	n	dʒɪ'netɪks	the study of how genes affect the development of living things	Nothing is more important.	72 Speaking Part 4
distraction	n	dɪs'trækʃən	something that takes your attention away from what you are doing	During their genetics course they learned how people inherit their eye colour.	74 Speaking Part 4
revenue	n	'revɪnju:	money that a business or the government receives	I can't study at home – there are too many distractions.	71 Speaking Part 4
on top of that	phrase	ɒn tɒp əv ðæt	used to add something to what you have said	Most of the theatre's revenue comes from ticket sales.	70 Speaking Part 4
				He arrived late, and on top of that, he hadn't brought any equipment.	

reverse	v	rɪˈvɜːs	to change something completely so that it is the opposite of what it was before	We cannot reverse the ageing process.	69 Speaking Part 4
motor vehicle	n	ˈməʊtə ˈviːɪkl	a car, bus etc	This road is closed to motor vehicles. Only bikes can use this road.	70 Speaking Part 4