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# IELTS Reading & Vocabulary

## Glossary

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### Unit 1 (21st Century Lifestyle)

#### Lead In

##### B.

**appoint** - to give (someone) a position of responsibility

**commission** - to be paid a certain percentage of the cost for every sale made

**dismiss** - to end a person's employment

**temping** - to work on a short term [temporary] basis

**applicant** - a person who applies for a job

**job vacancy** - a position [job] which is available

**sign(ed) up** - to join an organisation

**compensation** - to receive a payment to make up for a loss or wrong which you have experienced

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#### Reading - 1

##### A.

**attitude** - the way a person views something

**high flyer** - a person who is very ambitious and successful

**stuck in a rut** - to be bored of one's job and always doing the same things, with no clear idea of how to change the situation

**have a foot on the ladder** - to get a first job opportunity or to start making progress at work, with the intention to do better and achieve more

**go-getter** - a person with energy and enthusiasm, who is determined to get what they want and who is not afraid to work hard and undertake challenges in order to achieve this

**a bit of a plodder** - a person who works slowly and with little enthusiasm

**industrious** - hard-working

#### First Reading

##### B.

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**prosperous** - to be successful and wealthy

**dynamo** - an energetic and forceful person

**recruit(ing)** - to get people to join or become involved in an organisation

**dread(s)** - to anticipate [expect] something with fear or unhappiness

**excess** - to have more (of something) than is normal or needed

**harbinger** - a person whose behaviour or activities are seen as a sign for what everyone's future behaviour or activities should or will be

**edge** - someone or something that is ahead of the rest (and leading) in a trend or movement

**boomer(s)** - a member of the baby boom generation [anyone born in America shortly after World War Two]

**deadweight** - a burden; something which makes things difficult and is generally in the way [an obstruction]

**contribution** - to give or supply something, to help to bring about a result

**innovatively** - to introduce and use new methods and ideas

**tap** - to make use of (something)

**sweep aside** - to get rid of something in an easy manner

**legal barrier(s)** - a law which acts as an obstacle and makes it difficult to progress with [continue and develop] an action or idea

**wearing people down** - to cause people exhaustion [extreme tiredness], possibly leading to a break down

**value(d)** - to be highly thought of; to be considered important

**obsolescence** - the process of becoming no longer in use

**enhancing** - to improve and make (something) more effective

**uptick** - an increase

**stockmarket** - where stocks and bonds are traded [bought and sold]

**peak** - the highest point or greatest value

**dent(ed)** - a noticeable or significant effect, usually a reduction

**pension plan(s)** - a plan or scheme which makes regular payments to people who are retired

**soar(ed)** - to increase in size

**adjust(ing)** - to change or adapt (something) to fit with new conditions

**inflation** - a general and ongoing increase in the level of prices

**institutional** - relating to the principles and rules of an institution [an established organisation]

**ban(ned)** - to prohibit [forbid; not allow] something by authority or law

**handful** - a small number

**Baby Boom generation** - the larger than expected generation [group of people born in the same period of time] born in the United States not long after World War Two

**phase(d)** - to gradually [slowly] bring something to an end, in stages

**cessation** - to bring something to an end; to stop

**stick to** - to remain faithful to something

**resolution(s)** - a course of action which one has decided

on

**tend(ing)** - to be likely to do something

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## Second Reading

D.

**potential** - something that is possible but not yet actual

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## Vocabulary in Context

F.

**run** - to be in charge of and manage something

**branch** - a division of a larger organisation; one in a chain of shops or banks, for example

**upsurge** - to quickly increase

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## IELTS Exam Strategy

**throughout** - from start to finish; during the whole thing

**gist** - the main idea

**infer** - to come to a conclusion based on evidence

**overall** - general

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A.

**collapse** - to suddenly fail and lose value

**wear(s)...down** - to tire out and exhaust by relentless pressure or hard work

**due to** - because of

**fatigue** - mental or physical tiredness caused by hard work

**obsolete** - no longer in use

**memory resource(s)** - internal tools and abilities which can be used to improve one's ability to remember things

**reversing** - to move in the opposite direction

**scarcity** - a shortness of supply; a small and inadequate [not enough] supply

C.

**inflation** - a general and ongoing increase in prices

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## Vocabulary

A.

**for the sake of** - for the purpose of; motivated by

**buck(s)** - an informal word for an amount of money (mostly used in America)

**peer pressure** - the social pressure [force] from one's peer group [people of a similar age/background etc] which encourages the individual to conform to the group's accepted standard of behaviour

**plastic** - an informal slang word, meaning a credit card

**coming to terms** - to understand and accept something

**at fault** - guilty; deserving of blame

**beyond their means** - to spend more money than one can actually afford to spend

**burden** - a difficult responsibility to fulfil

**interest** - a sum of money (a percentage of the overall amount) charged for borrowing money; the charge is ongoing on money which has not been repaid

**overdraft(s)** - a withdrawal of money from a bank account which is more than the account has in it

**constructive** - helpful and useful, with the intention to improve

**materialism** - a keen interest and desire for money and possessions

**close-knit** - united and held together closely, by social or cultural ties

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## Reading - 2

A.

**motivation** - the reason for a certain action or type of behaviour

**cash-strapped** - to be short of [not have enough] money

**fuel** - to maintain and support an activity

**penchant** - a strong inclination for something

**by virtue of** - because of something

**facilitate** - to allow something to happen; to make something easier

**urge(s)** - an impulse or desire which prompts an action

**rusting** - to deteriorate and become corroded [eaten away as by acid or oxidation]

**attic** - the space or room between the upstairs ceiling and the roof of a house, often used for storage

**dump** - to throw away rubbish

**heap** - a group of things placed or thrown in a pile, one on top of the other

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C.

**crying over spilt milk** - spending a lot of time thinking about past mistakes or misfortunes

**every cloud has a silver lining** - every misfortune or negative experience has a positive aspect

**put all your eggs in one basket** - to make everything rely on just one thing; to put all of your effort/money etc into one thing

**absence makes the heart grow fonder** - being far away from someone or something that you love will make you love them/it even more

**more haste less speed** - the faster you try to do

something, the more likely you are to make mistakes

**where there's a will there's a way** - if you are determined [have a strong desire] to do something then you will find a method of achieving it

**the early bird catches the worm** - if you are well prepared and start early, then you have a better chance of success

**out of sight, out of mind** - if you do not see someone or something very often then you will not think about them very often/you will forget about them

**charity begins at home** - you should take care of family and friends before you try to help other people

**D.**

**coincidence** - an event or sequence of events that appears to have been planned or arranged, when it is in fact accidental [not deliberate or planned]

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**Unit 2 (Art and Culture)**

**Lead-In**

**A.**

**reflect** - to give evidence of the characteristics of someone or something

**convey** - to communicate; to make (something) known

**B.**

**vivid** - intensely bright and clear

**restorer** - a skilled person who is employed to restore [bring back to its original condition] paintings

**figurative** - artistic representation of animal or human figures

**forger** - a person who makes fake, illegal copies of an artwork

**patron** - a person who supports and sponsors a cause such as the arts

**etch** - to cut into the surface of glass using acid

**easel** - an upright frame for supporting an artist's canvas

**still** - not moving

**abstract art** - a type of painting and sculpture which explores the relationships of forms and colours, instead of more traditional art which tries to represent the world in recognisable images

**transparent** - capable of transmitting rays of light so that objects or images can be seen through it, as if there were no substance in between

**draw** - to make a likeness (of something) with lines on a surface, sketched using a pencil/crayon etc.

**fake** - something that is not authentic and genuine

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**Reading - 1**

**A.**

**vibrant** - bright and striking colours

**gloomy** - dull and dark

**sinister** - threatening and evil

**bland** - dull, with no distinct characteristics

**captivating** - to attract and hold interest, due to beauty

**evocative** - to bring to mind [evoke] feelings and memories

**dull** - colour which lacks brightness and intensity

**cheery** - bright, pleasant and happy

**uplifting** - inspirational, giving hope

**First Reading**

**C.**

**submit(ted)** - to formally give something for judgement or decision

**subject matter** - the main idea or theme of a work of art; what the artist is trying to communicate

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**found(ing)** - to establish [set up] something; to bring (something) into existence

**vision** - a vivid mental image (produced by the imagination), usually referring to future developments

**fulfil(led)** - to bring into actuality [existence]

**got underway** - to begin a process; to start something in motion

**halt** - to stop

**hold(ing)** - to organise and be responsible for

**sought** - to try to achieve something

**gave in** - to acknowledge [recognise] defeat

**entrant(s)** - a person who enters a competition

**nonetheless** - however; despite that

**war-ravaged** - destroyed by war [fighting between two opposing armies]

**sideshow** - a diversion; a small/insignificant incident or event which is of little importance to the main event

**figure** - an amount represented in numbers

**bourgeois** - middle-class; a capitalist member of the property-owning class (Marxist theory)

**municipal** - relating to the domestic [internal] concerns of a country

**controversial** - producing or provoking public discussion and debate

**stable** - steady; unchanging

**significant(ly)** - in a meaningful or important way

**core** - the basic, most important part

**hand(ed) out** - to give

**conclude(d)** - to come to a decision or form an opinion about something

**abolish(ed)** - to get rid of/put an end to (something) entirely  
**spark(ed)** - to set in motion; to trigger or activate  
**heated** - intense, passionate and emotional  
**debate** - a discussion or argument  
**reinstate** - to bring back into existence  
**Charter** - a formal document which outlines the principles, functions and organisation of a corporation  
**harmonious** - friendly, agreeing and working together well  
**mutual** - given or felt by each toward the other  
**featured** - given special attention; made to stand out  
**honorary** - given as a mark of honour, without the usual requirements or duties

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**Second Reading**

**D.**

**pacifist** - a person who is against war or violence of any kind  
**host country** - a nation which is responsible for organising, and providing the facilities for, an international event within their country  
**prosperity** - the condition of being prosperous [experiencing success or wealth]

**E.**

**beneficial** - to produce a good/favourable result

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**G.**

**affair** - a secret romantic and/or sexual relationship between two people, where either one or both are already married or in another relationship  
**slavery** - the practice of owning slaves (people who are treated as property - bought and sold - and forced to work for their 'owners', receiving no pay)  
**abuse** - to use wrongly; to treat in a harmful way  
**supervisor** - a person who oversees other workers

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**Exam Strategy**

**classify** - to arrange according to categories  
**coherent** - a logical connection of parts; consistent

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**Vocabulary**

**A.**

**movement** - a group of artists who agree on general principles  
**applied** - to give a label, name or title to something  
**predecessor** - someone or something that comes before another  
**spontaneous** - produced by natural impulses, without forward thinking or planning

**manifestation** - a demonstration or example  
**canvas(es)** - a piece of heavy, rough, closely woven fabric which is stretched over a frame and painted on  
**drip paintings** - a method of working with liquid paint, pouring and dripping it over a canvas (usually laid out flat on the floor)  
**figurative** - artistic representation of animal or human figures  
**aesthetic** - concerned with beauty and good taste  
**idiosyncratic** - something peculiar [unusual] to an individual  
**nihilistic** - a rejection or denial of laws and institutions; a belief in destruction for its own sake  
**inherent** - existing as an essential characteristic; an inseparable part  
**vitality** - the capacity to live, grow or develop; a physical or mental energy  
**constrain(ed)** - restricted; forced to oblige  
**haven** - a place of safety, shelter and protection  
**prevalent** - common and widespread  
**impact** - the effect of one thing on another  
**profound** - intense; significant; of deep meaning  
**assimilate(d)** - to incorporate/become absorbed into something larger  
**mainstream** - the dominant trend, influence or activity

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**B.**

**to the full** - to the greatest extent; completely  
**gained a reputation** - to become known to have certain characteristics; a generally held opinion about a person  
**boost** - to increase  
**hospitality** - to treat strangers or guests with kindness

**C.**

**like waving a red rag to a bull** - a deliberately provocative action or statement which is sure to cause an angry or violent response  
**green with envy** - to appear to be very jealous  
**as white as a sheet** - for a person to look extremely pale, as if frightened or ill  
**I feel a bit blue** - to feel sad or depressed  
**paint the town red** - to go out in the evening and enjoy yourself, often drinking alcohol and dancing  
**too yellow to jump into the deep end of the pool** - too scared or cowardly to get involved or try something new or difficult right away (without experience or practice)  
**in the red** - in debt  
**deposit** - to put money into a bank account  
**green behind the ears** - to be new to something, lacking experience or understanding  
**the grass is always greener on the other side** -

people always think that they would be happier in another set of circumstances, although the alternative probably isn't any better (they do not recognise the positives of their situation or the negatives of the alternative)

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**Reading - 2**

**resplendent** - having a brilliant or dazzling appearance

**landmark** - a building or place of historical or cultural importance

**upwards of** - more than

**flock** - to go in large numbers

**stand-out** - distinctive; widely known

**wing** - a section of a large building, often dedicated to a specific purpose

**homage** - a public show of respect or honour towards someone or something

**brilliance** - exceptional talent; distinction in ability

**utterly** - completely

**grand unveiling** - a ceremony to officially reveal a new display (a statue or object etc.), a new building or a new section of a building

**in its own right** - by reason of its own ability and attractiveness

**rectangle** - a shape with four sides and four right angles

**pastels** - a picture or sketch drawn using a pastel crayon (a dried paste made of pigments and a water-based binder)

**array** - an impressive collection

**exhibit(s)** - to display objects and artwork for the public to see

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**Unit 3 (Around the World)**

**Lead-In**

**B.**

**globetrotting** - to travel widely, usually for pleasure

**expedition** - an organised journey undertaken by a group of people for a specific purpose

**package** - where separate items are offered together for sale as an inclusive unit (for example a package holiday, where transport, accommodation and food are included in the price)

**customs** - the inspection of goods and baggage when entering a country

**self-catering** - accommodation in which visitors can prepare their own food

**in-flight** - provided during flight in an aeroplane

**cafe(s)** - a small restaurant where drinks and snacks are sold

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**Reading - 1**

**A.**

**hiking** - a long walk for pleasure, often through hills or mountains

**First Reading**

**B.**

**sunken** - situated under the surface of the water

**route(s)** - a choice of roads or paths taken, in order to travel from one place to another

**wrap up** - to put layers of warm clothing on

**go off** - to leave

**gentle** - slow, soft, mild and soothing

**rural** - in or characteristic of the countryside

**off-road** - taking place away from paved or public roads, usually on rough and rugged terrain [ground]

**trail(s)** - a track or path

**fuel(led)** - something which sustains or stimulates an activity

**terrain** - an area of land; ground

**outline(d)** - a general description covering the main points

**incorporating** - to include as part of something else

**tighten(ed)** - to be made tight

**tone(d)** - firm

**resort(s)** - a place where people go for relaxation or recreation (an activity which pleases or stimulates)

**catch a late deal** - to discover a last-minute bargain price

**cater(ing)** - to attend to the wants and needs of a range of people

**dare(d)** - to have the courage to try something

**revitalising** - to give new life and vigor to [something]

**apres ski** - social events or relaxation which takes place after skiing

**cross-country** - skiing across the countryside (rather than downhill)

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**sea urchin** - a creature that lives in the sea, with a soft body enclosed in a shell covered in long spines

**opt for** - to choose

**southernmost** - situated in the farthest point to the south

**peninsula** - a piece of land that projects into the sea and is connected to the mainland by a narrow strip of land

**boast(s)** - to possess something to be proud of

**wreck** - fragments of a ship which has been destroyed/sunk

**Straits of Tiran** - the narrow sea passages which are located between the Sinai and Arabian peninsulas

**tint(ed)** - a slight colouration; a tinge

**rolled into one** - several components combined into a single entity

**retreat** - a place offering peace and quiet  
**lagoon** - a shallow body of water, usually separated from the sea by coral reefs or sandbars  
**chill** - to relax  
**regardless of** - with no concern or thought for  
**unwinding** - to reduce tension; to relax  
**meditating** - to train the mind to be calm and empty  
**cove(s)** - a small and sheltered bay in the shoreline of the sea  
**cling(s)** - to be close to something; to hold on tight  
**hillside** - the slope or side of a hill  
**waterfront** - the land which borders a body of water  
**pristine** - clean and pure  
**drawn-out affair** - an activity which lasts a long time; lasting longer than is usual or necessary  
**flotilla** - a small group of yachts  
**mooring** - the act of securing a boat in a particular place  
**anchoring** - the act of securing a boat in one place using an anchor [a mechanical device which stops a vessel from moving]  
**breeze(s)** - a light current of air; wind  
**abundance** - a large amount  
**shelter(ed)** - to provide cover or protection from the weather  
**inlet(s)** - an indentation on the shoreline; a small bay or cove  
**luminous** - clear, bright and shining  
**predominantly** - for the most part

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**Second Reading**

**C.**  
**plunge** - to jump in and be submerged in water  
**crest** - to top (of a wave)  
**gear** - a machine which controls the speed on a bike  
**galore** - in abundance [large amounts]

**Vocabulary in context**

**E.**  
**haven** - a place of peace, safety and security

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**Exam Strategy**

**define(d)** - to give an exact explanation or outline  
**skim** - to read or flick through a book quickly, without reading fully and thoroughly  
**ascertain** - to discover and be certain [sure]  
**hyphenated** - where two words are joined together with a hyphen [ - ]

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**contradicted** - to state the opposite to be true

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**Vocabulary**

**A.**  
**rush** - a short burst of energy and excitement  
**brag(ging)** - to boast and show off  
**suborbital** - a flightpath which orbits the earth less than once  
**stump up** - to give (the money required)  
**jostling** - to compete for advantage or a position  
**aviation** - the science, development and operation of aircraft  
**pioneer** - a person who explores and opens up new areas of thought, research or development  
**reusable** - able to be used more than once  
**payload** - the total weight of cargo and/or passengers that an aircraft can carry  
**fortnight** - two weeks; fourteen consecutive [one after the other] days  
**enterprise** - a business organisation  
**pricey** - expensive  
**altitude** - the height of a thing above the earth's surface  
**belly** - the underside  
**craft** - short for aircraft or spacecraft; a single vessel  
**designate(d)** - to specify or assign  
**staging post** - a place where a journey is broken; an area or place where one can stop and prepare on the way to a destination  
**curvature** - a curved line or surface  
**inky** - as black as ink  
**federal** - national; relating to the entire nation or country  
**administration** - a government board, agency, authority, etc.  
**venture(d)** - to undertake something that is dangerous, risky or of uncertain outcome  
**all bar** - with the exception of  
**handful** - a small amount  
**commercial** - a product which is intended for the mass market  
**prominent** - standing out from its surroundings; widely recognisable and known  
**clinch** - to secure; to settle conclusively  
**fleet** - a group of (spacecraft)  
**fare-paying** - those who pay a fee in order to participate in or experience something

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**B.**  
**negotiate** - to discuss with others (often business or money) in order to reach an agreement  
**pedestrian** - a person travelling on foot

**Phrasal Verbs**

**C.**  
**run through** - to go over [repeat] the main points  
**fall through** - to fail  
**give off** - to emit [release] (often refers to a smell)  
**go off** - to deteriorate; to become worse

**stand in for** - to substitute for; to take the place of another  
**pass out** - to lose consciousness; to fall asleep  
**pass down** - to give (something) to the next generation  
**come up with** - to produce; to supply  
**intersection** - a place where two or more roads meet; a junction

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D.

**launch** - to release or set in motion a spacecraft  
**retrieval** - to bring (something) back  
**intact** - unharmed; remaining complete and unbroken  
**reward** - something received [a prize] to celebrate an achievement  
**feat** - an impressive or extraordinary achievement, often demonstrating skill or courage  
**magnate** - a powerful or influential person, usually in a specific business or industry

E.

**descent** - the act or process of moving from a higher to a lower position  
**curvature** - a curved line or surface

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## Unit 4 (The Animal Kingdom)

Lead-In

B.

**cub** - the young of certain animals, such as a lion, wolf or bear  
**herbivore** - an animal that only eats grass and other plants  
**predator** - an animal which survives by capturing and eating other animals  
**stalk** - to follow an animal quietly and without being seen (before attacking)  
**fin** - the thin part of a fish which sticks out from their side or back (usually one on each side), like wings; also found on some other aquatic animals such as sharks  
**poacher** - a person who illegally hunts animals or fish on someone else's land  
**herd** - a number of wild animals (of the same species) who stay together as a group  
**carnivore** - a flesh-eating animal  
**scale** - the thin, flat, bony plates which cover the skin of fish  
**hibernate** - to spend the winter in a deep sleep  
**pack** - a group of (usually wild) animals that run and hunt together, such as lions and wolves  
**prey** - an animal that is being hunted or caught for food  
**tusk** - a long, pointed tooth, usually one of a pair, which extends outside of the mouth in certain animals (such as the elephant and the walrus)  
**alert** - to be aware of danger; watchful and quick to respond

**scrape off** - to remove an outer layer from a surface by forceful strokes with a sharp or rough instrument  
**ivory** - a hard, smooth, yellowish-white substance that forms the tusks of an elephant  
**roam(ed)** - to move around without purpose or direction; to wander

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## Reading - 1 First Reading

B.

**humdrum** - lacking excitement; monotonous [lacking variety; repetitious]  
**mindset** - a mental attitude which determines how a person responds to situations  
**get the hang of** - to learn how to do something  
**adjustment** - to adapt to fit the circumstances  
**flash across** - (for an image) to appear briefly  
**parade** - a showy display  
**spat(s)** - a brief fight or argument; a squabble  
**carcass** - the dead body of an animal, especially one killed for food  
**hog(s)** - to take the majority share  
**amber** - a brownish-yellow colour  
**insolence** - to be arrogant, rude and disrespectful  
**belly-clutch** - a tight feeling in the stomach, caused by tension and fear  
**impala(s)** - an African antelope, reddish in colour and able to leap in an impressive manner  
**bush shrike** - an African bird which has a strong hooked beak and a screeching call  
**fieldcraft** - ability and experience in matters concerned with living in a wild outdoors area  
**uplifting** - inspirational; providing hope and encouragement  
**enthraling** - to completely hold one's attention  
**absorbed** - deeply interested or involved

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**willow warbler** - a greyish-green songbird  
**paw** - the foot of an animal which has claws  
**lynx** - a wildcat which has soft thick fur, a short black-tipped tail and tufted ears  
**self-indulgence** - to allow oneself to follow one's own interests and desires  
**blast** - short, fast and powerful  
**qualitative(ly)** - relating to or concerning quality  
**irresistible** - impossible to resist; an overpowering appeal  
**accord** - a spontaneous action  
**preconception(s)** - an opinion formed before one has all of the necessary information, knowledge or experience



*page 64***Second Reading****E.**

**moral(ly)** - relating to the judgement of good and bad, right and wrong, of human behaviour

*page 66***Exam Strategy**

**reset(ing)** - to adjust and change to a certain position

**wondrous(ness)** - extraordinary or remarkable

*page 67***Vocabulary****A.**

**sigh** - to exhale a long deep breath, usually in weariness

**reprieve** - to postpone [temporarily stop] an action; a short term relief from harm

**province** - a territory governed as a unit of a country or empire

**swathe** - an area or section; a long narrow strip

**tract** - an area or stretch of land

**temperate** - mild or moderate in temperature; without extremes

**newly-brokered** - a recently negotiated and agreed deal

**glacial** - relating to a glacier [a slow moving mass of ice]

**headland(s)** - a high point of land extending out into a body of water, with a sheer [steep] drop

**inlet(s)** - an indentation on the shoreline; a small bay or cove

**seamless(ly)** - consistent and smooth; without obvious joins or breaks

**beaver(s)** - a large rodent which can live both on land and in water, with sharp teeth, webbed hind feet and a flat tail

**crouch(ing)** - to stoop or bend close to the ground

**exhilarating** - causing strong feelings of excitement and happiness; invigorating [giving strength and vitality]

**umpteen** - a large unspecified amount

**blockade(s)** - to prevent access to a specific area, so that traffic and commerce cannot enter or exit, as an act of protest

**praise(s)** - to express approval and admiration for something

**up for grabs** - available for anyone to take or win

**logging** - the business of cutting down trees and transporting the logs to a mill

**mining** - the industry of extracting coal or ores from mines

**appalling** - causing dismay; terrible

**revert** - to return to a former condition, practice or belief

*page 68***C.**

**hatch(ed)** - to emerge from or break out of an egg

**kill two birds with one stone** - to solve two problems with a single action

**rag** - a piece of material

**let the cat out of the bag** - to reveal a secret or a surprise by accident

**sly** - clever and cunning; subtle and deceitful

*page 69***D.**

**cautious** - careful; wary

**sanction(ed)** - given approval or permission by an authority

**footnote(s)** - something related to but of lesser importance than a larger work or event

**jeopardy** - danger; a possibility of loss

**commitment** - a pledge or promise; to be dedicated to a purpose

**pledge(s)** - a sincere promise to do, give or not do something

**renege** - to fail to carry out a promise or commitment

*page 70***Reading - 2****Pre-Reading****A.**

**theropod** - any of the carnivorous dinosaurs of the Triassic to Cretaceous period, with short forelimbs and strong hind legs which they walked or ran on

**furcula** - a bone shaped like a fork, found in birds

**Reading**

**contentious** - likely to cause controversy or an argument

**intermediate** - in a middle position or state [condition]

**gliding** - to fly without moving the wings; to move in a smooth and effortless manner

**seize(d) upon** - to take up an idea quickly and with enthusiasm

**transitional** - to change from one state or form to another

**exhaustive** - thorough; complete; containing all parts

**fused** - to be joined together into a whole

**reversible** - capable of being reversed [to go backwards; revert to a former condition]

**ascribe** - to attribute to a specific cause or origin

**convergent** - to come together from different directions

**thorough** - careful and accurate; complete

**rib(s)** - one of a series of long curved bones, extending from the spine toward the sternum

**resurrect(ing)** - to bring back to life

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**unequivocally** - admitting no doubt or misunderstanding

**hollow** - empty; having space within

**non-avian** - not related to or resembling a bird

**ambiguity** - unclear; of uncertain or doubtful meaning

**to date** - until now

**hint(s)** - an indication or suggestion

**dub(bed)** - to give a new name or title

**assessment** - an evaluation or judgment

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**Vocabulary in context**

**D.**

**reviving** - to restore and return to life

**E.**

**flipper(s)** - a broad, flat limb (found on whales and seals) which is adapted for swimming

**lung** - one of a pair of spongy organs in the chest, used for breathing

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**Unit 5 (A Place to Call Home)**

**Lead In**

**B.**

**real estate agent** - a person who acts as an agent for the sale of land or property

**tenant** - a person who pays rent to use or occupy land or a building owned by someone else

**destitute** - completely impoverished

**slum** - a heavily populated urban area with substandard housing and poverty

**evict** - to force a tenant out of their house by process of law

**penthouse** - an apartment (usually finished to a luxury standard) on the top floor or floors of a building

**double-glazing** - a window with two panes of glass (with a space between them) installed to reduce heat loss and noise transmission through the window

**squatter** - a person who illegally occupies a property or piece of land to which they have no legal title or right

**mortgage** - an agreement in which a person borrows money, usually from a bank, in order to buy a property

**surveyor** - a person who inspects a building, to check the condition of its structure

**lease** - a contract for renting land or property

**Reading - 1**

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**First Reading**

**B.**

**compulsion** - a strong impulse to do something

**leapfrog** - to progress by large jumps; to jump over and advance beyond others

**real estate** - the industry of buying and selling property and land

**slash(ing)** - to reduce

**inventories** - a detailed list of goods or property

**materialise** - to come into being; to become reality

**muddle(d)** - a confusing jumble; a mess

**seesaw** - an up-and down or back-and-forth movement

**forecast** - to predict (a future condition or event)

**buck(s)** - an (American) dollar; money

**fundamental(s)** - the basic needs and requirements

**compulsion** - a strong impulse to do something

**lure(d)** - to tempt or attract

**prevailing** - most common or frequent; dominant

**perception** - a way of understanding something

**aversion** - to avoid something

**dumb** - unintelligent; stupid

**gamble** - to take a risk, in the hope that it will result in gaining an advantage or benefit

**bounce back** - to recover quickly from a setback

**gravest** - most serious

**dragging your heels** - to act with intentional slowness; to deliberately put off and delay something

**upper-crust** - the highest social class or group

**fortress** - a place of refuge; a defensive structure

**defensible** - capable of being defended or justified

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**Vocabulary in Context**

**E.**

**stall** - to deliberately slow down or delay something from happening

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**Exam Strategy**

**discursive** - to reach a conclusion by reason rather than instinct

**gist** - the central idea

**spike** - a sudden and steep increase

**rash(ly)** - in a hasty manner; acting without thinking it through

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**averse** - opposed to; strongly disinclined

**deflate(d)** - to reduce the amount of currency or credit available, which results in a decline in prices

**retail** - the sale of goods or commodities in small quantities directly to consumers

**turbulent** - in a state of disorder or chaos

**prime** - of high or superior quality; the best

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**Vocabulary**

**A.**

**unruly** - difficult; noisy and lacking restraint or discipline

**combat** - to fight or struggle against (something)

**rowdy** - noisy and disorderly

**put through** - to make a telephone connection

**herald(ing)** - to announce something, publically and officially

**nuisance** - a person or thing which annoys or is inconvenient

**gimmick** - something done with the intention to attract extra attention or publicity, or to promote a project

**offence** - a violation of a law, custom or rule

**blight** - to ruin something

## B.

**publicise** - to make something public and draw attention to it

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## Homophones

### C.

**quay** - a platform built out from the shoreline, where boats are loaded and unloaded

**dew** - water droplets which condense from the air onto cool surfaces (in particular, grass and plants)

**gilt** - covered with gold

**heir** - a person who will inherit something (often money or property) from a deceased relative

**pane** - a sheet of glass in a window or door

**cord** - a length of rope or string

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### E.

**lodging** - to register (a complaint, for example) before an authority

**logged** - to record some information

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## Reading - 2

**ingenious** - marked by inventive skill and imagination; brilliant

**adaptation** - to change or adjust according to the surroundings or circumstances

**dome** - a hollow structure which looks like the top half of a sphere

**catenary arch** - an arch [a structure shaped like an inverted U] which takes the form of an inverted catenary, which is the curve theoretically form by a perfectly flexible cord (of a fixed length) hanging freely from two fixed points

**insulator** - a device or material which does not easily allow heat, electricity, sound or light to pass through it

**fierce(st)** - extremely severe or violent

**gale** - a very strong wind

**stack(ing)** - to place objects one on top of the other, in an orderly pile

**friction** - the rubbing of one object or surface against another

**mortar** - a bonding material which hardens in place and is used to bind together bricks or stones

**scarce** - in short supply

**seasoning** - to become conditioned and harden to the surroundings

**seal(ed)** - to tightly and completely close something

**cement(ed)** - to bind or unite, as if by cement

**compromising** - to expose or make vulnerable to danger

**chamber** - a room

**saucer** - a small, round, shallow dish [plate]

**suspend(ed)** - to hang by attachment to something above

**timber** - wood which is suitable for use as a building material

**demise** - the end of an activity or existence

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## Vocabulary in Context

### D.

**texture** - the appearance and feel of a surface or material

**contradictory** - inconsistent; where two statements cannot be true (or false) at the same time

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## Unit 6 (Education for All)

### Lead In

#### A.

**witness(ed)** - to observe [see] something happening

**bullied** - to be treated in a cruel and intimidating manner

#### B.

**dissertation** - a long written essay, usually written as part of a degree or doctorate

**novice** - a beginner

**tutor** - a private [not part of an institution] instructor or teacher

**faculty** - a division of learning [a subject or group of subjects] at a college or university

**prodigy** - a person with exceptional talent

**demonstrate** - to show clearly or prove something

**unschooled** - not educated or instructed

**apprentice** - a person who works for another for a specific amount of time, in return for instruction in the trade or business

**discipline** - to impose order and punish in order to gain control and obedience

**drill** - the exercise of repeat something regularly, as a way of learning or perfecting a skill, or retaining information

**bookworm** - a person who spends a lot of time reading or studying

### Reading - 1

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**armouries** - a collection of resources

**husky** - slightly rough, hoarse or rasping

**convenor** - a person who organises and brings people together for a purpose

**induction** - a formal introduction to an organisation

**workshop(s)** - an educational seminar or series of meetings, usually involving a small number of participants, which encourage

interactive learning

**outset** - the beginning (of something)

**pitch** - the degree of height or depth of a sound or tone

**pace** - rate of movement or speed

**intonation** - the sound pattern of phrases and sentences which distinguish what kind of sentence it is (implies the meaning)

**accent** - a characteristic way of pronouncing words, determined by the regional or social background of the speaker

**elimination** - to remove or get rid of (something)

**feedback** - the reaction or response to a particular activity

**ingrained** - deeply embedded; firmly established

**coordinator** - a person that coordinates people, bringing order and organisation, to ensure a smooth-running activity

**charitable** - relating to charity, an organisation which gives money and assistance to those in need

**asset** - a useful or valuable quality or thing

**impact** - the effect of one thing on another

**abuse** - to hurt or injure through ill-usage

**pitch** - the degree of height or depth of a sound or tone

**persistent** - continuous; remaining in the same state for an indefinitely long time

**tickly** - a light itch or tingling sensation

**hoarse** - rough, harsh, husky

**tenderness** - sore and painful, particularly to the touch

**refurbishment(s)** - to renovate and restore to its former good condition

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### Vocabulary in Context

D.

**get(ting) rid of** - to dispose of (something); to remove or discard

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### Exam Strategy

**resilient** - able to recover quickly from misfortune or injury (etc.)

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### Vocabulary

A.

**spat(s)** - a brief [short] argument or fight

**scuffle(s)** - a disorderly (physical) fight

**defuse(d)** - to make a situation less tense or dangerous

**patrol(s)** - a group of people who have been authorised [given permission] to move around an area for the purpose of observation and security

**badge(s)** - an object which is worn, usually by being pinned onto an item of clothing like a jacket, as a distinctive mark to signify authority

**conflict resolution** - methods to minimise and eliminate conflict (arguments and fighting)

**mediation** - the act of intervening, in an attempt to bring an end to a dispute

**brainchild** - an original idea which is attributed to a specific person

**namby-pamby** - weak and dull; lacking decisiveness or impact

**reprimand(ing)** - a severe formal criticism, voicing a disapproval of certain behaviour, often by a person of authority

**on hand** - available; present

**console** - to provide comfort and reduce grief or sadness

**bench** - a long seat, often made of wood, with space for several people to sit on

**counselling** - the provision of advice or guidance to help a person to resolve a social or personal problem

**spill(ed) into** - to be so great in number or common as to expand into another area

**deprived** - poor; lacking the necessities of life (adequate food, shelter etc.)

**pastoral** - relating to a teacher's responsibility for the personal development of their students

**grant** - a sum of money provided by a government, local authority or public fund, given to finance an educational project

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B.

**grieving** - to feel deep sorrow or distress due to a loss

**dispute** - an argument or disagreement

### Word Building

C.

**outbreak** - a sudden increase

**undertake** - to decide to do (something)

**onlooker(s)** - a person who watches something without taking part

**soak(ed)** - to be thoroughly wet

**downpour** - very heavy rain

**holdup** - to forcibly stop and rob [steal from] a person, shop or bank, armed with a gun

**uplifting** - inspirational; providing hope and encouragement

**undergo** - to be subjected to and experience (something)

**incurable** - (something) that cannot be cured or corrected

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### Reading - 2

**compulsory** - required by rule or law

**stipulate** - to make a specific demand or arrangement as a condition of an agreement

**state-sanctioned** - to be approved by the government

**enroll(ed)** - to formally register as a participant or member

**infant(s)** - a young schoolchild, usually under the age of 7

**comprise(d)** - to consist of; to include

**completion** - to complete [finish] something

**Transition Year** - an optional one-year programme (available only in schools in Ireland) which can be taken between the junior and senior cycle and is designed to promote personal, social, educational and vocational development; extra-curricular activities are encouraged and there are no exams

**Senior Cycle** - upper secondary education taken by students between the ages of 15 and 18; prepares student's for further and higher education, the world of work and citizenship

**exam-orientated** - to be focused on examinations

**curricular** - the courses and subjects offered for study at an educational institutional

**optional** - left to choice; not compulsory

**bypass** - to avoid something; to choose an alternative route

**aggregate** - a sum total

**assessment** - to assess, evaluate or judge something

**fulfill** - to measure up to (a standard)

**ostensibly** - apparently; appearing as such

**entrance fee(s)** - a sum of money charged for admission to an institution, event or venue

**enrol** - to be registered and become a member

**proximity** - within a close distance

### A.

**mandatory** - required by rule or demanded by an authority; compulsory

**restriction** - to limit or restrict the extent of something

**compulsory** - required by rule or demanded by an authority

**course(s)** - a program of study, as in a college or university

**syllabus** - an outline of the topics which will be covered in a course of study

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## Unit 7 (The Earth under threat)

### B.

**emission(s)** - a substance released into the air

**famine** - an extreme, far-reaching shortage of food

**smog** - a thick fog which has become mixed and polluted with smoke

**slick** - a floating film [layer] of oil

**erosion** - the gradual process of material being worn away from the earth's surface

**timber** - wood used as a building material

**inevitable** - impossible to avoid or prevent; certain to happen

**inhabit** - to live in; to be present in

Reading - 1

## Pre-reading Group Work

### A.

**scorched earth** - ground that is dry and cracked, so nothing is able to grow or survive on it

**torrential rain** - extremely heavy rain

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### First Reading

### B.

**low-lying** - situated close to water or ground level

**verdict** - a conclusion; a judgment or opinion

**destined** - certain to occur; governed by fate

**authoritative** - highly reliable; acknowledged accuracy

**draft** - any stage (often early) in the development of a document, report or piece of writing

**intergovernmental** - occurring between or involving two or more governments

**devastating** - very effective destruction

**acidic** - to be or contain acid

**coral reef(s)** - a ridge of rocks or sand, composed of coral and other organic matter, some of which has solidified into limestone

**atoll(s)** - a ring-shaped coral reef, or a string of closely spaced small coral islands enclosing a shallow lagoon

**prevalent** - widespread; common

**flee** - to run away quickly, usually from danger

**strain** - to stretch beyond the proper limit; to weaken

**affluent** - to have more wealth than is needed

**scrutinise(d)** - to examine in great detail, with careful or critical attention

**intensely** - in an intense [extreme] manner; involving extreme effort

**indisputable** - impossible to deny; beyond doubt

**permafrost** - ground that is permanently frozen, often to great depths; it is mostly found in the polar regions

**outcome** - the end result; a consequence

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**assessment(s)** - to judge or evaluate a person, situation or piece of work

**robust** - strong

**rebuff** - an abrupt [sudden or unexpected] rejection

**variation** - the extent to which something varies [is different to others of its type]

**output** - an amount produced during a certain time

**fluctuation(s)** - to rise and fall, or vary irregularly

**in short** - in summary

**plunge(d)** - to thrust or bring suddenly into some condition

**depict(ed)** - to represent in picture

**alarming** - frightening due to an awareness of danger

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**valid** - correct; accurate; legitimate

**account(ed) for** - to give a reason for or explain (something)

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**Vocabulary**

**A.**

**in abundance** - to have a large amount; to have more than is necessary

**marine reserve** - an area of the sea which is protected against exploitation

**draw(s)** - to attract; to cause to come by attracting

**prime** - first in excellence, quality or value

**collapse** - to suddenly break down and cease to function

**resilience** - the ability of an ecosystem to quickly return to its former condition after being disturbed

**predator(s)** - an organism that survives by preying on [hunting and consuming] other organisms

**urchin(s)** - echinoderms [marine invertebrates with tube feet and five-part symmetrical bodies] which have a soft body encased in a round, symmetrical shell covered in long spines

**designate(d)** - to select for a specific purpose

**resurgence** - to continue after an interruption

**snapper** - a sparid food fish, that has a pinkish body covered in blue spots and well-developed teeth

**spiny lobster** - any of the various large edible crustaceans [arthropods which live mostly in water, having a body covered in a hard shell or crust] which have a spiny shell and lack the large pincers of true lobsters

**densities** - the number of inhabitants within a specific area

**galvanise(d)** - to raise awareness and stimulate action

**flock** - a join together of travel in large numbers or in a large crowd

**at stake** - at risk

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**Nouns from phrasal verbs**

**D.**

**overseer** - a person who observes and directs the work of others; a supervisor

**moat** - a wide, deep ditch, usually filled with water, which surrounds a medieval town or castle as a form of protection against attack

**refund** - to return [give back] or repay money

**tip-off** - a piece of confidential or inside information; a warning or hint

**garbage** - rubbish; a place where rubbish is thrown away

**outburst** - a sudden, violent display of activity or emotion

**turnover** - the amount of business transacted during a given period of time; or the number of times stock (of goods) is sold and restocked during a given period of time

**outlet** - a place where goods or services can be bought

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**Reading - 2**

**mantle** - the layer of the earth between the crust and the core

**crust** - the outer layer of the earth (about 22 miles deep under the continents and 6 miles deep under the oceans)

**chamber** - an enclosed space

**exert(ed)** - to put into use or effect

**blast(s)** - a forcible or violent stream of air or gas

**fracture(d)** - a crack or fault in a rock

**vent** - the opening of a volcano in the earth's crust

**fragment(s)** - a small piece broken off (from something larger)

**avalanche(s)** - where a large mass of rock falls or slides down a mountainside

**engulf(ing)** - to swallow up or overwhelm

**fallout** - the slow descent [fall] of small particles of debris in the atmosphere, following an explosion

**surge** - to increase suddenly

**offshoot** - something which branches out from a particular source

**insulate(s)** - to protect from heat or cold

**latitude(s)** - the angular distance north or south of the earth's equator, measured in degrees along a meridian

**shift** - to move from one position to another

**plunging** - to thrust or bring suddenly into some condition

**doomsday** - predictions of disaster; often refers to the end of the world

**volatility** - changeable; inconstant

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**Unit 8 (Technological Advances)**

**Lead In**

**B.**

**transmit** - to broadcast a television or radio programme

**wireless** - having no wires

**spam** - unwanted (junk) e-mail

**interfere** - to create an obstacle or hinderance

**circuit** - a closed path followed by an electric current

**Reading - 1**

**Pre-reading**

**A.**

**novelty** - something which is new and unusual

**wear(s) off** - to gradually reduce in effect or disappear

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**First Reading**

**bizarre** - particularly unusual and/or unexpected in style, appearance or general character; odd

**staircase** - a set [flight] of steps and its supporting structure

(a handrail or banisters), connecting separate levels

**whirling** - to rotate or spin [turn in a circle] very quickly

**spun** - the past tense and past participle of spin [to rotate rapidly]

**glider** - a light aircraft with no engine, which is designed to glide [fly without a propellor]

**harness** - to make use of a resource; to control and utilise (something) for a purpose

**unobtrusive(ly)** - not obvious or overtly noticeable

**zip(ping) into** - to move quickly to the inside of (a room or place)

**drone(s)** - a person or thing that does boring, menial [unskilled work in service of another] work

**defense** - to defend or protect against attack or danger

**robot(s)** - a very small air vehicle which maybe independent [not requiring direction]; able to access remote locations

**wingspan(s)** - the distance between the wing tips of an aircraft (or bird, etc.)

**hurdle** - an obstacle or difficulty which needs to be overcome

**flap(ping)** - to move (wings or arms) up and down

**unveil(ed)** - to reveal; to make known

**hummingbird-sized** - (something) the size of the very small American bird, which has brightly coloured feathers and the ability to hover by beating their wings very quickly

**crank(s)** - a device (usually an arm or lever) which creates a rotating [turning] motion

**adjustable** - capable of being changed to match or fit

**friction** - the rubbing of one surface or object against another

**carbon fibre** - a black silky thread of pure carbon, made by heating and stretching textile fibres; used because of its lightness to reinforce metals

**bug** - an insect

**commonplace** - something that is ordinary and not remarkable

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## Second Reading

D.

**surveillance** - close observation [watching] of a person, a group or a place

**lifespan** - the length of time in which something can (or is expected to) function

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## Vocabulary

A.

**accelerate** - to increase the speed of (something); to cause to progress more quickly

**bombshell** - something that is very shocking and surprising

**hence** - therefore; for this reason; following from this

**annihilation** - total and complete destruction

**range** - the extent of ability, of what is possible

**derogatory** - tending to reduce the merit or reputation of a person or thing

**deport(ed)** - to expel (a person) from a country

**unsubstantiated** - unsupported by evidence; not established as true or genuine

**allegation(s)** - a statement asserting [claiming] something to be true, without any proof [evidence]

**provoke(s)** - to stimulate or give rise to (emotion)

**downplay** - to reduce the significance of something; to make something appear to be of lesser importance or value

**awe-inspiring** - amazing; causing great respect and admiration

**tumultuous** - marked by disturbance; agitated and disorderly

**are shorn of** - to strip or remove (something)

**intervention(s)** - to become involved in a situation so as to change or stop a particular development or action

**urging** - to encourage a particular action

**naive** - to lack worldly knowledge, experience and understanding

**fervent(ly)** - to show great emotion or enthusiasm

**dispute(s)** - to engage in discussion or argument; a disagreement

**abolish** - to completely get rid of or destroy (something)

**falling-out** - a disagreement

**notably** - worthy of attention; prominent [to stand out]; in particular

**abrupt(ly)** - sudden(ly)

**bulwark** - something which can protect against extreme danger

**rearmament** - to equip with new or better weapons

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B.

**mediating** - to resolve or settle a disagreement by working with all of the conflicting parties

**withdrew** - to take back (an offer or statement)

## Number Idioms

C.

**on cloud nine** - very happy

**at the eleventh hour** - at the latest possible time; at the last minute

D.

**jammed** - to be broken and unworkable due to being blocked

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E.

**dissuading** - to deter [put off] a person from a particular course of action

**complimentary** - to express a compliment [praise or admiration]

**preservation** - to keep safe from harm or injury; to maintain (something's) condition

**trivial** - of little significance; not important

**indifferent(ly)** - of no particular interest or concern  
**inconsiderable** - too small or unimportant to merit attention

**F.**

**unilateral** - involving only one nation  
**petrol-guzzling** - for a car to consume (or use) a lot of petrol  
**petrol-fuelled** - the substance (petrol) used to produce power and energy, which makes an engine work

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**Reading - 2**  
**Pre-reading**

**A.**

**incandescent** - emitting a very bright light  
**coal-fired** - fueled by burning coal  
**inefficient** - lacking the ability to produce the intended result; not functioning to best advantage  
**profitable** - to produce or create profit or gain  
**thus** - therefore; as a consequence  
**compact fluorescent lamp(s)** - a light fixture which uses electricity to give off visible light, using less power and lasting longer than general incandescent lamps  
**for perspective** - to put (something) into relation by comparing it to something else  
**tipping point** - the crisis point in a process, when a significant change takes place  
**across the board** - to affect, include or apply to all  
**gather(s) pace** - to grow or increase gradually  
**phase out** - to gradually bring something to an end  
**socket(s)** - an opening or cavity in which an inserted part (such as a light bulb) is designed to fit  
**mercury** - a metallic element which is silvery-white and poisonous  
**elimination** - to get rid of (something)  
**offset(s)** - to compensate, counterbalance or make up for (something)  
**niche** - a distinct [unlike any other; individual] area of the market  
**disseminate** - to spread or distribute widely; to make widely known  
**adopter(s)** - a person, group or institution which takes on or follows a particular course of action  
**shifting** - to change from one thing to another  
**momentum** - a powerful force or energy

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**Vocabulary in Context**

**D.**

**counteract(s)** - to act in opposition to (something); to reduce something's effect by acting in the opposite way

**E.**

**vacant** - empty; not put to use  
**immense** - extremely large  
**picking up** - to gain or increase

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**Unit 9 (A life of crime)**

**Pairwork**

**B.**

**manslaughter** - the unlawful killing of a human being by another, but without intent to harm or injure  
**mugging** - an assault or a threat of violence upon a person, usually with the intention to steal from them  
**arson** - to willfully [purposefully] set fire to another person's property, or to one's own property for some improper reason  
**fraud** - to intentionally deceive [trick] others in order to gain advantage or money  
**speeding** - to drive a motor vehicle faster than is allowed by law  
**hijacking** - to force a vehicle to stop then steal the cargo and/or rob the traveller

**Reading - 1**  
**Pre-reading**

**A.**

**blaring** - a loud, harsh noise  
**horn** - an electronic device which emits a loud warning signal  
**conviction** - the decision of a judge or jury that a person is guilty of a crime  
**verdict** - the decision of a jury in a trial, as to whether a person is found innocent or guilty; a final judgement  
**deplete(d)** - to decrease the supply of something; to no longer have enough  
**pickpocket** - a person who steals money or wallets (etc.) from other people's pockets or bags  
**blackmailer** - a criminal who forces another person to give them money (or do something which will equally be to the criminal's advantage), by threatening to reveal a secret or piece of embarrassing information about them  
**custody** - to be held by the police, usually for a short period of time (for example, whilst being questioned as a suspect of a crime)  
**bail** - for an arrested person to be released from prison or police custody after security (usually a sum of money) has been arranged as a guarantee that the person will appear



for trial

**confinement** - to restrict a person's liberty by keeping them imprisoned

**convict(s)** - a person who has been found guilty of an offense or crime

**warden(s)** - a person in charge of a prison and guarding the prisoners

**artificial** - made by humans; not natural

**forge(d)** - to reproduce something (make a fake copy) for the purpose of tricking others into believing it is the original

**hoax** - to deliberately deceive or trick others

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## First Reading

### B.

**persistent** - constantly repeated

**attention deficit hyperactivity disorder** - (ADHD) a condition, most commonly found in male children, characterised by learning disorders, an inability to concentrate and hyperactive [excessive restlessness] behaviour

**perpetrator(s)** - a person who commits a wrongdoing (usually refers to a crime)

**petty** - of little importance or significance

**peer(s)** - a person who is equal to another in terms of age, background, social status (etc.)

**intervening** - to involve oneself in a situation so as to effect the development (of something) or its outcome

**demonstrate** - to explain something using examples and experiments; to prove something by reasoning or argument

**hitherto** - until this time

**gum disease** - a condition which attacks the gum and bone around the teeth, causing swollen gums, ulcers and bleeding when brushing teeth

**take(n) in** - to let a person into one's home; to receive as a guest

**stroke** - a sudden loss of brain function caused by a blockage or rupture of a blood vessel to the brain

**burden** - the amount of a disease-causing entity which is present in a human body

**subsequent** - occurring after; following in time

**maltreatment** - to treat in a rough or cruel way; abuse

**reinforce(s)** - to give more strength and effectiveness to (something)

**adolescence** - the period of physical and psychological development between puberty and adulthood

**propensity** - a natural tendency or inclination to do something

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## Second Reading

### C.

**juvenile crime** - antisocial or criminal behaviour by children or adolescents

**delinquent(s)** - a person who fails to follow the law or do what duty requires

### E.

**spate** - a large number (often of something occurring suddenly)

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**comprehensive** - large in scope, including all or much

**prone to** - likely or having a natural tendency to do something

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**visualise** - to remember or form mental images or pictures

**disproportionately** - an amount which is out of proportion [a part considered in relation to the whole]

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## Vocabulary

### A.

**in a nutshell** - in a few words; summed up

**taken for granted** - considered evident [obvious] without a need for proof or argument

**amass(ed)** - to gather together or collect a large quantity of (something)

**suicide** - to intentionally kill oneself

**deliberate(ly)** - with intention; on purpose

**manipulate(d)** - to influence or control the behaviour and actions of another

**paramount** - the main concern; of most importance

**torturer(s)** - a person who inflicts severe physical and/or mental pain as a means of punishment or as a method of extracting information

**indistinguishable** - impossible to tell apart from others

**cohesion** - the condition of being united

**withhold** - to restrain from giving; to keep back

**debacle(s)** - a sudden disaster, collapse or failure

**space shuttle** - a reusable [can be used more than once] spacecraft with wings for controlled descent through the Earth's atmosphere

**cult(s)** - a religious group, generally considered to be extremist, unorthodox or a false religion, who live outside of conventional society

**wield** - to exert or exercise authority or influence

**sway(ed)** - to be influenced

**culpable** - deserving of blame for being wrong or guilty

**mitigate** - to lessen the seriousness of something

**combat** - to oppose or struggle against (something)

**grasp** - to understand

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**B.**

**assessing** - to evaluate the extent of something

**Same word - different meaning**

**C.**

**forty-odd** - approximately forty

**don't count your chickens before they've hatched** - don't plan the future based on a good thing that one is expecting to happen, wait until it has actually happened as things can change or go wrong

**a pinch of** - a small amount

**pinched** - to squeeze another person's skin using one's thumb and a finger, in order to cause pain

**vain** - very proud of one's own appearance

**conceited** - having a very high opinion of oneself, often exaggerated; a strong sense of self-importance

**in vain** - without successful

**lay in state** - for a body to be placed in a public place, before being buried, in order for people to pay their respects

**stick by** - to be loyal and remain faithful to (someone)

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**Crime**

**D.**

**prosecution** - the lawyers acting for the state, putting forward the case against the defendant

**rage** - intense violent anger

**premeditated** - an action carried out deliberately and with some amount of planning

**ordeal** - a difficult or (emotionally) painful experience

**stitches** - to join together two surfaces (of skin) as if by sewing, for example to close up and mend a deep cut

**assault** - a violent attack

**money laundering** - to conceal [hide] the source of money which has been obtained illegally

**scam** - a business scheme which involves tricking and deceiving people

**rampant** - occurring frequently [often] and without restraint

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**Punishment**

**E.**

**notion** - a belief or opinion; an idea

**capital punishment** - to sentence a person to death as punishment for committing a crime

**controversial** - to arouse or produce public debate or argument concerning a matter of opinion

**barred** - to prevent [stop; ban] a course of action

**parole** - the early release of a prisoner, based on certain conditions including continual monitoring to ensure good behaviour

**mitigating circumstances** - factors which may be considered reason to lessen the extent to which an offender is responsible for their crime

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**Reading - 2**

**momentous** - of great significance

**intellectual** - relating to the engaging of intelligent thought and the power of the mind to think, acquire knowledge and understand; rational rather than emotional

**sum(med) up** - to summarize; to explain the main or most important points

**overrule(d)** - to declare an argument incorrect or ineffectual

**persist in** - to repeatedly do something, showing no intention to stop

**testimony** - a declaration of truth or fact

**faculty** - an inherent [natural] ability

**confront(ed)** - to encounter; to come face to face with something

**contend(ing)** - to compete; to dispute [argue]

**inevitable** - impossible to avoid or stop from happening

**arbitrary** - determined by chance or impulse, rather than reason or principle

**causality** - the relationship between cause and effect

**foresee** - to know something before it has actually happened

**beforehand** - in advance of something happening

**conviction** - a fixed for firm belief

**accidental** - happening by chance; not planned or on purpose

**hence** - therefore; for this reason

**spiritualistic** - an emphasis on the spiritual (not the physical) aspects of humanity; concerned with human inner nature (soul and conscience, ethical values)

**vice versa** - the other way around; in reverse order from the way something has been stated

**custom** - tradition; the usual way on acting in specific circumstances; habit

**grave** - serious and important

**call(ed) upon** - to be required to do something

**deliberation** - to give careful thought to a decision or action

**ponder** - to consider or think about something carefully and thoroughly

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**E.**

**thoroughly** - in great detail; completely and carefully

**fatigue** - to be physically and/or mentally exhausted [very tired]

*page 127***Unit 10 (Health and Welfare)****B.****prescription** - written instructions from a doctor to a pharmacist for the preparation of a specific patient's medication**deteriorate(d)** - to weaken and become worse**disintegrate(d)** - to break into fragments; to lose cohesion**dissipate(d)** - to cause to separate and go in different directions**dissolve(d)** - to break into small parts**shade** - the degree of darkness of a colour; a colour which varies from a standard colour due to a difference in intensity**freckle** - a small brownish spot on the skin, which often turns darker or increases in number when exposed to the sun**rash** - an irritation of the skin, causing it to turn red and possibly be itchy, warm, bumpy, dry or cracked**flutter** - an abnormally [unusually] fast beating of the heart**throb** - a rapid [fast] or violent beating of the heart**thump** - a violent beating of the heart**splitting** - violent or severe (as a headache)**drumming** - a repetitive thumping sound**ripping** - a violent tearing sound**Reading - 1***page 128***First Reading****B.****pump(ed)** - to move blood around the body**commuter** - a person who travels (usually a long distance) between home and work**cite(d)** - to mention or bring forward as support or proof for a statement**forebear(s)** - ancestor(s); a person from whom one is descended**aggravation** - a source of continuing or increasing irritation or trouble**trigger(s)** - to start or activate something**wit(s)** - the natural ability to perceive and understand; a quickness of mind**acute(ly)** - extreme or intense**bout(s)** - a period of time spent in a particular way**adverse** - negative; opposite to what is desired**impaired** - weakened or damaged; functioning poorly*page 129***recruitment** - to find and enlist new employees**compound(ed)** - to increase or add to**combat** - fighting between two military forces**chunk(s)** - a substantial [large] amount**Second Reading****C.****vulnerability** - capable of and/or likely to suffer from physical or emotional injury**irrespective** - without taking in to account; disregarding**inclination** - to tend or lean towards a certain condition*page 130***E.****nausea** - a feeling of sickness in the stomach, usually with a strong urge to vomit*page 133***Vocabulary****A.****recite** - to read aloud**intoned** - to speak or chant in monotone [a single tone, without variation in pitch]**graveside(s)** - the area next to or surrounding a grave [the place where a body is buried]**galvanising** - to stimulate or shock into action**prevalence** - the total number of cases of a disease in a given population at a specific time**hail(ed)** - to declare or state something, usually with enthusiasm or approval**swiftly** - quickly*page 134***Idioms and Parts of the Body****C.****on its last legs** - about to stop working**laugh one's head off** - to laugh very loudly and hard**get out of hand** - not controlled; increasingly without control**put your foot down** - to assert something strongly; to tell someone strongly to either do or not do something**put one's foot in it** - to accidentally say something which embarrasses or upsets someone**pull someone's leg** - to tease or trick someone, often by deliberately claiming something false to be true**find one's feet** - to become used to a new situation or experience**armed to the teeth** - well equipped or prepared, often more so than is necessary*page 135***Reading - 2****proportion(s)** - relative size or extent**in the throes of** - to be experiencing a very difficult or unpleasant period of time**full-blown** - fully or completely developed

**sanitation** - measures for the sake of cleanliness, to protect health; the disposal of sewage and waste  
**administer(ed)** - to apply or give as a remedy [medicine to relieve or cure a disease]  
**stem** - to stop or restrain [something]  
**flow** - to proceed steadily, without interruption  
**legacy** - something handed down from one generation to another; the way in which one is remembered after death  
**succumbed** - to give in to disease; to die  
**plight** - a very unfortunate or bad situation  
**staggering** - shocking, causing great astonishment  
**oblivion** - the condition of being completely forgotten

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**B.**

**incidence** - the extent or frequency of something occurring

**C.**

**immunity** - to condition of being able to resist disease  
**death toll** - the number of deaths resulting from a particular disease, natural disaster, accident etc.

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**Reading - 3**

**modified** - to change and reduce (something)  
**frenzied** - excited, wild activity  
**rugged** - having an uneven, jagged or rough surface  
**bounce(s)** - to move jerkily and bump up and down  
**rutted** - full of ruts [a sunken track or groove made by the passage of vehicles]  
**plateau** - a flat area of highland  
**mud hovel(s)** - a small ramshackle shelter, made from soft, wet earth  
**cling to** - to hold on to something tightly  
**steep** - an almost vertical slope  
**adjacent to** - near, close or next to (something)  
**flap** - to move or sway back and forth loosely  
**graze** - to feed on growing grass (usually small amounts throughout the day)  
**sparse** - a small, scattered amount; not thick or dense  
**remnant(s)** - something left over; a surviving trace  
**barley** - a cereal plant, used for making food, beer and whiskey  
**yak dung** - the excrement of a wild, shaggy-haired ox (found in the mountains of central Asia)  
**pre-screen(ed)** - to test in advance for signs of a disease or infection  
**county** - a division of land, often with local administration  
**prefab concrete** - (short for prefabricated) to manufacture in advance a mixture of cement, sand, stone and water which hardens into a stone-like mass and is used for construction

**implant** - to insert or embed an object or device in a surgical procedure  
**sewed** - to fasten with stitches  
**crude suture(s)** - an inexpertly made join of two surfaces or edges by sewing, to close a wound after surgery  
**distortion** - for images to be unclear and not distinct  
**circulating** - to spread widely among persons  
**gaze(s)** - a steady, fixed look  
**stale** - to have lost freshness  
**excrement** - waste matter discharge from the body after digestion  
**filthy** - very dirty  
**buzz(es)** - a rapid, vibrating humming sound  
**courtyard** - an open, outdoor space surrounded by walls or buildings, usually with paved flooring  
**inject** - to use a syringe to insert a drug or vaccine into a body part  
**rolled off** - to move off of a surface by turning over and over  
**rolled on** - to move onto a surface by turning over and over  
**turnover** - the time which it takes to change and set up for the next patient  
**restore** - to bring back into existence  
**treatable** - responsive to treatment (medicine etc.)  
**burden** - a responsibility or duty, often difficult to bear

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**Second Reading**

**C.**

**unsanitary** - dirty and unhygienic, not promoting health