

# Word list

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

## Unit 11

**call (someone) up** *phrasal verb* to telephone someone My dad called me up to tell me the good news.

**demise** *noun* death On his demise, the land will go to his son.

**fatal** *adjective* causing death Police are investigating a fatal accident in the town centre.

**get your hands on** *idiom* to be able to obtain something I read anything I could get my hands on.

**hasty judgement** *phrase* an opinion or conclusion that you have formed too quickly, without knowing enough about the situation You should avoid hasty judgements and get to know her first.

**impose a deadline** *phrase* to tell somebody a date or time by which something must be done If he's working too slowly, you need to impose some deadlines.

**inhospitable** *adjective* An inhospitable place is not pleasant or easy to live in because it is too hot, cold, etc. We visited some of the world's most inhospitable deserts.

**intrepid** *adjective* extremely brave and showing no fear of dangerous situations He was tracked down by an intrepid reporter.

**keep someone waiting** *phrase* to make someone wait for you The boss is ready to see you – don't keep her waiting!

**offer condolences** *phrase* to tell someone that you are very sorry about something that has happened to them, especially when someone important to them has died Please offer my condolences to your sister on her loss.

**off the beaten track** *idiom* in a place where few people go Her cottage is a long way off the beaten track.

**on the spur of the moment** *idiom* If you do something on the spur of the moment, you do it suddenly, without planning it. On the spur of the moment we decided to visit James.

**open to** *phrase* willing to experience something You will learn a lot if you are open to new ideas.

**plain sailing** *idiom* something that is easy and without problems I had revised for weeks, so the test was plain sailing.

**put someone on hold** *phrase* to leave someone waiting on the telephone before they can speak to someone His line's busy at the moment – I'll put you on hold.

**remote wilderness** *phrase* an area of completely wild land that is far away from where people live We walked through the remote wilderness of northern Scotland.

**sponsored walk** *phrase* a walk that people pay you to do in order to raise money for charity I owe Saskia \$10 for that sponsored walk she did.

**starting price** *noun* the lowest amount of money that you can buy a particular thing for These apartments have a starting price of £500,000.

**stick around** *phrasal verb* (informal) to stay somewhere for a period of time Stick around after the concert and you might meet the band.

**sustainable** *adjective* causing little or no damage to the environment and therefore able to continue for a long time We need to find more sustainable sources of fuel.

**take the rough with the smooth** *idiom* to accept the unpleasant parts of a situation as well as the pleasant parts In a long relationship, you have to take the rough with the smooth.

**torrent** *noun* a sudden, large amount of something He received a torrent of abuse from the crowd.

**voyage into the unknown** *phrase* a journey to a place that nobody knows about Their expedition was a real voyage into the unknown.

**within earshot** *phrase* inside the range of distance where you can hear something or someone Make sure the children are within earshot.