

Extended wordlist

Unit 2

Abbreviations: n/np = noun / noun phrase; v/vp = verb / verb phrase; adj/adjp = adjective / adjective phrase; adv/advp = adverb / adverb phrase; T/I = transitive/intransitive; C/U = countable/uncountable

The numbers indicate the page in the unit on which the word or phrase first appears. RS indicates that the word or phrase appears in the recording script (a student version of the recording scripts can be found at www.cambridge.org/elt/completecafe).

account for sth *v* [T] (25) to give a reason for something

all the more *advp* (18) even more

anathema *n* [C, usually singular] (19) something which is strongly disliked or disapproved of

at sth's last gasp *pp* (18) INFORMAL going to soon disappear completely

be a touch aggrieved *np* (19) slightly upset or angry at an unfair situation

be completely thrown *vp* (RS) to feel completely shocked or confused

be up to scratch *vp* (RS) INFORMAL to be of good enough quality

bilingual *adj* (17) using or able to speak two languages

brutally *adv* (19) in an extreme way, showing no consideration or pity for others

buckle *n* [C] (18) a metal object used to fasten the ends of a belt or strap

byways *n* [C] (19) facts about a subject that are known only by a few people

come across sth/sb *v* [T] (RS) to discover something or someone by chance

consumerism *n* [U] (25) buying and selling things, especially when this is an important part of a society's activities

converse *v* [I] (18) FORMAL to talk with someone

crucial *adj* (RS) extremely important or necessary

die out *v* [I] (19) to become more and more rare and then disappear completely

do business *vp* (20) to buy or sell goods or services for someone

equate sth with sth *v* [T] (RS) to consider one thing to be the same as or equal to another thing

exaggerate sth *v* [I or T] (RS) to make something seem larger, better, worse, etc. than it really is

frankly absurd *adv + adj* (RS) ridiculous or unreasonable

fringe *n* [C] (19) the outer part of an area, group or activity

get attuned to sth *vp* (20) to start to recognise or be able to understand something

get behind the scenes *vp* (RS) to get beyond appearances and see things which most people don't usually see

get down to sth *v* [T] (18) to start doing something seriously and with a lot of attention and effort

get stuck into sth *vp* (RS) INFORMAL to start doing something with energy and determination

get to thinking about sth *vp* (RS) to start thinking about something

go about doing sth *v* (18) to start to do something in a purposeful way

handicap *n* [C or U] (RS) something that makes it more difficult for you to do something

have a reliance on sth *vp* (25) to be in a situation when someone or something depends on someone or something else

have an excellent command of sth *vp* (17) to have an excellent knowledge of a subject, especially a language

have sth in common *vp* (18) to share features, interests or experiences with someone or something else

highly articulate *adv + adj* (17) able to express ideas and feelings in words very clearly in words

hold your own *vp* (RS) to be as successful as other people in a situation

immerse yourself in sth *v* [T] (23) to become completely involved in something

indignant *adj* (18) angry because something is unfair

innate capacity/ faculty/ ability *adj+n* (18) an ability that you were born with and not one that you have learnt

in other respects *pp* (18) in other ways

intuitive *adj* (19) based on feelings rather than facts or proof

irreparable *adj* (20) *irreparable* damage, harm, injury, etc. is so bad that it can never be repaired

little chance of sth *np* (18) not much possibility of something

loanword *n* [C] (17) a word taken from one language and used in another

major factor *adj+n* [C] (RS) one of the main things that has an effect on a situation

make a fool of yourself *vp* (RS) to behave in a way which is embarrassing and makes you look silly

make ends meet *vp* (RS) to have just enough money for the things that you need to live on

make yourself understood *vp* (18) to say something to someone in a way that they understand

mother tongue *n* [C] (17) the first language that you learn when you are a child

native speaker *n* [C] (18) someone who speaks a language as their first language

naturally gifted *adv+adj* (RS) able to do something very well because you were born with that ability

not get very far *vp* (RS) to not make progress

nuisance *n* [C or U] (18) a person, thing, or situation that annoys you or causes problems for you

pick up sth *v* [T] (17) to start learning something or doing something regularly without intending to

press sb for sth *vp* (18) to try to persuade someone to do something

quite by chance *advp* (RS) completely by accident

ranch *n* [C] (18) a large farm where animals are kept

remarkable *adj* (RS) very unusual or noticeable in a way that you admire

revitalization *n* [U] (18) when something is given new life or energy or becomes successful again

rudimentary *adj* (18) very basic

rusty *adj* (17) if a skill is *rusty*, you are no longer so good at it because you have forgotten it

say *v* [I] (17) used in conversation to introduce an example 'The flavours of our company's ice creams are not as important as, say, the name or the colour.'

setback *n* [C] (18) a problem that makes something happen later or more slowly than it should

settle into sth *v* [T] (RS) to start to feel relaxed and comfortable in a new situation

stand sb in good stead *vp* (RS) to be useful to someone

study under sb *v* [I or T] (18) FORMAL to be taught by someone

subsidise sb/sth *v* [T] (25) if a government or other organization *subsidises* something, it pays part of the cost of it

sweep sth aside *v* [T] (19) to replace or destroy something

switch between languages/from one language to another *vp* (17) to repeatedly change the language that you are speaking in

tactics *n* [C, usually plural] (RS) a planned way of doing something in order to achieve what you want

take sb by surprise *vp* [T] (23) to surprise someone

thereabouts *adv* (RS) near the number, amount, or time that has just been given

uninhibited *adj* (RS) feeling free to behave in any way that you want without worrying about other people's opinions

weird *adj* (19) very strange

word-for-word (translate sth ~) *adv* (19) taking each word separately and in the same order

work tirelessly *v+adv* (18) to work very hard and with great energy over a long period