

Speakout 2e Advanced wordlist

Word	Page	Part of speech	Pron	Example
given name	8	n	ˈɡɪvən neɪm	My given name is Nicholas.
maiden name	8	n	ˈmeɪdn neɪm	I'm Mrs Mary Smith, but my maiden name is Mary Black.
name after	8	phr v	ˈneɪm ˌɑːftə	He was named after his father.
live up to your name	8	phr	lɪv ˌʌp tə jɔː ˈneɪm	The boss has certainly lived up to his name.
make a name for yourself	8	idiom	ˈmeɪk ə ˈneɪm	He made a name for himself as a conductor of the Berlin Orchestra.
household name	8	n	ˈhaʊshəʊld ˈneɪm	Barack Obama is a household name.
put your name forward	8	phr	put ˈfɔːwəd	He put his name forward as a candidate for governor.
clear your name	8	idiom	ˈkliə jə ˈneɪm	They fought for years to clear his name.
by name	8	phr	baɪ ˈneɪm	He was mentioned by name in the report of the accident.
in name only	8	idiom	ɪn ˈneɪm ˈəʊnli	That country is a democracy in name only.
surname	8	n	ˈsɜːneɪm	The actor Michael Caine's real surname is Micklewhite.
middle name	8	n	ˈmɪdl ˈneɪm	Harry Potter's middle name is James.
married name	8	n	ˈmærid ˈneɪm	She gave them Brenda's married name and address.
perceptive	12	adj	pəˈseptɪv	You're right. That's very perceptive of you.
inspirational	12	adj	ˌɪnspeɪˈreɪʃənəl	Jones proved an inspirational figure in Welsh rugby.
over-ambitious	12	adj	ˌəʊvər æmˈbɪʃəs	The over-ambitious health reform programme failed.
conscientious	12	adj	ˌkɒnʃiː ənfəs	A conscientious teacher may feel inclined to take work home.
obstinate	12	adj	ˈɒbstənət	He was the most obstinate man I've ever met.
neurotic	12	adj	njuːˈrɒtɪk	He seemed a neurotic, self-obsessed man.
open-minded	12	adj	əʊpən ˈmaɪndəd	She's quite open-minded about what job she wants to do.
prejudiced	12	adj	ˈpredʒədɪst	Some officers were racially prejudiced.
apathetic	12	adj	ˌæpəˈθetɪk	She felt too apathetic even to move.
insensitive	12	adj	ɪnˈsensətɪv	She's totally insensitive to Jack's feelings.
solitary	12	adj	ˈsɒlətəri	Pandas are solitary creatures.
rebellious	12	adj	rɪˈbeljəs	He's always had a rebellious streak (= a tendency to rebel).
mature	12	adj	məˈtʃʊə	We're mature enough to disagree on this issue but still respect each other.
inquisitive	12	adj	ɪnˈkwɪzətɪv	He's a very inquisitive little boy.
considerate	148	adj	kənˈsɪdərət	He was always kind and considerate.
circumspect	148	adj	ˈsɜːkəmspekt	The governor was usually circumspect when dealing with the media.
conservative	148	adj	kənˈsɜːvətɪv	He has a very conservative attitude to education.
temperamental	148	adj	ˌtempərəˈmentl	Preston is particularly good at handling temperamental people.
impetuous	148	adj	ɪmˈpetʃʊəs	He was high-spirited and impetuous.
easy-going	148	adj	ˌiːzi ˈgeʊɪŋ	Her easy-going nature made her popular.
gregarious	148	adj	ɡrɪˈɡeəriəs	He's a very gregarious person.
selfish	148	adj	ˈselfɪʃ	How can you be so selfish?
liberal	148	adj	ˈlɪbərəl	I had quite liberal parents.
introverted	148	adj	ˌɪntroʊvɜːtəd	Jenny is quite introverted and doesn't enjoy parties.
yes-man	13	n	ˈjes mæn	You can't expect Jim to disagree with the boss – he's a complete yes-man.
whizzkid	13	n	ˈwɪzktɪd	He's a financial whizzkid in the City.
busybody	13	n	ˈbɪzi ˌbɒdi	Mrs Jackson is a busybody.

chatterbox	13	n	ˈtʃætəbɒks	Young John is a real chatterbox.
pain in the neck	13	idiom	ˈpeɪn ɪn ðə ˈnek	Joshua is a pain in the neck.
dark horse	13	idiom	ˈdɑːk ˈhɔːs	She's a dark horse. I didn't know she'd written a novel.
old hand	13	idiom	əʊld ˈhænd	He's an old hand at the job.
set in her ways	13	idiom	set ɪn hə ˈweɪz	Marc was 65 and very set in his ways.
black sheep	13	idiom	blæk ˈʃiːp	Amy's always been the black sheep of the family.
life and soul of the party	13	idiom	ˈlaɪf ən ˌsəʊl əv ðə ˈpɑːti	We must ask Sylvia to come – she's the life and soul of the party.
rotten apple	148	idiom	ˈrɒtn ˈæpəl	Oliver was the rotten apple – people started arguing when he arrived.
loose cannon	148	idiom	ˈluːs ˈkænən	Don't send John to the meeting because he's a bit of a loose cannon.
couch potato	148	idiom	ˈkaʊtʃ pə ˈteɪtəʊ	He's a bit of a couch potato.
wet blanket	148	idiom	wet ˈblæŋkət	Don't ask Sarah, she's such a wet blanket.
big cheese	148	idiom	bɪɡ ˈtʃiːz	He's the big cheese in this business.
tough cookie	148	idiom	tʌf ˈkʊki	Ask Alice to help, she's a tough cookie.
capture the beauty of something	14	phr	ˌkæptʃə ðə ˈbjuːti əv ˌsʌmθɪŋ	These photographs capture the beauty of the countryside at the turn of the century.
evocative	14	adj	ɪˈvɒkətɪv	That picture is wonderfully evocative of a hot, summer's day.
iconic	14	adj	aɪˈkɒnɪk	Have you seen that iconic picture of Churchill?
revealing	14	adj	riˈviːlɪŋ	The programme gave a revealing insight into her life.
striking	14	adj	ˈstraɪkɪŋ	A dark man with striking features walked up to me.
provocative	14	adj	prəˈvɒkətɪv	The minister's provocative remarks were widely reported in the press.
over the hill	22	idiom	əʊvə ðə ˈhɪl	Kathleen thinks she's over the hill, but she's only 32.
go far	22	phr v	ɡəʊ ˈfɑː	He was the best student in his year, and everyone was sure he would go far.
reach the peak	22	idiom	riːtʃ ðə ˈpiːk	Most athletes reach their peak in their mid 20s.
go downhill	22	idiom	ɡəʊ daʊn ˈhɪl	Grandma fell and broke her leg, and she went downhill quite rapidly after that.
at a crossroads	22	idiom	ət ə ˈkrɒsrəʊdz	Now farming is at a crossroads in the European Community.
hard to swallow	22	idiom	ˌhɑːd tə ˈswɒləʊ	I found his story a bit hard to swallow.
regurgitate	22	v	riˈɡɜːdʒəteɪt	She tried to get students to think critically, not just regurgitate facts.
food for thought	22	idiom	ˈfuːd fə ˈθɔːt	The teacher's advice certainly gave me food for thought.
half-baked	22	adj	ˌhɑːf ˈbeɪkt	He's always coming out with these half-baked ideas which will never work.
flash of inspiration	149	idiom	ˌflæʃ əv ɪnspəˈreɪʃən	As he was thinking about the problem, he suddenly had a flash of inspiration.
bright	149	adj	braɪt	He was an exceptionally bright child.
shine	149	v	ʃaɪn	The concert will give young jazz musicians a chance to shine.
dim	149	adj	dɪm	You can be really dim sometimes!
construct a theory	149	phr	kənˌstrʌkt ə ˈθiəri	Boyce has constructed a new theory of management.
support a theory	149	phr	səˌpɔːt ə ˈθiəri	Her findings supported Darwin's theory of evolution.
fall down	149	phr v	fɔːl ˈdaʊn	That's where the whole argument falls down.
foundations	149	n pl	ˈfaʊnˌdeɪʃənz	All theories should be built on solid foundations of factual knowledge.
make a killing	149	idiom	ˌmeɪk ə ˈkɪlɪŋ	He made a killing on the stock exchange.
launch a campaign	149	phr	ˌlɔːntʃ ə kæmˈpeɪn	The organisation has launched a campaign to raise £150,000.
target	149	v	ˈtɑːɡet	The programme is targeted at improving the health of women of all ages.
join forces	149	idiom	ˌdʒɔɪn ˈfɔːsɪz	Local schools have joined forces with each other to share facilities.

perspective	23	n	pəˈspektrɪv	His father's death gave him a whole new perspective on life.
mind	23	n	maɪnd	It's important to keep an open mind as you study the topic.
eye-opening	23	adj	ˈaɪ ˌəʊpənɪŋ	The whole trip has been an eye-opening experience.
narrow-minded	23	adj	ˈnæəʊ ˈmaɪndəd	His attitude is narrow-minded and insensitive.
convincing	23	adj	kənˈvɪnsɪŋ	They produced convincing evidence of his guilt.
second thoughts	23	n pl	ˌsekənd ˈθɔːts	You're not having second thoughts, are you?
stereotype	23	n	ˈsteriətaɪp	She is someone who doesn't fit the stereotype of the good mother.
preconception	23	n	ˌpriːkənˈsepʃən	I had the same preconceptions about life in South Africa that many people have.
the general opinion	149	phr	ðə ˌdʒenərəl əˈpɪnjən	The general opinion seems to be that the government has made a mess of the war.
keep your opinions to yourself	149	phr	ˌkiːp jər əˈpɪnjənz tə jərˈself	As the youngest person there, I knew enough to keep my opinions to myself.
personal opinion	149	phr	ˌpɜːsənəl əˈpɪnjən	My personal opinion is that his first film was better.
opinionated	149	adj	əˈpɪnjənɪtəd	I found him very arrogant and opinionated.
idealistic	149	adj	aɪˌdiəˈlɪstɪk	Many people had idealistic values in the 1960s.
difference of opinion	149	phr	ˌdɪfərəns əv əˈpɪnjən	He and Luke had a difference of opinion.
opinion is divided	149	phr	əˈpɪnjən ɪz dɪˈvaɪdəd	Opinion was divided as to whether the program will work.
a matter of opinion	149	phr	ə ˈmætər əv əˈpɪnjən	"He's a very nice man." "That's a matter of opinion," thought Sam.
entitled to your own opinion	149	phr	ɪn ˌtaɪtlɪd tuː jər ˌəʊn əˈpɪnjən	Of course everyone is entitled to their opinion, but I can't accept what he is saying.
however	25	conj	haʊˈevə	He began his career as a mathematician. However, his main achievements were in nuclear physics.
consequently	25	adv	ˈkɒnsəkwəntli	The molecules are absorbed into the bloodstream and consequently affect the organs.
additionally	25	adv	əˈdɪʃənəli	A new contract is in place. Additionally, staff will be offered a bonus scheme.
so	25	conj	səʊ	There are no buses, so you'll have to walk.
on the other hand	25	phr	ɒn ðɪ ˈʌðə hænd	I'd like to eat out, but on the other hand I should be trying to save money.
in addition	25	phr	ɪn əˈdɪʃən	The company provides cheap Internet access. In addition, it makes shareware freely available.
in fact	25	phr	ɪn ˈfækt	They told me it would be cheap but in fact it cost me nearly £500.
furthermore	25	adv	ˌfɜːðə ˈmɔː	He is old and unpopular. Furthermore, he has at best only two years of political life ahead of him.
nevertheless	25	adv	ˌnevəðəˈles	What you said was true. It was, nevertheless, a little unkind.
for this reason	25	phr	fə ˈðɪs ˈriːzən	The river has flooded, and for this reason the bridge is closed.
likewise	25	adv	ˈlaɪkwaɪz	The meat was delicious. Likewise, the aubergine was excellent.
in conclusion	25	phr	ɪn kənˈkluːʒən	In conclusion, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed myself today.
play devil's advocate	26	idiom	ˌdevəlz ˈædvəkət	To play devil's advocate for a moment, what if the factory did close?
speak your mind	26	idiom	ˌspiːk jə ˈmaɪnd	He was a tough politician who wasn't afraid to speak his mind.
sit on the fence	26	idiom	ˌsɪt ɒn ðə ˈfens	Stop sitting on the fence and tell us what you really think!
beat about the bush	26	idiom	ˌbiːt əbaʊt ðə ˈbʊʃ	Don't beat about the bush. Ask for your account to be paid, and paid quickly.
innate talent	28	adj	ɪˌneɪt ˈtælənt	Children have an innate talent for learning languages.
put success down to	28	phr	ˌpʊt səkˈses daʊn tə	I put the team's success down to good management.

lifelong passion	28	phr	ˈlaɪflɒŋ ˈpæʃən	Gardening was her lifelong passion.
academically gifted	28	adv	ˌækədɛmɪkli ˈɡɪftəd	Are some people born academically gifted?
artistically gifted	28	adj	ɑː ˈtɪstɪkli ˈɡɪftəd	Opinion about how artistically gifted he was has been mixed.
physically gifted	28	adj	ˈfɪzɪkli ˈɡɪftəd	He was a physically gifted gymnast.
inherit	28	v	ɪn ˈherət	I inherited my mother's curly hair.
trait	28	n	treɪ, treɪt	His most noticeable trait was his charm.
shape	28	v	ʃeɪp	People's political beliefs are shaped by what they see in the papers.
picturesque	32	adj	ˈpɪktʃə ˈresk	It was a quiet fishing village with a picturesque harbour.
tranquil	32	adj	ˈtræŋkwəl	We stayed in a small, tranquil village.
bustling	32	adj	ˈbʌsəlɪŋ	The flower market was bustling with shoppers.
magnificent	32	adj	mæg ˈnɪfəsənt	The twelve-mile coastline has magnificent scenery.
ancient	32	adj	ˈeɪnfənt	The ancient Egyptians built the Pyramids.
deserted	32	adj	dɪ ˈzɜːtəd	The streets were deserted.
run-down	32	adj	ˈrʌn ˈdaʊn	Something needs to be done about the run-down inner city areas.
unspoilt	32	adj	ˌʌn ˈspɔɪlt	The countryside in the area is completely unspoilt.
shabby	32	adj	ˈʃæbi	Hugh's old jacket was torn and shabby.
dilapidated	32	adj	də ˈlæpədəɪtəd	They bought a dilapidated old manor house.
stunning	32	adj	ˈstʌnɪŋ	You look absolutely stunning in that dress.
breathtaking	32	adj	ˈbreθ ˈteɪkɪŋ	The view from my bedroom window was absolutely breathtaking.
uninhabited	32	adj	ˌʌnɪn ˈhæbətəd	The island was uninhabited.
cave house	33	n	ˈkeɪv haʊs	Our ancestors possibly lived in these cave houses.
fingerprint	33	n	ˈfɪŋɡeɪntrɪnt	His fingerprints were all over the gun.
candy-floss	33	n	ˈkændi flɒs	He bought some candy-floss at the fair.
refuge	35	n	ˈrefjuːdʒ	During the frequent air-raids, people took refuge in their cellars.
spirit	35	n	ˈspɪrɪt	Although Laurie is dead, I can feel his spirit with me.
earthbound	35	adj	ˈɜːθbaʊnd	Humans thought they were earthbound until the aeroplane was invented.
stilts	35	n pl	ˈstɪltz	He lives in a house built on stilts in the heart of the jungle.
insulator	35	n	ˈɪnsjələɪtə	Wood is an excellent insulator.
primitive	35	adj	ˈprɪmətɪv	The village buildings were quite primitive.
dwelling	35	n	ˈdwelɪŋ	The two buildings form one large, comfortable dwelling.
adorn with	35	phr v	ə ˈdɔːn wɪð, wɪθ	The church walls were adorned with religious paintings.
figurine	35	n	ˈfɪɡjə ˈriːn, ˈfɪɡjəriːn	The shelves were covered in figurines of the Virgin Mary.
nomad	35	n	ˈnəʊmæd	The herdsmen were nomads who did not stay in one place for long.
chilly	35	adj	ˈtʃɪli	The bathroom's a bit chilly.
gaudy	35	adj	ˈɡɔːdi	He was wearing a gaudy waistcoat.
naughty	35	adj	ˈnɔːti	You're a very naughty boy! Look what you've done!
dreary	35	adj	ˈdriəri	It was a dreary winter's day.
gloomy	35	adj	ˈɡluːmi	It was a gloomy room with one small window.
roomy	35	adj	ˈruːmi	This car is roomy enough for a large family.
jokey	35	adj	ˈdʒəʊki	Dave was a sweet man, very jokey about everything.
poky	35	adj	ˈpəʊki	The whole family was crammed into two poky little rooms.
shady	35	adj	ˈʃeɪdi	It was nice and shady under the trees.
ready	35	adj	ˈredi	When the doorbell rang he was ready and waiting.

daily	35	adj	'deɪli	There are daily flights to Miami.
airy	35	adj	'eəri	All the hotel's bedrooms are light and airy.
overpopulated	150	adj	əʊvə'pɒpjəleɪtəd	Most of our cities are overpopulated.
metropolis	150	n	mə'trɒpələs	The city has become a huge, bustling metropolis.
quaint	150	adj	kweɪnt	We stayed in a quaint little village.
secluded	150	adj	sɪ'kluːdəd	We sunbathed on a small secluded beach.
scenic	150	adj	'siːnɪk	This is a region of scenic beauty.
awe-inspiring	150	adj	'ɔː ɪn, spaɪərɪŋ	The pyramids at dawn were an awe-inspiring sight.
sprawling	150	adj	'sprɔːlɪŋ	Mexico is a sprawling city of more than 20 million inhabitants.
ramshackle	150	adj	'ræmʃækəl	They lived in a ramshackle old cottage.
supermodel	150	n	'suːpə mɒdl	One of the best-known supermodels of recent times was Naomi Campbell.
miniskirt	150	n	'mɪnɪskɜːt	Lots of young women wore miniskirts in the 1960s.
sub-zero	150	adj	sʌb 'ziərəʊ	They lived and worked in sub-zero temperatures for months.
cooperate	150	v	kəʊ'pɒərəɪt	They agreed to co-operate with Brazil on a programme to protect the rain forests.
bilingual	150	adj	bai'ɪŋgwəl	Louis is virtually bilingual in Dutch and German.
interact	150	v	ɪntər ækt	Lucy interacts well with other children in the class.
semi-retired	150	adj	semi rɪ'taɪəd	I'm semi-retired, but I still do work when people offer it.
outlast	150	v	aʊt'laːst	A leather sofa will usually outlast a cloth one.
bimonthly	150	adj, adv	bai'mʌnθli	He gets a bimonthly magazine on trains.
bicentenary	150	n	baisən'tiːnəri	1991 was the bicentenary of Mozart's death.
co-author	150	n	kəʊ 'ɔːθə	We were co-authors of the standard school textbook on chemistry.
co-pilot	150	n	'kəʊ paɪlət	My co-pilot took over for the landing.
interchangeable	150	adj	ɪntə'ʃeɪndʒəbəl	These two words are almost interchangeable.
intercontinental	150	adj	ɪntəkɒntə'nentl	An intercontinental flight between the USA and Europe has lost contact with air traffic control.
minicab	150	n	'mɪnɪkæb	I've arranged for a minicab for 10 tomorrow morning.
minimise	150	v	'mɪnɪmaɪz	The rail company is bringing in more trains in an effort to minimise disruption to travellers.
outsell	150	v	aʊt'sel	Australia now outsells the US in wines.
outplay	150	v	aʊt'pleɪ	Murray outplayed his opponent in the final.
semi-skimmed	150	adj	semi 'skɪmd	Can you get me a bottle of semi-skimmed milk, too, please?
semicolon	150	n	semi'kəʊlən	Many people who have spoken and written English from birth have difficulty with semicolons.
subtitle	150	n	'sʌb taɪtl	It's a French film with English subtitles.
subway	150	n	'sʌbweɪ	Take the subway – it's less dangerous than walking across the road.
supernatural	150	adj	'suːpə nætʃərəl	She has supernatural powers that help her defeat her enemies.
superpower	150	n	'suːpə paʊə	The USA and China are two of the world's superpowers.
amenity	38	n	ə'mɪːnəti	The hotel is in the city centre, close to shops and local amenities
infrastructure	38	n	'ɪnfə strʌktʃə	Some countries lack a suitable economic infrastructure.
congestion	38	n	kən'dʒestʃən	Councillors are looking at ways to reduce traffic congestion in the town centre.

abandonment	38	n	ə'bəndənmənt	The fact that the building could no longer be used for its original purpose resulted in its abandonment.
toll	38	n	təʊl	I avoid the motorways in France because I don't want to pay the tolls.
regeneration	38	n	riːdʒənə'reɪʃən	The Marshall Plan brought about the regeneration of the shattered Europe of 1947.
prove	44	v	pruːv	He claims the police destroyed records that could prove the officer's innocence.
dawn raid	44	n	dəʊn'reɪd	The police carried out dawn raids on the suspects' houses.
carry out	44	phr v	kæri'aʊt	It became clear that Smith had carried out the crime.
driving	44	n	'draɪvɪŋ	He had to appear in court for a driving offence.
report	44	v	rɪ'pɔ:t	I'd like to report a crime.
previous	44	adj	'pri:vɪəs	I've met him before on two previous occasions.
appeal against	44	phr v	ə'pi:l ə'geɪnst, ə'geɪnst	Both men intend to appeal against their sentences.
protest	44	v	prə'test	Years later, he is still protesting his innocence.
commit	44	v	kə'mɪt	Women commit fewer crimes than men.
suspend	44	v	sə'spend	The judge suspended his sentence for two years.
drugs-related	44	adj	'drʌgz rɪ'leɪtɪd	She was sentenced to six months in prison for drugs-related offences.
police raid	44	n	pə'li:s'reɪd	Two suspects were arrested during the police raid.
drugs raid	44	n	'drʌgz'reɪd	There was a drugs raid in the next street last night.
wrongful conviction	44	n	kən'vɪkʃən	Her wrongful conviction meant that she went to prison for an offence she didn't commit.
difficult	45	adj	'dɪfɪkəlt	It's difficult to see how more savings can be made.
help	45	v	help	I can't help the way I feel about you.
fault	45	n	fəʊlt	I'm really sorry, but it's not my fault.
funny	45	adj	'fʌni	It's funny how you remember the words of songs, even ones you don't really like.
shame	45	n	ʃeɪm	It's a shame that you have to leave so soon.
appear	45	v	ə'piə	Police say there appear to be signs of a break-in.
important	45	adj	ɪm'pɔ:tənt	It's important to explain the procedure to the patient.
wonder	45	n	'wʌndə	It's no wonder you've got a headache, the amount you drank last night.
human rights	47	n pl	hju:mən'reɪts	There are claims of human rights being violated in the country.
intellectual property	47	n	ɪntələktʃuəl'prɒpəti	I wrote this book, so it is my intellectual property.
child labour	47	n	ˈtʃaɪld'leɪbə	The company has been accused of using child labour for the production of its garments.
economic development	47	n	ekə'nɒmɪk dɪ'veləpmənt, i:-	The US has been keen to encourage economic development in Egypt.
capital punishment	47	n	kæpɪtl'pʌnɪʃmənt	In some states, capital punishment is used for murderers.
religious freedom	47	n	rɪ'lɪdʒəs'fri:dəm	The people were given religious freedom for the first time in the country's history.
environmental awareness	47	n	ɪn'vaɪrənməntl ə'weənəs	Political organisations have tried to raise environmental awareness.
gun control	47	n	'gʌn kən'trəʊl	The NRA are against gun control in any form.
illegal immigration	47	n	ɪ'lɪ:gəl ɪmə'ɡreɪʃən	He called for a common European policy on illegal immigration.
civil liberties	47	n	sɪvəl'libətɪz	Detention without trial threatens our civil liberties.

free trade	47	n	ˈfriː ˈtreɪd	We want to encourage free trade across Europe.
freedom of speech	151	n	ˈfriːdəm əv ˈspiːtʃ	We will defend freedom of speech and oppose censorship.
white-collar crime	151	n	ˈwaɪt kɒlə ˈkraɪm	White-collar crime costs American companies over \$100 billion a year.
illiteracy	151	n	ɪ ˈlɪtərəsi	Illiteracy in modern Britain cannot be permitted.
poverty	151	n	ˈpɒvəti	Millions of elderly people live in poverty.
gender inequality	151	n	ˈdʒendə ɪnɪ ˈkwɒləti	Gender inequality means that many women are paid less than men for the same job.
censorship	151	n	ˈsenseŋɪp	Censorship of books is common in some countries.
ageism	151	n	ˈeɪdʒɪzəm	The new law aims to stop ageism in the workplace.
organised crime	151	n	ɔːɡənəɪzd ˈkraɪm	Organised crime is involved in drug trafficking.
antisocial behaviour	151	n	ˌæntɪsəʊʃəl bɪ ˈheɪvjə	She was finding it hard to cope with her son's increasingly antisocial behaviour.
dilemma	50	n	də ˈlemə, daɪ-	I'm in a dilemma about this job offer.
take into consideration	50	v phr	ˌteɪk ɪntə kən ˌsɪdə ˈreɪʃən	We will take your recent illness into consideration when marking your exams.
think through	50	phr v	ˌθɪŋk ˈθruː	It's my fault. I didn't think it through.
pros and cons	50	n phr	ˌprəʊz ən ˈkɒnz	We discussed the pros and cons of going to university.
weigh up	50	phr v	ˌweɪ ˈʌp	We're still weighing up the pros and cons of the two options.
predicament	50	n	prɪ ˈdɪkəmənt	She went to the office to explain her predicament.
benefit	50	n	ˈbenəfɪt	What are the benefits of contact lenses?
drawback	50	n	ˈdrɔːbæk	It's a great city – the only drawback is the weather.
bear in mind	50	v phr	ˌbeər ɪn ˈmaɪnd	Bear in mind that some children will need help.
assess	50	v	ə ˈses	The report assesses the impact of advertising on children.
mastermind	52	n	ˈmɑːstəmaɪnd	He is suspected of being the mastermind behind the bombings.
con	52	v	kɒn	He conned me out of £300.
fake	52	adj	feɪk	She gave me a fake 20 dollar bill.
provenance	52	n	ˈprəʊvenəns	The provenance of the paintings is unknown.
forgery	52	n	ˈfɔːdʒəri	The painting was a very clever forgery.
con artist	52	n	ˈkɒn ˌɑːtɪst	He was a very clever con artist and made lots of money.
keep yourself to yourself	56	idiom	ˌkiːp jə ˈself tə jə ˈself	We hardly knew them – they kept themselves to themselves.
behind closed doors	56	idiom	bɪ ˈhaɪnd kləʊzd ˈdɔːz	It seems that the deal was made behind closed doors.
let it slip	56	idiom	ˌlet ɪt ˈslɪp	He let it slip that they were planning to get married.
spill the beans	56	idiom	ˌspɪl ðə ˈbiːnz	I spilt the beans when I told her that he wasn't at the conference at all.
keep/stay schtum	56	idiom	ˌkiːp, ˌsteɪ ˈʃtʊm	The boss of the failed company is keeping schtum about his role in the disaster.
let the cat out of the bag	56	idiom	ˌlet ðə ˌkæt aʊt əv ðə ˈbæg	The engagement ring on her finger rather let the cat out of the bag.
give the game away	56	idiom	ˌɡɪv ðə ˈgeɪm ə ˌweɪ	Lynn gave the game away by laughing when Kim walked in.
classified information	152	n	ˌklæsəfaɪd ɪnfə ˈmeɪʃən	This is classified information.
divulge	152	v	daɪ ˈvʌldʒ	It is not company policy to divulge personal details of employees.
between you and me	152	phr	bɪ ˌtwiːn juː ən ˈmiː	Between you and me, I think Schmidt's about to resign.
covert	152	adj	ˈkʌvət, ˈkəʊvɜːt	A covert investigation was conducted to catch the drug-smugglers.
have something to hide	152	idiom	həv ˌsʌmθɪŋ tə ˈhaɪd	He told the jury that he is innocent, but they think he has something to hide.
look furtive	152	phr	ˈfɜːtv	There was something furtive about his actions.

hush-hush	152	adj	ˈhʌʃ ˈhʌʃ	Everything was very hush-hush.
confidential	152	adj	ˈkɒnfəˈdenʃəl	Doctors are required to keep patients' records completely confidential.
blurt out	152	phr v	ˈblɜːt ˈaʊt	Peter blurted the news out before we could stop him
top secret	152	adj	ˈtɒp ˈsiːkrət	They used a top secret code to prevent the enemy from knowing what they were saying.
myth	59	n	maɪθ	The first myth about motherhood is that new mothers instantly fall in love with their babies.
conventional wisdom	59	n phr	kənˌvenʃənəl ˈwɪzdəm	As traffic grows, conventional wisdom says we should widen the roads.
perception	59	n	pəˈsepʃən	Art is a great way to discover children's perceptions of the world.
commonly held	59	adj phr	kəmənli ˈheld	This isn't a commonly held belief.
fallacy	59	n	ˈfæləsi	It is a fallacy to think that the more information an organisation has, the better its decisions will be.
verify	59	v	ˈverəfaɪ	A computer program verifies that the system is working.
uncover	59	v	ʌnˈkʌvə	Customs officials uncovered the truth about a plot to smuggle weapons into the country.
intuitively	59	adv	ɪnˈtjuːətɪvli	He knew what to do intuitively.
debunk	59	v	diːˈbʌŋk	His claims were later debunked by fellow academics.
disprove	59	v	dɪsˈpruːv	These figures disproved Smith's argument.
text message	61	n	ˈtekst ˌmesɪdʒ	Send me a text message once you've arrived.
video game	61	n	ˈvɪdiəʊ ˌgeɪm	There are always ads for video games on the TV these days.
fast food	61	n	ˈfɑːst fuːd	There are lots of fast food outlets in the high street.
social networking website	61	n	ˌsəʊʃəl ˈnetwɜːkɪŋ ˌwebsaɪt	Facebook is probably the best-known social networking website.
hang out	61	v	ˈhæŋ ˈaʊt	I don't really know who she hangs out with.
shopping mall	61	n	ˈʃɒpɪŋ mɔːl	She goes to the shopping mall with her friends at the weekend.
mobile phone	61	n	ˌməʊbaɪl ˈfəʊn	The latest mobile phones are on sale here.
mobile device	61	n	ˌməʊbaɪl dɪˈvaɪs	This app will work on all your mobile devices.
speed up	61	phr v	ˌspiːd ˈʌp	The truck speeded up going down the hill.
brighten up	61	phr v	ˌbraɪtn ˈʌp	She bought some flowers to brighten up the room.
jazz up	61	phr v	ˌdʒæz ˈʌp	Jazz up your everyday meals with our new range of seasonings.
go on	61	phr v	ɡəʊ ˈɒn	He went on working until he was 91.
carry on	61	phr v	kæri ˈɒn	You'll have an accident if you carry on driving like that.
keep on	61	phr v	kiːp ˈɒn	You just have to keep on trying.
pension off	61	phr v	ˌpenʃən ˈɒf	Many of the old ships have been pensioned off.
cry off	61	phr v	kraɪ ˈɒf	Leah and I were going to go to Morocco together, but at the last moment she cried off.
call off	61	phr v	kɔːl ˈɒf	The trip to Italy might be called off.
switch off	61	phr v	swɪtʃ ˈɒf	The burglar alarm was switched off.
find out	61	phr v	faɪnd ˈaʊt	Has anyone bothered to find out how much all this is going to cost?
speak out	61	phr v	spiːk ˈaʊt	Five students who had spoken out against the regime were arrested.
stand out	61	phr v	stænd ˈaʊt	That day still stands out as the greatest day in my life.
call out	61	phr v	kɔːl ˈaʊt	'Hi there!' I called out.
slow down	61	phr v	sləʊ ˈdaʊn	The ice on the road slowed us down.

narrow down	61	phr v	ˈnæəʊ ˈdaʊn	The police have narrowed down their list of suspects.
crack down	61	phr v	ˈkræk ˈdaʊn	The government is determined to crack down on terrorism.
put away	61	phr v	ˈpʊt ə ˈweɪ	He put his toys away every night.
blow away	61	phr v	ˈbləʊ ə ˈweɪ	My ticket blew away.
take away	61	phr v	ˈteɪk ə ˈweɪ	She whisked the tray off the table and took it away.
bring back	61	phr v	ˈbrɪŋ ˈbæk	The city council has decided to bring back the old electric trams.
think back	61	phr v	ˈθɪŋk ˈbæk	Thinking back, it amazes me how we survived on so little sleep.
look back	61	phr v	ˈlʊk ˈbæk	When I look back on those days I realise I was desperately unhappy.
cast your mind back	61	phr v	ˈkɑːst jə ˈmaɪnd bæk	He frowned, casting his mind back over the conversation.
mess around	61	phr v	ˈmes ə ˈraʊnd	He spent his vacation messing around on the farm.
stand around	61	phr v	ˈstænd ə ˈraʊnd	We stood around saying goodbye for a while.
hang around	61	phr v	ˈhæŋ ə ˈraʊnd	I hung around the station for an hour but he never came.
mull over	61	phr v	ˈmʌl ˈəʊvə	We mulled over the candidates and finally chose one.
pore over	61	phr v	ˈpɔːr ˈəʊvə	She was poring over a book.
look over	61	phr v	ˈlʊk ˈəʊvə	Do you have a few minutes to look these samples over?
think over	61	phr v	ˈθɪŋk ˈəʊvə	Why don't you think it over and give me a call in a couple of days?
talk over	152	phr v	ˈtɔːk ˈəʊvə	Talk over any worries with your GP.
look up	152	phr v	ˈlʊk ˈʌp	Now the summer's here, things are looking up!
soldier on	152	phr v	ˈsəʊldʒər ˈɒn	We'll just have to soldier on without him.
kill off	152	phr v	ˈkɪl ˈɒf	These figures kill off any hope that the economy is poised for recovery.
calm down	152	phr v	ˈkɑːm ˈdaʊn	Calm down and tell me what happened.
tidy up	152	phr v	ˈtaɪdi ˈʌp	It's time we tidied up the office.
slip back	152	phr v	ˈslɪp ˈbæk	He had begun to slip back into debt.
lounge around	152	phr v	ˈlaʊndʒ ə ˈraʊnd	James does nothing but lounge around the apartment.
investigative journalism	62	n	ɪn ˈvestɪɡətɪv	He's a well-known investigative journalist.
injunction	62	n	ɪn ˈdʒʌŋkʃən	The family is seeking an injunction against the book's publication.
whistle-blowing	62	adj	ˈwɪsəl ˌbləʊɪŋ	The company had paid out substantial sums to discourage whistle-blowing employees.
sensitive information	62	n	ˈsensətɪv ɪnfə ˈmeɪʃən	She has access to sensitive information about national security.
scoop	62	n	skuːp	He managed to get the scoop of the year when he broke the news.
source	62	n	sɔːs	I've heard from reliable sources that the company is in trouble.
deserted	64	adj	dɪ ˈzɜːtəd	The old mine now stands completely deserted.
abandoned	64	adj	ə ˈbændənd	The car was found abandoned in Bristol.
uninhabited	64	adj	ˌʌnɪn ˈhæbətəd	They found an uninhabited island in the Caribbean.
rehabilitation	64	n	ˌriːhæbɪlə ˈteɪʃən	He was sent to a special rehabilitation unit for stroke patients.
quarantine	64	n	ˈkwɒrəntɪn	The monkeys were kept in quarantine for 31 days.
a distant memory	68	phr	ə ˈdɪstənt ˈmeməri	Her honeymoon seemed like a distant memory.
the signs are	68	phr	ðə ˈsaɪnz ˈɑː	The signs are that the country is likely to recover soon.
the days are over	68	phr	ðə ˈdeɪz ə ˈəʊvə	The days are over when you could buy a cinema ticket for sixpence.
a thing of the past	68	phr	ə ˈθɪŋ əv ðə ˈpɑːst	We hope that smoking will become a thing of the past.
may well	68	phr	ˈmeɪ ˈwel	What you say may well be true.
be likely to	68	v phr	bɪ ˈlaɪkli tu	Children who live in the country's rural areas are very likely to be poor.
suggest	68	v	sə ˈdʒest	Opinion polls suggest that only 10% of the population trust the government.

point to	68	v phr	'pɔɪnt tu	Everything points to her having died from a drugs overdose.
be bound to	68	v phr	bi 'baʊnd tu	Don't lie to her. She's bound to find out.
be destined to	68	v phr	bi 'destɪnd tu	She was destined to have a successful career.
on track	70	prep phr	ɒn 'træk	We're still on track for 10% growth.
on average	70	prep phr	ɒn 'ævərɪdʒ	On average, men still earn more than women.
on trial	70	prep phr	ɒn 'traɪəl	They let me have the computer on trial for thirty days.
at risk	70	prep phr	ət 'rɪsk	Their children are also at high risk of developing the disease.
at present	70	prep phr	ət 'prezənt	The item you want is not available at present.
at least	70	prep phr	ət 'liːst	It will take you at least 20 minutes to get there.
by far	70	prep phr	baɪ 'fɑː	Watching sport was by far the most popular activity on Saturday afternoons.
by nature	70	prep phr	baɪ 'neɪtʃə	She was by nature a very affectionate person.
by law	70	prep phr	baɪ 'lɔː	By law, seat belts must be worn by all passengers.
in decline	70	prep phr	ɪn dɪ 'klaɪn	He disagrees with the widely held belief that educational standards are in decline.
in danger	70	prep phr	ɪn 'deɪndʒə	The party is in danger of being defeated in the next election.
in effect	70	prep phr	ɪn ɪ 'fekt	In effect, we'll be earning less than we were last year.
out of control	70	prep phr	ˌaʊt əv kəntrəʊl	The economy is worsening and out of control.
out of sight	70	prep phr	ˌaʊt əv 'saɪt	Voters suspected the real political agenda was being kept out of sight.
out of necessity	70	prep phr	ˌaʊt əv nə 'sesəti	Many of the jobs are temporary out of necessity.
off course	153	prep phr	ˌɒf 'kɔːs	The ship was blown off course.
off the pace	153	prep phr	ˌɒf ðə 'peɪs	I was off the pace and decided to retire from the race.
off balance	153	prep phr	ˌɒf 'bæləns	The sudden movement of the ship knocked them both off balance.
above suspicion	153	prep phr	ə ˌbʌv sə 'spɪʃən	The President is surely above suspicion.
above board	153	adj	ə ˌbʌv 'bɔːd	His plans for opening a coffee shop are completely above board.
above all	153	prep phr	ə ˌbʌv 'ɔːl	Max is hard-working, cheerful, and above all, honest.
over the hill	153	prep phr	ˌəʊvə ðə 'hɪl	Kathleen thinks she's over the hill, but she's only 32.
over the moon	153	prep phr	ˌəʊvə ðə 'muːn	I was over the moon when I won the championship.
over the top	153	adj	ˌəʊvə ðə 'tɒp	He was a bit over the top with his drinking last night.
under the weather	153	prep phr	ˌʌndə ðə 'weðə	You look a bit under the weather.
under the impression	153	prep phr	ˌʌndə ðɪ ɪm 'preʃən	I'm sorry, I was under the impression that you were the manager.
under oath	153	prep phr	ˌʌndə 'əʊθ	The evidence was given under oath.
command	71	n	kə 'mɑːnd	He's studied in the US and has a good command of English.
mind your language	71	v	ˌmaɪnd jə 'læŋɡwɪdʒ	She gave him a frown and told him to mind his language.
dead language	71	n	ˌded 'læŋɡwɪdʒ	He is an expert in dead languages.
offensive language	71	adj	ə ˌfensɪv 'læŋɡwɪdʒ	I found her language deeply offensive.
everyday language	71	n	ˌevrɪdeɪ 'læŋɡwɪdʒ	Describe it in ordinary everyday language.
global language	71	n	ˌɡləʊbəɪl 'læŋɡwɪdʒ	Why did English become a global language?
language barrier	71	n	'læŋɡwɪdʒ ˌbæriə	Living in China was hard for me at first because of the language barrier.
official language	71	n	ə ˌfɪʃəl 'læŋɡwɪdʒ	Hindi is one of the official languages of India.
get a word in edgeways	153	idiom	get ə ˌwɜːd ɪn 'edʒweɪz	Once George starts talking it's difficult to get a word in edgeways.
get to the point	153	idiom	ˌget tə ðə 'pɔɪnt	I wish you'd get to the point.
talk at cross purposes	153	idiom	ˌtɔːk ət ˌkrɒs 'pɜːpəsɪz	I think we're talking at cross purposes.

catch what someone says	153	idiom	ˌkætʃ wɒt ˌsʌmwʌn ˈsez	I'm afraid I didn't catch what you said, because of the noise.
need a good talking to	153	idiom	ˌniːd ə ɡʊd ˈtɔːkɪŋ tu	I can see that young man needs a good talking to.
talk shop	153	idiom	ˈtɔːk ˈʃɒp	I'm fed up with you two talking shop.
run something by somebody	153	idiom	ˌrʌn sʌmθɪŋ ˈbaɪ ˌsʌmbədi	I just wanted to run it by you and see what you thought.
not make head or tail of	153	idiom	ˌnɒt meɪk ˈhed ɔː ˈteɪl ɒv	I couldn't make head or tail of the instructions.
to say the least	153	idiom	tə ˌseɪ ðə ˈliːst	His teaching methods were strange, to say the least.
get the wrong end of the stick	153	idiom	ɡet ðə ˌrɒŋ end əv ðə ˈstɪk	Geoff had got the wrong end of the stick, and thought I was angry with him.
take off	74	phr v	ˈteɪk ˈɒf	Mimi became jealous when Jack's career started taking off.
latest thing	74	n phr	ˈleɪtəst ˈθɪŋ	These handbags are the latest thing in accessories, darling!
passing trend	74	n phr	ˌpɑːsɪŋ ˈtrend	I'm sure it's just a passing trend.
word of mouth	74	n phr	ˌwɜːd əv ˈmaʊθ	Word of mouth is one of the best ways of getting business.
lose appeal	74	v phr	ˌluːz ə ˈpiːl	This kind of music has lost its appeal for the under-20s.
capture imagination	74	v phr	ˌkæptʃər ɪmædʒəˈneɪʃən	His stories of foreign adventure captured my imagination.
strike a chord	74	v phr	ˌstraɪk ə ˈkɔːd	Their story is bound to strike a chord with all parents.
rise dramatically	74	v phr	ˌraɪz drəˈmætɪkli	Output has risen dramatically since last month.
take off	76	phr v	ˈteɪk ˈɒf	Mimi became jealous when Jack's career started taking off.
breakout	76	adj	ˈbreɪkɔːt	This new smartphone will be the next breakout mobile device.
push the boat out	76	idiom	ˌpuʃ ðə ˈbəʊt aʊt	Push the boat out and get tickets to the theatre or ballet.
take	76	n	ˈteɪk	What's your take on this issue?
to the fore	76	phr	tə ðə ˈfɔː	Environmental issues came to the fore in the 1980s.
smart watch	76	n	ˈsmɑːt wɒtʃ	Have you seen the company's latest smart watch?
interactive television	76	n phr	ˌɪntəræktɪv ˈteləvɪʒən	We don't have an interactive television – you have to get up and press buttons to change the channel!
smart thermostat	76	n phr	ˌsmɑːt ˈθɜːməstæt	Our new smart thermostat changes the room temperature whenever it senses changes in the weather.
driverless car	76	n phr	ˌdraɪvələs ˈkɑː	I'm not sure I would feel safe on the motorway in a driverless car.
drone	76	n	ˈdrəʊn	Drones have been used to take images of countries thousands of miles away from where they are controlled.
brain imaging	76	n phr	ˈbreɪn ɪmədʒɪŋ	New brain imaging technologies mean that doctors are better able to screen for defects.
genetic data	76	n phr	dʒəˈnetɪk ˈdeɪtə, ˈdɑːtə	This new breakthrough gave scientists immense amounts of genetic data.
crowdfunding	77	n	ˈkraʊdˌfʌndɪŋ	He was able to start his new business with the help of crowdfunding.
to no avail	81	adv phr	tu ˌnəʊ əˈveɪl	We searched the whole area but all to no avail. Robbie had disappeared.
in vain	81	adv phr	ɪn ˈveɪn	Police searched in vain for the missing gunman.
frantically	81	adv	ˈfræntɪkli	There was still no news of Jill, and her parents were frantically searching for her.
extensively	81	adv	ɪkˈstensɪvli	They search extensively for clues to the girl's disappearance.
set off	81	phr v	ˌset ˈɒf	Smoke from a cigarette will not normally set off a smoke alarm.
sound	81	v	saʊnd	His bankers sounded the alarm when they discovered that money had gone missing from his accounts.

raise	81	v	reiz	Neighbours raised the alarm when they smelled smoke.
trigger	81	v	'trɪgə	A window blew open, triggering the alarm.
presume	81	v	prɪ'zju:m	From the way he talked I presumed, wrongly, that he was your boss.
presume dead	81	phr	prɪ'zju:m 'ded	Their nephew was missing, presumed dead.
presume innocent	81	phr	prɪ'zju:m 'ɪnəsənt	The defendant is presumed innocent until he or she is found guilty.
suffer from	81	phr v	'sʌfə frəm, frɒm	Craig suffers from a rare bone disease.
migraine	81	n	'mi:greɪn, 'maɪ-	I won't be coming this evening – I'm suffering from migraines.
asthma	81	n	'æsmə	She carries an inhaler because she suffers with asthma.
amnesia	81		æm'ni:ziə	After the accident, she woke up suffering from amnesia.
hay fever	81	n	heɪ 'fi:və	John always suffers badly from hay fever in the summer.
investigation	81	n	ɪn'vestɪ'geɪʃən	The investigation continued for nearly three years.
launch	81	v	lɔ:nʃ	The authorities are planning to launch a full-scale investigation into the crash.
be the subject of	81	v phr	bɪ ðə 'sʌbdʒɪkt əv	The causes of the air crash are the subject of investigation.
pursue	81	v	pə'sju:	A private detective was hired to pursue the investigation.
lead	81	v	li:d	The investigation is being led by a senior detective.
day shift	81	n	'deɪ ʃɪft	He's going to be on day shifts for five days.
night shift	81	n	'naɪt ʃɪft	She found it hard to stay awake during her night shifts at the factory.
early shift	81	n	'ɜ:li ʃɪft	The early shift will be coming on in a few minutes.
late shift	81	n	'leɪt ʃɪft	Nobody wants to do the late shift.
split shift	81	n	'splɪt ʃɪft	She hates doing split shifts – they disrupt her sleep patterns.
10-hour shift	81	n	'ten aʊə 'ʃɪft	I did 10-hour shifts every day last week.
motivate	82	v	'məʊtəveɪt	Was he motivated solely by his desire for power?
hesitate	82	v	'hezəteɪt	Kay hesitated for a moment and then said 'yes'.
renovate	82	v	'renəveɪt	The hotel has been renovated and redecorated.
elaborate	82	v	ɪ'læbəreɪt	He said he had new evidence, but refused to elaborate any further.
darken	82	v	'dɑ:kən	The sky darkened and a few drops of rain fell.
strengthen	82	v	'streŋθən, 'strenθən	Our friendship has steadily strengthened over the years.
brighten	82	v	'braɪtn	The morning sunshine brightened up the room.
prioritise	82	v	praɪ'prətaɪz	You need to prioritise your tasks.
legalise	82	v	'li:gəlaɪz	Rules to legalise casino gambling could be introduced next autumn.
modernise	82	v	'mɒdənaɪz	They need more funds to modernise the country's telephone system.
realise	82	v	'riəlaɪz	I suddenly realised that the boy was crying.
glorify	82	v	'glɔ:rəfaɪ	I don't like films which glorify violence.
electrify	82	v	ɪ'lektɹəfaɪ	She would sit at the piano and sing, electrifying us all.
exemplify	82	v	ɪg'zempləfaɪ	The building exemplifies the style of architecture which was popular at the time.
exhaustion	82	n	ɪg'zɔ:stʃən	He collapsed with exhaustion.
production	82	n	prə'dʌkʃən	The production of consumer goods has slowed recently.
recollection	82	n	ˌreke'lekʃən	My earliest recollections are of my mother bending over my cot.
immediacy	82	n	ɪ'mɪ:diəsi	Television brings a new immediacy to world events.
accuracy	82	n	'ækjərəsi	He passes the ball with unerring accuracy.
tendency	82	n	'tendənsi	Greg's tendency to be critical made him unpopular with his co-workers.

clarity	82	n	'klærəti	Letters may be edited for length and clarity.
stupidity	82	n	stju:'pidəti	Saying that showed his complete stupidity!
opportunity	82	n	ˌɒpə'tju:nəti	I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all.
embarrassment	82	n	ɪm'bærəsmənt	She suffered extreme embarrassment at not knowing how to read.
enjoyment	82	n	ɪn'dʒɔɪmənt	Acting has brought me enormous enjoyment.
harassment	82	n	'hærəsmənt, hə'ræsment	African-Americans have been complaining about police harassment for years.
loneliness	82	n	'ləʊnlɪnəs	Her loneliness is caused by being on her own all day.
unhappiness	82	n	ʌn'hæpɪnəs	Leslie had a lot of unhappiness in her childhood.
tiredness	82	n	'taɪədnes	He began to fall asleep from tiredness.
engineer	82	n	ˌendʒə'niə	He trained as a civil engineer.
musician	82	n	mju:'zɪʃən	She was a talented young musician.
professor	82	n	prə'fesə	She's been named the professor of English.
applicant	82	n	'æplɪkənt	He was one of 30 applicants for the manager's job.
attendant	82	n	ə'tendənt	Jim got a holiday job as a car park attendant.
disinfectant	82	n	ˌdɪsən'fektənt	The tables were washed with disinfectant at the end of the day.
clearance	82	n	'klɪərəns	She'll race if she gets medical clearance from her doctor.
reappearance	82	n	ˌri:ə'piərəns	Many of these ideas make a reappearance in his later books.
pretence	82	n	pri'tens	How long are you going to keep up the pretence of being ill?
dominant	82	adj	'dɒmənənt	The dominant male gorilla is the largest in the group.
redundant	82	adj	ri'dʌndənt	Seventy factory workers were made redundant in the resulting cuts.
independent	82	adj	ˌɪndə'pendənt	There are plans to split the corporation into a number of smaller independent companies.
scandalous	82	adj	'skændələs	That's a scandalous waste of public money!
rebellious	82	adj	ri'beljəs	How would you like to take charge of a class of rebellious teenagers?
suspicious	82	adj	sə'spiʃjəs	Some of his colleagues at work became suspicious of his behaviour.
capable	82	adj	'keɪpəbəl	I don't think he's capable of murder.
edible	82	adj	'edəbəl	These berries are edible, but those are poisonous.
visible	82	adj	'vɪzəbəl	The outline of the mountains was clearly visible.
persuasive	82	adj	pə'sweɪsɪv	Trevor can be very persuasive.
elusive	82	adj	ɪ'lu:sɪv	She managed to get an interview with that elusive man.
evasive	82	adj	ɪ'veɪsɪv	Paul's being a bit evasive about this job.
massive	82	adj	'mæsɪv	The bell is massive, weighing over 40 tons.
respectful	82	adj	ri'spektfəl	They listened in respectful silence.
helpful	82	adj	'helpfəl	Thank you for your advice; it's been very helpful.
resourceful	82	adj	ri'zɔ:sfəl, -'sɔ:s-	She is a woman who is energetic and resourceful.
deeply	82	adv	'di:pli	Teachers are deeply divided on this issue.
financially	82	adv	fə'nænʃəli, faɪ-	He was successful and financially secure.
dramatically	82	adv	drə'mætɪkli	Computers have changed the workplace dramatically.
extensively	82	adv	ɪk'stensɪvli	As a student, he travelled extensively in the Middle East.
supposedly	82	adv	sə'pəʊzədli	How could a supposedly intelligent person be so stupid?
censorship	154	n	'senseŋɪp	The information given to the press was subject to censorship by the Ministry of Defence.

exorbitant	154	adj	ɪg'zɔ:bətənt	He paid an exorbitant price for his house.
nationalist	154	adj, n	'næʃənəlist	We have seen the rise of the nationalist movement in the country.
governor	154	n	'gʌvənə	His last post was as governor of a British colony.
responsive	154	adj	rɪ'spɒnsɪv	We try to be responsive to the needs of the customer.
senility	154	n	sə'nɪləti	His senility is becoming more of a problem.
fabricate	154	v	'fæbrɪkeɪt	The police were accused of fabricating evidence.
likelihood	154	n	'laɪklihʊd	Using a seatbelt will reduce the likelihood of serious injury in a car accident.
personable	154	adj	'pɜ:sənəbəl	She is a very personable young woman.
kindliness	154	n	'kaɪndlɪnəs	Mrs Smith's kindliness to my wife was much appreciated.
identical	154	adj	aɪ'dentɪkəl	The sisters were identical in appearance and character.
repetition	154	n	repə'tɪʃən	The job involved the constant repetition of the same movements.
sarcasm	154	n	'sɑ:kæzəm	'Good of you to arrive on time,' George said, with heavy sarcasm.
glorify	154	v	'glɔ:rəfaɪ	I don't like films that glorify violence.
troublesome	154	adj	'trʌbləsəm	Her three-year-old son was quite troublesome.
classy	154	adj	'klɑ:si	There were some classy restaurants in the capital city.
expertise	154	n	ˌekspɜ:'ti:z	What he's bringing to the company is financial expertise.
remission	154	n	rɪ'mɪʃən	The cancer has gone into remission.
anxious	154	adj	'æŋkʃəs	He was a bit anxious about the safety of the machinery.
heroic	154	adj	hɪ'rəʊɪk	She made heroic efforts to save her family.
sympathy	154	n	'sɪmpəθi	I have a lot of sympathy for her; she had to bring up the children on her own.
effect	154	n	ɪ'fekt	My parents' divorce had a big effect on me.
impose	154	v	ɪm'pəʊz	The court can impose a fine.
frivolous	154	adj	'frɪvələs	The court discourages frivolous law suits.
envy	154	n	'envi	He watched the other boys with envy.
hesitate	154	v	'hezəteɪt	Kay hesitated for a moment and then said 'yes'.
enthusiastic	154	adj	ɪn θju:zɪ'æstɪk	All the staff are enthusiastic about the project.
chauvinist	154	n	'ʃəʊvənɪst	He's a bit of a male chauvinist.
take time out	83	v phr	'teɪk taɪm 'aʊt	In between jobs, Liz always took time out to return to her first love – travelling.
have a breather	83	v phr	hæv ə 'bri:ðə	I'm really tired – let's stop for a while and have a breather!
take your mind off	83	v phr	'teɪk jə 'maɪnd ɒf	Going back to work helped take my mind off Ian's death.
switch off	83	phr v	'swɪtʃ 'ɒf	They switch off by listening to music.
let your hair down	83	v phr	let jə 'heə daʊn	The party gave us all a chance to really let our hair down.
unwind	83	v	ʌn 'waɪnd	The country hotel was the perfect place to unwind.
burn the candle at both ends	154	idiom	'bɜ:n ðə 'kændl ət 'bəʊθ 'endz	He's been burning the candle at both ends for far too long.
while away	154	phr v	'waɪl ə 'weɪ	The evenings were whiled away in endless games of cards.
hang out	154	phr v	'hæŋ 'aʊt	I don't really know who she hangs out with.
chill out	154	phr v	'tʃɪl 'aʊt	I spent the afternoon chilling out in front of the TV.
work all hours	154	idiom	'wɜ:k ɔ:l 'aʊəz	He's been working all hours trying to get the business up and running.
burn the midnight oil	154	idiom	'bɜ:n ðə 'mɪdnɑ:t 'ɔɪl	I'll need to burn the midnight oil if I'm to get this job finished in time.
deliberately	86	adv	dɪ'lɪbəreɪli	I deliberately kept the letter short.
unsupervised	86	adj	ʌn'su:pəvaɪzɪd	You need to be good at working alone unsupervised.
encourage	86	v	ɪn'kʌrɪdʒ	Violent TV programmes encourage anti-social behaviour.

independence	86	n	ˌɪndəˈpendəns	Having a job gives you financial independence.
over-protectiveness	86	n	ˌəʊvə prəˈtektɪvənəs	He was guilty of over-protectiveness towards his children.
risk-averse	86	adj	ˌrɪsk əˈvɜːs	Shareholders are more risk-averse than they used to be.
deal with	86	phr v	ˈdiːl wɪð	Don't worry, I'll deal with this.
danger	86	n	ˈdeɪndʒə	The refugees believe that their lives are in danger.
take risks	86	v phr	ˌteɪk ˈrɪks	Isn't he taking risks in coming here?
mollycoddle	86	v	ˈmɒliˌkɒdl	He had been mollycoddled as a young boy.
expose	86	v	ɪkˈspəʊz	The report revealed that workers had been exposed to great danger.
colonial domination	88	n phr	kəˌləʊniəl dɒməˈneɪʃən	They were subject to colonial domination for centuries.
revere	88	v	rɪˈvɪə	He is revered as a national hero.
figurehead	88	n	ˈfɪɡəhed	The Queen is merely a figurehead.
clampdown	88	n	ˈklæmpdaʊn	The police announced a clampdown on drug dealers.
outrage	88	n	ˈaʊtreɪdʒ	The response to the jury's verdict was one of outrage.
galvanise	88	v	ˈgælvənaɪz	The possibility of defeat finally galvanised us into action.
crowning moment	88	n phr	ˌkraʊnɪŋ ˈməʊmənt	Their crowning moment was the winning of the cup in 1966.
rest on somebody's shoulders	88	idiom	ˌrest ɒn ˌsʌmbədiz ˈʃəʊldəz	The blame rests squarely on Jim's shoulders.
date back to	92	phr v	ˌdeɪt ˈbæk tu	The church dates back to the 13th century.
about to	92	phr	əˈbaʊt tə	Work was about to start on a new factory building.
the foreseeable future	92	n phr	ðə fɔːˌsiːəbəl ˈfjuːtʃə	The situation is likely to continue for the foreseeable future.
at regular intervals	92	adv phr	ət ˌregjələ ˈɪntəvəlz	Trains will run at regular intervals from 11am to 4pm.
in years to come	92	adv phr	ɪn ˌjɪəz tə ˈkʌm	In years to come, some of the practices we take for granted now will seem quite barbaric.
the outset	92	n	ði ˈaʊtset	It was clear from the outset that there were going to be problems.
a picture is worth a thousand words	94	proverb	ə ˌpɪktʃər ɪz ˌwɜːθ ə ˌθaʊzənd ˈwɜːdz	As far as the assembly instructions are concerned, a picture is worth a thousand words.
better safe than sorry	94	proverb	ˌbetə ˌseɪf ðən ˈsɒri	Set the alarm clock – better safe than sorry!
out of sight, out of mind	94	proverb	aʊt əv ˌsaɪt aʊt əv ˈmaɪnd	I forgot all about her. Out of sight, out of mind, I suppose.
home is where the heart is	94	proverb	ˌhəʊm ɪz weə ðə ˈhɑːt ɪz	I live in England, but home is where the heart is – Scotland!
practise what you preach	94	proverb	ˌpræktɪs wɒt ju ˈpriːtʃ	She didn't always practise what she preached.
Rome wasn't built in a day	94	proverb	ˌrəʊm wɒzənt ˌbɪlt ɪn ə ˈdeɪ	Take it slowly – Rome wasn't built in a day.
beggars can't be choosers	155	proverb	ˌbegəz kɑːnt bi ˈtʃuːzəz	I'll have to take what he's offering – beggars can't be choosers.
better late than never	155	proverb	ˌbetə ˌleɪt ðən ˈnevə	He's finally arrived! Better late than never, I suppose.
don't count your chickens	155	proverb	ˌdəʊnt kaʊnt juː ˈtʃɪkənz	I wouldn't count your chickens, Mr Vass. I've agreed to sign the contract, but that's all.
strike while the iron's hot	155	proverb	ˌstraɪk waɪl ði ˌaɪənz ˈhɒt	Go and see her now! Strike while the iron's hot!
keep your nose clean	155	proverb	ˌkiːp jə ˈnəʊz kliːn	Sid's got to keep his nose clean or he'll end up back in prison.
no rest for the wicked	155	proverb	nəʊ ˌrest fə ðə ˈwɪkɪd	Well, I had better get back to work – no rest for the wicked, you know!

put your best foot forward	155	proverb	put ʃo: ,best fʊt 'fɔ:wəd	OK, put your best foot forward and we'll find out the results tomorrow.
share and share alike	155	proverb	,ʃeər ən ,ʃeər ə 'laɪk	Give each child three sweets – share and share alike.
the early bird catches the worm	155	proverb	ði ,ɜ:li 'bɜ:d ,kætfəz ðə 'wɜ:m	Well, I'm getting up early tomorrow – the early bird catches the worm!
the pen is mightier than the sword	155	proverb	ðə ,pen ɪz ,maɪtiə ðən ðə 'sɔ:d	His eloquent letter had the desired effect and proved that the pen is mightier than the sword.
evocative	95	adj	ɪ'vɒkətɪv	He takes some very evocative photographs.
evoke	95	v	ɪ'vəʊk	His appearance is bound to evoke sympathy.
take you back	95	phr v	,teɪk ju 'bæk	Having the grandchildren around takes me back to the days when my own children were small.
carry back	95	phr v	,kæri 'bæk	That scene in the film carried me back to my childhood.
distinctly	96	adv	dɪ'stɪŋktli	He distinctly remembered the day his father left.
spring to mind	155	v phrase	,sprɪŋ tə 'maɪnd	Two questions spring to mind.
once-in-a-lifetime	155	adj	,wʌns ɪn ə 'laɪftaɪm	It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.
to remember	155	v phrase	tə rɪ'membə	I can't remember her exact words.
on the tip of your tongue	155	idiom	ɒn ðə ,tɪp əv jə 'tʌŋ	What is her name? It's on the tip of my tongue. Joan. Joan Simpson. That's it!
for the life of me	155	idiom	fə ðə 'laɪf əv mi	I couldn't for the life of me remember his name.
clean forget	155	v phrase	,kli:n fə'get	I've clean forgotten what I was doing!
go back	155	phr v	ɡəʊ 'bæk	United winning the league? Well that's going back a bit!
like it was yesterday	155	v phrase	,laɪk ɪt wəz 'jestədi, -deɪ	I remember meeting you for the first time like it was yesterday.
memory lapse	155	n	'meməri ,læps	He had a complete memory lapse and couldn't remember my name.
etch on your memory	155	v phrase	,etʃ ɒn jə 'meməri	The island remained etched on my memory.
all the time in the world	98	phr	ɔ:l ðə ,taɪm ɪn ðə 'wɜ:ld	He strolled up the street as if he had all the time in the world.
pushed for time	98	phr	,puʃt fə 'taɪm	He was pushed for time so couldn't stay to help her.
time on your hands	98	phr	'taɪm ɒn jə ,hændz	Now the children have left home, she has too much time on her hands.
time to yourself	98	phr	'taɪm fə jə'self	She couldn't wait till all the visitors has left so she could have time to herself.
pass the time	98	phr	,pɑ:s ðə 'taɪm	We played cards to pass the time.
just in time	98	phr	,dʒʌst ɪn 'taɪm	She finished her essay just in time.
time to spare	98	phr	'taɪm tə 'speə	June had little time to spare for making her own clothes.
science	100	n	'saɪəns	Many leading scientists do not consider that science can give absolutely reliable knowledge.
universe	100	n	'ju:nəvɜ:s	The new programme studies the universe.
nature	100	n	'neɪtʃə	We grew up in the countryside, surrounded by the beauties of nature.
art	100	n	ɑ:t	The cave paintings are an example of early Indian art.
unconventional	104	adj	,ʌŋkən'venfənəl	She had very unconventional political views.
thought-provoking	104	adj	'θɔ:t prə'vəʊkɪŋ	They wrote a very thought-provoking article.
bleak	104	adj	bli:k	The company still hopes to find a buyer, but the future looks bleak.
compelling	104	adj	kəm'pelɪŋ	Lucy had no compelling reason to go into town.
charming	104	adj	'tʃɑ:mɪŋ	Harry can be very charming.
well-received	104	adj	,wel rɪ'si:vɪd	The news was well-received by all the people in the room.
poignant	104	adj	'pɔɪnjənt	The statue is a poignant reminder of our nation's great sacrifices.

overrated	104	adj	ˌəʊvəˈreɪtəd	The new film was vastly overrated.
offbeat	104	adj	ˌɒfˈbi:t	She's a little offbeat, but she's a wonderful actress.
stylish	104	adj	ˈstaɪlɪʃ	They went to a stylish restaurant in the West End.
striking	104	adj	ˈstraɪkɪŋ	A dark man with striking features walked up to me.
subtle	104	adj	ˈsʌtl	The pictures are similar, but there are subtle differences between them.
come up with	106	phr v	ˌkʌm ˈʌp wɪð	We've been asked to come up with some new ideas.
go on	106	phr v	ɡəʊ ˈɒn	He went on working until he was 91.
carry out	106	phr v	ˌkæri ˈaʊt	We need to carry out more research.
set up	106	phr v	ˌset ˈʌp	They want to set up their own import-export business.
pick up	106	phr v	ˌpɪk ˈʌp	He picked up the letter and read it.
go back	106	phr v	ɡəʊ ˈbæk	I think we ought to go back to Paris some day.
come back	106	phr v	ˌkʌm ˈbæk	Please come back and see us again soon!
go out	106	phr v	ɡəʊ ˈaʊt	We went out for a meal and then on to a movie.
point out	106	phr v	ˌpɔɪnt ˈaʊt	He was always very keen to point out my mistakes.
find out	106	phr v	ˌfaɪnd ˈaʊt	Did you find out whether there are any seats left?
get round to	106	phr v	ɡet ˈraʊnd tə	I keep meaning to put a lock on it, but I never get round to it.
go in for	106	phr v	ɡəʊ ˈɪn fə	I never really went in for sports.
put up with	106	phr v	ˌpʊt ˈʌp wɪð	She put up with his violent temper.
stand up for	106	phr v	ˌstænd ˈʌp fə	He'll respect you more if you stand up to him.
catch up with	106	phr v	ˌkætʃ ˈʌp wɪð	I'll catch up with you next week.
go back on	156	phr v	ɡəʊ ˈbæk ɒn	Delors claimed that the President had gone back on his word.
get up to	156	phr v	ɡet ˈʌp tə	What did you get up to at the weekend?
cut down on	156	phr v	ˌkʌt ˈdaʊn ɒn	By getting the design right, you can cut down on accidents.
look in on	156	phr v	ˌlʊk ˈɪn ɒn	I promised to look in on Dad and see if he's feeling any better.
watch out for	156	phr v	ˌwɒtʃ ˈaʊt fə	What problems should I watch out for when buying an old house?
keep up with	156	phr v	ˌki:p ˈʌp wɪð	Jack's having trouble keeping up with the rest of the class.
go through with	156	phr v	ɡəʊ ˈθru: wɪð	He bravely went through with the wedding ceremony even though he was in a lot of pain.
go down with	156	phr v	ɡəʊ ˈdaʊn wɪð	Half the team had gone down with flu.
do away with	156	phr v	ˌdu: əˈweɪ wɪð	People thought that the use of robots would do away with boring low-paid factory jobs.
look down on	156	phr v	ˌlʊk ˈdaʊn ɒn	Mr Garcia looks down on anyone who hasn't had a college education.
come up with an idea	107	phr	ˌkʌm ˈʌp wɪð ən aɪˈdɪə	We've been asked to come up with some new ideas.
novel idea	107	adj	ˌnɒvəl aɪˈdɪə	What a novel idea!
toy with an idea	107	phr	ˌtɔɪ wɪð ən aɪˈdɪə	I've been toying with the idea of going to Japan to visit them.
give the idea	107	phr	ˌɡɪv di aɪˈdɪə	We don't want to give you the idea that you will be offered a permanent job.
brainstorm ideas	107	phr	ˌbreɪnstɔ:m aɪˈdɪəz	Employees get together and brainstorm ideas.
hit on an idea	107	phr	ˌhɪt ɒn ən aɪˈdɪə	Then we hit on the idea of asking viewers to donate money over the Net.
bright idea	107	n	ˌbraɪt aɪˈdɪə	Whose bright idea was it to leave the washing out in the rain?
original idea	107	n	əˌrɪdʒənəl aɪˈdɪə	I don't think George is capable of having original ideas!
seem like a good idea at the time	107	idiom	ˌsi:m laɪk ə ˌɡʊd aɪˈdɪə ət ðə ˈtaɪm	"Why did you jump in the lake?" "Well, it seemed like a good idea at the time."
ridiculous idea	107	n	ˌrɪˈdɪkjələs aɪˈdɪə	Going to school in your pyjamas is a ridiculous idea!

get the wrong idea about something	156	phr	get ðə ˌrɒŋ aɪˈdɪə əbaʊt ˌsʌmθɪŋ	Don't get the wrong idea about Dan and Helen – they're just friends.
not have the faintest idea about something	156	phr	ˌnɒt hæv ðə ˌfeɪntəst aɪˈdɪə əbaʊt ˌsʌmθɪŋ	I don't have the faintest idea what to get Rachel for her birthday.
full of bright ideas	156	phr	ˌfʊl əv ˌbraɪt aɪˈdɪəz	Jim? Oh, yes, he's full of bright ideas, he is!
someone's idea of a joke	156	phr	ˌsʌmwʌnz aɪˈdɪə əv ə ˈdʒəʊk	"She wants you to do it by tomorrow." "Is that your idea of a joke?"
have an idea of/about something	156	phr	ˌhæv ən aɪˈdɪə əbaʊt ˌsʌmθɪŋ	I'm not sure where my necklace is, but I have an idea about who took it.
have a clear idea about something	156	phr	ˌhæv ə ˌkliə aɪˈdɪə əbaʊt ˌsʌmθɪŋ	I think I have a clear idea now of how it works.
rave	110	v, n	reɪv	Now I understand why travellers rave about Lapland.
crave	110	v	kreɪv	He is an insecure child who craves attention.
rant	110	v, n	rænt	She was ranting about the unfairness of it all.
fresh perspective	110	n	ˌfref pəˈspektɪv	The venture will benefit from their fresh perspective.
speak your mind	110	v phr	ˌspi:k jə ˈmaɪnd	He was a tough politician who wasn't afraid to speak his mind.
let your feelings fly	110	v phr	let ʃə ˌfi:lɪŋz ˈflaɪ	You don't have to hold back on what you say, you can let your feelings fly.
give someone a piece of your mind	110	phr	ə ˌpi:s əv jə ˈmaɪnd	After the game he gave the players a piece of his mind.
set off	116	phr v	ˌset ˈɒf	Jerry and I set off on foot for the beach.
epic	116	adj	ˈepɪk	It was the following year when he made his epic journey to South America.
on the road	116	phr	ɒn ðə ˈrəʊd	They're on the road for six months out of every year.
trial run	116	n	ˌtraɪəl ˈrʌn	This year is something of a trial run for the new service.
learning experience	116	n	ˌlɜ:nɪŋ ɪkˌspɪəriəns	Everyone in the centre has had quite a learning experience this week.
quit your job	116	v phr	kwaɪt jə ˈdʒɒb	He quit his job after an argument with a colleague.
head straight for	116	v phr	hed ˈstreɪt fə	We headed straight for the capital.
off the beaten track	116	idiom	ɒf ðə ˌbi:tən ˈtræk	We want to visit all the places that are off the beaten track for a change.
journey	118	n	ˈdʒɜ:nɪ	The novel is an account of his African journey.
conceal	118	v	kənˈsi:l	The path was concealed by long grass.
gripping	118	adj	ˈɡrɪpɪŋ	Collins's gripping detective novel became a bestseller.
embark on	118	phr v	ɪmˈbɑ:k ɒn	He embarked on a new career as a teacher.
spacious	118	adj	ˈspeɪʃəs	There is a spacious living area facing out onto the pool.
master	118	v	ˈmɑːstə	I never quite mastered the art of walking in high heels.
impure	157	adj	ɪmˈpjʊə	Unfortunately it was an impure crystal and therefore not worth very much.
unadulterated	157	adj	ˌʌnəˈdʌltəreɪtəd	These recipes are intended to be unadulterated bliss.
natural	157	adj	ˈnætʃərəl	The need for natural light in offices cannot be contested.
genuine	157	adj	ˈdʒenjuən	We need laws that will protect genuine refugees.
shun	157	v	ʃʌn	She was a shy woman who shunned publicity.
ignore	157	v	ɪɡˈnoʊ	The phone rang, but she ignored it.
ostracise	157	v	ˈɒstrəsiːz	He was ostracised by the other students.
welcome	157	v	ˈwelkəm	The college welcomes applications from people of all races.
guess	157	v	ɡes	I'd say he's around 50, but I'm only guessing.
estimate	157	v	ˈestəmeɪt	The tree is estimated to be at least 700 years old.

assume	157	v	ə'sju:m	I didn't see your car, so I assumed you'd gone out.
hypothetical	157	adj	ˌhaɪpə'θetɪkəl	Brennan brought up a hypothetical case to make his point.
argue	157	v	ˈɑ:gju:	Gallacher continued to argue with the referee throughout the game.
squabble	157	v	ˈskwɒbəl	They're always squabbling over money.
admit	157	v	əd'mɪt	You may not like her, but you have to admit that she's good at her job.
dispute	157	v	dɪ'spiu:t	The main facts of the book have never been disputed.
run	157	v	rʌn	I ran down the stairs as fast as I could.
stroll	157	v	strɔ:l	We were strolling along, laughing and joking.
meander	157	v	mi'ændə	We meandered through the ancient streets.
saunter	157	v	'sɔ:ntə	He came sauntering down the road with his hands in his pockets.
lightweight	157	adj	'laɪtweɪt	He wore a lightweight jacket.
cumbersome	157	adj	'kʌmbəsəm	It was a very large, cumbersome machine.
awkward	157	adj	'ɔ:kwəd	It'll be awkward getting cars in and out.
heavy	157	adj	'hevi	The wardrobe was too heavy for me to move on my own.
considerable	157	adj	kən'sɪdərəbəl	We've saved a considerable amount of money.
extensive	157	adj	ɪk'stensɪv	The house stands in extensive grounds.
minimal	157	adj	'mɪnəməl	The storm caused only minimal damage.
substantial	157	adj	səb'stænʃəl	We have the support of a substantial number of parents.
sincere	157	adj	sɪn'sɪə	Please accept my sincere apologies.
dishonest	157	adj	dɪs'ɒnəst	People on welfare are wrongly seen as lazy or dishonest.
straightforward	157	adj	ˌstreɪt'fɔ:wəd	Installing the program is relatively straightforward.
unambiguous	157	adj	ˌʌnæm'bigjuəs	Such communications should be clear and unambiguous.
scrap	120	n	skræp	There isn't a single scrap of evidence.
dazzled	120	adj	'dæzəld	I was dazzled by all the attention I got.
ascension	120	n	ə'senʃən	His ascension to the ranks of senior management was a surprise.
clamour	120	n	'klæmə	He shouted over the rising clamour of voices.
geriatric	120	adj	ˌdʒeri'ætrɪk	He's a geriatric rock star.
beacon	120	n	'bi:kən	The education program offers a beacon of hope to these children.
crave	120	v	kreɪv	He is an insecure child who craves attention.
hanker after	120	phr v	'hænkər ˌɑ:ftə	She hankered after a life in the country.
spotlight	120	n	'spɒtlaɪt	Education is once again in the spotlight.
centre of attention	120	n phr	ˌsentər əv ə'tenʃən	Rob loves being the centre of attention.
serve an apprenticeship	120	n	ˌsɜ:v ən ə'prentəsɪp	He's serving an apprenticeship as a printer.
pay your dues	120	idiom	ˌpeɪ jɔ: 'dju:z	You have to start at the bottom of the career ladder and pay your dues.
be held in high esteem	120	idiom	bɪ ˌheld ɪn ˌhaɪ ɪ'sti:m	The critics held him in high esteem as an actor.
be renowned	120	v phr	bɪ rɪ'naʊnd	He's renowned as a public speaker.
overnight success	120	idiom	ˌəʊvənɑ:t sək'ses	The show was an overnight success.
shoot to fame	120	idiom	ˌʃu:t tə 'feɪm	Brian, an air steward, shot to fame on the television show 'Big Brother'.
be set on	120	v phr	bɪ 'set ɒn	Nina's set on going to the party.
have aspirations	120	v phr	hæv ˌæspə'reɪʃənz	They had a lot of hopes and aspirations for the future.
burning ambition	157	n phr	ˌbɜ:nɪŋ æm'bɪʃən	My burning ambition is to be world champion.
set your heart on	157	idiom	ˌset jə 'hɑ:t ɒn	Ellen has completely set her heart on buying that house.
in the limelight	157	idiom	ɪn ðə 'laɪmlaɪt	Tad loves being in the limelight.

hit the big time	157	idiom	ˌhɪt ðə ˈbɪɡ taɪm	The 46-year-old author has finally hit the big time.
stroke of luck	157	n phr	ˌstrəʊk əv ˈlʌk	In a stroke of luck, a suitable organ donor became available.
pay off	157	phr v	ˌpeɪ ˈɒf	Teamwork paid off.
one-hit wonder	157	idiom	ˌwʌn hɪt ˈwʌndə	She made a lot of money with that song, but she turned out to be a one-hit wonder.
a legend in your lifetime	157	idiom	ə ˌledʒənd ɪn jə ˈlaɪftaɪm	Stanley Matthews was a football legend in his own lifetime.
establish common goals	122	v phr	ɪ ˌstæblɪʃ ˌkɒmən ˈɡəʊlz	Iran and Turkey shared common goals in their handling of the refugee crisis.
haggle	122	v	ˈhæɡəl	Ted was haggling with the street vendors.
make compromises	122	v phr	ˌmeɪk ˈkɒmprəmaɪzɪz	Marriage involves being tolerant and making compromises.
tactful	122	adj	ˈtæktfəl	There was no tactful way of phrasing what he wanted to say.
defer	122	v	dɪ ˈfɜː	Further discussion on the proposal will be deferred until April.
bluff	122	v	blʌf	I hope we'll be able to bluff our way past the guard.
make concessions	122	n	ˌmeɪk kənˈseʃənz	He was ready to make concessions on many of the issues raised.