

Word list

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

Unit 6

badly paid *adjective* (63) If a job is badly paid, the person doing it does not get much money. It was a badly paid job with long hours.

brighten up *phrasal verb* (CD1 T20) to make something more attractive or enjoyable Some yellow paint will brighten up this room.

climax *noun* (64) the most important or exciting point in a story or situation His act was the climax of the show.

cool *adjective* (66) calm and not emotional She seemed cool and confident.

duty roster *noun* (64) a list of people's names and the jobs they have to do She pinned the duty roster to the wall.

fascinating *adjective* (63) extremely interesting a fascinating person/place

forbidding *adjective* (64) unfriendly He had a forbidding expression.

grab *verb* (64) to take hold of something or someone suddenly A mugger grabbed her handbag as she was walking across the park.

improvise *verb* (64) to invent or make something at the time when it is needed without already having planned it I hadn't prepared a speech, so I had to improvise.

live up to expectations *phrase* (64) If something lives up to expectations, it is as good as you expected it to be. The hotel certainly lived up to expectations.

lose your temper *phrase* (64) to become angry very quickly She lost her temper and shouted at the children.

make full use of *phrase* (64) to use something as much as possible We made full use of the sports facilities.

manual *adjective* (63) involving physical work rather than mental work unskilled manual labour

more than you bargained for *phrase* (CD1 T20) more than you were expecting or prepared for The job was more than I bargained for.

over the usual rate *phrase* (CD1 T20) If someone is paid over the usual rate, they get more than is usual for the job. She pays me over the usual rate for babysitting.

potential *noun* (64) someone's or something's ability to develop, achieve or succeed She showed great potential as an writer.

shift *noun* (64) a period of time when someone works I'm on the night shift this week.

skilled *adjective* (63) having the abilities needed to do an activity or job well a highly skilled photographer

stare *verb* (64) to look at someone or something for a long time and not move your eyes Don't stare at people like that, it's rude.

take pleasure in *phrase* (64) to find something enjoyable He takes pleasure in seeing his students succeed.

uncompromising *adjective* (64) If people or their beliefs are uncompromising, they are fixed and do not change, even if someone tries to change them. an uncompromising attitude.

wander *verb* (64) to walk somewhere without any definite purpose We all wandered back to the hotel.

well-paid *adjective* (64) If a job is well-paid, the person doing it earns a lot of money. She can afford expensive clothes because she has a well-paid job.

under pressure *phrase* (66) If you do something under pressure, it is difficult because there are problems or because you have a lot to do. He doesn't work well under pressure.

worthwhile *adjective* (63) useful and enjoyable, despite needing a lot of effort She considers teaching a worthwhile career.