

Word list

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

Unit 2

alleyway *noun* (20) a narrow road or path between buildings The thieves escaped down an alleyway between two shops.

astonishing *adjective* (27) very surprising What an astonishing thing to say!

beg *verb* (20) to make a very strong and urgent request I begged my father to let me go to the party.

clamber *verb* (20) to climb somewhere with difficulty, often needing to use both hands and feet The baby clambered up the stairs.

competitive *adjective* (27) wanting to win or be better than other people She's very competitive.

contribute to *phrasal verb* (18) to help to cause an event or situation His poor diet contributed to his illness.

delightful *adjective* (27) very pleasant or attractive We had a delightful evening.

demanding *adjective* (27) needing a lot of your time, attention or effort a very demanding job

depressing *adjective* (27) making you feel sad and without any hope for the future The news is very depressing.

distract *verb* (18) to make someone stop giving their attention to something The music distracts me from my worries.

dreadful *adjective* (27) very bad The journey was dreadful.

drive someone to desperation *phrase* (20) to make someone feel very unhappy or angry Her constant demands nearly drove me to desperation.

drop someone a line *phrase* (CD1 T05) to write someone a short letter or note I hope you'll drop me a line soon.

economical *adjective* (27) not costing much money It's a very economical car.

elated *adjective* (20) extremely happy and excited He was elated at the news.

entertaining *adjective* (27) interesting and enjoyable an entertaining and informative book

heap *noun* (20) an untidy pile of things a heap of rubbish

heartbroken *adjective* (20) extremely sad I was heartbroken when my boyfriend moved away.

irrelevant *adjective* (20) not important in a particular situation irrelevant information

irritating *adjective* (27) making you feel annoyed an irritating habit

make sense *phrase* (20) to have a meaning or reason that you can understand Suddenly, my whole life began to make sense.

passion *noun* (CD1 T05) an extreme interest in or liking for something He has a passion for old cars.

red-faced *adjective* (20) having red cheeks because of embarrassment A red-faced boy stood next to the broken window.

superb *adjective* (27) excellent a superb restaurant

swap *verb* (CD1 T05) to give something to someone and get something from them in return I often swap recipes with my friends.

time-consuming *adjective* (27) needing a lot of time The legal process was time-consuming and expensive.

tremendous *adjective* (27) very large, great, strong, etc. a tremendous amount of money