

# Word list

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

## Unit 1

**aggressive** *adjective* (10) angry and violent towards another person aggressive behaviour

**bad-tempered** *adjective* (10) describes a person who becomes angry and annoyed easily She's very bad-tempered in the mornings.

**bring up** *phrasal verb* (10) to care for a child until it is an adult, often giving them particular beliefs They brought us up to be very independent.

**business centre** *noun* (15) a city or town or part of a city or town in which there is a lot of business and financial activity Singapore rivals Hong Kong as a regional business centre.

**compromise** *noun* (11) when you agree to something which is not exactly what you want It is hoped that a compromise will be reached in today's talks.

**concerned** *adjective* (10) worried I'm a bit concerned about her health.

**counter-argument** (11) *noun* an argument against another argument, idea or suggestion He put forward several counter-arguments to their proposal.

**critical** *adjective* (10) saying that someone or something is bad or wrong He is very critical of the way I work.

**desperate** *adjective* (10) needing or wanting something very much By two o'clock, I was desperate for something to eat.

**enthusiastic** *adjective* (10) feeling energetic interest in a particular subject or activity and an eagerness to be involved in it The teacher was very enthusiastic about my project.

**hard-working** *adjective* (10) doing a job seriously and with a lot of effort She's a very hard-working student.

**impatient** *adjective* (10) If you are impatient, you get angry with people who make mistakes or you hate waiting for things. I get very impatient with the children when they won't do their homework.

**impolite** *adjective* (10) rude I found his questions rather impolite.

**impressive** *adjective* (15) If something is impressive, you admire or respect it, usually because it is special, important or very large. an impressive collection of modern paintings

**industrial** *adjective* (15) connected with industry an industrial city

**intentionally** *adverb* (10) in a way that is planned or intended I didn't ignore her intentionally – I just didn't recognise her.

**mature** *adjective* (10) behaving well, like an adult She seems very mature for 13.

**organised** *adjective* (10) describes a person who is able to plan things carefully and keep things tidy An office manager needs to be very organised.

**prioritise** *verb* (10) to decide which of a group of things are the most important so that you can deal with them first You must learn to prioritise your work.

**reasonable** *adjective* (10) fair and showing good judgment It's not reasonable to expect people to work those hours.

**residential** *adjective* (15) A residential area has only houses and not offices or factories. This residential area is very popular with families because the streets are quiet.

**respect** *verb* (10) to be polite to someone and show that you admire them I really respect my colleagues.

**responsible** *adjective* (10) having good judgment and the ability to act correctly and make decisions on your own She'll be fine on her own – she's very responsible.

**self-confident** *adjective* (10) feeling sure about yourself and your abilities You need to be self-confident to be a manager.

**sensitive** *adjective* (10) able to understand what people are feeling and behave in a way that does not upset them I like him because he's kind and sensitive.

**survey** *verb* (13) to ask people questions in order to find out about their opinions or behaviour Over 75% of the people surveyed were in favour of the new road.

**understanding** *adjective* (10) showing sympathy for someone's problems or acceptance of the way they behave Fortunately, my girlfriend is very understanding.

**unreliable** *adjective* (10) not able to be trusted or depended on The trains were noisy, dirty and unreliable.

**urge** *verb* (11) to strongly advise someone to do something Financial experts are urging caution.