

2 Global culture?

Glossary

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- 2.1 global** (adj) /'gləʊbl/
relating to the whole world • *The global temperature has risen significantly in the last century.* > globe (n) ❖ globale
- 2.2 culture** (n) /'kʌltʃə(r)/
the common habits and beliefs of a particular group of people • *Each culture has different ways of celebrating important events.* > cultural (adj) ❖ cultura
- 2.3 server** (n) /'sɜːvə(r)/
a person who serves food
• *Did you ask the server for a napkin?*
❖ cameriere 🍷 Syn: waiter/waitress

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- 2.4 funeral** (n) /'fjuːnərəl/
a ceremony that takes place when sb's dead body is buried • *In Greece, most people wear black at funerals.* ❖ funerale
- 2.5 identity** (n) /aɪ'dentəti/
the things that make you different from others
• *Even though they share a language, Britain and the United States have different cultural identities.* > identical (adj) ❖ identità
- 2.6 lifestyle** (n) /'laɪfstɑɪl/
sb's way of living • *He needs a lot of money to support his expensive lifestyle.* ❖ stile di vita
- 2.7 reflect** (v) /rɪ'flekt/
show or express the nature of sth • *The story reflects the author's political ideas.* > reflection (n), reflective (adj) ❖ riflettere
- 2.8 tribe** (n) /traɪb/
a group of related families who live in the same area and share a culture • *Native American tribes have lived in this area for hundreds of years.* > tribal (adj) ❖ tribù
- 2.9 lead** (v) /liːd/
live (a particular type of life) • *He managed to lead a normal life in spite of his disability.*
❖ condurre
- 2.10 sensibly** (adv) /'sensəbli/
in a way that is logical and practical • *You should dress sensibly for our walk in the mountains.* > sensible (adj) ❖ sensibilmente

- 2.11 bead** (n) /biːd/
a small, round piece (usually of glass, plastic or wood) with a hole through it • *She used sixty black beads to make her necklace.*
❖ perla
- 2.12 head wrap** (n) /hed ræp/
a head covering made of cloth that you wear around the head • *You can style a head wrap in many different ways.* ❖ turbante, fascia
- 2.13 turban** (n) /'tɜːbən/
a head covering made of cloth • *He was wearing a black turban that covered his hair completely.* ❖ turbante
- 2.14 kilt** (n) /kɪlt/
a skirt that men in Scotland traditionally wear
• *A group of men in kilts performed a Scottish country dance.* ❖ kilt
- 2.15 tartan** (n) /'tɑːtən/
a pattern of coloured squares and lines on cloth, typical of Scotland • *He was wearing a green tartan kilt.* ❖ tartan
- 2.16 warrior** (n) /'wɔːriə(r)/
skilled fighter • *Viking warriors were usually buried together with their weapons.*
❖ guerriero
- 2.17 form** (n) /fɔːm/
type, kind • *Bicycles are probably the cheapest form of transport.* ❖ forma
- 2.18 wearer** (n) /'weərə(r)/
sb who wears sth • *Clothes can tell you a lot about the wearer's personality.* > wear (v), worn (adj) ❖ chi indossa (un abito)
- 2.19 status** (n) /'stetəs/
sb's position in a social group • *Following her death, the author gained unexpected celebrity status.* ❖ stato
- 2.20 inspire** (v) /ɪn'spaɪə(r)/
give sb a creative idea • *This view really inspires me to paint.* > inspiration (n), inspirational (adj) ❖ ispirare
- 2.21 trademark** (v) /'treɪdmɑːk/
register a name or design to protect it from illegal copying • *The first thing they did was to trademark the new company name.*
> trademark (n) ❖ marchio
- 2.22 fashion house** (n) /'fæʃən haʊs/
a company that designs and sells clothes, shoes and accessories • *Chanel founded her own fashion house in 1910.* ❖ casa di moda

- 2.23 permission** (n) /pə'mɪʃn/
the act of allowing sb to do sth • *You'll need your parents' permission to go on the school trip.* > permit (v) ❖ permesso
- 2.24 date back** (phr v) /deɪt bæk/
have existed for a particular length of time
• *The church dates back to the 12th century.*
❖ risalire
- 2.25 sea shell** (n) /'si:ʃel/
the hard outer covering that protects some sea creatures • *The children were collecting sea shells on the beach.* ❖ conchiglia
- 2.26 series** (n) /'sɪəri:z/
a number of events or things that are similar or related • *My mother is giving a series of lectures on global warming.* ❖ serie
- 2.27 hold** (v) /həʊld/
have an event, e.g. a sports event, a meeting, an election, etc. • *The marathon will be held in May.* ❖ tenere, organizzare
- 2.28 state** (v) /steɪt/
say or write sth in a clear and careful way
• *In her application, she had to state why she wanted the job.* ❖ affermare
- 2.29 settle** (v) /setl/
go to live in a new place • *When his grandfather came to America, he settled in Boston.*
> settlement (n), settler (n) ❖ insediarsi
- 2.30 plaid** (n) /plæd/
cloth with a pattern of lines and squares
• *This shirt is made in plain grey or plaid.*
❖ coperta
- 2.31 originally** (adv) /ə'ɪdʒənəli/
in the beginning • *This was a kitchen originally, but we turned it into a bathroom.* > origin (n)
❖ originariamente
- 2.32 impressive** (adj) /ɪm'presɪv/
important or very large • *Her command of the English language is impressive.*
❖ impressionante
- 2.33 astonishing** (adj) /ə'stɒnɪʃɪŋ/
very surprising • *His talent for languages is really astonishing – he can speak five foreign languages and he's only 16.* > astonish (v), astonishment (n) ❖ stupefacente
- 2.34 massive** (adj) /'mæsɪv/
very large • *There's a massive traffic jam due to the terrible weather.* ❖ enorme
- 2.35 store** (v) /stɔ:(r)/
keep sth in a special place so that you can use it in future • *I stored all my furniture in my brother's house and rented out my apartment while I was in Mexico.* > storage (n) ❖ conservare
- 2.36 weapon** (n) /'wepən/
an object such as a gun or a knife used in fighting • *The police searched the suspect for weapons.* ❖ arma
- 2.37 pierced** (adj) /pɪəst/
with a small hole used for jewellery • *She's got pierced ears, but she doesn't usually wear earrings.* > pierce (v) ❖ forato
- 2.38 pirate** (n) /'paɪrət/
a person who sails in a ship and attacks and steals from other ships • *300 years ago there were many pirates in the Caribbean.*
> piracy (n) ❖ pirata
- 2.39 equator** (n) /ɪ'kwɪtə(r)/
the line around the middle of the Earth • *He comes from an island in Indonesia, close to the equator.* ❖ equatore
- 2.40 proper** (adj) /'prɒpə(r)/
suitable, correct • *I'm very organised. I can't work unless everything is in its proper place.*
> properly (adv) ❖ giusto
- 2.41 wax** (n) /wæks/
the substance used to make candles
• *The wax from the candle dripped onto the tablecloth.* ❖ cera
- 2.42 plug** (v) /plʌg/
fill a hole with suitable material • *He tried plugging the hole with newspaper to stop the leak.* > plug (n) ❖ tappare
- 2.43 fire** (v) /'faɪə(r)/
use a weapon to shoot • *He fired his gun into the air as a warning.* ❖ sparare
- 2.44 cannon** (n) /'kænən/
a large gun on wheels that fired heavy metal balls • *The four cannons at the top of the hill opened fire at the same time.* ❖ cannone
- 2.45 illegal** (adj) /ɪ'li:gl/
against the law, not allowed by law • *It's illegal to make photocopies of this book.* > illegally (adv) ❖ illegale ☞ Opp: legal
- 2.46 substance** (n) /'sʌbstəns/
a type of matter/material • *Nicotine is an addictive substance found in tobacco.*
❖ sostanza
- 2.47 record** (n) /'rekɔ:d/
information about things that happened, e.g. objects related to events • *In this folder, there's a record of every single time I've been to a show.* > record (v) ❖ documentazione
- 2.48 unaware** (adj) /,ʌnə'weə(r)/
not knowing or not realising sth • *We weren't afraid, because we were unaware of the danger.* ❖ inconsapevole ☞ Opp: aware
- 2.49 special occasion** (n) /'speʃəl ə'keɪʒn/
an important day or event • *For her birthday she decided to wear a long dress, as it was a special occasion.* ❖ occasione speciale

Jewellery

beads	necklace
bracelet	ring
earring	

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- 2.50 misty** (adj) /'mɪsti/
with a light fog that makes it difficult to see
• *The misty morning soon became a clear, sunny day.* > mist (n) ❖ nebbioso
- 2.51 riverbank** (n) /'rɪvə,bæŋk/
the land by a river • *We decided to sit and have a picnic on the riverbank.* ❖ sponda
- 2.52 parade** (n) /pə'reɪd/
a large number of people walking in an organised way to celebrate a special occasion
• *A parade will be held tomorrow to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the revolution.*
> parade (v) ❖ parata
- 2.53 tradition** (n) /trə'dɪʃn/
a very old belief, principle or way of acting
• *Eating turkey on the 25th of December is an important tradition in my family.* > traditional (adj), traditionally (adv) ❖ tradizione
📖 Syn: custom
- 2.54 spectator** (n) /spek'teɪtə(r)/
sb who watches a sports event or other activity without taking part • *The new stadium holds 80,000 spectators.* ❖ spettatore
- 2.55 origin** (n) /'brɪdʒɪn/
the beginning or cause of sth • *The word 'millennium' is Latin in origin.* > original (adj)
❖ origine
- 2.56 spectacle** (n) /'spektəkl/
a public event that is exciting to watch • *The opening ceremony was a fantastic spectacle.*
❖ spettacolo
- 2.57 dress up** (phr v) /dres ʌp/
put on special clothes • *I dressed up as a pirate for the party.* ❖ vestirsi
- 2.58 costume** (n) /'kɒstjʊ:m/
a set of clothes worn in a particular country or for a special activity • *The dancers were all dressed in traditional costumes.*
❖ costume
- 2.59 mask** (n) /mɑːsk/
a covering for the face that protects or hides it
• *All the children were wearing animal masks.*
❖ maschera
- 2.60 scare (sb) away** (phr v) /skeə ('sʌmbədi) ə'weɪ/
frighten sb so that they go away • *They kept moving to scare the birds away.*
❖ spaventare
- 2.61 according to** (prep) /ə'kɔːdɪŋ tə/
in the words of • *According to my teacher, phrasal verbs are not at all difficult.*
❖ secondo
- 2.62 legend** (n) /'ledʒənd/
a very old story, usually untrue, that people tell about a famous event or person • *The old man told us the legend of the headless horseman.*
> legendary (adj) ❖ leggenda
- 2.63 represent** (v) /,reprɪ'zent/
be a sign or symbol of sth • *Each colour on the map represents a different country.*
> representative (adj) ❖ rappresentare
- 2.64 festivities** (n) /fes'tɪvətɪz/
parties and other activities that celebrate a special occasion • *You are all invited to join in the festivities for the New Year.* ❖ festività
- 2.65 bonfire** (n) /'bɒnfɪə(r)/
large fire that you burn outdoors • *At the end of the celebration, we're going to have a bonfire and a firework display.* ❖ falò
- 2.66 serve** (v) /sɜːv/
be used for a particular purpose, usually different to the main or original purpose • *Our coffee table also serves as a desk for our young daughter to draw on.* ❖ servire
- 2.67 ritual** (n) /'rɪtʃuəl/
a series of actions performed as part of a ceremony • *The funeral followed the ritual of the Orthodox Church.* ❖ rito
- 2.68 come of age** (expr) /kʌm əv eɪdʒ/
reach the age when you are considered an adult • *He will receive his inheritance when he comes of age.* ❖ maggiore età
- 2.69 ash** (n) /æʃ/
the soft grey or black powder that is left when sth burns • *Ash from the volcano covered the area.* ❖ cenere
- 2.70 role** (n) /rəʊl/
the position or purpose that sb has in an organisation or in a relationship • *We need to decide what our roles will be in this project.*
❖ ruolo
- 2.71 ceremony** (n) /'serɪməni/
a set of traditional actions performed on a special social or religious occasion • *Only a few close friends of the couple attended the wedding ceremony.* ❖ cerimonia
- 2.72 festival** (n) /'festɪvl/
an organised series of performances and public events • *The summer film festival attracts thousands of visitors each year.*
❖ festival

- 2.73 witness** (n) /'wɪtnəs/
a person present at an event that signs their name to show everything was done correctly
• *She signed her will in the presence of two witnesses.* > witness (v) ❖ testimone
- 2.74 certificate** (n) /sə'tɪfɪkət/
an official document that states sth is true
• *They need a birth certificate to issue a new passport.* ❖ certificato
- 2.75 reception** (n) /rɪ'sepʃn/
a formal party • *Is champagne going to be served at the wedding reception?*
❖ ricevimento
- 2.76 ancestor** (n) /'ænsəstə(r)/
a person in your family who lived a long time ago • *The old house belonged to a distant ancestor of mine.* ❖ avo
- 2.77 strengthen** (v) /'streŋkən/
make stronger • *The trainer showed me some exercises to strengthen my legs.*
> strength (n), strong (adj) ❖ rafforzare
📖 Opp: weaken
- 2.78 bond** (n) /bɒnd/
a close connection between people • *In Greece, family bonds are still very strong.*
❖ legame
- 2.79 preserve** (v) /prɪ'zɜ:v/
keep sth as it is, make sure that it is not damaged • *The architect managed to preserve the original character of the building.*
> preservation (n) ❖ conservare
- 2.80 speech** (n) /spi:tʃ/
a formal talk that sb gives on a special occasion • *My sister asked me to make a speech at her wedding.* ❖ discorso

Celebrations

bonfire	mask
ceremony	parade
costume	reception
festival	spectacle
festivities	

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- 2.81 race** (v) /reɪs/
move or run fast • *She raced down the street as fast as she could.* ❖ correre
- 2.82 chase** (v) /tʃeɪs/
run after sb/sth in order to catch them/it
• *My favourite part of the film was when she was chasing her dog through the streets.*
❖ inseguire
- 2.83 hang** (v) /hæŋ/
fasten sth at the top leaving the rest free to move • *You can hang your coat on the rack over there.* ❖ appendere

- 2.84 flat** (adj) /flæt/
level and smooth • *The sea was completely flat, as there was no wind that day.* > flatten (v), flatness (n) ❖ piatto
- 2.85 archaeologist** (n) /,ɑ:kɪ'blɒdʒɪst/
a scientist who studies object and structures from past civilizations • *Howard Carter and his team of archaeologists discovered King Tutankhamun's tomb.* > archaeological (adj), archaeology (n) ❖ archeologo
- 2.86 trace** (n) /treɪs/
a very small amount of sth left behind
• *The police found traces of poison in his tea.*
> trace (v) ❖ traccia
- 2.87 rosewater** (n) /'rəʊz,wɔ:tə(r)/
a liquid made from water and roses • *You can add cinnamon and rosewater before serving the dish.* ❖ acqua di rose
- 2.88 famously** (adv) /'feɪməsli/
in a way that is well known • *This famously expensive dress was once worn by Marilyn Monroe.* > fame (n), famous (adj)
❖ notoriamente
- 2.89 comparison** (n) /kəm'pærɪsən/
the act of comparing two or more people or things • *By comparison with Silvia, I think Jane is much more fashionable.*
> comparable (adj), compare (v)
❖ confronto
- 2.90 considerably** (adv) /kən'sɪdərəbli/
to a large degree • *He's considerably better-dressed since he started dating Alice.*
> consider (v), considerable (adj)
❖ considerevolmente

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- 2.91 spread** (v) /spred/
communicate, make sth known • *I don't know who's been spreading the news, but the whole town knows about it already.* ❖ diffondere
- 2.92 phenomenon** (n) /fə'nɒmɪnən/
sb/sth that is extremely successful and well known • *Pablo Picasso was a phenomenon in art – there has never been anyone like him.*
❖ fenomeno 📖 Plural: phenomena or phenomenon
- 2.93 access** (v) /'ækses/
be able to get to a place • *You can use the lift to access the top floor.* > access (n), accessible (adj), inaccessible (adj)
❖ accedere
- 2.94 institution** (n) /,ɪnstɪ'tʃu:ʃən/
a large and important organisation • *The Professor has worked for a number of universities and other educational institutions.*
❖ istituto

- 2.95 film viewing** (n) /'fɪlm vjuːɪŋ/
an occasion where a film is shown to people
• *I was invited to a private film viewing, before it was shown in cinemas.* ❖ proiezione

LOOK!

The following words either add an 's' in the plural or form an irregular plural:

millennium – millennia or (less common) millenniums

→ *The third millennium CE started a couple of decades ago.*

→ *For millennia, people believed that the Earth was flat.*

→ *It remained undiscovered for two millenniums.*

phenomenon – phenomena or phenomenon

→ *The young singer is a phenomenon.*

→ *She investigates social phenomena.*

→ *These phenomena are associated with hot, dry weather.*

Speaking Page 23

- 2.96 meme** (n) /mi:m/
an idea, image or video that spreads very quickly on the internet • *There are a lot of memes making fun of politicians on the internet.* ❖ meme
- 2.97 viral** (adj) /'vaɪrəl/
very popular on the internet • *Within a few hours, the video of my cat typing on the computer went viral. It now has 100,000 views.* ❖ virale
- 2.98 workshop** (n) /'wɜːkʃɒp/
a meeting in which people discuss and do practical work on a specific topic • *I took part in a poetry workshop last month.* ❖ workshop, laboratorio
- 2.99 collaborative** (adj) /kə'læbərətɪv/
involving two or more people working together
• *I didn't do it all alone; it was a collaborative effort.* > collaborate (v), collaboration (n)
❖ collaborativo
- 2.100 technique** (n) /tekni:k/
a particular way of doing sth that requires skill
• *I am learning a new painting technique.* ❖ tecnica

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- 2.101 emphasis** (n) /'emfəsɪs/
attention and importance given to sth • *The teacher put emphasis on the fact that the exam started at 8:00.* > emphasise (v)
❖ enfasi

- 2.102 give (sth) up** (phr v) /gɪv ('sʌmθɪŋ) ʌp/
stop trying or doing sth • *After three unsuccessful attempts, I decided to give up.* ❖ rinunciare
- 2.103 bestseller** (n) /,best'selə(r)/
a book that is very popular and has been bought by a very large number of people
• *Her latest book became an international bestseller and sold over a million copies.* ❖ best-seller, campione di vendite
- 2.104 copy** (n) /'kɒpi/
a single example of a book, record, newspaper, etc. of which many have been produced • *I have two copies of that book. I can give you one.* > copy (v) ❖ copia
- 2.105 oversleep** (v) /,əʊvəsli:p/
sleep for longer than you wanted to
• *I overslept this morning and was really late for work.* ❖ dormire fino a tardi
- 2.106 gradually** (adv) /'grædʒuəli/
slowly, over a period of time • *She hated him at first, but gradually she began to like him.* > gradual (adj) ❖ gradualmente
- 2.107 emerge** (v) /ɪ'mɜːdʒ/
come out of a place and appear • *My sister finally emerged from her room at midday.* > emergence (n), emerging (adj)
❖ emergere
- 2.108 talk (sb) into** (phr v) /tɔːk ('sʌmbədi) ɪntə/
make sb change their mind and do sth
• *He didn't want to join us at first, but I managed to talk him into it.* ❖ convincere
- 2.109 have a go at** (expr) /hæv ə ɡəʊ ət/
make an attempt to do sth • *Let me have a go at fixing your computer. I think I can do it.* ❖ fare un tentativo

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- 2.110 identify with** (phr v) /aɪ'dentɪfaɪ wɪð/
feel that you are similar to sb and be able to understand how they feel • *The reason I liked the film so much is that I could identify fully with the main character.* ❖ immedesimarsi
- 2.111 look back (at)** (phr v) /lʊk bæk (æt)/
think about what happened in the past
• *Looking back, I can see exactly what the problem was.* ❖ guardare indietro
- 2.112 spread (sth) out over** (phr v) /spred ('sʌmθɪŋ) aʊt 'əʊvə(r)/
make sth happen over a longer period of time
• *You don't have to pay the whole sum now; you can spread the payments out over three or four months.* ❖ distribuire
- 2.113 call (sth) off** (phr v) /kɔl ('sʌmθɪŋ) ɒf/
decide not to do sth that you had planned
• *They have called off the wedding at the last minute.* ❖ annullare


- 2.114 go ahead** (phr v) /gəʊ ə'hed/
begin to do sth after sb has given you permission • *You can go ahead now, there's no problem.* ❖ andare avanti
- 2.115 reputation** (n) /ˌreɪpə'teɪʃn/
the opinion most people have about sb/sth • *The hotel has an excellent reputation, which is why it's always full.* ❖ reputazione
- 2.116 root** (n) /ru:t/
the cause or origin of sth usually bad • *I won't rest until I find the root of the problem.* ❖ radice
- 2.117 widely** (adv) /'waɪdli/
by many people • *He is widely admired as an actor, but not many people know he has also written ten books.* ❖ ampiamente

- 2.126 awareness** (n) /ə'weənəs/
knowledge and understanding of a fact or a situation • *The public's awareness of the seriousness of the problem was limited.* > aware (adj), unaware (adj)
❖ consapevolezza
- 2.127 method** (n) /'meθəd/
a way of doing sth • *She uses a new teaching method, which emphasises fun and games.* ❖ metodo


Phrasal Verbs

call off	look back
date back	scare away
give up	spread out over
go ahead	sum up
identify with	talk sb into

Writing Pages 26–27

- 2.118 conclusion** (n) /kən'kluzʒn/
the opinion you form after considering all the information you have • *I have come to the conclusion that the accident was your fault.* > conclude (v) ❖ conclusione
- 2.119 to my mind** (expr) /tə maɪ maɪnd/
in my opinion • *That was a very clever move, to my mind.* ❖ a mio parere
- 2.120 summarise** (v) /'sʌməraɪz/
express the most important facts about sth in a few words • *Shall we summarise the main points we have discussed?* > summary (n)
❖ sintetizzare
- 2.121 sum up** (phr v) /sʌm ʌp/
describe only the important facts or characteristics of sth • *To sum up, the only solution at this point is to cancel the event.* ❖ riassumere  Syn: summarise
- 2.122 briefly** (adv) /'bri:flɪ/
using few words • *Let me tell you briefly what happened – it'll only take a minute.* > brief (adj) ❖ brevemente
- 2.123 globalisation** (n) /ˌglɔːbəlaɪ'zeɪʃn/
the process in which different cultures and economic systems around the world become connected • *Globalisation has greatly influenced the way we work and the way we communicate.* ❖ globalizzazione
- 2.124 effectively** (adv) /ɪ'fektɪvli/
in a way that achieves what you want • *Your ability to communicate effectively will be assessed during the interview.* > effective (adj) ❖ effettivamente
- 2.125 major** (adj) /'meɪdʒə(r)/
bigger or more important than others • *This is going to be a major problem, I'm afraid.* ❖ importante

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- 2.128 intercultural** (adj) /ˌɪntə'kʌltʃərəl/
having to do with more than one culture • *A common language can make intercultural communication easier.* ❖ interculturale
 Syn: cross-cultural
- 2.129 turbulent** (adj) /'tɜːbjələnt/
involving a lot of sudden changes, arguments or even violence • *This has been quite a turbulent week at work, with the new bosses arriving.* ❖ turbolento
- 2.130 bouncy slide** (n) /ˌbaʊnsɪ slaɪd/
a plastic slide filled with air that children can play on • *I let the children play on the bouncy slide and sat down to read my newspaper.* ❖ scivolo gonfiabile
- 2.131 background** (n) /'bækgraʊnd/
your family and education • *We come from very different backgrounds, but we're very good friends.* ❖ background, origine
- 2.132 self-awareness** (n) /ˌselfə'weənəs/
knowledge and understanding of your own character and behaviour • *Self-awareness is the first step towards becoming a better person.* > self-aware (adj)
❖ autoconsapevolezza
- 2.133 courage** (n) /'kʌrɪdʒ/
the ability to do sth dangerous or difficult without being afraid • *It takes courage to sing in front of an audience.* > encourage (v), courageous (adj) ❖ coraggio
- 2.134 put yourself in (sb's) shoes** (expr) /pʊt jə'self ɪn ('sʌmbədɪz) ʃuːz/
imagine how sb feels in a difficult situation • *Try putting yourself in my shoes – what would you have done differently?* ❖ mettersi nelle scarpe di

- 2.135 open** (adj) /'əʊpən/
willing to listen to new ideas and think about them • *I haven't decided yet. I'm open to suggestions.* > openness (n) ❖ aperto
- 2.136 cross-cultural** (adj) /,krɒs'kʌltʃərəl/
having to do with two or more cultures
• *They have formed a cross-cultural team of artists from Asia, Europe and Africa.*
❖ multicultural  Syn: intercultural
- 2.137 openness** (n) /'əʊpənəs/
willingness to listen to and think about new ideas • *I really admire her openness; she will consider carefully everyone's ideas before she makes a decision!* > open (adj)
❖ apertura
- 2.138 assumption** (n) /ə'sʌmpʃn/
sth that you think is true but have no proof about • *I'm afraid your assumption that I would be interested is not true; I am not interested at all.* > assume (v) ❖ supposizione
- 2.139 bitterness** (n) /'bɪtənəs/
an angry and unhappy feeling about sth that has happened • *His bitterness comes from his unhappy childhood.* > bitter (adj)
❖ amarezza
- 2.140 bubble** (n) /'bʌbl/
a group of people who have similar ideas and often get together • *If you don't meet many people you have no way of knowing what's happening outside your bubble.* ❖ cerchia
- 2.141 divided** (adj) /dɪ'vaɪdɪd/
split into groups that cannot agree
• *Opinions on how to achieve cross-cultural understanding are divided.* ❖ diviso
- 2.142 bridge the gap** (expr) /brɪdʒ ðə ɡæp/
make the differences between two things or people smaller • *He was trying to bridge the gap between his hopes and reality.*
❖ tamponare il problema
- 2.143 tend** (v) /tend/
be likely to behave in a particular way • *I tend to go to sleep later in the summer.* > tendency (n) ❖ tendere
- 2.144 internalise** (v) /ɪn'tɜːnəlaɪz/
accept an idea so that it becomes part of your character • *People often internalise elements from other cultures when they live abroad.*
❖ internalizzare
- 2.145 take (sth) out on (sb)** (phr v) /teɪk ('sʌmθɪŋ) aʊt ɒn ('sʌmbədi)/
treat sb badly because of sth that is not their fault • *I was angry with my brother and I took it out on you; I'm sorry.* ❖ prendersela, sfogarsi con
- 2.146 question** (v) /'kwɛstʃən/
express doubts about sth • *He questioned whether the course would benefit him.*
> question (n) ❖ mettere in discussione