

# Word list

The numbers / track references in brackets indicate the first occurrence of each word/phrase in the unit.

## Unit 8

**abandon** *verb* (86) to stop doing an activity before you have finished it The match was abandoned at half-time because of the poor weather conditions.

**adore** *verb* (85) to like something or someone very much I adore horses.

**a step ahead of** *phrase* (85) slightly better prepared or more successful than someone else The filmmaker manages to keep a step ahead of his critics by constantly trying new ideas.

**aware** *adjective* (92) having knowledge of something She needed to make people aware of the danger.

**brutal** *adjective* (85) cruel and not considering someone's feelings Her criticism was brutal.

**cause** *verb* (92) to make something happen Her actions caused us a lot of problems.

**chance of a lifetime** *phrase* (CD1 T28) a great opportunity that you will only have once in your life This competition is the chance of a lifetime for me.

**compulsory** *adjective* (92) If something is compulsory, you must do it because of a rule or law. Swimming was compulsory at my school.

**contestant** *noun* (88) someone who competes in a contest In tonight's quiz, our contestants have come from all over the country.

**disturb** *verb* (92) to interrupt someone in a way that they do not want Their loud music disturbed our peace.

**fulfil** *verb* (86) to do something that is expected, hoped for or promised, or to make it happen I know I will fulfil my dreams one day.

**gain experience** *phrase* (86) to get knowledge or skill from doing something I took a summer job to gain some experience.

**geek** *noun* (90) a person, especially a man, who is boring and not fashionable He's such a geek.

**get your first taste of** *phrase* (85) to experience something for the first time She got her first taste of success in that show.

**hooked** *adjective* (85) enjoying something so much that you are unable to stop having, watching, doing, etc. it I'm hooked on spy movies.

**intense** *adjective* (85) extreme and forceful or (of a feeling) very strong intense cold/heat/hatred

**intimidated** *adjective* (CD1 T28) frightened or nervous because a person or a situation makes you lose your confidence I was intimidated by all those clever people.

**invaluable** *adjective* (85) extremely useful Her help was invaluable.

**launch** *verb* (86) to make something begin to launch a career

**media** *noun* (92) the Internet, newspapers, magazines, television, etc., considered as a group The media are covering the speech tonight.

**nerve-racking** *adjective* (85) causing a lot of worry I find giving talks absolutely nerve-racking.

**photogenic** *adjective* (CD1 T28) having a face that looks attractive in photographs She's very photogenic.

**privacy** *noun* (92) someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships secret The new law is designed to protect people's privacy.

**pursue** *verb* (85) If you pursue a plan, activity or situation, you try to do it or achieve it, usually over a long period of time. He decided to pursue a career in television.

**realise an ambition** *phrase* (86) to do something that you had hoped to do He realised his ambition of becoming a doctor.

**release** *verb* (92) If a film is released, it is shown in public for the first time. His new movie is due to be released next month.

**scandal** *noun* (92) (an action or event that causes) a public feeling of shock and strong moral disapproval a financial/political/sex scandal

**sensation** *noun* (90) someone or something that causes great interest and excitement The book was a sensation.

**someone's ... days are behind them** *phrase* (85) used to say that someone no longer does a particular activity My travelling days are behind me now.

**strip away** *phrasal verb* (85) to remove or peel something from someone or something She stripped away his mask of confidence.

**stuck in traffic** *phrase* (CD1 T28) unable to drive at the normal speed because there are too many vehicles on the road I'm sorry I'm late – I was stuck in traffic.

**tabloid** *noun* (92) a type of popular newspaper with small pages which has many pictures and short simple reports I read all the gossip in the tabloids.

**turn down** *phrasal verb* (86) to refuse to accept something you are offered She turned down the job.

**voluntary** *adjective* (92) done, made or given willingly, without being forced or paid The extra homework is voluntary.