

# Word list

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

## Unit 14

**accountable decision-making** *phrase* making decisions for which you accept responsibility You will not get accountable decision-making if you have a new boss every few months.

**be the case** *phrase* to be true Bad diet can cause tiredness, but I don't think that's the case here.

**brain drain** *noun* the situation in which large numbers of educated and very skilled people leave their own country to live and work in another one where pay and conditions are better Politicians fear a huge brain drain in coming years.

**Don't get me wrong.** *phrase* used when you do not want someone to think that you do not like someone or something Don't get me wrong – I like her, but she can be very annoying.

**feel special ties** *phrase* to feel an emotional connection with a place or a person I feel special ties with my old school.

**feeling of insecurity** *phrase* a feeling that you are not safe or protected The driver's nervous laughter gave us a feeling of insecurity.

**fit in** *phrasal verb* to feel that you belong to a particular group and are accepted by them He doesn't fit in with the other pupils in his class.

**get ideas across** *phrase* to communicate ideas to other people We need more publicity in order to get our ideas across to the public.

**have a different take on something** *phrase* to have a different opinion or a different way of thinking about something I think that smacking children is wrong, but my parents have a different take on it.

**language barrier** *phrase* the difficulty of communication between people who do not speak the same language well For the children there was no language barrier – they started playing together straight away.

**look down on someone** *phrasal verb* to think that someone is less important or intelligent than you I felt that people looked down on me because of my accent.

**make good** *phrase* to succeed and become rich Having grown up in a poor family, he came to the city hoping to make good.

**make the transition** *phrase* to change from one situation to another I found it hard to make the transition from student to employee.

**marry up** *phrasal verb* to combine different things successfully so that they work well together We've married up several different approaches to provide our customers with the best possible service.

**melting pot** *noun* a place where people of many different races and from different countries live together The area is a melting pot of different cultures.

**mixed marriage** *phrase* a marriage between people of different races There haven't been many mixed marriages in my country.

**peripheral** *adjective* not as important as other things The book contains a great deal of peripheral detail.

**preconception** *noun* an idea or opinion formed before enough information is available for it to be accurate Try to go into the meeting without any preconceptions about what the other group might want.

**restrictive** *adjective* limiting the amount or freedom of something The college is unable to expand because of restrictive planning laws.

**settle down** *phrasal verb* to start living in a place where you intend to stay for a long time, usually with a partner Do you think he'll ever settle down and have a family?

**the driving force** *phrase* a person or thing that has a very strong influence and makes something happen She was the driving force behind the project.

**the essence of something** *phrase* to be the most important part of the character of something An atmosphere of mutual respect forms the essence of our working relationship.

**untapped potential** *phrase* something that could be useful but that is not being used As a tourist destination, this place has a lot of untapped potential.