

# Customs and traditions

## Words and phrases

### 2.1 custom /'kʌstəm/ (n)

accepted way of behaving or of doing things in a society or community ♦ *In many countries it's a custom to give presents on someone's birthday.* ► customary (adj), customarily (adv)

### 2.2 tradition /trə'dɪʃn/ (n)

a belief or way of doing sth that has existed for a long time among a particular group of people ♦ *There is a long tradition in the British Royal family of following a military career.* ► traditionalism (n), traditionalist (n), traditional (adj), traditionally (adv)

## Lead in

### 2.3 breed /bri:d/ (v)

keep animals in order to produce young ones in a controlled way ♦ *South Lakes Wildlife Park has recently acquired two young adult tigers which they hope to breed.* ► breed (n) ⓘ Also: reproduce.

### 2.4 annual /'ænjuəl/ (adj)

happening once every year ► annually (adv)

### 2.5 festival /'festɪvl/ (n)

day or period when people start working to celebrate sth ► festivities (n pl) ► festive (adj)

### 2.6 celebration /,selɪ'breɪʃn/ (n)

special event organised because sth pleasant has happened ► celebrate (v)

### 2.7 take place /,teɪk 'pleɪs/ (phr v)

happen, esp. because sth is arranged or planned

### 2.8 involve /ɪn'vɒlv/ (v)

When an event or activity *involves sth* it means that sth is a necessary or important part of it. ♦ *When Doug agreed to help Rob move house, he hadn't imagined that it would involve carrying a piano up two flights of stairs.* ► involvement (n)

### 2.9 origin /'ɒrɪdʒɪn/ (n)

the beginning or background of sth ♦ *Margaret Thatcher rose from humble origins as a grocer's daughter to become the British Prime Minister.* ► originate (v), original (adj), originally (adv)

### 2.10 rodent /'rɒdənt/ (n)

an animal belonging to the group of small mammals with sharp front teeth that grow constantly, e.g. a mouse or rat

### 2.11 nuisance /'nju:səns/ (n)

thing, person or situation that is annoying ♦ *What a nuisance! The shop's shut already and I needed some milk.*

### 2.12 get rid of /,get 'rɪd əv/ (phr v)

make yourself free of sb/sth that you don't want or that is annoying ♦ *Sam chats for ages when he calls and sometimes I have to find a polite way of getting rid of him.*

### 2.13 enhance /ɪn'hɑ:ns/ (v)

increase or improve the quality of sth ► enhancement (n), enhanced (adj)

### 2.14 float /fləʊt/ (n)

large vehicle, sometimes decorated, on which people dressed in costumes or displays are carried in a festival

### 2.15 rampart /'ræmpɑ:t/ (n)

high, wide, wall of stone with a path on top, built around a town or castle to defend it

### 2.16 jester /'dʒestə(r)/ (n)

in the past, a man employed by kings and queens to amuse people by telling jokes and stories; now, a person who acts this part at special events, often wearing very brightly-coloured clothes ► jest (n, v), in jest (phr)

### 2.17 toss /tɒs/ (v)

throw lightly or carelessly ► toss (n)

### 2.18 scramble /'skræmbəl/ (v)

to push, fight or compete with others in order to get or reach sth. ♦ *When the fire alarm went off, everyone scrambled madly for the exits.* scramble (n)

### 2.19 impromptu

/ɪm'prɒmptju:/ (adj)  
done without preparation or planning

### 2.20 passer-by

/,pɑ:sə 'baɪ/ (n)  
person who is going past by chance while sth (often unexpected) is happening

### 2.21 fiesta /fi'estə/ (n)

public event where people celebrate, usually connected with a religious festival in Spanish-speaking countries (though La Tomatina is not a religious fiesta)

### 2.22 combatant

/'kɒmbətənt/ (n)  
person (also group or country) involved in fighting a battle ► combat (n, v)

- 2.23 alliance** /ə'laɪəns/ (n)  
group of people who work together to achieve sth that they all want, esp. in a situation of conflict or where others hold different views  
▶ ally (n, v), allied (adj)
- 2.24 squash** /skwɒʃ/ (v)  
press sth so that it becomes soft, damaged or flat ▶ squashy (adj)
- 2.25 ammunition** /,æmjʊ'nɪʃn/ (n)  
supply of sth that you use to throw at sb, *usually* bullets, shells etc. to be fired from guns or tanks
- 2.26 accompaniment**  
/ə'kʌmpənɪmənt/ (n)  
sth that happens at the same time as sth else and provides a background to it, esp. music or noise ▶ accompanist (n), accompany (v)
- 2.27 cheer** /tʃɪə(r)/ (v)  
shout loudly giving support or praise ▶ cheer (n), cheer sb on (phr v)
- 2.28 hostilities** /hɒ'stɪlətɪz/ (n pl)  
acts of fighting in a war ▶ hostility (n), hostile (adj) ① *Hostility* is unfriendly or aggressive behaviour but the plural noun is used specifically in the context of war.
- 2.29 commence** /kə'mens/ (v)  
begin (more formal)  
▶ commencement (n),
- 2.30 slimy** /'slaɪmi/ (adj)  
made of or covered in any unpleasant thick wet substance  
▶ slime (n)
- 2.31 mush** /mʌʃ/ (n)  
soft, thick mass or mixture, usu. when sth is unpleasant ▶ mushy (adj)
- 2.32 extra** /'ekstrə/ (n)  
person employed to play a very small part in a film, usu. as a member of a crowd
- 2.33 rinse** /rɪns/ (v)  
wash sth with clean water only, not soap ▶ rinse (n)

- 2.34 debris** /'deɪbrɪ:/ (n)  
pieces of material that are left after sth has been destroyed, or rubbish left behind ♦ *It was a fantastic party, but I'm exhausted now. Let's clear up the debris in the morning.*
- 2.35 date back (to)**  
/'deɪt ,bæk/ (phr v)  
starting or coming into existence at a certain time in the past
- 2.36 parade** /pə'reɪd/ (n)  
public procession, usually with music bands and floats (see 2.14)  
▶ parade (v)
- 2.37 crush** /krʌʃ/ (v)  
press or squeeze sth so hard that it loses its shape or is destroyed  
▶ crush (n)
- 2.38 mess** /mes/ (n)  
dirty or untidy state ▶ messy (adj), mess (sth) up (phr v)

## Reading

### Festival in the desert

- 2.39 remote** /rɪ'məʊt/ (adj)  
far away from places where other people live ▶ remoteness (n), remotely (adv)
- 2.40 vast** /vɑ:st/ (adj)  
extremely large in area, size, amount, etc. ▶ vastness (n), vastly (adv)
- 2.41 expanse** /ɪk'spæns/ (n)  
wide, open area of sth, esp. land, desert or water ▶ expand (v), expansive (adj), expansively (adv)
- 2.42 venture** /'ventʃə(r)/ (v)  
go somewhere even though you know that it is going to be dangerous or unpleasant ▶ venture (n)
- 2.43 technician** /tek'nɪʃn/ (n)  
person whose job involves skilled work with particular equipment  
▶ technical (adj), technically (adv)
- 2.44 head** /hed/ (v)  
to move in a particular direction  
♦ *I don't like the look of those black clouds. Let's head for home before it pours with rain.*
- 2.45 dune** /dju:n/ (n)  
hill of sand formed by the wind, either in the desert or by the sea
- 2.46 jeep** /dʒi:p/ (n)  
strong vehicle used for driving over rough ground, esp. by the army
- 2.47 diesel** /'di:zl/ (n)  
type of heavy oil used as a fuel instead of petrol
- 2.48 sweep (sb) up**  
/,swi:p 'ʌp/ (phr v)  
make sb very interested or involved in sth in a way that makes them forget everything else ① Usually used in the passive *be/get swept up in sth*. Can also have a more literal meaning of being physically moved: *swept up by the crowd and carried along.*
- 2.49 anticipation** /æn'tɪsɪ'peɪʃn/ (n)  
feeling of excitement about sth that is going to happen (usu. sth good)  
▶ anticipate (v), anticipatory (adj)
- 2.50 nomadic** /nəʊ'mædɪk/ (adj)  
travelling from place to place without having a permanent home  
▶ nomad (n)
- 2.51 get-together**  
/'get tə'geðə(r)/ (n)  
informal party or meeting
- 2.52 beat a path**  
/,bi:t ə 'pɑ:θ/ (idm)  
go in the same direction as everybody else
- 2.53 scrub** /skrʌb/ (n)  
dry land covered with small bushes and trees
- 2.54 charcoal** /'tʃɑ:kəʊl/ (n)  
black substance used as a fuel which is made by burning wood slowly without much air
- 2.55 brazier** /'breɪzɪə(r)/ (n)  
large metal container that holds a fire and is used to keep people warm when they are outside

- 2.56 calabash** /'kæləbæʃ/ (n)  
musical instrument made from the hard covering of the calabash, a large tropical fruit
- 2.57 lute** /lu:t/ (n)  
musical instrument played like a guitar
- 2.58 talking drum**  
/ˌtɔːkɪŋ 'drʌm/ (n)  
drum used to give messages and signals to people in one community or to communicate with others further away
- 2.59 bead** /bi:d/ (n)  
small piece of glass, wood, etc. with a hole through it, that can be put on a string with others and worn as jewellery ► beading (n), beaded (adj)
- 2.60 yell** /jel/ (v)  
shout very loudly, e.g. because you are excited (or angry) ► yell (n)
- 2.61 scuttle (off)** /'skʌtl/ (v)  
run with short, quick steps, usu. away from a situation that you don't like ♦ *The mouse took one look at the cat and scuttled off under the shed.*
- 2.62 infancy** /'ɪnfənsi/ (n)  
early stage of development
- 2.63 witness** /'wɪtnəs/ (v)  
see sth happen or take place, sometimes sth good, more commonly an accident or a crime ► witness (n)
- 2.64 authentic** /ɔː'θentɪk/ (adj)  
known to be real and genuine  
♦ *I can't believe that Tessa thought she was buying authentic Ancient Egyptian pottery! She only paid a couple of pounds – it can't possibly be the real thing.* ► authenticity (n), authenticate (v), authentically (adv)
- 2.65 beyond** /brɪ'jɒnd/ (adv)  
more than, apart from sth ♦ *As he spoke very little French beyond 'hello' and 'goodbye', ordering food in a restaurant proved rather difficult!*
- 2.66 the odd** /(ði) 'ɒd/ (adj)  
occasional, not very frequent or important ♦ *I'm not really a cinema fan, but I go to see the odd film if it looks interesting.*
- 2.67 sponsorship** /'spɒnsəʃɪp/ (n)  
financial support from a sponsor (a person or business who helps by giving money) ► sponsor (n, v)
- 2.68 motive** /'məʊtɪv/ (n)  
reason for doing sth ► motivation (n), motivator (n), motivate (v), motivated (adj), motivational (adj)
- 2.69 underpin** /ˌʌndə'pɪn/ (v)  
form the basis of sth  
► underpinning (n)
- 2.70 odd** /ɒd/ (adj)  
strange ► oddity (n), oddly (adv)
- 2.71 kick-start** /'kɪk ,stɑ:t/ (v)  
do sth to help a project or process start more quickly ① Also how you start a motorbike, from where the expression originates.  
► kick-start (n)
- 2.72 intention** /ɪn'tenʃn/ (n)  
plan or aim ► intend (v), intended (adj), intentional (adj), intentionally (adv)
- 2.73 in the eyes of**  
/ɪn ði 'aɪz əv/ (idm)  
according to, in sb's opinion  
♦ *In the eyes of the law, a child under the age of ten cannot be held legally responsible.*
- 2.74 handicraft** /'hændɪkrɑ:ft/ (n)  
activity where you make things by hand using skill and artistic ability, esp. sewing, woodwork, pottery; also refers to any object made in this way
- 2.75 draw** /drɔ:/ (n)  
thing, person or event that attracts a lot of people ① Very commonly found in the expression *the main draw*. ► draw (v)
- 2.76 envy** /'envi/ (n)  
feeling of wanting to be in the same situation as sb else ► envy (v), envious (adj), enviously (adv)
- 2.77 universal** /ˌjuːnɪ'vɜːsl/ (adj)  
done by or involving all the people in the world or a particular group  
► universe (n), universally (adv)
- 2.78 commercialism**  
/kə'mɜːʃəlɪzəm/ (n)  
fact of being more interested in making money than in the value, quality or real meaning of things  
♦ *The true meaning of Christmas has been taken over by the commercialism of shops piled high with expensive gifts.* ► commercial (adj), commercially (adv)
- 2.79 stroll** /strəʊl/ (v)  
walk in a slow, relaxed way  
► stroll (n)
- 2.80 compass** /'kʌmpəs/ (n)  
instrument for finding direction, with a needle that always point to the north
- 2.81 filter** /'fɪltə(r)/ (v)  
move gradually in a particular direction, esp. news, information  
♦ *Emma hadn't heard from Phil for weeks, but the news filtered back to her through friends that he had moved in with Alison.* ► filter (n)
- 2.82 maize** /meɪz/ (n)  
tall plant grown for its yellow grains that are either made into flour or eaten as the vegetable known as *sweetcorn*
- 2.83 millet** /'mɪlɪt/ (n)  
cereal that grows in hot countries, producing seeds that are mainly used to make flour or to feed birds and animals
- 2.84 oasis** /əʊ'eɪsɪs/ (n)  
area in the desert where there is water and where plants grow
- 2.85 sustainability**  
/sə'steɪnə'bɪləti/ (n)  
ability to be continued for a long time ► sustain (v), sustainable (adj)

**2.86 call into question**

/,kɔ:l ɪntə 'kwɛstʃn/ (idm)  
doubt sth or make others doubt sth ① Usually used in the passive.  
♦ *As he earlier claimed not to have seen the fight, his validity as a witness has been called into question.*

**2.87 capacity** /kə'pæsəti/ (n)

number of things or people that a space can hold ♦ *Anfield stadium was full to capacity for the Liverpool–Everton match last Saturday.* ► capacious (adj)

**2.88 fray** /freɪ/ (v)

come apart: when *tempers fray*, people start to become irritated or annoyed

**2.89 convoy** /'kɒnvɔɪ/ (n)

group of vehicles or ships travelling together, esp. when soldiers or other vehicles travel with them for protection ♦ *Three soldiers died when rebels opened fire on a UN convoy taking fresh troops into the south of the city.*

**2.90 chuck** /tʃʌk/ (v)

throw sth carelessly

**2.91 within earshot (of)**

/wɪ,ðɪn 'iəʃɒt/ (idm)  
near enough to hear sb/sth or to be heard

**2.92 impact** /'ɪmpækt/ (n)

powerful effect that sth has on sth/sb ► impact (on) (v)

**2.93 conflict** /'kɒnflikt/ (n)

situation in which people, groups or communities are involved in a serious disagreement or argument  
► conflict (v), conflicting (adj)

**2.94 prominently**

/'prɒmɪnəntli/ (adv)  
in a way that is easily seen, because sth is made important  
► prominence (n), prominent (adj)

**2.95 indigo** /'ɪndɪgəʊ/ (adj)

very dark blue, almost purple, in colour ► indigo (n)

**2.96 turban** /'tɜ:bən/ (n)

long piece of cloth wound tightly around the head worn, for example, by men of certain religions

**2.97 standard** /'stændəd/ (adj)

normal, not special or unusual  
► standard (n)

**2.98 attire** /ə'taɪə(r)/ (n)

clothes that sb is wearing  
① Formal.

**2.99 shovel** /'ʃʌvl/ (v)

lift and move earth, stones, etc.  
► shovel (n)

**2.100 usher** /'ʌʃə(r)/ (v)

take or show sb where they should go ► usher (n)

## Vocabulary

**2.101 furious** /'fjʊəriəs/ (adj)

very angry ► fury (n), furiously (adv)

**2.102 overtake** /,əʊvə'teɪk/ (v)

go past a moving vehicle or person ahead of you because you are going faster than they are ♦ *I pulled out to overtake the truck which was crawling up the hill.*

**2.103 obedience** /ə'bi:diəns/ (n)

doing what you are told to do  
♦ *Obedience to their father's strict rules was very hard for the children.*  
► obey (v), obedient (adj), obediently (adv)

## Grammar

**2.104 stewardess** /,stju:ə'des/ (n)

woman whose job is to take care of the passengers on a plane  
► steward (n)

**2.105 ignition** /ɪg'niʃn/ (n)

place in a car where you put the key in to start the engine (literally, the electrical system that makes the fuel begin to burn) ► ignite (v)

**2.106 hostage** /'hɒstɪdʒ/ (n)

person who is captured and held prisoner by a person or group, and who may be injured or killed if people do not do what the person or group is asking for ► hold/take sb hostage (v)

**2.107 shortcut** /,ʃɔ:t'kʌt/ (n)

quicker or shorter way of getting to a place or doing sth (can be two words) ♦ *If you take shortcuts instead of doing the proper research, you're unlikely to get the best results.*

**2.108 profusely** /prə'fju:slɪ/ (adv)

a lot, in large amounts ♦ *Hannah thanked the woman profusely for looking after her little boy when he got lost.* ► profusion (n), profuse (adj)

**2.109 get away with**

/,get ə'weɪ wɪð/ (phr v)  
do sth wrong and not be punished for it ♦ *Sam broke her mum's favourite vase by accident, but she got away with it.*

**2.110 persuasion** /pə'sweɪʒn/ (n)

the act of persuading sb to do sth or to believe sth ♦ *After a little gentle persuasion, he agreed to come.* ► persuade (v), persuasive (adj), persuasively (adv)

**2.111 expedition** /,ɛkspə'dɪʃn/ (n)

organised journey with a particular purpose, esp. to find out about sth that is not well known

**2.112 jaguar** /'dʒæɡjuə(r)/ (n)

member of the big cat family found only in Central and South America, with yellow-brown fur and black rings and spots

**2.113 struggle** /'strʌɡl/ (v)

do sth with difficulty ► struggle (n)

**2.114 in the event**

/,ɪn ðɪ ɪ'vent/ (phr)  
when the situation actually happened ♦ *I was really worried about my final exam, but in the event it wasn't as difficult as I'd expected.*

## Listening

- 2.115 preserve** /prɪ'zɜ:v/ (v)  
keep a particular quality, feature, etc., make sure that sth is kept  
♦ *Unfortunately, efforts to preserve the peace in the Middle East have failed once again.* ► preservation (n), preserver (n)
- 2.116 exhibit** /ɪg'zɪbɪt/ (n)  
object or work of art put in a public place, e.g. a museum, so that people can see it ► exhibit (v), exhibition (n)
- 2.117 conceive (of)**  
/kən 'si:v (of)/ (v)  
form an idea, a plan, etc. in your mind; imagine sth ♦ *Jules Verne conceived the idea of rockets to the moon long before anyone in NASA!* ► conception (n), concept (n), (in) conceivable (adj), conceptual (adj)
- 2.118 demonstrate**  
/'demənstreɪt/ (v)  
show sth clearly by giving proof or evidence ♦ *His sudden departure demonstrates how unreliable he is.* ► demonstration (n), demonstrable (adj)
- 2.119 fair** /feə(r)/ (n)  
type of entertainment in a field or park at which people entertain themselves and play games to win prizes
- 2.120 curator** /kjʊə'reɪtə(r)/ (n)  
person whose job is to be in charge of the objects in a museum or art gallery ► curate (v)
- 2.121 ancestor** /'ænsɛstə(r)/ (n)  
person in your family who lived a long time ago
- 2.122** ☞ **tribe** /traɪb/ (n)  
group of people of the same race, and with the same customs, language, religion, etc. ► tribesman
- 2.123** ☞ **contribution**  
/kɒntrɪ'bjʊ:ʃn/ (n)  
action or service that helps to cause or increase sth ♦ *Any research provides a significant contribution to scientific knowledge.* ► contributor (n), contribute (v), contributory (adj)

- 2.124** ☞ **contemporary**  
/kən'temprəri/ (adj)  
modern, belonging to the present time
- 2.125** ☞ **charter** /'tʃɑ:tə(r)/ (n)  
written agreement about the principles and aims of an organisation
- 2.126** ☞ **cropland** /'krɒplænd/ (n)  
land where plants are grown in large quantities
- 2.127** ☞ **procession** /prə'seʃn/ (n)  
line of people or vehicles that move along slowly in an organised way, esp. as part of a ceremony (more formal than *parade*, see 2.36)  
► process (v)
- 2.128** ☞ **not sb's cup of tea**  
/nɒt ... ,kʌp əv 'ti:/ (idm)  
not what sb likes or is interested in  
♦ *An evening listening to classical music isn't my cup of tea, I'd much rather listen to rap.*
- 2.129** ☞ **stall** /stɔ:l/ (n)  
table or small shop with an open front that people sell things from, esp. at a market
- 2.130** ☞ **charity** /'tʃærəti/ (n)  
organisation for helping people in need ♦ *The charity was set up to provide support for single-parent families.*
- 2.131** ☞ **artefact** /'ɑ:tɪfækt/ (n)  
object, e.g. a pot or tool, made by a human being and of historical or cultural interest ⓘ Also spelt *artifact* (Am Eng).
- 2.132** ☞ **insular** /'ɪnsjələ(r)/ (adj)  
only interested in your own country, ideas, etc. and not in those from outside
- 2.133** ☞ **inhabit** /ɪn'hæbɪt/ (v)  
live in a particular place  
♦ *The island used to be inhabited but no one lives here any more.*  
► inhabitant (n), habitation (n), uninhabitable (adj), uninhabited (adj)

## Speaking

- 2.134 ceremony** /'serəməni/ (n)  
public or religious occasion that includes a series of formal or traditional actions ♦ *The wedding ceremony in church was attended by about fifty people, in contrast to the couple of hundred who gathered for the party in the evening.*  
► ceremonial (adj), ceremonially (adv)
- 2.135 launch** /lɔ:ntʃ/ (v)  
put a ship or boat into the water  
♦ *As soon as the emergency signal sounded, the lifeboats were launched into the sea.* ► launch (n)
- 2.136 speculate** /'spekjəleɪt/ (v)  
guess, esp. without knowing all the details or facts ♦ *There's no point speculating about what happened. You'll have to wait until we get some more information.*  
► speculation (n), speculative (adj), speculatively (adv)

## Use of English

- 2.137 come of age**  
/kʌm əv 'eɪdʒ/ (idm)  
reach the age when you have an adult's legal rights and responsibilities ► coming of age (n)
- 2.138 retain** /rɪ'tem/ (v)  
keep sth; continue to have sth  
♦ *The police struggled to retain control of the situation.*
- 2.139 rite** /raɪt/ (n)  
ceremony performed by a particular group of people or society, often for religious purposes
- 2.140 ritual** /'rɪʃuəl/ (n)  
action or series of actions always performed in the same way, esp. as part of a ceremony or religious service ► ritualise (v), ritual (adj), ritually (adv)

- 2.141 endure** /ɪn'dʒʊə(r)/ (v)  
experience and deal with sth that is painful or unpleasant, esp. without complaining ♦ *The thought of never seeing Will again was more than Juliet could endure.*  
▶ endurance (n), enduring (adj)
- 2.142 manhood** /'mænhʊd/ (n)  
qualities that a man should have, such as courage and strength  
① Generally, the state of being an adult man rather than a boy.
- 2.143 warrior** /'wɒriə(r)/ (n)  
person who fights bravely in a battle or war ① Not generally used today of soldiers in army uniforms.
- 2.144 entail** /ɪn'teɪl/ (v)  
involve sth, esp. sth negative that cannot be avoided
- 2.145 distinctive** /dɪ'stɪŋktɪv/ (adj)  
easily noticed, usu. because it is different ▶ distinction (n), distinguish (v), distinct (adj), distinguishable (adj), distinctively (adv)
- 2.146 pulsating** /pʌl'seɪtɪŋ/ (adj)  
with strong regular sounds or movement ▶ pulsation (n), pulse (n), pulsate (v)
- 2.147 myth** /mɪθ/ (n)  
story from ancient times, esp. told to explain natural events or to describe the early history of a particular society ▶ mythology (n), mythical (adj), mythological (adj), mythically (adv)
- 2.148 legend** /'ledʒənd/ (n)  
story from ancient times about people and events, that may or may not be true ▶ legendary (adj)
- 2.149 recount** /rɪ'kaʊnt/ (v)  
tell sb about sth, esp. sth that you have experienced ♦ *My brother and I loved to hear our grandfather recount his experiences from the war.*
- 2.150 spindly** /'spɪndli/ (adj)  
very long and thin, and not strong

- 2.151 latticework** /'lætɪswɜ:k/ (n)  
structure made of strips of wood or metal that cross over each other making spaces usu. shaped like diamonds ▶ lattice (n), latticed (adj)
- 2.152 objective** /əb'dʒektɪv/ (n)  
sth that you are trying to achieve ♦ *On starting the job, you will be set certain objectives for the first six months.*
- 2.153 stand your ground** /,stænd jɔ: 'graʊnd/ (idm)  
face a situation and refuse to run away ① The possessive adjective and the verb tense can change with this idiom, e.g. *we stood our ground.*
- 2.154 undergrowth** /'ʌndəgrəʊθ/ (n)  
mass of bushes and plants that grow close together under trees in woods and forests
- 2.155 ordeal** /ɔ:'di:əl/ (n)  
difficult or unpleasant experience
- 2.156 withstand** /wɪð'stænd/ (v)  
be strong enough to cope with sth, survive ① Note that *notwithstanding* (prep, adv) means despite. Compare: *They were able to withstand the pain and carried on fighting./Notwithstanding the pain, they carried on fighting.*
- 2.157 opposition (party)** /,ɒpə 'zɪʃn/ (n)  
the main political party that is opposed to the government

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- 2.158 further afield** /,fɜ:ðər ə'fi:ld/ (idm)  
in places that are not near or the most obvious ♦ *Gill hasn't been accepted by any of the universities she applied to, so she's having to look further afield.* ① When physical movement is implied, *venture further afield* is commonly used.
- 2.159 foothill** /'fʊθɪl/ (n)  
hill or low mountain at the base of a higher mountain or range of mountains ♦ *the foothills of the Pyrenees*

## Writing

- 2.160 Aboriginal** /,æbə'rɪdʒənəl/ (n)  
member of a race who were the original people living in a country, esp. Australia ▶ Aborigine (n), aboriginal (adj)
- 2.161 sacred** /'seɪkrɪd/ (adj)  
connected with a god, considered to be holy
- 2.162 thrilling** /'θrɪlɪŋ/ (adj)  
exciting and enjoyable ♦ *But how can you possibly say fishing is a thrilling experience, when all you do is sit and wait?* ① A thriller is a book, play or film with an exciting story, esp. one about crime. Not to be confused with a *horror film*, a story about strange and frightening things that is designed to scare people. ▶ thrill (n, v), thriller (n)
- 2.163 coral** /'kɒrəl/ (n)  
hard substance of different colours that forms on the bottom of the sea, made from the bones of tiny sea creatures
- 2.164 reef** /ri:f/ (n)  
long line of rocks or sand near the surface of the sea
- 2.165 trek** /trek/ (v)  
go on a journey, esp. on foot in difficult country such as mountains, jungles or forests ① As a leisure activity, *go trekking* is more common. Compare: *Abandoning their vehicles, they trekked across the hills to escape the fighting./They went trekking in the jungle when they were on holiday in Costa Rica.*  
▶ trek (n), trekker (n), go trekking (v)
- 2.166 captivate** /'kæptɪveɪt/ (v)  
keep sb's attention by being interesting or attractive, etc.  
① Usually used in the passive. Do not confuse with *capture* = to take sb prisoner. ▶ captivating (adj), captivately (adv)
- 2.167 thriving** /'θraɪvɪŋ/ (adj)  
continuing or starting to be successful ▶ thrive (v)

**2.168 still** /stɪl/ (n)  
photograph taken from a film  
♦ *The author is hoping to use a still from the film Titanic in the chapter on icebergs.*

## Review

**2.169 prescribe** /prɪ'skraɪb/ (v)  
say what should be done or how sth should be done

**2.170 overhear** /,əʊvə'hiə(r)/ (v)  
hear, esp. by accident, a conversation in which you are not involved ♦ *I overheard Mandy say her husband is ill. Did you know?*

**2.171 impressive** /ɪm'presɪv/ (adj)  
that impresses, making you feel admiration because sb/sth is so good or great in size or quality  
► impression (n), impress (v), impressively (adv)

**2.172 go from strength to strength** /,gəʊ frəm 'streŋθ tə 'streŋθ/ (idm)  
become more and more successful

**2.173 outline** /'aʊtlɑːn/ (v)  
give a description of the main facts or points involved in sth ► outline (n)

## Workbook

### Reading

#### Arctic Adventures

**2.174 brood** /bruːd/ (v)  
think a lot about sth ♦ *Are you still brooding over what she said? Forget it!* ► brooding (adj)

**2.175 log cabin** /,lɒg 'kæbɪn/ (n)  
small house built of wood ① log (n) a thick piece of wood that is cut from or has fallen from a tree

**2.176 meditate** /'medɪteɪt/ (v)  
think seriously and deeply about sth ► meditation (n)

**2.177 drawn-out** /,drɔːn 'aʊt/ (adj)  
lasting a very long time, often too long ♦ *The negotiations became a very drawn-out process lasting well into the night.*

**2.178 reindeer** /'reɪndɪə(r)/ (n)  
large deer with long horns shaped like branches, that lives in cold northern regions

**2.179 stew** /stjuː/ (n)  
dish of meat and vegetables cooked slowly in a pan

**2.180 lingonberry** /'lɪŋɡənbrɪ/ (n)  
small sour red berry that grows on a small bush and is used in cooking

**2.181 turf** /tɜːf/ (n)  
piece of short grass and the surface layer of soil that is held together by its roots

**2.182 stove** /stəʊv/ (n)  
piece of equipment that can burn various fuels and is used for heating rooms

**2.183 herd** /hɜːd/ (v)  
move or make people/animals move together in a particular direction (more usually humans herding animals) ► herd (n), herding (adj)

**2.184 rein** /reɪn/ (n)  
long, leather band that is fastened around a horse or other animal's neck in order to control it ♦ *Jimmy pulled the reins sharply and the horse stopped suddenly.*

**2.185 sparse** /spɑːs/ (adj)  
only present in small amounts or numbers and often spread over a large area ♦ *Population on the island is sparse in the winter, whereas in the summer thousands of tourists spend their holidays here.* ► sparseness (n), sparsely (adv)

**2.186 corral** /kə'reɪl/ (n)  
fenced area for horses, cows, etc. on a farm or ranch

**2.187 round-up** /'raʊnd ,ʌp/ (n)  
an act of bringing people or animals together in one place for a particular purpose

**2.188 stiff** /stɪf/ (adj)  
when a person is *stiff*, their muscles hurt when they move them ① For objects *stiff* means firm and difficult to bend or move.

**2.189 rev (up)** /rev (ʌp)/ (v)  
make an engine run quickly ♦ *He revved the engine and accelerated off down the narrow street.*

**2.190 funnel** /'fʌnl/ (v)  
move or make sth move through a narrow space ♦ *A huge crowd of people funnelled out of the main exit of the stadium.*

**2.191 paddock** /'pædək/ (n)  
small field in which animals such as horses are kept

**2.192 radiate** /'reɪdiət/ (v)  
spread out in all directions from a central point ♦ *The motorways radiate out from the capital city connecting to all the major towns in the country.*

**2.193 decline** /dɪ'klaɪn/ (v)  
refuse politely to accept or to do sth ♦ *I don't smoke, so when the man offered me a cigarette, I declined.*

**2.194 wrestle** /'resl/ (v)  
fight sb by throwing or forcing them to the ground ► wrestler (n), wrestling (n)

**2.195 veritable** /'verɪtəbl/ (adj)  
real, true; used to emphasise that sth can be compared to sth else that is more exciting, impressive, etc. ♦ *Our afternoon walk turned into a veritable jungle expedition.* ① Formal or humorous, only used before nouns.

**2.196 grab** /græb/ (v)  
take or hold sb/sth with your hand suddenly, firmly or roughly ♦ *The little boy grabbed a cake from the kitchen table and ran away.* ► grab (n)

**2.197 drag** /dræg/ (v)  
pull sb/sth along with effort and difficulty ♦ *The sack is too heavy to lift – we'll have to drag it I'm afraid.*

- 2.198 ore** /ɔ:(r)/ (n)  
rock, earth, etc. from which metal can be obtained
- 2.199 mine** /maɪn/ (n)  
deep hole or holes under the ground where minerals such as coal, gold, etc. are dug ► mine (v), miner (n)
- 2.200 contract** /kən'trækt/ (v)  
become or make sth less or smaller  
♦ *The universe is expanding rather than contracting.* ► contraction (n)
- 2.201 the likes of**  
/ðə 'laɪks əv/ (phr)  
used to refer to sb/sth that is considered as a type, especially one that is considered not as good as sb/sth else ♦ *She is such a snob! She won't socialise with the likes of me, she says, just because I don't have a university degree!*
- 2.202 privileged** /'prɪvələdʒd/ (adj)  
having special rights or advantages that most people do not have  
♦ *In the old days, only a privileged few could vote – all men of course!* ► privilege (n, v)
- 2.203 gawking** /'gɔ:kɪŋ/ (adj)  
stupid and clumsy
- 2.204 devotedly** /drɪ'vəʊtɪdli/ (adv)  
showing great love and affection for sth ♦ *My grandmother devotedly kept all the letters my grandfather sent her when he was working abroad.* ► devotion (n), devote (v), devoted (adj)
- 2.205 shrine** /ʃraɪn/ (n)  
place that people visit because it is connected with sb/sth that is important to them ♦ *Wimbledon is a shrine for all lovers of tennis.*
- 2.206 timbered** /'tɪmbəd/ (adj)  
built of wooden beams
- 2.207 choke** /tʃəʊk/ (v)  
be unable to breathe because the passage to your lungs is blocked or you cannot get enough air
- 2.208 fur-encased**  
/'fɜ:r ɪn,keɪst/ (adj)  
completely surrounded in fur
- 2.209 indigenous** /ɪn'dɪdʒənəs/ (adj)  
belonging to a particular place rather than coming to it from somewhere else ♦ *Given the existence of indigenous tribes, many people feel that it is wrong to talk about the 'discovery' of America by Christopher Columbus.*
- 2.210 torch** /tɔ:tʃ/ (n)  
small electric lamp that uses batteries and that you can hold in your hand
- 2.211 intrigued** /ɪn'tri:gd/ (adj)  
very curious and interested and wanting to know more ♦ *I'm really intrigued by the trailer for that new film – I just have to go and see it.* ► intrigue (n, v), intriguing (adj), intriguingly (adv)
- 2.212 heritage** /'herɪtɪdʒ/ (n)  
history, traditions and qualities that a country or society has had for many years and that are considered an important part of its character ♦ *Ireland has a rich heritage of literature, traditional music and dance.*
- 2.213 tepee** /'ti:pi:/ (n)  
type of tall tent shaped like a cone, used by Native Americans in the past
- 2.214 layer** /'leɪə(r)/ (n)  
quantity or thickness of sth that lies over a surface or between surfaces ♦ *The cake had a delicious chocolate layer on top.* ► layered (adj)
- 2.215 lumpy** /'lʌmpi/ (adj)  
full of pieces of sth hard or solid, usually without a particular shape  
♦ *Keep stirring the cream or else it will turn lumpy.* ► lump (n)
- 2.216 perched** /pɜ:tʃt/ (adj)  
sitting or resting on sth ♦ *There was a bird perched on the roof.* ► perch (n, v)
- 2.217 ember** /'embə(r)/ (n)  
piece of wood or coal that is not burning but is still red and hot after a fire has died ♦ *The fire was out, but the embers still glowed.*  
① Usually used in the plural.
- 2.218 take over**  
/,teɪk 'əʊvə(r)/ (phr v)  
gain control of sth ♦ *The hotel has been taken over by new management.*
- 2.219 saunter** /'sɔ:ntə(r)/ (v)  
walk in a slow relaxed way  
♦ *While on holiday, we sauntered along the beach, free from worries and stress.* ► saunter (n)
- 2.220 yearling calf** /,jɪəlɪŋ 'kɑ:f/ (n)  
cow between one and two years old
- 2.221 allocate** /'æləkeɪt/ (v)  
give sth officially to sb/sth for a particular purpose ♦ *After the forest fires, the government decided to allocate a large sum of money to those in need.* ► allocation (n)
- 2.222 graze** /greɪz/ (v)  
eat grass that is growing
- 2.223 head sb off**  
/,hed ... 'ɒf/ (phr v)  
get in front of sb in order to make them turn back or change direction  
♦ *We need to head them off before they get to those dangerous cliffs.*
- 2.224 straggler** /'stræglə(r)/ (n)  
person or animal that is among the last or the slowest in a group
- 2.225 escapee** /ɪ,sket'spi:/ (n)  
person or animal that has escaped from somewhere ► escape (n, v), escaped (adj)
- 2.226 flap** /flæp/ (v)  
move or make sth move up and down or from side to side  
♦ *I couldn't sleep because I could hear the tent outside flapping in the wind.*
- 2.227 hoot** /hu:t/ (v)  
make a loud noise, shout  
► hoot (n)
- 2.228 wayward** /'weɪwəd/ (adj)  
difficult to control ♦ *Robbie is a rather wayward child and often gets into trouble.*

## Vocabulary

- 2.229 exhaustive** /ɪg'zɔ:stɪv/ (adj)  
very thorough, looking at every detail ► exhaustively (adv)
- 2.230 intricate** /'ɪntrɪkət/ (adj)  
complicated, with many small details that fit together ♦ *The museum houses a priceless collection of Chinese vases with intricate designs.* ► intricately (adv)
- 2.231 torrential** /tə'renʃl/ (adj)  
(of rain) falling in large amounts ► torrent (n)
- 2.232 bid** /bɪd/ (n)  
amount of money offered for sth sold, esp. at an auction ► bid (v), bidding (n), bidder (n)
- 2.233 hereditary** /hə'redɪtri/ (adj)  
given to a child by its parents before it is born, esp. of an illness ♦ *Like her mother, the child suffered from a rare hereditary disease which affected her breathing.*
- 2.234 reputed** /rɪ'pjʊ:tɪd/ (adj)  
generally thought to be or to have done sth, though this is not always certain ♦ *King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table are reputed to have found the Holy Grail, only to lose it again.* ► reputation (n), repute (n), reputedly (adv)
- 2.235 inmate** /'ɪnmeɪt/ (n)  
one of the people living in an institution such as a prison or a mental hospital

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- 2.236 Latvia** /'lætviə/ (n)  
a country in Northern Europe, former USSR state, in the Baltic Sea. The capital of Latvia is Riga.
- 2.237 innovative** /'ɪnəvətɪv/ (adj)  
introducing or using new ideas, ways of doing sth, etc ♦ *Amelia won first prize for the most innovative science project.* ► innovation (n), innovator (n), innovate (v)

- 2.238 gossip** /'gɒsɪp/ (n)  
informal talk or stories about other people's private lives, that may be unkind or not true ♦ *Don't believe all the gossip you hear about famous people. Most of it is made up by reporters.* ► gossip (n, v)

## Listening

- 2.239 dish** /dɪʃ/ (n)  
food prepared in a particular way as part of a meal ♦ *Most people love Italian cuisine for its pasta dishes, but my favourite dish is 'chicken cacciatore'.*
- 2.240 produce** /'prɒdju:s/ (n)  
things that have been made or grown, esp. things connected with farming ♦ *The shop sells only fresh local produce, including fruit, vegetables and eggs.* ► produce (v), producer (n), production (n), (un)productive (adj), productively (adv)
- 2.241 track** /træk/ (n)  
rough path or road ♦ *Mountain bikes are specially designed to travel on rough tracks.*
- 2.242 table manners** /'teɪbl mə'nəz/ (n)  
behaviour that is considered correct while you are having a meal at a table with other people ♦ *Children are rarely taught good table manners any more.*

- 2.243 circumference** /sə'kʌmfərəns/ (n)  
line that goes around a circle or any other curved shape

- 2.244 wonder** /'wʌndə(r)/ (n)  
something or a quality in sth that fills you with surprise and admiration ♦ *The mobile phone is one of the wonders of modern technology. I couldn't live without mine.* ► wonder (v)

- 2.245 hollow** /'hɒləʊ/ (adj)  
having a hole or empty space inside ♦ *Many animals in the forest find shelter in the tree trunks which are hollow inside.*

- 2.246 duty** /'dju:ti/ (n)  
something that you feel you have to do because it is your moral or legal responsibility ♦ *It's everyone's duty to report any illegal activity to the police.* ► dutiful (adj), dutifully (adv)

## Use of English

- 2.247 statue** /'stætʃu:/ (n)  
figure of a person or an animal in stone, metal, etc.
- 2.248 cavalcade** /,kævl'keɪd/ (n)  
line of people on horses or in vehicles forming part of a ceremony
- 2.249 flock** /flɒk/ (v)  
go or gather together somewhere in large numbers ♦ *Thousands of people flocked to the beach this weekend.*
- 2.250 heave (with)** /hi:v/ (v)  
very busy, full of ♦ *The nightclub was absolutely heaving with famous celebrities.*
- 2.251 glittering** /'glɪtərɪŋ/ (adj)  
shining brightly with many small flashes of light ♦ *When I visited the Tower of London, what impressed me most were the glittering Crown Jewels.* ⓘ Also: very impressive and successful. ► glitter (n, v)
- 2.252 marvel** /'mɑ:vəl/ (v)  
be very surprised or impressed by sth ♦ *We marvelled at the daring displays by the circus acrobats.* ► marvel (n), marvellous (adj), marvellously (adv)
- 2.253 frosted** /'frɒstɪd/ (adj)  
covered with a thin white layer of ice ► frost (n, v)
- 2.254 humble** /'hʌmbəl/ (adj)  
not large or special in any way ► humble (v), humbly (adv)

**2.255 sow the seeds**

/,səʊ ðə 'si:dz/ (idm)

start the process that leads to a particular situation or result ♦ *When Jan's husband began to return late every night it sowed the first seeds of doubt about their relationship.*

**2.256 sculpt** /skʌlpt/ (v)

make figures or objects by carving or shaping wood, stone, clay, metal, etc. ► sculptor (n), sculpture (n), sculptural (adj)

**2.257 scaffolding** /'skæfəʊldɪŋ/ (n)

metal poles and wooden boards that are joined together to make a structure for workers to stand on when they are working high up on the outside wall of a building

**2.258 hose down**

/,həʊz 'daʊn/ (phr v)

wash sth using a hose (long tube made of rubber, plastic, etc., used to water plants, put out fires etc.) ♦ *We'll need to hose down the car before we use it again because it's covered with mud.*

**2.259 mortar** /'mɔ:tə(r)/ (n)

mixture of sand, water and cement used in building for holding bricks and stones together

**2.260 painstaking**

/'peɪnstetkɪŋ/ (adj)

needing a lot of care, effort and attention to detail ♦ *Building model aeroplanes is painstaking work.* ► painstakingly (adv)

**2.261 masterpiece** /'mɑ:stəpi:s/ (n)

work of art such as a painting that is an excellent example, or the best, of the artist's work ♦ *The Mona Lisa is considered Da Vinci's masterpiece.*

**2.262 carving** /'kɑ:vɪŋ/ (n)

the art of making objects by cutting away material from wood or stone ► carve (v)

**2.263 attendance** /ə 'tendəns/ (n)

the number of people present at an organised event ♦ *The attendance at League 1 basketball matches this season is well down on last year.*

① Also: the act of being present at a place, for example at school