

# Word list

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

## Unit 10

**as luck would have it** *phrase* by chance We ran out of petrol on the way home, but as luck would have it, we were very near a garage.

**be passionate about** *phrase* to have very strong feelings or emotions about something, especially because you think it is important He is passionate about the need to educate these children.

**be torn between** *phrase* If you are torn between two possibilities, you find it very difficult to choose between them. I was torn between the desire for freedom and loyalty to my family.

**by contrast** *phrase* used to show that there is an important difference between two things, people, or situations Their economy has done well. By contrast, ours has declined.

**clued up** *adjective* (informal) knowledgeable about something Marisa will be able to tell you the problem – she's really clued up about computers.

**culture shock** *noun* the feeling of confusion someone has when they go to a new and very different place Moving from a university to a multinational company was a bit of a culture shock.

**fascination with** *phrase* the feeling of finding something extremely interesting My fascination with opera started when I lived in Italy.

**from the word go** *phrase* (informal) from the time when something started The project had problems with funding right from the word go.

**glossy brochure** *phrase* an expensive-looking short magazine that gives information about a product or a company We spent ages looking at the glossy brochures advertising holidays all over the world.

**have a passion for** *phrase* to enjoy something very much He has a passion for football.

**have someone's best interests at heart** *phrase* to care about what is best for someone I don't feel that the company has the best interests of its staff at heart.

**implement** *verb* to make a law, system, plan, etc. start to happen or operate Our new computerised system will soon be fully implemented.

**in a quandary** *phrase* not able to decide what to do about a situation I was in a quandary when they offered me the job.

**in marked contrast to** *phrase* used to emphasise that one thing or situation is completely different from another His kindness was in marked contrast to the attitude of the other doctors.

**make a (real) difference** *phrase* to improve a situation (a lot) Exercise can make a real difference to your state of health.

**make something available** *phrase* to provide something for people to buy or use We had so many applicants for the course that we have decided to make another ten places available.

**pass on knowledge** *phrase* to inform other people about things you know Through these books, he passed on his knowledge to future generations.

**put effort into** *phrase* to work hard to achieve something She has clearly put a lot of effort into this work.

**self-study** *noun* a way of learning about a subject that involves studying on your own, rather than in a classroom with a teacher The diploma is awarded following a course of self-study ending in a three-hour exam.

**social life** *noun* the time you spend with other people when you are not working or studying Lucia has lots of friends and hobbies so she has a very active social life.

**work independently** *phrase* to work on your own, without help from other people To be a successful student, you need to be able to work independently.