

Word list

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

Unit 12

at the top of your voice *phrase* (134) very loudly He was shouting at the top of his voice.

ban *verb* (CD2 T24) to refuse to allow something, especially officially Cycling is banned inside the shopping centre.

bark *verb* (CD2 T24) to make a loud, rough noise The dog kept barking.

brief *verb* (134) to give someone instructions about what they should do or say We had already been briefed about what we had to do.

cactus *noun* (134) a desert plant, usually with thick stems for storing water cactus leaves

commitment *noun* (CD2 T24) something that you must do or deal with that takes your time family/work commitments

dare *verb* (134) to be brave enough to do something difficult or dangerous I didn't dare (to) cross the river.

deny *verb* (CD2 T24) to not allow someone to do or have something Nobody should be denied a good education.

eyesight *noun* (134) the ability to see good/bad/poor eyesight

fade *verb* (134) to lose colour, brightness or strength gradually The light was fading.

fragile *adjective* (135) easily damaged, broken or harmed Be careful with that vase – it's very fragile.

gross *adjective* (CD2 T24) (informal) extremely unpleasant Your feet are gross!

habitat *noun* (CD2 T24) the natural environment in which an animal or plant usually lives the natural habitat of the fox

intruder *noun* (135) someone who is in a place or situation where they are not wanted I feel like an intruder when I visit their home.

keep an eye out *phrase* (CD2 T24) to watch for something or someone Keep an eye out for the postman.

mark *verb* (137) to show where something is by drawing or putting something somewhere The route is clearly marked.

melt *verb* (135) When ice melts, it turns into water. The snow usually melts by the end of March.

numb *adjective* (134) If a part of your body is numb, you are unable to feel it, usually for a short time. I had been lying awkwardly and my leg had gone numb.

orphan *verb* (CD2 T24) If a person or animal is orphaned, their parents have died or been killed. She was orphaned at the age of five.

penultimate *adjective* (135) next to the last the penultimate scene of the play

pick out *phrasal verb* (CD2 T24) to recognise, find or make a choice among different people or things in a group They hope to pick out future champions.

prick *noun* (134) a small hole made by something sharp I felt a little prick.

rule out *phrasal verb* (CD2 T24) to decide or say that something is impossible or will not happen to rule out the possibility of error

run for your life *phrase* (134) to run away to save your life The captain told us to run for our lives.

serve a purpose *phrase* (CD2 T24) to be useful in some way I suppose this knob must serve some purpose.

species *noun* (CD2 T24) a set of animals or plants in which the members have similar characteristics to each other and can breed with each other Mountain gorillas are an endangered species.

spine *noun* (134) a long, sharp point like a needle a cactus spine

tangle *verb* (134) to form a twisted mass My shoelaces were tangled.

to the untrained eye *phrase* (CD2 T24) to someone without the skill or knowledge to judge what they see To the untrained eye, these insects all look the same.

trample *verb* (CD2 T24) to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury Somebody trampled all over my flowerbed!

trunk *noun* (134) the long, tube-shaped nose of an elephant Elephants use their trunks to drink, wash and eat.

wild animal *noun* (132) an animal that lives independently of people, in natural conditions and with natural characteristics We saw lots of wild animals.