

# WORDLIST

adj = adjective, adv = adverb, n = noun, v = verb,  
pv = phrasal verb, prep = preposition, exp = expression  
conj = conjunction

## Unit 1

**alarmed** *adj* worried or frightened by something (8)

**appalled** *adj* very shocked and feeling great disapproval (8)

**break** *v* (*news*) If news or a story breaks, or if someone breaks it, it becomes known by the public for the first time. (12)

**circulation** *n* (*of newspaper*) the number of people that a newspaper or magazine is regularly sold to (11)

**contrary to** *adj + prep* opposite to what someone said or thought (14)

**conversely** *adv* in an opposite way (14)

**cover** *v* (*news story*) to report the news about a particular important event (11)

**current affairs** *n* political news about events happening now (10)

**demography** *n* The demography of an area is the number and characteristics of the people who live in an area, in relation to their age, sex, if they are married or not, etc. (10)

**disgusted** *adj* feeling extreme dislike or disapproval of something (8)

**distressed** *adj* upset or worried (8)

**draft** *v* to write down a document for the first time, including the main points but not all the details (11)

**helpless** *adj* unable to do anything to help yourself or anyone else (8)

**hysterical** *adj* unable to control your feelings or behaviour because you are extremely frightened, angry, excited, etc. (8)

**imply** *v* to communicate an idea or feeling without saying it directly (13)

**infer** *v* to form an opinion or guess that something is true because of the information that you have (13)

**irritated** *adj* annoyed (8)

**overwhelmed** *adj* feeling sudden strong emotion (8)

**phenomenon** *n* something that exists or happens, especially something unusual or interesting (11)

**readership** *n* the group of people who regularly read a particular newspaper, magazine, etc. (11)

**revenue** *n* the income that a government or company receives regularly (11)

**run** *v* (*publish*) to publish something in a newspaper or magazine (11)

**source** *n* (*of information*) someone or something that supplies information (12)

**speechless** *adj* unable to speak because you are so angry, shocked, surprised, etc. (8)

**subscription** *n* an amount of money that you pay regularly to receive a product or service or to be a member of an organisation (11)

**tablet** *n* (*computer*) a small, flat computer that is controlled by touching the screen or by using a special pen (11)

**transition** *n* a change from one form or type to another, or the process by which this happens (10)

**unsafe** *adj* not safe (8)

## Unit 2

**allude to** *pv* to mention someone or something without talking about them directly (17)

**applause** *n* the sound of people clapping their hands repeatedly to show enjoyment or approval of something such as a performance or speech (20)

**bilingual** *adj* (*of a person*) able to use two languages equally well, or (*of a thing*) using or involving two languages (19)

**chilly** *adj* (*of weather, conditions in a room, or parts of the body*) cold (23)

**discourse** *n* a speech or piece of writing about a particular, usually serious, subject (17)

**edible** *adj* suitable or safe for eating (23)

**enhanced** *adj* improved (17)

**ethically** *adv* in a way that is morally right (17)

**feast** *n* a day on which a religious event or person is remembered and celebrated (20)

**gathering** *n* a party or a meeting when many people come together as a group (20)

**hence** *adv* that is the reason or explanation for something (17)

**inevitably** *adv* in a way that cannot be avoided (19)

**itinerary** *n* a detailed plan or route of a journey (20)

**luxurious** *adj* very comfortable and expensive (19)

**mislead** *v* to cause someone to believe something that is not true (19)

**motivated** *adj* If someone is motivated by a particular desire or belief, that desire or belief causes them to behave in the way that they do. (17)

**negligible** *adj* too slight or small in amount to be of importance (17)

**outnumber** *v* to be greater in number than someone or something (19)

**overcrowded** *adj* containing too many people or things (19)

**participant** *n* a person who takes part in or becomes involved in a particular activity (20)

**procession** *n* a line of people who are all walking or travelling in the same direction, especially in a formal way as part of a religious ceremony or public celebration (20)

**redevelop** *v* to change an area of a town by replacing old buildings, roads, etc. with new ones (19)

**refreshed** *adj* less hot or tired (19)

**scenario** *n* a description of possible actions or events (17)

**symptomatic** *adj* If something bad is symptomatic of something else, it is caused by the other thing and is proof that it exists. (17)

**unspoilt** *adj* not changed or damaged by people (19)

**voluntary** *adj* Voluntary work is done without being paid and usually involves helping people. (16)

**whilst** *conj* while (17)

**workshop** *n* a meeting of people to discuss and/or perform practical work in a subject or activity (23)

## Unit 3

**be inclined to** *exp* to have an opinion about something, but not a strong opinion (29)

**close-knit** *adj* describes a group of people in which everyone helps and supports each other (24)

**come up with** *pv* to suggest or think of an idea or plan (27)

**distant relative** *n* someone in your family who is not closely related (24)

**dysfunctional** *adj* not behaving or working normally (24)

**extended family** *n* a family unit that includes grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts and uncles, etc. in addition to parents and children (24)

**foster parent** *n* a person who acts as the parent of someone else's child for a limited period, without becoming their legal parent (24)

**keep a low profile** *exp* to avoid attracting attention to yourself (28)

**keep a straight face** *exp* to manage to stop yourself from smiling or laughing (28)

**keep an eye out for** *exp* to watch carefully for someone or something to appear (28)

**keep someone posted** *exp* to make sure that someone always knows what is happening (28)

**keep track of** *exp* to continue to know about something (28)

**keep your cool** *exp* to stay calm (28)

**keep your fingers crossed** *exp* to hope that things will happen in the way that you want them to (28)

**keep your word** *exp* to do what you said you would (28)

**lifelong** *adj* lasting for the whole of a person's life (24)

**lone parent** *n* someone who has a child or children, but no partner living with them (24)

**meet up** *pv* to meet another person in order to do something together (27)

**mutual** *adj* (*of two or more people or groups*) feeling the same emotion, or doing the same thing to or for each other (24)

**neutral** *adj* (*style*) neither formal nor informal (30)

**spring up** *pv* (*appear*) to appear suddenly (27)

**stable** *adj* (*relationship*) not likely to change or end suddenly (24)

**stand up to** *pv* to defend yourself against a powerful person or organisation when they treat you unfairly (28)

**to cap it all** *exp* used when you mention something in addition to all the other (bad) things that have happened (31)

## Unit 4

- affluent** *adj* having a lot of money or owning a lot of things (36)
- auction** *n* a usually public sale of goods or property, where people make higher and higher bids (=offers of money) for each thing, until the thing is sold to the person who will pay most (34)
- back out** *pv* to decide not to do something that you said you would do (33)
- bail out** *pv* to help a person or organisation that is in difficulty, usually by giving or lending them money (33)
- bankrupt** *adj* declared by law as unable to pay what you owe (36)
- bid** *n* an offer of a particular amount of money for something that is for sale (34)
- break even** *exp* to have no profit or loss at the end of a business activity (36)
- by and large** *exp* when everything about a situation is considered together (35)
- deduct** *v* to take away an amount or part from a total (34)
- first and foremost** *exp* more than anything else (35)
- for a start** *exp* first, or as the first in a set of things (35)
- for good** *exp* for ever (35)
- for the time being** *exp* a particular period of time for which something has been happening, or that is needed for something (35)
- funds** *n (plural)* money needed or available to spend on something (36)
- gross** *adj (before tax)* A gross amount of money has not had taxes or other costs taken from it. (36)
- interest** *n (money charged on loan)* money that is charged by a bank or other financial organisation for borrowing money (36)
- let alone** *exp* used after a negative statement to emphasise how unlikely a situation is because something much more likely has never happened (35)
- make a loss** *exp* to lose more money than you make (34)
- make ends meet** *exp* to have just enough money to pay for the things that you need (36)

- other than** *exp* in a negative sentence, used to mean 'except' (35)
- overdrawn** *adj (of a person)* having taken more money out of your bank account than the account contained, or (of a bank account) having had more money taken from it than was originally in it (36)
- pay-as-you-go** *adj* describes a system in which you pay for a service before you use it and you cannot use more than you have paid for (34)
- procedure** *n* a set of actions that is the official or accepted way of doing something (34)
- prosperous** *adj* successful, usually by earning a lot of money (36)
- rip-off** *n (informal)* something that is not worth what you pay for it (36)
- splash out on** *pv* to spend a lot of money on buying things, especially on things that are pleasant to have but that you do not need (33)
- subject to** *exp* likely to be affected by something (35)
- transaction** *n* an occasion when someone buys or sells something, or when money is exchanged or the activity of buying or selling something (34)
- unaffordable** *adj* too expensive for people to be able to buy or pay for (36)
- well off** *adj* rich (36)
- with a view to doing something** *exp* with the aim of doing something (35)

## Unit 5

- blister** *n* a painful swelling on the skin that contains liquid, caused usually by continuous rubbing, especially on your foot, or by burning (42)
- clinical** *adj* describes medical work or teaching that relates to the examination and treatment of ill people (40)
- comparable** *adj* similar in size, amount, or quality to something else (44)
- competence** *n* the ability to do something well (44)
- conscious** *adj (awake)* awake, thinking, and knowing what is happening around you (40)
- conventional wisdom** *n* beliefs or opinions that have existed for a long time and that most people agree with (43)

- dislocate** *v* to force a bone suddenly out of its correct position (42)
- first-rate** *adj* extremely good (45)
- fracture** *v* If a bone fractures or is fractured, it breaks or cracks. (42)
- infect** *v* to pass a disease to a person, animal, or plant; If a place, wound, or substance is infected, it contains bacteria or other things that can cause disease. (40)
- make a point of** *exp* to always do something or to take particular care to do something (43)
- needless to say** *exp* as you would expect; added to, or used to introduce, a remark giving information that is expected and not surprising (43)
- on the grounds that** *exp* a reason for what you do or say, or for being allowed to say or do something (43)
- paramedic** *n* a person who is trained to do medical work, especially in an emergency, but who is not a doctor or nurse (41)
- pointless** *adj* Something that is pointless has no purpose and it is a waste of time doing it. (44)
- relief** *n* rest from something difficult (43)
- skilful** *adj* good at doing something, especially because you have practised doing it (44)
- specific** *adj* relating to one thing and not others; clear and exact (44)
- sprain** *v* to cause an injury to a joint (= place where two bones are connected) by a sudden movement (42)
- statistical** *adj* relating to statistics (44)
- strike a balance** *exp* If you strike a balance between two things, you accept parts of both things in order to satisfy some of the demands of both sides in an argument, rather than all the demands of just one side (43)
- summarise** *v* to express the most important facts or ideas in a short and clear form (44)
- surgeon** *n* a doctor who is specially trained to perform medical operations (40)
- surgical** *adj* connected with or used for medical operations (40)
- swelling** *n* a part of your body that has become bigger because of illness or injury (42)
- take issue with** *exp* to disagree with strongly (43)
- take note of** *exp* to give attention to something, especially because it is important (43)

## Unit 6

- acclaimed** *adj* praised and approved of (48)
- allocate** *v* to give something to someone as their share of a total amount, for them to use in a particular way (51)
- anticipate** *v* to imagine or expect that something will happen (48)
- appalling** *adj* shocking and very bad (48)
- assign** *v* If you assign a time for a job or activity, you decide it will be done during that time. (51)
- brutal** *adj* cruel, violent, and completely without feelings (54)
- distinctive** *adj* Something that is distinctive is easy to recognise because it is different from other things. (48)
- evaluate** *v* to judge or calculate the quality, importance, amount, or value of something (51)
- exhibit** *n* an object that is shown to the public in a museum, etc. (51)
- exposure** *n (made public)* the fact of something bad that someone has done being made public (51)
- far-fetched** *adj* very unlikely to be true, and difficult to believe (54)
- gloomy** *adj* unhappy and without hope (54)
- gripping** *adj* describes something that is so interesting or exciting that it holds your attention completely (54)
- hilarious** *adj* extremely funny and causing a lot of laughter (48)
- imaginative** *adj* new, original, and clever; good at thinking of new, original, and clever ideas (48)
- outdated** *adj* old-fashioned and therefore not as good or as fashionable as something modern (51)
- overrated** *adj* If something or someone is overrated, they are considered to be better or more important than they really are. (48)
- predictable** *adj* happening or behaving in a way that you expect and not unusual or interesting (54)
- pretentious** *adj* trying to appear or sound more important or clever than you are, especially in matters of art and literature (54)
- renovate** *v* to repair and improve something, especially a building (51)

**subtle** *adj* achieved in a quiet way that does not attract attention to itself and is therefore good or clever (54)

**tedious** *adj* boring (48)

**unconventional** *adj* different from what is usual or from the way most people do things (48)

**unconvincing** *adj* If an explanation or story is unconvincing, it does not sound or seem true or real. (54)

**uninspired** *adj* not exciting or interesting (54)

**urge** *v* to strongly advise or try to persuade someone to do a particular thing (51)

**utterly** *adv* completely (48)

**view** *v* to look at or watch something (49)

## Unit 7

**a breath of fresh air** *exp* someone or something that is new and different and makes everything seem more exciting (61)

**a drop in the ocean** *exp* a very small amount compared to the amount needed (61)

**commuter** *n* someone who regularly travels between work and home (58)

**congestion** *n* traffic on roads or in towns, making movement difficult (58)

**consumption** *n* the amount used (58)

**designated** *adj* officially having the stated purpose (57)

**down to earth** *exp* sensible and practical (61)

**drought** *n* a long period when there is little or no rain (56)

**emission** *n* an amount of gas, heat, light, etc. that is sent out (56)

**exhaust fumes** *n (plural)* the waste gas from an engine, especially a car's (58)

**extinct** *adj* not now existing (56)

**fossil fuel** *n* fuels, such as gas, coal and oil, that were formed underground from plant and animal remains millions of years ago (56)

**gridlock** *n* a situation where roads in a town become so blocked by cars that it is impossible for any traffic to move (58)

**habitat** *n* the natural environment in which an animal or plant usually lives (56)

**ice cap** *n* a thick layer of ice that permanently covers an area of land (56)

**keep your head above water** *exp* to just be able to manage, especially when you have financial difficulties (61)

**legislation** *n* a law or set of laws suggested by a government and made official by a parliament (63)

**mysteriously** *adv* in a way that is strange and cannot be understood (62)

**occupancy** *n* someone's use of a room, building or vehicle (58)

**out of the blue** *exp* If something happens out of the blue, it is completely unexpected. (61)

**over the moon** *exp* delighted about something (61)

**play with fire** *exp* to act in a way that is very dangerous and to take risks (61)

**smog** *n* a mixture of smoke, gases, and chemicals, especially in cities, that makes the atmosphere difficult to breathe and harmful for health (58)

**tip of the iceberg** *exp* a small, noticeable part of a problem, the total size of which is really much greater (61)

**unsurprisingly** *adv* in a way that does not make you feel surprised (62)

## Unit 8

**adopt a low profile** *exp* to avoid attracting attention to yourself (65)

**appoint** *v* to choose someone officially for a job or responsibility (68)

**be what counts** *exp* to have most importance or value (65)

**brim with** *exp* If someone is brimming with a good quality or thing, they have a lot of it. (65)

**come to a conclusion** *exp* to decide what to think about something (65)

**die down** *pv* to gradually decrease (65)

**dismiss** *v (sack)* to remove someone from their job, especially because they have done something wrong (68)

**enrol** *v* to put yourself or someone else onto the official list of members of a course, college, or group (64)

**fill a position** *exp* to find someone to do a job (68)

**get the drift** *exp* to understand the general meaning of what someone is saying (65)

**go round in circles** *exp* to keep doing or talking about the same thing, without achieving anything (65)

**hold down a job** *exp* to manage to keep a job for a period of time (68)

**lay off** *pv* to stop employing someone, usually because there is no work for them to do (68)

**let go** *exp (sack)* to stop employing someone, usually because there is no work for them to do (68)

**make redundant** *exp* to stop employing someone, usually because there is no work for them to do (68)

**open-ended** *adj* An open-ended activity or situation does not have a planned ending, so it may develop in several ways. (65)

**postgraduate** *n* a student who has already got one degree and is studying at a university for a more advanced qualification (64)

**prospectus** *n* a document giving details of a college, school, or business and its activities (64)

**recruit** *v* to persuade someone to work for a company or become a new member of an organisation, especially the army (68)

**scholarship** *n* an amount of money given by a school, college, university, or other organisation to pay for the studies of a person with great ability but little money (64)

**step down** *pv* to leave an important job or position, especially to allow someone else to take your place (68)

**syllabus** *n* (a plan showing) the subjects or books to be studied in a particular course, especially a course that leads to an exam (64)

**take a back seat** *exp* to choose not to be in a position of responsibility in an organisation or activity (65)

**the matter in hand** *exp* the subject or situation being considered (65)

**tutorial** *n* a period of study with a tutor involving one student or a small group (64)

**undergraduate** *n* a student who is studying for their first degree at college or university (64)

## Unit 9

**biased** *adj* showing an unreasonable like or dislike for a person based on personal opinions (76)

**compatible** *adj* able to exist, live together, or work successfully with something or someone else (76)

**criteria** *n (plural)* standards by which you judge, decide about, or deal with something (72)

**deduction** *n* the process of reaching a decision or answer by thinking about the known facts, or the decision that is reached (72)

**deprived** *adj* not having the things that are necessary for a pleasant life, such as enough money, food, or good living conditions (76)

**dumb down** *pv* to make something simpler and easier to understand, especially in order to make it more popular (74)

**eligible** *adj* having the necessary qualities or satisfying the necessary conditions (76)

**equivalent** *adj* having the same amount, value, purpose, qualities, etc. as something else (76)

**hostile (to)** *adj* unfriendly and not liking or agreeing with something (76)

**hypothesis** *n* an idea or explanation for something that is based on known facts but has not yet been proved (72)

**ignorant** *adj* not having enough knowledge, understanding, or information about something (76)

**in a sense** *exp* thinking about something in one way, but not in every way (75)

**inadequate** *adj* not good enough or too low in quality (76)

**be a matter of** *exp* If something is a matter of doing a particular thing, that is what you need to do in order to achieve it. (75)

**journal** *n* a serious magazine or newspaper that is published regularly about a particular subject (74)

**knowledgeable** *adj* knowing a lot (76)

**notorious** *adj* famous for something bad (76)

**prejudiced** *adj* showing an unreasonable dislike for something or someone (76)

**principle** *n* a basic idea or rule that explains or controls how something happens or works (72)

**protective (toward)** *adj* wanting to protect someone from criticism, hurt, danger, etc. because you like them very much (76)

**renowned** *adj* famous for something (76)

**restricted** *adj* limited, especially by official rules, laws, etc. (76)

**sceptical** *adj* doubting that something is true or useful (76)

**significance** *n* important because it affects other things (72)

**superior** *adj* better than average or better than other people or things of the same type (76)

**take a dim view** *exp* to disapprove of something (74)

**the former** *exp* the first of two people, things, or groups previously mentioned (74)

**the odd** *exp* the occasional (75)

**the status quo** *exp* the present situation (75)

**variable** *n* a number, amount, or situation that can change (72)

## Unit 10

**antisocial** *adj* often avoiding spending time with other people (84)

**brush up on** *pv* to improve your knowledge of something already learned but partly forgotten (83)

**check up on** *pv* to try to discover what someone is doing in order to be certain that they are doing what they should be doing (83)

**classification** *n* the act or process of dividing things into groups according to their type (80)

**come up against** *pv* to have to deal with a problem (83)

**conscientious** *adj* putting a lot of effort into your work (84)

**consistently** *adv* continuing or developing steadily in the same way (80)

**constitute** *v* to be or be considered as something (80)

**do away with** *pv* to get rid of something, or stop using something (83)

**extrovert** *n* an energetic happy person who enjoys being with other people (80)

**get back to** *pv* (reply) to talk to someone again, usually on the phone (83)

**get through to** *pv* to succeed in making someone believe or understand something (83)

**idealistic** *adj* believing that very good things can be achieved, often when this does not seem likely to others (84)

**insecure** *adj* Insecure people have little confidence and are uncertain about their own abilities or if other people really like them. (84)

**introvert** *n* someone who is shy, quiet, and unable to make friends easily (80)

**merit** *n* the quality of being good and deserving praise (80)

**modest** *adj* not usually talking about or making obvious your own abilities and achievements (84)

**naive** *adj* If you are naive, you are too willing to believe that someone is telling the truth, that people's intentions in general are good, or that life is simple and fair. People are often naive because they are young and/or have not had much experience of life. (84)

**narrow-minded** *adj* not willing to accept ideas or ways of behaving that are different from your own (84)

**outgoing** *adj* (*character*) friendly and energetic and finding it easy and enjoyable to be with other people (81)

**perception** *n* a belief or opinion, often held by many people and based on how things seem (80)

**play down** *pv* to make something seem less important or less bad than it really is (81)

**proposition** *n* an idea or opinion (80)

**questionable** *adj* not certain, or wrong in some way (80)

**read up on** *pv* to spend time reading in order to find out information about something (83)

**self-centred** *adj* only interested in yourself and your own activities (84)

**self-conscious** *adj* nervous or uncomfortable because you are worried what people think about you or your actions (84)

**talkative** *adj* talking a lot (84)

**trustworthy** *adj* able to be trusted (84)