

Word list

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

Unit 12

cash crop *noun* a crop that is grown to be sold rather than being used by people who live in the area where it is grown Coffee is an important cash crop in this region.

deliberate *adjective* intentional and planned We made a deliberate decision to live apart for a while.

fire risk *phrase* something that could cause a fire This old wiring is a fire risk.

flood defences *plural noun* barriers or other methods used to stop an area from flooding The government plans to build stronger flood defences on this area of coastline.

fossil fuel *noun* a fuel such as coal or oil that is obtained from under the ground We need to find alternatives to fossil fuels.

global warming *noun* when the air around the world becomes warmer because of pollution Global warming is affecting the polar ice caps.

heat wave *noun* a period of time, usually a few days or weeks, when the weather is much hotter than usual The heat wave is set to last for another week.

immunity *noun* a state in which your body is protected from disease The vaccination gives you immunity against the disease for six months.

infectious *adjective* able to pass a disease from one person, animal or plant to another This disease is highly infectious.

learning difficulties *plural noun* mental problems that affect a person's ability to learn things Some of the children have specific learning difficulties.

natural energy *noun* energy that comes from sources such as wind or the sun The house is heated entirely from natural energy.

reach your potential *phrase* to achieve everything you are capable of She was a gifted violinist, but she never reached her potential.

refugee camp *noun* a place where people who have escaped from their own country can live, usually in bad conditions and only expecting to stay for a limited time Huge refugee camps have sprung up on the borders.

rote learning *phrase* learning something in order to be able to repeat it from memory, rather than in order to understand it Much of what they do in class is little more than rote learning.

sign language *noun* a system of communication using hand movements, used by people who cannot hear They communicated with sign language.

submit a proposal *phrase* to give someone a formal, written suggestion for doing something Youth groups are invited to submit proposals for activities they would like to be funded.

time-consuming *adjective* needing a lot of time The legal process was time-consuming and expensive.