NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LEARNING PERSPECTIVES

Upper Intermediate Word lists

Greek

Συντομογραφίες στο μάθημα λέξεων:
Οι ακόλουθες συντομογραφίες χρησιμοποιούνται στον κατάλογο λέξεων: n = noun (ουσιαστικό), v = verb (ρήμα), adj = adjective (επίθετο), adv = adverb (επίρρημα), phr = phrase (φράση), phr v = phrasal verb (ρήμα με πρόθεση ή/και επίρρημα)

Word	Pronunciation	Definition	Example(s)	Translation
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carnival (n)	/ˈkɑːnɪvl/	a public festival that happens once a year, with music and people dancing wearing colourful costumes	*Every year, thousands of people come to dance in the streets during the carnival at Patras.*	καρναβάλι
cinema (n)	/ˈsɪnəmə/	a place where people go to see films	*Tom Cruise's latest film is on at ABC cinema.*	κινηματογράφος
comedy club (n)	/ˈkɒmədi ˌklʌb/	a place where you can see people telling jokes or performing funny acts	*We always have a good laugh at the comedy club.*	ομάδα/λέσχη κωμωδίας
costume (n)	/ˈkɒstjuːm/	special clothes worn on stage or at festivals, parties, etc.	*Our class were dressed up as cartoon characters in funny costumes at the carnival.*	στολή
economy (n)	/ɪˈkɒnəmi/	money and trade that makes a	*Spain's economy depends largely on farming*	οικονομία

		country wealthy	*and tourism.*	
festival (n)	/ˈfestɪvl/	a special event organised in a place every year with music, plays, food, etc.	*Edinburgh is always packed with visitors during the famous arts festival that takes place every August.*	φεστιβάλ, γιορτή
gallery (n)	/ˈgæləri/	a room or building where works of art are displayed	*Many of her sculptures are on display in the local art gallery.*	γκαλλερί
generate (v)	/ˈdʒenəreɪt/	to produce or create	*Small tourism-related businesses generate seasonal jobs for the local community.*	παράγω
impact (n)	/ˈɪmpækt/	the effect that something has on somebody or something	*Tourism can have a positive impact on a country's economy.*	επίδραση
income (n)	/ˈɪnkʌm/	money that a person earns from work or a business	*Our family income isn't as high as we would like it to be, so we can't afford expensive holidays.*	εισόδημα
museum (n)	/mjuːˈziːəm/	a place which has collections of historic things on display	*The local museum has a unique collection of silk clothes from the 15th century on display.*	μουσείο
organizer (n)	/ˈɔːgəˌnaɪzə(r)/	a person who plans events and makes sure they go well	*The event organizers did a good job of controlling the crowds.*	διοργανωτής
parade (n)	/pəˈreɪd/	an event in which people march in the street, often with bands playing music, to celebrate a special event	*Local school children and uniformed organizations take part in the annual parade to celebrate the beginning of the revolution.*	παρέλαση
pride (n)	/praɪd/	a feeling of pleasure or satisfaction that something has been achieved	*She was filled with pride when she saw her son win the race.*	περηφάνια
public art (phr)	/ˌpʌblɪk ˈɑːt/	art created for the general public to see on the streets, etc.	*Graffiti can sometimes be considered a creative form of public art.*	δημόσια τέχνη

theatre (n)	/ˈθɪətə(r)/	a place where actors, dancers or musicians perform for an audience	*The theatre was full on the first night of the play.*	θέατρο
venue (n)	/ˈvenjuː/	a place where an event takes place	*Anna and Thomas still haven't decided on a venue for their wedding reception.*	τόπος συναντήσεως
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foundation (n)	/faʊnˈdeɪʃn/	an organization that gives money for a special purpose, charity or research	*The money collected will go to the arts foundation to provide music lessons for low-income families.*	ίδρυμα
gang (n)	/gæŋ/	an organised group of people who commit crimes	*The police caught the gang just as they were about to rob the bank.*	συμμορία
initially (adv)	/ɪˈnɪʃəli/	at the beginning	*Initially, none of the farmers wanted the new airport to be built near their land.*	αρχικά
prediction (n)	/prɪˈdɪkʃn/	a statement of what someone thinks will happen	*All predictions about global warming are slowly starting to come true.*	πρόβλεψη
redevelopment (n)	/ˌriːdɪˈveləpmənt/	to improve an area by changing its roads, buildings and streets	*Many local businesses have made donations for the redevelopment of the old hospital.*	αναδιαμόρφωση
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actual (adj)	/ˈæktʃuəl/	real or true	*The actual cost of the hotel was more than we had expected.*	πραγματικός, -ή, -ό
volunteer (n)	/ˌvɒlənˈtɪə(r)/	a person who helps or gives their free time without being paid	*I volunteer at the old people's home once a week.*	εθελοντής
professional (n)	/prəˈfeʃənəl/	a person who is qualified to do and/or experienced in a certain job	*John is a medical professional who works in the children's hospital.*	επαγγελματίας

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background (n)	/ˈbækgraʊnd/	the details of a person's family and past experience, etc.	*Many students in private schools tend to come from a wealthy background.*	ιστορικό, παρελθόν
commitment (n)	/kəˈmɪtmənt/	dedication to working hard and giving your time and energy to something	*A career as a doctor needs a strong commitment, involving being on call at all hours*	δέσμευση
discipline (n)	/ˈdɪsəplɪn/	behaviour that is controlled	*George never has enough time to do his work because he has no sense of discipline and gets easily distracted.*	πειθαρχία
diverse social background (phr)	/daɪˈvɜːs ˌsəʊʃəl ˈbækgraʊnd/	a social history that includes different races, languages, religions, etc.	*Both the USA and Australia are societies which have evolved from immigrants of diverse social backgrounds.*	ευρύς κοινωνικο πλαίσιο
driving ambition (phr)	/ˌdraɪvɪŋ æmˈbɪʃn/	something that motivates you to achieve a goal	*Her driving ambition is to become a great lawyer.*	κινητήρια φιλοδοξία
hard work (phr)	/ˌhɑːd ˈwɜːk/	a job that requires a lot of effort	*Writing a thesis for her PhD was hard work, but Sheila felt it was worth it in the end.*	σκληρή δουλειά
innovative scheme (phr)	/ˌɪnəvətɪv ˈskiːm/	a plan that uses new methods or ideas	*The town planners' innovative scheme should reduce the amount of traffic in the centre.*	καινοτόμο σχέδιο
leading orchestra (phr)	/ˌliːdɪŋ ˈɔːkɪstrə/	the most important group of people who play classical music	*The country's leading orchestra took part in the charity performance at the Royal Albert in London.*	κορυφαία ορχήστρα
low-income (adj)	/ˌləʊ ˈɪnkʌm/	earning very little money	*The government should assist low-income families to improve their situation.*	με χαμηλό εισόδημα
minister (n)	/ˈmɪnɪstə(r)/	a member of the government who is	*The Minister of Education has promised to*	υπουργός

		in charge of a particular department	*provide new computers in all schools.*	
mixed results (phr)	/ˌmɪkst rɪˈzʌlts/	answers or effects of an event which have different kinds of qualities	*The survey regarding public opinions on the arts project presented mixed results, so it wasn't much help in deciding what it should cover.*	μεικτά αποτελέσματα
private company (phr)	/ ˈpraɪvət ˈkʌmpəni/	a business that belongs to one person or group	*After the clothing factory closed, some of the workers got together and formed their own private company.*	ιδιωτική εταιρία
process (n)	/ˈprəʊses/	the steps involved in doing something	*Finding a new home has been a very slow process.*	διαδικασία
scheme (n)	/skiːm/	a plan to do something	*Gregory joined the Red Cross scheme to help the homeless.*	σχέδιο
straightforward process (phr)	/ˌstreɪtˈfɔːwəd ˈprəʊsɛs/	a method that is easy to understand or complete	*The plan to save the trapped animals turned out to be a straightforward process.*	απλή διαδικασία
strict set of rules (phr)	/strɪkt sɛt/	a group of rules that cannot be broken	*Our school has a strict set of rules to be followed in emergency situations, such as fire or earthquakes.*	αυστηρό σύνολο
violence (n)	/ˈvaɪələns/	behaviour that is meant to kill or hurt others	*Some people feel there is too much crime and violence shown on TV which may have a bad influence on young people.*	βία
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choir (n)	/kwaɪə(r)/	a team of people who sing together	*The school choir sang beautifullyl in their performance of the musical,* Mamma Mia.	χορωδία
confidence (n)	/ˈkɒnfɪdəns/	the belief that you can succeed in	*It's important for young children to have confidence in themselves and not be afraid of*	αυτοπεποίθηση

		doing something	*failing.*	
economist (n)	/ɪˈkɒnəmɪst/	a person who studies the economy of a business or country	*Economists from all over the world are trying to find a solution to help our country improve its financial situation.*	οικονομολόγος
emphasize (v)	/ˈemfəsaɪz/	to stress something to show that it is important	*The school rules emphasize the need for good behaviour and respect for other students and teachers.*	δίνω έμφαση
expression (n)	/ɪkˈspreʃn/	the way somebody moves, speaks, writes, etc. that shows their feelings	*Dancing is an artistic form of physical expression.*	έκφραση
factor (n)	/ˈfæktə(r)/	one thing that can contribute to a certain result	*Owen's poor performance at work was one of the many factors that made his boss fire him.*	συντελεστής
found (v)	/faʊnd/	to start an organization, a school or a business, etc. by giving money	*In 1862, Henry Dunant, a Swiss businessman, came up with the idea to found the Red Cross because of the horrors he saw on a battlefield.*	ιδρύω
fulfil (v)	/fʊlˈfɪl/	to achieve or do what you planned or hoped to do	*He fulfilled his dream of becoming an actor.*	εκπληρώνω
physical (adj)	/ˈfɪzɪk(ə)l/	connected to the body	*Walking is one of the best forms of physical exercise to keep fit.*	σωματικός, -ή, -ό
poverty (n)	/ˈpɒvəti/	the state of being very poor	*Despite his former wealth, and the fact that he was founder of the Red Cross, Henry Dunant is said to have died in poverty in 1910.*	φτώχια
rehearsal (n)	/rɪˈhɜːsl/	the time spent practising a play or an act	*The actors came to the theatre early for a final dress rehearsal.*	πρόβα
rehearse (v)	/rɪˈhɜːs/	to practise a play or an act	*Tonya's performance wasn't as good as usual because she hadn't had time to rehearse*	κάνω πρόβα

			enough.	
rhythm (n)	/ˈrɪðm/	a pattern of sounds or movements that are repeated	*Jazz music has an irregular but steady rhythm.*	ρυθμός
struggling (adj)	/ˈstrʌglɪŋ/	trying hard to do something difficult	*Kelly is a struggling actor, hoping to find a starring role one day.*	που αγωνίζεται να κάνει κάτι
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literally (adv)	/ˈlɪt(ə)rəli/	using the real or original meaning of a word or a phrase	*The rescue team literally worked day and night to help save the animals from the fire.*	κυριολεκτικά
mayor (n)	/meə(r)/	the elected leader of a city, town or council in England Wales or Northern Ireland	*The new mayor is doing many things to make our town more beautiful.*	δήμαρχος
sell out (phr v)	/ˌsel ˈaʊt/	to all be sold	*The tickets for the concert sold out in two hours.*	ξεπουλώ
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authority (n)	/ɔːˈθɒrəti/	the power to something or give orders	*The head teacher has the authority to expel a student whose behaviour is unacceptable.*	εξουσία
desperate (adj)	/ˈdespərət/	having little hope and ready to take risks	*The desperate man begged for food to feed his family.*	απελπισμένος, -η, -ο
dramatic (adj)	/drəˈmætɪk/	sudden, very great and surprising	*The ban on cars has had a dramatic effect of reducing air pollution in the city.*	δραματικός, -ή, -ό
duration (n)	/djʊˈreɪʃn/	how long something lasts	*The duration of the concert is more than two hours, so I hope there will be an interval.*	διάρκεια
industrial (adj)	/ɪnˈdʌstriəl/	connected with industry or factories	*People who live near industrial areas often*	βιομηχανικός, -η, -ο

			suffer from pollution.	
remarkable (adj)	/rɪˈmɑːkəbl/	unusual or surprising enough to be worth talking about or taking notice of	*The volunteers that helped put out the fire did a remarkable job.*	αξιοθαύμαστος, -η, -ο
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demolish (v)	/dɪˈmɒlɪʃ/	to destroy, to knock down buildings	*The old building was demolished last week to make way for the new road.*	κατεδαφίζω
fatal (adj)	/ˈfeɪt(ə)l/	deadly; something that can cause a death	*Most snake bites are not actually fatal, though they are painful.*	θανατηφόρος, -η, -ο
inspiration (n)	/ˌɪnspəˈreɪʃn/	something that gives somebody an idea or motivation to do or create something	*She got her inspiration for the painting from a documentary about space.*	έμπνευση
minority (n)	/maɪˈnɒrəti/	the smaller part of a group	*Chinese students are a minority group in our college.*	μειονότητα, μειοψηφία
relic (n)	/ˈrelɪk/	a thing that has survived from the past	*The church gave all its old relics to the museum.*	λείψανο
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behind (prep)	/bɪˈhaɪnd/	making less progress than somebody/something else	*Joanne was behind on her homework after spending all morning shopping.*	πίσω
construction (n)	/kənˈstrʌkʃn/	the process of building roads, buildings, bridges, etc.	*The construction of the bridge took more than ten years.*	κατασκευή
creation (n)	/kriˈeɪʃ(ə)n/	the making of something new that didn't exist before	*The creation of new parks has made the town a pleasant place to visit.*	δημιουργία

engagement (n)	/ɪnˈgeɪdʒmənt/	an arrangement to do something	*She couldn't make it to the party because she had another engagement.*	υποχρέωση
figure out (phr v)	/ˌfɪgə(r) ˈaʊt/	to understand	*We couldn't figure out how Jane found out about her surprise party.*	καταλαβαίνω
official (adj)	/əˈfɪʃl/	planned by people in authority	*Crowds lined the streets, hoping for a glimpse of the prime minister on her official visit.*	επίσημος, -η, -ο
run over (phr v)	/ˌrʌn ˈəʊvə(r)/	to hit (somebody/something) with a vehicle	*Claire was run over by a speeding car as she was crossing the road.*	χτυπώ (με όχημα)
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reject (v)	/rɪˈdʒekt/	to not accept	*The canteen staff rejected our proposal for a new lunch menu at school.*	απορρίπτω
take charge (phr v)	/ˌteɪk ˈtʃɑːdʒ/	to take control	*Wendy took charge of the school and made it a better place for all students.*	αναλαμβάνω την ευθύνη
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boost (v)	/buːst/	to increase, to make more, to make successful	*It's hoped that creating more jobs will boost the economy.*	ωθώ
claim (v)	/kleɪm/	to say that something is true when it has not been proved and people may not believe it	*Rita claims to know the mayor personally.*	ισχυρίζομαι, υποστηρίζω
creativity (n)	/ˌkriːeɪˈtɪvəti/	to be able to create something new, to produce art	*Listening to classical music inspires Hilda and helps boost her creativity when she's writing.*	δημιουργικότητα
educate (v)	/ˈedjʊkeɪt/	to help people learn	*Private schools are a costly way to educate children.*	εκπαιδεύω

lead to (phr v)	/ˈliːd tuː/	to cause something to happen	*Hot weather can lead to water shortages.*	οδηγώ
preferable (adj)	/ˈprefrəbl/	more attractive, desired, preferred	*For most businesspeople, it's preferable to live within travelling distance of the city centre.*	προτιμότερος, -η, -ο
signal (v)	/ˈsɪgnəl/	to show	*The death of the owner signalled the end of the successful company.*	σημαίνω, σηματοδοτώ
skilled (adj)	/skɪld/	talented and/or experienced in doing something	*Michael is a skilled jewellery maker who sells all his work at very high prices.*	έμπειρος, -η, -ο
supposedly (adv)	/səˈpəʊzɪdli/	general thought, not known for certain	*She was supposedly one of the best writers of her time.*	υποθετικώς
vital (adj)	/ˈvaɪtl/	very important	*It's vital that Shannon should see the doctor as soon as possible.*	σημαντικός, -η, -ο