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Glossary

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- 11.1 dune** (n) /dʒuːn/
a hill of sand • *On a clear day, you can see Africa from the top of that dune.*
❖ duna
- 11.2 touristification** (n) /ˌtuəristɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/
the process of making a place suitable for tourists without paying attention to the needs of the locals • *Touristification leads to increased housing prices and increased carbon emissions.* ❖ turisticazione
- 11.3 overtourism** (n) /ˌəʊvəˈtuərizəm/
the state of having too many tourists • *Cheap flights have contributed to the phenomenon of overtourism.* ❖ sovrappollamento turistico
- 11.4 banner** (n) /'bænə(r)/
a piece of cloth with words written on it that is carried by people taking part in a protest • *They had hung a huge banner over the street that said 'No new taxes'.* ❖ stendardo
- 11.5 hotspot** (n) /'hɒtspɒt/
a place where there is a lot of activity • *Gran Canaria has long been a popular hotspot for young tourists.* ❖ meta gettonata
- 11.6 fed up** (adj) /fed ʌp/
bored or annoyed, especially by sth that has continued for too long • *Fed up with city life, she decided to move to the country.*
❖ stanco
- 11.7 rampant** (adj) /'ræmpənt/
spreading everywhere in a way that you can't control • *Crime was rampant in the inner city areas and the police seemed unable to do anything about it.* ❖ dilagante
- 11.8 port city** (n) /pɔːt 'sɪti/
a city that has a harbour • *Venice is a port city with a huge artistic heritage.* ❖ città portuale
- 11.9 cruise ship** (n) /'kruːz ʃɪp/
a large ship that people travel on for pleasure • *Most cruise ships are like hotels. They have swimming pools, hotels, clubs and even cinemas.* ❖ nave da crociera
- 11.10 drop (sb) off** (phr v) /drɒp ('sʌmbədi) ɒf/
take sb to a particular place • *The taxi dropped me off outside the main entrance.*
❖ fare scendere

- 11.11 property** (n) /'prɒpəti/
land and buildings • *Property is still very cheap on the island.* ❖ proprietà
- 11.12 launch** (v) /lɔːntʃ/
to begin or introduce a new plan, project, etc. • *The airline launched a number of new services last month.* > launch (n)
❖ lanciare
- 11.13 stopover** (n) /'stɒpəʊvə(r)/
a short stay in a place that you make on your way to another place • *Our flight to Australia included a stopover in Singapore for a couple of days.* ❖ sosta
- 11.14 split** (v) /splɪt/
divide into two or more parts • *Cockcroft and Walton were the first to split the atom in an experiment in 1932.* ❖ dividere
- 11.15 spectacular** (adj) /spek'tækjələ(r)/
exciting to look at • *The view of the gorge was spectacular.* ❖ spettacolare
- 11.16 scenery** (n) /'siːnəri/
the beautiful features of the natural environment • *We stopped at the top of the hill and admired the scenery.* ❖ scenario, panorama
- 11.17 hit** (n) /hɪt/
a thing or person that is very popular and/or successful • *Her last film was a major hit. More than a million people saw it on the first weekend.* ❖ successo
- 11.18 rental** (adj) /'rentl/
sth you pay to use for a period of time • *This is just a rental car I got for my holiday.*
❖ a noleggio
- 11.19 increase** (v) /ɪn'kriːs/
make or become larger • *The cost of living has increased dramatically in the last 20 years.*
> increase (n) ❖ aumentare
- 11.20 fragile** (adj) /'frædʒaɪl/
easy to damage, break or hurt • *Be careful not to drop that vase. It's very fragile.*
❖ fragile
- 11.21 wear and tear** (expr) /ˌweər ən 'teə(r)/
damage to an object that results from ordinary use over a period of time • *It is normal for furniture to suffer wear and tear over the years.*
❖ usura
- 11.22 deliberate** (adj) /dɪ'lɪbərət/
planned, not by accident • *I didn't make a deliberate decision to lose weight – it just happened!* ❖ deliberato  Opp: accidental

- 11.23 pile** (n) /paɪl/
a lot of things thrown together • *There was a pile of dirty clothes on the floor.* ❖ pila
- 11.24 tourist trap** (n) /'tʊərɪst ,træp/
a crowded place where tourists do or buy things at prices higher than normal • *The island has become a tourist trap that's no longer worth visiting.* ❖ trappola per turisti
- 11.25 official** (n) /ə'fɪʃəl/
a person that has a position of responsibility in a large organisation • *Government officials admitted they were unable to solve the problem.* ❖ ufficiale

LOOK!

The nouns *officer* and *official* have a similar meaning, but they're not the same. We use the word *officer* to refer to somebody who has a rank, such as an army officer, an officer in the air force, the navy or the police force.

→ *By the time she was 30, she was already an officer in the French army.*

The word *officer* can also be used as a title to refer to somebody who's in a position of power or has certain duties.

→ *The Environmental Health Officer will be meeting with the local council.*

The word *official* refers to anyone who's in a position of responsibility in an organisation or public service. As an adjective it can also mean 'formal'.

→ *Government officials said they expected the problem to be solved by tomorrow.*

→ *Both English and French are recognised as official languages in Canada.*

- 11.26 magical** (adj) /'mædʒɪkl/
extremely pleasant • *We spent a magical week on Santorini.* > magic (n) ❖ magico
- 11.27 peak** (adj) /pi:k/
busiest, when a lot of people are doing sth • *All the hotels in the area are full during the peak season.* ❖ di punta

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- 11.28 overtake** (v) /əʊvə'teɪk/
come from behind another car and move in front of it • *I slowed down as the van was overtaking me.* ❖ sorpassare
- 11.29 brake** (v) /breɪk/
make a vehicle go slower or stop • *He braked sharply to avoid a pedestrian.* > brake (n) ❖ frenare

- 11.30 steering wheel** (n) /'stiəriŋ ,wi:l/
a wheel that a driver turns to make their car go left or right • *When driving, you should keep both hands on the steering wheel at all times.* ❖ volante
- 11.31 rush hour** (n) /'rʌʃ ,aʊə(r)/
the busy time when streets are crowded in the morning, when a lot of people are going to work, or in the evening, when they are going back home • *We left very early in the morning to avoid the rush hour.* ❖ ora di punta
- 11.32 run** (v) /rʌn/
travel, cover a route • *The airport bus runs every 20 minutes.* ❖ passare
- 11.33 head for** (phr v) /hed fə(r)/
go towards • *He put on his swimming trunks and headed for the beach.* ❖ dirigersi verso
- 11.34 schedule** (v) /'ʃedʒu:l/
arrange for sth to happen at a particular time • *They have scheduled another meeting for tomorrow morning.* > schedule (n) ❖ programmare
- 11.35 lane** (n) /leɪn/
a section of a road that a line of cars move along, separated from other sections by painted white lines • *In Europe, the slow lane of the highway is on the right.* ❖ corsia
- 11.36 motorway** (n) /'mɔ:təweɪ/
a wide road for fast-moving cars • *We decided to take the country road rather than the motorway.* ❖ autostrada
- 11.37 block** (v) /blɒk/
prevent movement • *Snow sometimes blocks this road in winter.* ❖ bloccare
- 11.38 deck** (n) /dek/
a flat area on a ship, built between the sides • *She stood on the deck and waved as the ship approached.* ❖ ponte
- 11.39 yacht** (n) /jɒt/
a large sailing boat that you can travel on for pleasure • *They sailed to Crete on their private yacht.* ❖ yacht
- 11.40 sunbathe** (v) /'sʌnbetɪð/
sit or lie in the sun to make your skin darker • *We spent the whole day on the beach, swimming and sunbathing.* ❖ prendere il sole
- 11.41 rush** (v) /rʌʃ/
move or do sth very quickly • *As soon as the bell rang, the pupils rushed out of the classroom.* ❖ affrettarsi
- 11.42 sights** (n pl) /saɪts/
places of interest that tourists can visit • *We spent three days in Paris, seeing the sights.* ❖ attrazioni
- 11.43 wander** (v) /'wɒndə(r)/
walk around slowly • *I spent the whole morning wandering in the old town.* ❖ passeggiare

- 11.44 connection** (n) /kə'nekʃn/
a plane, bus or train that you take to continue your journey after getting off another plane, bus or train • *We arrived in Brussels early enough for our connection to Paris.*
> connect (v) ❖ coincidenza
- 11.45 landing** (n) /'lændɪŋ/
the act of piloting a plane onto the runway
• *The aircraft made a perfect landing.*
> land (v) ❖ atterraggio
- 11.46 voyage** (n) /'vɔɪdʒ/
journey, especially by sea or into space
• *The Titanic sank on its first voyage.*
❖ viaggio
- 11.47 bustling** (adj) /'bʌslɪŋ/
busy, full of activity • *The open-air market was bustling with life.* ❖ movimentato
- 11.48 subway** (n) /'sʌbweɪ/
(US Eng) underground train system • *The subway is the cheapest and fastest way of travelling across town.* ❖ metropolitana
📖 Br Eng: underground
- 11.49 beneath** (prep) /bɪ'ni:θ/
in a lower position than • *We saw the boat sink beneath the surface of the sea.* ❖ sotto
📖 Opp: above
- 11.50 free of charge** (expr) /,fri: əv 'tʃɑ:dʒ/
without having to pay • *Hotel guests can park here free of charge.* ❖ gratuito
- 11.51 fascinating** (adj) /'fæsəneɪɪŋ/
extremely interesting • *The museum houses a fascinating collection of paintings.* > fascinate (v), fascination (n) ❖ affascinante

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- 11.52 self-catering** (adj) /,self'keɪtərɪŋ/
with cooking facilities, so that you can cook for yourself • *Families usually prefer self-catering accommodation.* ❖ vitto escluso
- 11.53 package tour** (n) /'pækɪdʒ ,tʊə(r)/
a holiday arranged by a travel agency that includes travel, accommodation and meals at a fixed price • *I'd much rather travel on my own than go on a package tour.* ❖ pacchetto vacanze

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- 11.54 swap** (v) /swɒp/
give sth and take sth else in return • *Can we swap seats? I'd like to sit next to Darren.*
❖ scambiare

- 11.55 house swapping** (n) /'haʊs,swɒpɪŋ/
the act of letting sb stay in your house while you stay in their house for a period of time
• *We tried house swapping last year to cut holiday costs.* > house swap (n), house swapper (n) ❖ scambio di casa
- 11.56 membership** (n) /'membəʃɪp/
the state of belonging to an organisation • *You can only enter the club if you have a membership card.* > member (n) ❖ iscrizione
- 11.57 dull** (adj) /dʌl/
not bright or not interesting • *My old flat was dull and old-fashioned.* > dullness (n)
❖ noioso

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- 11.58 turn** (n) /tɜ:n/
a period of time when sb speaks without interruption • *It was quite a long turn. She spoke for seven minutes.* ❖ turno
- 11.59 luxury** (adj) /'lʌkjəri/
expensive and of very high quality • *He bought a luxury car not because he needed it but just to show off.* ❖ di lusso
- 11.60 overview** (n) /'əʊvəvju:
a short description that provides only general information but no details • *The first chapter of the book provides a general overview of the topic.* ❖ panoramica

Tourism and holidays

cruise ship	overtourism	sunbathe
deck	package tour	tourist trap
hotspot	rental apartment	touristification
house swap /	self-catering	yacht
house swapping	sights	
luxury hotel	stopover	

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- 11.61 stunning** (adj) /'stʌnɪŋ/
extremely beautiful • *She isn't just beautiful, she's absolutely stunning.* ❖ stupefacente, stupendo
- 11.62 boiling** (adj) /'bɔɪlɪŋ/
very hot • *You can't go out in the boiling sun. Wait until the evening!* ❖ bollente
- 11.63 vary** (v) /'veəri/
be different • *Prices of the same electronic goods can vary from country to country.*
> variety (n), variation (n), various (adj)
❖ variare

- 11.64 intensity** (n) /ɪn'tensəti/
the strength or degree of sth that you can measure • *The intensity of the pain increased when he tried to move.* > intensify (v), intense (adj) ❖ intensità
- 11.65 exceptionally** (adv) /ɪk'seɪʃənəli/
much more than usual • *He's an exceptionally talented writer. I look forward to reading his next book.* > exception (n), exceptional (adj) ❖ incredibilmente, eccezionalmente
- 11.66 utterly** (adv) /'ʌtəli/
completely • *The two boys were utterly different, even though they were brothers.* ❖ del tutto
- 11.67 starving** (adj) /'stɑ:vɪŋ/
extremely hungry • *I'm starving because I haven't eaten anything all day.* > starve (v) ❖ con una fame da lupi
- 11.68 gorgeous** (adj) /'gɔ:dʒəs/
very beautiful or pleasant • *He's such a gorgeous young man everybody likes him.* ❖ splendido
- 11.69 freezing** (adj) /'fri:zɪŋ/
extremely cold • *Put your coat on. It's freezing out there.* > freeze (v) ❖ gelato
- 11.70 hardly** (adv) /'hɑ:dli/
almost not • *He spoke so softly I could hardly hear him.* ❖ a malapena

Positive adjectives

fascinating	spectacular
gorgeous	stunning
magical	

Use your English Page 133

- 11.71 stay over** (phr v) /steɪ 'əʊvə(r)/
sleep at sb else's house for a night • *Why don't you stay over tonight and go back home in the morning?* ❖ restare per la notte
- 11.72 stop over** (phr v) /stɒp 'əʊvə(r)/
stay at a place for a short time before continuing your journey • *We stopped over in New York for six hours on our way to Vancouver.* ❖ fermarsi, fare sosta
- 11.73 run into** (phr v) /rʌn 'ɪntə/
meet sb you know when you are not expecting to meet them • *I ran into my boss at the theatre last night.* ❖ imbattersi
- 11.74 let (sb) down** (phr v) /let ('sʌmbədi) daʊn/
disappoint sb by not doing what you agreed to do • *My brother had promised to come and look after the children but he let me down.* ❖ deludere

- 11.75 head back** (phr v) /hed bæk/
go back (usually, to the place where you live or are staying) • *After spending the day on the beach, we slowly headed back to the hotel.* ❖ ritornare
- 11.76 take a trip** (expr) /teɪk ə trɪp/
go on a trip • *We took a trip to the north of Spain to relax a little.* ❖ fare un viaggio
- 11.77 what the future holds** (expr) /wɒt ðə 'fju:tʃə hæʊldz/
what is likely to happen in the future • *Be prepared! You don't know what the future holds!* ❖ ciò che riserva il futuro
- 11.78 give (sb) an idea of** (expr) /gɪv ('sʌmbədi) ən aɪ'diə əv/
tell sb a few things about sth • *He gave me an idea of what happened, but he didn't tell me any details.* ❖ dare un'idea
- 11.79 epic** (adj) /'epɪk/
happening over a long period and involving a lot of difficulties • *One day, I'll tell you the story of my epic journey in South America.* ❖ epico
- 11.80 kayak** (n) /'kaɪæk/
a light canoe with a covering over the top • *You can reach the island by boat or kayak.* ❖ kayak
- 11.81 urge** (n) /ɜ:dʒ/
a strong wish to do sth • *I had a sudden urge to laugh during the lecture, but managed to control myself.* > urge (v) ❖ urgenza, desiderio

Phrasal verbs

drop sb off	let sb down	stop over
head for sth	run into sb	turn up
head back	stay over	

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- 11.82 prompt** (n) /prɒmpt/
words that tell you what you should write or talk about • *You can start talking when she gives you the prompt.* ❖ avvertimento, suggerimento
- 11.83 suspense** (n) /sə'spens/
a feeling of worry or excitement that you get when you are expecting sth to happen • *Don't tell me what happens at the end of the story. You'll spoil the suspense!* ❖ suspense
- 11.84 urgency** (n) /'ɜ:dʒənsi/
the feeling that sth is very important and must be done immediately • *All the people running around increased the sense of urgency that we had right from the start.* ❖ urgenza
- 11.85 roll** (v) /rɒl/
move easily without sudden movements • *I sat and watched the waves rolling in to the shore.* ❖ rotolare

- 11.86 shake** (v) /ʃeɪk/
move quickly with short, uncontrollable movements usually because you are afraid or nervous • *Ahmed was shaking like a leaf before the surgery.* ❖ tremare
- 11.87 sore** (adj) /sɔː(r)/
painful and uncomfortable • *My back is sore after all this exercise.* ❖ doloroso
- 11.88 relieved** (adj) /rɪˈliːvd/
happy because sth unpleasant did not happen or ended • *She was relieved to hear that her son had arrived safely at his destination.*
➤ relieve (v), relief (n) ❖ sollevato
- 11.89 foolish** (adj) /ˈfuːlɪʃ/
stupid and embarrassed • *He's afraid he would look foolish if he wore those clothes.*
➤ fool (v, n) ❖ sciocco
- 11.90 over the moon** (expr) /əʊvə ðə muːn/
very happy and excited • *The boys were over the moon when they won the game.*
❖ fuori di sé dalla gioia
- 11.91 on top of the world** (expr) /ɒn tɒp əv ðə wɜːld/
very happy and/or proud • *When he won the championship, he felt on top of the world.*
❖ essere al settimo cielo
- 11.92 disbelief** (n) /ˌdɪsbɪˈliːf/
refusal to believe sth • *She shook her head in disbelief as he told his story.* ❖ incredulità
- 11.93 speechless** (adj) /ˈspiːtʃləs/
unable to speak because you are angry or shocked • *His rude comments left everyone speechless.* ❖ senza parole
- 11.94 panic-stricken** (adj) /ˈpænikˌstrɪkən/
extremely worried and frightened so that you can't think clearly • *Panic-stricken passengers rushed to the exits.* ❖ in panico
- 11.95 beat** (v) /bi:t/
make a regular sound or movement • *The drums were beating loudly.* ❖ battere, tenere il ritmo
- 11.96 furiously** (adv) /ˈfjʊəriəsli/
with a lot of energy • *Her mind worked furiously as she tried to find a solution.* ❖ furiosamente
- 11.97 my heart sinks** (expr) /maɪ hɑːt sɪŋks/
suddenly feel very sad about sth • *Tom's heart sank when he found out he had failed the test.*
❖ disperarsi
- 11.98 my hair stands on end** (expr) /maɪ heə stændz ɒn end/
feel very frightened or shocked • *The first scene of the horror film made my hair stand on end.* ❖ rizzare i capelli

Idioms related to feelings

It made my hair stand on end!
My heart sank!
I feel on top of the world!
I'm over the moon!
I jumped for joy.

Live well, study well

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- 11.99 resolve** (v) /rɪˈzɒlv/
find a solution to a problem or difficulty
• *The differences between the two countries are not easy to resolve.* ➤ resolution (n)
❖ risolvere
- 11.100 assertiveness** (n) /əˈsɜːtɪvənəs/
confidence and ability to say what you want or need without being afraid • *Too much assertiveness can sometimes be seen as arrogance.* ➤ assert (v), assertive (adj)
❖ assertività
- 11.101 self-centred** (adj) /ˌselfˈsentəd/
interested only in yourself • *He's so self-centred, he doesn't care what anyone else says or does.* ❖ egocentrico
- 11.102 sort (sth) out** (phr v) /sɔːt ('sʌmθɪŋ) aʊt/
deal with a problem in a satisfactory way
• *This is a problem we need to sort out together.* ❖ risolvere