

12 Talking points

Glossary

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- 12.1 talking point** (n) /'tɔːkɪŋ pɔɪnt/
a subject for discussion • *The celebrity's divorce has become a talking point in the press.* ❖ das Gesprächsthema
- 12.2 controversial** (adj) /kɒntrə'vɜːʃl/
causing disagreement • *The podcast discusses the controversial topic of vegetarianism.* > controversy (n)
❖ kontroverse/r/s
- 12.3 conflicting** (adj) /kən'flɪktɪŋ/
which differ or give opposite views • *The two websites gave conflicting advice on healthy eating, so I didn't know which one to believe.* > conflict (n, v) ❖ widersprüchliche/r/s

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- 12.4 gesture** (n) /'dʒestʃə(r)/
a movement made with your hands, arms or head to indicate a meaning • *He pointed to his watch as a gesture that it was time to go.* > gesture (v) ❖ die Geste
- 12.5 commentator** (n) /'kɒməntətə(r)/
a speaker commenting on a topic or event • *The government's decision was criticised by commentators on social media.* > commentate (v), commentary (n) ❖ der/die Kommentator/-in
- 12.6 smoke signal** (n) /'sməʊk sɪgnəl/
a way of communicating to sb far away by using smoke • *In ancient times, people used a system of smoke signals from hilltops to communicate news of an enemy approaching.* ❖ das Rauchzeichen
- 12.7 printing press** (n) /'prɪntɪŋ pres/
a machine used to print words on paper to produce books or newspapers • *Before the invention of the printing press, any copies of written work had to be done by hand.* ❖ die Druckpresse
- 12.8 continually** (adv) /kən'tɪnjuəli/
in a way that does not stop • *Technology is continually developing.* > continual (adj)
❖ kontinuierlich
- 12.9 fundamentally** (adv) /fʌndə'mentəli/
completely; essentially • *My friend and I get on well although our interests are fundamentally different.* > fundamental (adj) ❖ grundlegend

- 12.10 dissimilar** (adj) /dɪ'sɪmɪlə(r)/
different • *Mandarin is completely dissimilar to any other language I know.* > dissimilarity (n)
❖ ungleiche/r/s
- 12.11 hieroglyphics** (n pl) /,haɪərə'glɪfɪks/
ancient Egyptian writing symbols • *Archaeologists discovered some hieroglyphics written on the walls in the ruins.* ❖ die Hieroglyphen (pl)
- 12.12 non-verbal** (adj) /nɒn 'vɜːbl/
without spoken words • *You can often understand whether a person is telling the truth by their non-verbal communication.* ❖ nonverbale/r/s
- 12.13 pick up** (phr v) /pɪk ʌp/
detect or get a meaning • *From his expression, I picked up that he was feeling upset.* ❖ aufgreifen
- 12.14 facial** (adj) /'feɪʃl/
related to the face • *I bought a new facial moisturizer that smells great!* ❖ Gesichts-
- 12.15 posture** (n) /'pɒstʃə(r)/
the position of your body when you sit or stand • *She sat back on the sofa in a relaxed posture.* ❖ die Haltung
- 12.16 simply** (adv) /'sɪmpli/
only • *He simply did his job for the money. He never liked it.* > simple (adj) ❖ lediglich
- 12.17 hold a conversation** (expr) /həʊld ə ,kɒnvə'seɪʃn/
discuss sth with sb • *He speaks French well enough to be able to hold a basic conversation.* ❖ eine Unterhaltung führen
- 12.18 simultaneously** (adv) /,sɪml'teɪniəsli/
at the same time • *You shouldn't drive and send text messages simultaneously.* > simultaneous (adj) ❖ gleichzeitig
- 12.19 negatively** (adv) /'negətɪvli/
in a bad way • *The use of technology in education is perceived negatively by some teachers.* > negative (adj), negativity (n)
❖ negativ 📖 Opp: positively
- 12.20 carry on (a discussion)** (expr) /'kæri ɒn (ə dɪ'skʌʃn)/
have or continue (a discussion) • *I'm too tired to carry on our discussion about politics right now.* ❖ (eine Diskussion) fortführen

- 12.21 call time (on)** (expr) /kɔ:l taɪm (ɒn)/
decide it's time to stop • *They decided it was best to call time on their marriage and get a divorce.* ❖ (etw.) für beendet erklären
- 12.22 'get-out' clause** (n) /'get aʊt kləʊz/
an excuse to avoid doing sth; a part of an agreement that allows sb to avoid doing sth
• *I really don't feel like going to the dinner party, so I'm looking for a 'get-out' clause.*
❖ das Hintertürchen (as an excuse); die Ausnahmeklausel (in an agreement)
- 12.23 ear buds** (n pl) /'ɪə bʌdz/
a type of tiny headphones worn inside the ears • *My new smartphone came with a set of ear buds, which I wear while I'm walking.*
❖ die Ohrstöpsel
- 12.24 futurist** (n) /'fju:tʃərɪst/
sb who studies what can happen in the future and makes predictions • *Futurists predict that the world's population will rise considerably.*
➢ futuristic (adj) ❖ der/die Futurist/-in
- 12.25 redundant** (adj) /rɪ'dʌndənt/
no longer used or needed • *Some people believe that printed books will become redundant in favour of digital forms in the future.* ❖ überflüssige/r/s
- 12.26 insight (into)** (n) /'ɪnsaɪt (ɪntə)/
a piece of information or close look that gives you an understanding of sth • *Her article gave us more insight into the origins of written language.* ➢ insightful (adj) ❖ der Einblick (in)
- 12.27 intermediary** (n) /,ɪntə'mi:diəri/
sb/sth that aids communication between people or organisations, e.g. to help reach an agreement • *An estate agent can act as an intermediary negotiating between the house buyer and the seller.* ❖ der Mittelsmann/die Mittelsfrau
- 12.28 comparable** (adj) /'kɒmpərəəbl/
similar in a way that can be compared • *I think the Spanish lifestyle is comparable to that of the Italians.* ➢ comparability (n), comparably (adv) ❖ vergleichbare/r/s 📖 Opp: incomparable
- 12.29 disbelief** (n) /,dɪsbɪ'lɪ:f/
lack of believing sth • *My boss looked at me in disbelief when I said I was moving abroad.*
➢ disbelieve (v) ❖ die Ungläubigkeit
📖 Opp: belief
- 12.30 multitask** (v) /,mʌltɪ'tɑ:sk/
do several things at the same time • *Having three small children and a full-time job, Betty has to multitask on a daily basis.*
➢ multitasking (n) ❖ Multitasking betreiben (exp)

- 12.31 witness** (v) /'wɪtnəs/
see sth as it happens • *A woman opposite the bank witnessed the robbers escaping.*
➢ witness (n) ❖ der Zeuge/die Zeugin
- 12.32 etiquette** (n) /'etɪket/
the rules of accepted or polite behaviour in a particular group or activity • *Restaurant customers have got used to the non-smoking etiquette indoors.* ❖ die Etikette
- 12.33 broaden** (v) /'brɔ:dn/
expand or increase • *Spending a year as an intern broadened her chances of finding a good job.* ➢ broad (adj) ❖ ausweiten
- 12.34 empathetic** (adj) /,empə'tetɪk/
able to relate to how sb feels and understand their feelings • *Having worked his way up the hard way, he is empathetic to factory workers from similar backgrounds.* ➢ empathy (n), empathise (v) ❖ einfühlsame/r/s

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- 12.35 intercultural** (adj) /,ɪntə'kʌltʃərəl/
involving different cultures • *We attended an intercultural music festival with bands from all continents.* ❖ interkulturelle/r/s
- 12.36 articulate** (adj) /ɑ:'tɪkjələt/
able to speak well, with a good vocabulary
• *She's now more articulate after taking the course in public speaking.* ➢ articulate (v)
❖ sprachgewandte/r/s
- 12.37 understanding** (n) /,ʌndə'stændɪŋ/
knowledge (of sth/sb in particular) • *He began to develop an understanding of the indigenous people as he observed their customs.*
➢ understand (v), understandable (adj)
❖ das Verstehen
- 12.38 convention** (n) /kən'venʃn/
an accepted way of behaving • *Jan follows the British convention of offering tea to her guests.*
➢ conventional (adj) ❖ die Sitte
- 12.39 tone** (n) /təʊn/
the attitude or type of sound expressed • *The talk show host spoke to her guests in a relaxed tone.* ❖ der Tonfall
- 12.40 consensus** (n) /kən'sensəs/
an opinion that the majority agrees with
• *There is a general consensus in favour of combatting homelessness.* ❖ der Konsens
- 12.41 confrontation** (n) /,kɒnfrʌn'teɪʃn/
a direct meeting involving conflict/disagreement • *The demonstrators tried to avoid confrontation with the police.*
➢ confront (v) ❖ die Konfrontation

- 12.42** **relent** (v) /rɪ'lent/
give in and agree to sth unwillingly • *The protestors would not relent until the politicians met their demands.* > relentless (adj)
❖ nachgeben
- 12.43** **submit** (v) /səb'mɪt/
give in (to sb/sth stronger); surrender
• *They refused to submit without a fight.*
> submission (n), submissive (adj)
❖ unterwerfen
- 12.44** **contradict** (v) /kən'trədɪkt/
question what sb says and say that the opposite is true • *The police evidence contradicted the killer's statement.*
> contradiction (n), contradictory (adj)
❖ widersprechen
- 12.45** **provoke** (v) /prə'vəʊk/
make sb angry • *He's in a bad mood, so don't say anything to provoke an argument.*
> provocation (n), provocative (adj)
❖ provozieren
- 12.46** **concede** (v) /kən'siːd/
admit that sth you disagreed with is true; give in • *She conceded that she had made a mistake and apologised.* > concession (n)
❖ einräumen
- 12.47** **settle** (v) /'setl/
end a disagreement • *The neighbours are still trying to settle their argument about their parking areas.* > settlement (n) ❖ beilegen
- 12.48** **object** (v) /əb'dʒekt/
not like, agree with or approve of sth • *Many groups object to the plans for construction work in conservation areas.* > objection (n)
❖ einwenden
- 12.49** **resolve** (v) /rɪ'zɒlv/
solve or end a problem or difficulty • *Through friendly discussions, we resolved our problems together.* > resolution (n) ❖ beheben, beilegen
- 12.50** **hostile** (adj) /'hɒstaɪl/
aggressive and unfriendly • *It was an excellent match despite the hostile behaviour of some fans in the stadium.* > hostility (n)
❖ feindliche/r/s, ablehnende/r/s
- 12.51** **inflexible** (adj) /ɪn'fleksɪbl/
unwilling to change • *The club rules are inflexible and only members are allowed in.*
> inflexibility (n) ❖ unflexible/r/s 📖 Opp: flexible
- 12.52** **critical thinking** (n) /,krɪtɪkl 'θɪŋkɪŋ/
the process of thinking analytically and objectively to make a logical decision
• *Students are encouraged to develop critical thinking skills to assess information instead of just learning things by heart.*
❖ das lösungsorientierte Denken

- 12.53** **confirm** (v) /kən'fɜ:m/
show that sth is definitely true • *The email I received confirmed what I suspected all along.* > confirmation (n) ❖ bestätigen
- 12.54** **generalise** (v) /'dʒenrəlaɪz/
say sth general about a topic without giving specific examples or details • *There are a variety of reasons for homelessness, so we shouldn't generalise about them.*
> generalisation (n) ❖ verallgemeinern
- 12.55** **reconsider** (v) /,rɪ:kən'sɪdə(r)/
think again about a previous belief/decision
• *We reconsidered our holiday plans and decided we couldn't afford to go far.*
> reconsideration (n) ❖ überdenken
- 12.56** **reckon** (v) /'rekən/
believe; suppose • *I reckon it's worth writing to your local councillor about the issue.*
❖ vermuten

Communicating: verbs

broaden	object	relent
concede	perceive	resolve
contradict	pick up	settle
defend	provoke	submit
generalise	reckon	witness
multitask	reconsider	

Communicating: nouns

body language	ear buds	printing press
confrontation	gesture	smoke signal
consensus	'get-out' clause	tone
critical thinking	hieroglyphics	understanding
disbelief	insight	
etiquette	posture	

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- 12.57** **body language** (n) /'bɒdi 'læŋgwɪdʒ/
what you are feeling or thinking shown by the position of your body • *His body language showed he was lying as he kept looking away from the interviewer.* ❖ die Körpersprache
- 12.58** **slightly** (adv) /'slaɪtli/
a little • *She feels slightly better today, but not well enough to go back to school.* > slight (adj) ❖ etwas
- 12.59** **by far** (expr) /baɪ fɑː/
to a large extent • *That was by far the best film I've ever seen.* ❖ mit Abstand
- 12.60** **tolerant** (adj) /'tɒlərənt/
accepting other people's behaviour or views although you disagree with them • *He is tolerant of his children's naughty behaviour as long as they don't get hurt or break anything.*
> tolerance (n) ❖ tolerante/r/s
📖 Opp: intolerant

12.61 talkative (adj) /'tɔ:kətɪv/
who talks a lot • *Why is Julia so quiet? She's usually much more talkative.* ❖ *gesprächige/r/s*

12.70 communicator (n) /kə'mju:nɪkeɪtə(r)/
sb who communicates sth • *Jane should be the speaker for our presentation because she's a good communicator.* > communicate (v), communication (n), communicative (adj)
❖ *der/die Mitteilende*

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12.62 polyglot (n) /'pɒli:glɒt/
a person who is fluent in several languages
• *Being a polyglot, Emma is able to speak four foreign languages.* ❖ *die polyglotte Person*

12.63 unconvinced (adj) /ʌnkən'vɪnst/
not convinced about sth • *The teacher looked unconvinced at Harry's excuse.*
❖ *nicht überzeugte/r/s* 📖 Opp: convinced

12.64 sympathetic (adj) /sɪmpə'tetɪk/
understanding towards sb's problems
• *The manager was sympathetic with Karen when she was late for work.* > sympathise (v), sympathy (n), sympathetically (adv)
❖ *mitfühlende/r/s, verständnisvolle/r/s*
📖 Opp: unsympathetic

12.65 boredom (n) /'bɔ:dəm/
the state of feeling bored • *He went for a walk to relieve the boredom of studying all day.* > bore (n, v), boring, bored (adj)
❖ *die Langeweile*

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12.66 hesitant (adj) /'hezɪtənt/
slow to respond because of being unconfident or unsure • *Hans was hesitant about accepting the job offer because it meant moving house.* > hesitate (v), hesitation (n), hesitantly (adv) ❖ *zögerliche/r/s*

12.67 acquaintance (n) /ə'kwetʃmənts/
sb you know who is not a close friend • *Lisa chatted with some business acquaintances at the conference.* > acquaint (v) ❖ *die Bekanntschaft*

12.68 intonation (n) /ɪntə'neɪʃn/
the way sb's voice rises and falls when they speak • *From her intonation, I thought she was asking me a question.* ❖ *die Sprachmelodie, die Intonation*

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12.69 invaluable (adj) /ɪn'væljuəbl/
very useful or valuable • *Your help on the project has been invaluable. We couldn't have done it without you.* ❖ *unschätzbare/r/s*

12.71 bump into (phr v) /bʌmp 'ɪntə/
meet sb by chance • *I bumped into an old friend at the bank.* ❖ *jdm. zufällig begegnen*

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12.72 deliver (a speech) (expr) /dɪ'lɪvə(r) (ə spi:tʃ)/
give (a speech) • *The prime minister will deliver a speech to the press later today.*
❖ *(eine Rede) halten*

12.73 make small talk (expr) /meɪk smɔ:l tɔ:k/
have a polite conversation about unimportant things • *After making small talk for half an hour, Albert got into a deeper discussion with his new colleague.* ❖ *Small Talk halten*

12.74 conduct (a debate) (expr) /kən'dʌkt (ə dɪ'beɪt)/
lead a discussion expressing opposite views on a topic • *The journalist conducted a debate between the leading politicians before the election.* ❖ *(eine Debatte) führen*

12.75 have a chat (expr) /hæv ə tʃæt/
have a short informal conversation • *They were having a chat about the football scores after the semi-finals.* ❖ *plaudern (v)*

12.76 talk sth over (phr v) /tɔ:k 'sʌmθɪŋ 'əʊvə(r)/
discuss • *Let's have a meeting to talk over the plan.* ❖ *etw. besprechen*

12.77 talk out of (phr v) /tɔ:k aʊt əv/
persuade not to do (sth) • *Paul wanted to buy a new car, but I talked him out of it.*
❖ *jdm. etw. ausreden* 📖 Opp: talk into

12.78 talk back (to) (phr v) /tɔ:k bæk (tə)/
answer sb rudely • *He shouldn't have talked back to the police officer like that. Now he'll get a worse fine.* ❖ *(jdm.) frech antworten, (jdm.) Kontra geben*

12.79 talk (sb) round (phr v) /tɔ:k ('sʌmbədi) raʊnd/
persuade sb to change their opinion • *His parents didn't want him to go to summer camp, but he managed to talk them round.*
❖ *jdn. zu etw. breitschlagen*

12.80 talk over sb (phr v) /tɔ:k 'əʊvə(r) 'sʌmbədi/
speak at the same time sb is talking
• *I couldn't make any sense of the debate because the politicians were talking over each other.* ❖ *jdm. ins Wort fallen*

12.81 talk of (phr v) /tɔ:k əv/
speak about • *They are talking of building a new shopping centre.* ❖ *über etw. sprechen*

- 12.82 have second thoughts** (expr) /hæv 'sekənd θɔ:ts/
change your mind • *He wanted to go to Iceland, but the trip is so expensive that he's having second thoughts.* ❖ es sich anders überlegen
- 12.83 be on sb's side** (expr) /bi: ɒn 'sʌmbədz saɪd/
support sb in an argument • *Don't worry! We're all on your side.* ❖ auf der Seite von jdm. sein
- 12.84 out of the question** (expr) /aʊt əv ðə 'kwɛstʃən/
impossible to consider • *Buying your own home is out of the question on such a low salary.* ❖ indiskutabel (adv)
- 12.85 be set in your ways** (expr) /bi: set ɪn jɔ: weɪz/
be unwilling to change your fixed habits or opinions • *Dad is too set in his ways to consider emigrating.* ❖ eingefahren sein
- 12.86 twist your arm** (expr) /twɪst jɔ: ɑ:m/
persuade you to do sth • *I think I can twist mum's arm to let me go to the party.* ❖ jdn. überreden
- 12.87 bear in mind** (expr) /beə(r) ɪn maɪnd/
don't forget; take into consideration • *Bear in mind that we have a very low budget for this project.* ❖ etw. berücksichtigen

Expressions

be on sb's side	out of the question
bear in mind	set in your ways
call time on	talk (sth) over
carry on a discussion	talk back to
conduct a debate	talk of
deliver a speech	talk over sb
have a chat	talk sb out of sth
have second thoughts	talk sb round
hold a conversation	twist your arm
make small talk	

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- 12.88 offend** (v) /ɒ'fend/
upset sb • *He offended his audience by joking about their culture.* > offence (n), offensive (adj) ❖ beleidigen
- 12.89 insensitivity** (n) /ɪn'sensə'tɪvətɪ/
lack of awareness for other people's feelings • *Her cruel remarks showed an insensitivity to the needs of the refugees.* > insensitive (adj) ❖ die Dickfelligkeit 📖 Opp: sensitivity
- 12.90 over-confident** (adj) /,əʊvə'kɒnfɪdənt/
more confident than you should be • *The over-confident student was surprised when he failed the exam, which he expected to pass without studying.* > over-confidence (adj) ❖ zu selbstsichere/r/s

- 12.91 arrogant** (adj) /'ærəgənt/
behaving in a proud, but unpleasant way • *That arrogant woman thinks she's the most talented cook in the contest.* > arrogance (n), arrogantly (adv) ❖ arrogante/r/s
- 12.92 equally** (adv) /'i:kwəli/
to the same extent; just as importantly • *One benefit of a holiday in your own country is that you don't need a passport. Equally, you don't need to know another language.* > equality (n), equal (adj) ❖ ebenfalls
- 12.93 likewise** (adv) /'laɪkwəɪz/
in the same way • *Many visitors enjoy holidays in Scotland. Likewise, many Scots prefer going to warmer places.* ❖ ähnlich, gleichermaßen

Communicating: adjectives and adverbs

arrogant	fundamentally	simultaneously
articulate	hesitant	slightly
comparable	intercultural	sympathetic
conflicting	intermediary	talkative
continually	negatively	tolerant
controversial	non-verbal	unconvinced
dissimilar	over-confident	
empathetic	redundant	

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- 12.94 beekeeper** (n) /'bi:ki:pə(r)/
sb who looks after bees and collects their honey • *Beekeepers have to wear protective clothing while collecting honey.* > beekeeping (n) ❖ der/die Imker/-in
- 12.95 honeycomb** (n) /'hʌnɪkəʊm/
a structure with hexagonal cells which bees store their eggs and honey in • *The beekeeper lifted the honeycomb gently from the hive and shook off the bees.* ❖ die Honigwabe
- 12.96 hive** (n) /haɪv/
a kind of box made for bees to live in • *Bees were flying around their hives near the mountain path.* ❖ der Bienenstock 📖 Also: beehive
- 12.97 pollinate** (v) /'pɒləneɪt/
spread pollen onto flowers to make them produce seeds • *Bees and other insects pollinate flowers in spring.* > pollination (n) ❖ bestäuben
- 12.98 colony** (n) /'kɒləni/
a group of insects living together • *He found a colony of ants nesting in the greenhouse.* > colonise (v) ❖ die Kolonie
- 12.99 (financial) crisis** (n) /('faɪ'nænʃl) 'kraɪsɪs/
a time when a country's economy is not healthy • *Many people became homeless during the financial crisis.* ❖ die (Finanz-)Krise

12.100 come across (phr v) /kʌm ə'krɒs/
meet or find sb/sth by chance • *We came across a group of hives in the forest and walked past them carefully.* ❖ auf etw. stoßen

12.101 role model (n) /'rɒl ˌmɒdəl/
a person that you admire and try to copy
• *Her dedication to charity work makes her an excellent role model for young people.*
❖ das Vorbild

12.102 typical (adj) /'tɪpɪkəl/
that is a good example of a particular group or thing • *For a farmer, a typical working day begins at dawn.* > typically (adv)
❖ übliche/r/s

12.103 fall ill (expr) /fɔ:l ɪl/
become ill • *Without clean water to drink or wash, many people fell ill and needed medical attention.* ❖ krank werden 📎 Also: fall sick

12.104 raw (adj) /rɔ:/
in its natural state before processing
• *Raw wheat is processed to make flour.*
❖ rohe/r/s

People

futurist
acquaintance
beekeeper

communicator
polyglot
role model