

Extended wordlist

Unit 12

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/completcae).

alarming number of sth *np* (122) a very large and worrying number of something

anecdotal *adj* (122) consisting of things that people have said, and not facts

as a direct consequence of sth *pp* (RS) caused by something

at any rate *pp* (RS) something you say to show that you are going to say something more exactly 'I don't think they liked my idea. At any rate, they weren't very enthusiastic about it.'

back sth up *v* [T] (125) to make an extra copy of computer information, for example on a disk or a hard drive

bark *n* [U] (120) the hard substance that covers the surface of a tree

be based on sth *vp* (122) if something is *based on* facts or ideas, those facts or ideas are the reason for it

be borne out by sth *vp* (118) proven to be right or true

bring sth to an end *vp* (118) to end something

bronchitis *n* [U] (117) an illness in your lungs which makes you cough and have problems breathing

carbon emission(s) *n* [C] (117) carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide produced by things such as factories or cars that burn carbon and cause pollution

catch sb/sth on camera *vp* (120) to photograph or film something, especially something unusual or bad

climate change *n* [U] (121) the way the Earth's weather is changing

collaborator *n* [C] (120) a person who is working with someone else in order to achieve something

dismiss sb/sth *v* [T] (RS) to refuse to consider an idea or opinion

disregard sth/sb *v* [T] (RS) to ignore something/someone

drought *n* [C] (123) a long period when there is no rain and people do not have enough water

elder *n* [C] (122) an important, respected, older member of a group

elusive *adj* (120) difficult to find

email attachment *n* (125) a computer file sent with an email

evolutionary *adj* (119) relating to the way in which living things slowly change and develop over millions of years

evolve *v* [I] (118) to develop or make something develop, usually gradually

extinct *adj* (120) if a type of animal is *extinct*, it does not now exist

face sb/sth *v* [T] (RS) if you *face* a problem, or a problem *faces* you, you have to deal with it

fossil fuel *n* [C] (123) a fuel such as coal or oil that is obtained from under the ground

fuel consumption *n* [U] (123) the amount of fuel that is used

have an impact on sb/sth *vp* (RS) to have an effect on someone or something

have an insight into sth *vp* (118) to start to understand something

immunity *n* [U] (RS) when you are safe from a disease because you cannot get it

in the long/short term *pp* (RS) during a long/short period of time from now

in response to sth *pp* (122) as a reaction to something else

in use *pp* (122) something, eg. electrical equipment that is *in use* is being used at the moment

inexhaustible *adj* (RS) existing in very large amounts that will never be finished

infectious *adj* (RS) able to pass a disease from one person, animal or plant to another

learning difficulties *n* [C] (119) mental problems which affect a person's ability to learn things

leave a light on *vp* (125) to not turn a light off

leave sth on stand-by *vp* (125) to leave a piece of electrical equipment switched on although it is not being used

live in fear *vp* (119) to always be afraid of or worried about something

live by the rules *vp* (RS) to live according to laws or principles which have been made by others

make a (deliberate) mistake *vp* (119) to do something wrong (intentionally)

make progress *vp* (119) to improve and develop in skills, knowledge, etc.

mammal *n* [C] (120) an animal that feeds its babies on milk from its body

offshore *n* (117) in the sea and away from the coast

on a daily basis *pp* (RS) every day

parrot sb/sth *v* [T] (118) to repeat exactly what someone says, without understanding it or thinking about its meaning

pejorative *adj* (118) disapproving, suggesting that something is not good

perpetual *adj* (119) never ending

pollutant *n* [C] (117) a substance that pollutes water, air, etc.

primate *n* [C] (118) a member of the group of animals which includes monkeys and people, which have large brains and hands and feet developed for climbing

prosper *v* [I] (119) to be successful

reach your full potential *vp* (118) to develop your abilities and qualities to the highest level

rote learning *n* [U] (118) learning something in order to be able to repeat it from memory rather than in order to understand it

sign language *n* [C] (118) a system of hand and body movements which represent words

spate *n* [C, usually singular] (124) a large number of bad things which happen at about the same time

spur *n* [T] (118) something that encourages an activity or development

submit an assignment *vp* (125) to send a piece of work to someone

thaw *v* [I] (122) if something that is frozen *thaws*, it becomes warmer and softer or changes to liquid

time-consuming *adj* (118) needing a lot of time

toddler *n* [C] (117) a young child, especially one who is learning or has recently learned to walk

waste disposal *n* [U] (125) the way that we get rid of things that are not needed

wipe sth out *v* [T] (124) to destroy something completely

wisdom *n* [U] (122) the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make good decisions and judgments