

Word list

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

Unit 2

account for *phrasal verb* to be the reason or explanation for something The recession accounts for the slow growth in the economy.

biological diversity *phrase* the range of different life forms living together in one place The destruction of the rainforest means there is less biological diversity in the Amazon.

budget constraints *phrase* limits to the amount of money that is available to spend We can't afford a new photocopier because of the current budget constraints.

completely thrown *phrase* very surprised and confused, so that you do not know what to do or how to react I was completely thrown by his questions and didn't know what to say.

create wealth *phrase* to make people richer New firms in the area are helping to create wealth.

die out *phrasal verb* to become more and more rare and then disappear completely Dinosaurs died out about 65 million years ago.

facet *noun* one part of a subject, situation, etc. that has many parts She has so many facets to her personality.

fail to take into account *phrase* to not consider or remember something when judging a situation We failed to take into account the difficulty of persuading people to adopt these measures.

fulfil your potential *phrase* to achieve everything you are capable of If James fulfils his potential, he could become a professional actor.

get stuck in *idiom* (informal) to start doing something with energy and purpose We showed them where the crates had to be moved to, and they got stuck in straight away.

have a detrimental effect *phrase* to affect something or someone in a bad way Smoking has a detrimental effect on your health.

have limited prospects *phrase* to not have many opportunities Lack of education means that these young people have limited prospects.

have the requisite skills *phrase* to have the skills that are needed in order to do something This training should give you the requisite skills to do the job.

hold your own *phrase* to be as successful or capable as others in a certain situation Elena can hold her own in any conversation on science.

impending *adjective* An impending event will happen soon and is usually bad or unpleasant. The high winds warned us of the impending hurricane.

lack resources *phrase* to not have enough of something you need We can't expand our business because we lack the financial resources.

language competence *phrase* the ability to communicate in a language I lacked the language competence to study in Germany.

lose touch with your roots *phrase* to lose contact with or forget about where you came from Pierre has lived abroad for so long that he has lost touch with his roots.

make a conscious decision *phrase* to intentionally decide to do something I made a conscious decision to eat more healthy foods.

make a fool of yourself *phrase* to make yourself look stupid in front of others I really made a fool of myself when I couldn't remember her name.

produce substantial savings *phrase* to save a lot of money The new computer system should produce substantial savings.

serve no useful purpose *phrase* to not be useful for anything Nobody ever uses the college coffee machine. It really serves no useful purpose.

settle into the area *phrase* to get used to a place where you have started to live It took Pavel a while to settle into the area, but now he has a lot of good friends here.

shift away from *phrasal verb* to stop using something or doing something Many men are starting to shift away from these traditional roles. This has been changed to 'settle into the area' on the proofs.

stand someone in good stead *idiom* to be useful to someone in the future This experience will stand you in good stead when you go to college.

up to scratch *idiom* (informal) reaching an acceptable standard Your last essay wasn't up to scratch.