

# Extended wordlist

## Unit 11

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/completetecae](http://www.cambridge.org/elt/completetecae)).

**at your earliest convenience** *pp* (110) as soon as you can

**be out of touch** *pp* (112) to not speak to, write to, email, etc. someone for a period of time

**be better than nothing** *idiom* (RS) used to say that although something is not very good or not very much, it is only slightly helpful in a situation

**be thoroughly sick of** *adjp* (112) INFORMAL extremely bored with or annoyed about something that has been happening for a long time

**be well worth doing** *vp* (116) to be very useful or enjoyable to do/see/try, etc.

**bent double** *adj* (112) with the body bent over

**broker** *n* [C] (115)

1 someone whose job is arranging business deals for other people

2 someone whose job is to buy and sell shares  
(SHARES = equal parts of a company's total value)

**the bush** *n* [U] (112) wild parts of Australia or Africa where very few people live

**call sth off** *v* [T] (109) to decide that a planned event or activity will not happen because it is not possible or wanted now

**the chance of a lifetime** *np* (RS) an opportunity to do something very special that you only get once in your life

**clay** *n* [U] (112) a type of heavy soil that becomes hard when dry, used for making things such as bricks and containers

**commit yourself to sth** *v* [I or T] (RS) to make a firm decision that you will do something

**console sb** *v* [T] (109) to make someone who is sad feel better

**contractual** *adj* (115) relating to or stated in a contract  
(CONTRACT = legal agreement)

**day-to-day** *adj* (RS) happening every day as a regular part of your job or your life

**disappear without a trace** *vp* (113) to disappear completely

**drop out** *v* [I] (113) to stop working and doing the things that most people do because you do not want to be part of society any longer

**dull** *adj* (109) not interesting

**extension** *n* [C] (112) the number of a telephone that is connected to the main telephone in an office or other large building

**the first hurdle** *np* (115) the first problem that you have to deal with in order to make progress

**for a while** *pp* (110) for a period of time

**get your hands on sb/sth** *vp* (112) to find someone or something

**go further afield** *vp* (RS) go further away

**hardship** *n* [U] (108) a problem or situation that makes you suffer a lot, especially because you are very poor

**hinterland** *n* [U] (112) an area of a country that is far away from the cities

**hit up sb for sth** *v* [T] (113) (US) to ask someone for something, e.g. money

**homebound** (*also housebound*) *adj* (112) unable to leave your home

**the human condition** *n* [U] (112) all the experiences of being a person

**idyllic** *adj* (115) an *idyllic* place or experience is extremely pleasant, beautiful, or peaceful

**impose deadlines on sb** *vp* (113) to force someone to do things by a particular time

**in advance** *pp* (RS) before a particular time

**insect repellent** *n* [C] (110) a substance that you use to keep insects away

**insinuate sth** *v* [T] (112) to suggest that something bad is true without saying it directly

**intrepid** *adj* (110) brave and willing to do dangerous things

**irritant** *n* [C] (112) someone or something that makes you feel annoyed

**live sth down** *v* [T] (RS) if you say you will never *live something down*, you mean that it is an embarrassing experience that other people will not let you forget

**make it** *idiom* (RS) to be successful in the work that you do

**make preparations** *vp* (RS) to do things in order to get ready for something

**make sense** *vp* (114) to have a meaning or reason that can be understood

**No way!** *idiom* (RS) used to say 'no' in a forceful way

**obstinate** *adj* (110) not willing to change your ideas or behaviour although you are wrong

**off the beaten track** *pp* (RS) in a place where very few people go, far from any main roads or towns

**on the basis of sth** *pp* (115) used for giving the reason for something, e.g. using only a handshake to agree on something

**overwhelming** *adj* (RS) very strong in effect or large in amount

**paddle** *v* [I] (RS) to move a small boat through water with a paddle (PADDLE = short pole with a flat end)

**parched** *adj* (112) very dry

**pay up** *v* [I] (109) INFORMAL to give someone all of the money that you owe them

**perform a vanishing act** *vp* (113) to disappear, usually because you do not want to do something or meet someone

**perspire** *v* [I] (113) to produce liquid through your skin because you are hot or nervous

**prehistoric** *adj* (116) relating to a time in the past before there were written records of events

**postpone sth** *v* [T] (109) to arrange for something to happen at a later time

**put sth off** *v* [T] (109) to arrange to do something at a later time

**put sb on hold** *vp* (112) to make a person wait to speak to someone on the telephone

**rapids** *n* [C, always plural] (108) a part of a river where the water moves very fast

**rights** *n* [C] (115) things that the law allows you to do or have

**scrub sth** *v* [I or T] (113) to clean something by rubbing it hard with a brush

**sear sth** *v* [T] (113) to fry a piece of meat or fish quickly at a high temperature

**self-improvement** *n* [U] (113) when you do things to improve yourself, for example studying a subject

**set sth out** *vp* (116) to arrange a number of things in a particular way

**shriek** *v* [I] (112) to make a sudden, loud, high noise because you are afraid, surprised, excited, etc.

**sitting duck** *np* (113) someone who can easily be found, hunted, attacked or tricked

**sponsor sb/sth** *v* [T] (109) to give money to someone to support an activity, event, or organisation

**be steeped in sth** *vp* (116) If something or someone is *steeped in something*, they are completely surrounded by or involved in it, or they know a lot about it

**stick around** *v* [I] (113) INFORMAL to stay somewhere for a period of time

**sustainable** *adj* (115) causing little or no damage to the environment and therefore able to continue for a long time

**talk to sb on their own terms** *vp* (RS) talk to someone in a way that they understand

**think you know best** *vp* (110) to think that you are right in your judgements and opinions

**torrent** *n* [C] (115) a sudden large amount of something, especially something which seems to be uncontrollable

**unobtainable** *adj* (112) if someone or something is *unobtainable*, you are not able to get them or it

**untold tales** *np* (112) interesting events that have not been spoken or written about

**within earshot** *pp* (113) close enough to hear something

**wrap up** *v* [I] (109) to dress in warm clothes