

3 Make yourself at home!

Glossary

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- 3.1 make yourself at home!** (expr) /meɪk jə'self ət hæʊm/
relax and feel comfortable in another person's home • *Come in and make yourself at home!*
❖ fai come se fossi a casa tua!
- 3.2 high-rise** (adj) /'haɪ raɪz/
very tall with many floors (for buildings)
• *The company is based in a high-rise office block.* > high-rise (n) ❖ a più piani
- 3.3 bungalow** (n) /'bʌŋɡələʊ/
a house in which all the rooms are on the ground floor • *They moved out of their tiny flat and into a bungalow surrounded by a large garden.* ❖ bungalow
- 3.4 residential** (adj) /rezi'denʃl/
where there are only houses and not factories or offices • *The residential area we live in has wide streets and large gardens in front of the houses.* > residence, resident (n)
❖ residenziale
- 3.5 brick** (n) /brɪk/
a clay or cement block, used for building walls
• *We ordered a load of bricks to build a new garden wall.* ❖ mattone
- 3.6 chalet** (n) /'ʃæleɪ/
a wooden house with a steep-sided roof, common in mountainous places, such as Austria • *I booked a chalet in the Alps to stay in during our winter holiday.* ❖ chalet

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- 3.7 housing** (n) /'haʊzɪŋ/
houses, flats, etc. that people live in • *It isn't easy to find cheap housing in London. Flats near the centre are so expensive!* > house (n, v) ❖ alloggi
- 3.8 affordable** (adj) /ə'fɔːdəbl/
not too expensive to buy • *Electric cars are so expensive that they aren't affordable for most people.* > afford (v) ❖ abbordabile
- 3.9 income** (n) /'ɪŋkʌm/
money you earn • *My income has dropped since the business closed and I lost my job.*
❖ reddito

- 3.10 resilient** (adj) /rɪ'zɪliənt/
strong, tough and not easily damaged or hurt
• *The roof is made from resilient materials to protect the house against all weather conditions.* > resilience (n) ❖ resiliente
- 3.11 contribute** (v) /kən'trɪbjʊt/
help to make sth happen • *The strong wind and hot dry weather contributed to the wildfire.*
> contribution (n) ❖ contribuire
- 3.12 landfill** (n) /'lændfɪl/
a hole in the ground where rubbish is dumped
• *There is a landfill near here and it often smells terrible because of the rubbish.*
❖ discarica
- 3.13 climate change** (n) /'klaɪmət tʃeɪndʒ/
changing global weather patterns • *Scientists warn that we should take measures to protect our communities from the effects of climate change.* ❖ cambiamento climatico
- 3.14 engineer** (v) /'endʒɪ'nɪə(r)/
design and build • *That car is engineered to run on electricity instead of petrol.* > engineer, engineering (n) ❖ progettare, ingegnerizzare
- 3.15 incorporate** (v) /ɪn'kɔːpəreɪt/
include more than one thing • *Architects have incorporated a solar heating system into the house design.* > incorporation (n)
❖ integrare
- 3.16 eventually** (adv) /ɪ'ventʃʊəli/
at the end of a process or a long period of time
• *Eventually, my brother decided not to buy the flat.* ❖ finalmente
- 3.17 ensure** (v) /ɪn'ʃʊə(r)/
make sure sth is done or happens • *Ensure that you have locked the door when you leave the house.* ❖ assicurare
- 3.18 layer** (n) /'leɪə(r)/
a level on top of another level • *If you study the layers of rock, you can learn a lot about how the land was formed.* > layer (v)
❖ strato
- 3.19 concrete** (n) /'kɒŋkri:t/
a substance made from cement and used to build with • *The walls of this building are made of concrete.* ❖ cemento

- 3.20 stand up to (sth)** (phr v) /stænd ʌp tuː ('sʌmθɪŋ)/
stay in good condition and not be easily damaged by sth • *This lightweight fabric is designed to stand up to the cold and rain.*
❖ resistere 📖 Syn: withstand
- 3.21 factor** (n) /'fæktə(r)/
sth that affects sth else • *Energy costs are a major factor to consider when buying a home.*
❖ fattore
- 3.22 construction site** (n) /kən'strʌkʃn ,saɪt/
an area of land where a house or other building is being built • *Building work on a new shopping mall has begun on the construction site.* > construct (v) ❖ sito di costruzione
📖 Syn: building site
- 3.23 combat** (v) /'kɒmbæt/
prevent a bad situation from happening or getting worse; fight against • *More police patrols could combat crime in the neighbourhood.* > combat (n) ❖ combattere
- 3.24 homelessness** (n) /'həʊmləsnes/
the state of being without a home to stay in • *The rate of homelessness has risen dramatically due to the financial crisis.*
> homeless (adj) ❖ l'essere senza tetto
- 3.25 non-profit** (n) /nɒn-'prɒfɪt/
a charity • *The SPCA is a non-profit in the UK which raises money for animals in need.*
> non-profit (adj) ❖ no profit
- 3.26 capability** (n) /,keɪpə'bɪləti/
the ability to do sth • *Passing the exam is within his capabilities if he studies enough.*
> capable (adj) ❖ capacità
- 3.27 3D-printed** (adj) /θriː 'diː ,prɪntɪd/
created using a machine that copies from a plan making a shape that has length, depth and width • *One drawback of 3D-printed houses is that they may only last 50 to 60 years.* > 3D printer (n) ❖ stampato in 3D
- 3.28 secure** (adj) /sɪ'kjʊə(r)/
safe or protected • *Are you sure the roof of the building is secure enough to withstand storms?*
> security (n) ❖ sicuro 📖 Opp: insecure
- 3.29 humanised** (adj) /'hjuːmənɪzɪd/
made more pleasant and comfortable for humans • *School buildings have become much more humanised in recent years.*
> humanise (v) ❖ umanizzato
📖 Opp: dehumanised
- 3.30 outline** (n) /'aʊtlaɪn/
a description of the main points of sth • *Hilary gave a brief outline of her new business plan.*
> outline (v) ❖ descrizione sommaria
- 3.31 reliant (upon)** (adj) /rɪ'laɪənt (ə'pɒn)/
needing sth/sb in order to function or succeed
• *The project is reliant upon government funding.* > rely (v), reliable (adj)
❖ dipendente da 📖 Also: reliant (on)
📖 Syn: dependent (on/upon)
- 3.32 3D printer** (n) /θriː diː 'prɪntə(r)/
a machine that copies from a plan making a shape that has length, depth and width
• *Although 3D printers can save on transport costs, the most common material they use is plastic, which is harmful for the environment.*
> 3D-printed (adj) ❖ stampante 3D
- 3.33 shortage** (n) /'ʃɔːtɪdʒ/
a situation where there isn't enough of sth needed • *The country is suffering from a water shortage caused by the lack of rain.* > short (adj) ❖ carenza 📖 Syn: lack
- 3.34 developer** (n) /dɪ'veləpə(r)/
a person or company that buys land or property to build new buildings or renovate old ones to make a profit • *When developers began to build houses on the field next to his quiet home, Alan decided it was time to move out.* > develop (v), development (n), developed (adj) ❖ sviluppatore
- 3.35 social housing** (n) /,səʊʃl 'həʊzɪŋ/
homes provided by a local council or other organisation in the UK with low rents or prices
• *Social housing in the UK is a good option for families on low incomes.* ❖ edilizia sociale
📖 Syn: public housing (US Eng)
- 3.36 team up (with)** (phr v) /tiːm ʌp (wɪθ)/
join to work together (with) • *The wealthy company owner teamed up with local volunteers to provide free meals for homeless people.* ❖ associarsi
- 3.37 standard** (adj) /'stændəd/
usually done or accepted • *3D printing is completely different from standard building methods.* > standard (n), standardise (v)
❖ standard
- 3.38 foundations** (n pl) /faʊn'deɪʃnz/
the base of a building • *The house was damaged by the earthquake because its foundations were too close to the river.*
❖ fondamenta
- 3.39 withstand** (v) /wɪð'stænd/
be strong enough not to be damaged by sth
• *Glass can withstand extreme temperatures of heat or cold without breaking.* ❖ sopportare
- 3.40 customise** (v) /'kʌstəmaɪz/
make changes to sth to suit your preferences
• *You can customise your laptop by changing the photo on the screen.* ❖ personalizzare
- 3.41 homeless** (adj) /'həʊmləs/
not having a home • *The homeless man spent the night sleeping under a road bridge.*
> homelessness (n) ❖ senza tetto

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- 3.42 spacious** (adj) /'speɪʃəs/
having a lot of space • *He lives in a spacious villa in a wealthy neighbourhood.* > space (n), spaciously (adv) ❖ spazioso
- 3.43 exclusive** (adj) /ɪks'kluːsɪv/
expensive and only available to a few people who can afford it • *He's a member of an exclusive golf club.* > exclusivity (n) ❖ esclusivo
- 3.44 ensuite** (adj) /,ɒ 'swɪt/
(of a bathroom or toilet) joined onto a bedroom for the private use of people in that room • *I booked a room with an ensuite bathroom as I wouldn't like to share one with other hotel guests!* ❖ privato
- 3.45 master bedroom** (n) /'mɑːstə 'bedru:m/
the largest or main bedroom in a house • *The master bedroom has a view of the garden, while the smaller bedrooms face the street.* ❖ camera padronale
- 3.46 courtyard** (n) /'kɔːtjɑ:d/
an open space that is part of a large building and is surrounded partly or completely by walls • *The castle was built around a courtyard, where public events took place.* ❖ cortile
- 3.47 refurbished** (adj) /,rɪ:'fɜːbɪʃt/
changed, decorated or repaired to make it look new • *He bought a refurbished old guitar that plays perfectly.* > refurbishment (n), refurbish (v) ❖ rinnovato
- 3.48 furnished** (adj) /'fɜːnɪʃt/
which has furniture • *We rented a furnished house by the sea for a month.* > furnishing, furniture (n), furnish (v) ❖ ammobiliato
- 3.49 auction** (n) /'ɔːkʃn/
public sale where the person who offers the highest price buys the item • *I sold some old furniture on an online auction and made some money.* > auction (v) ❖ asta
- 3.50 terraced house** (n) /terɪst haʊs/
a house that is joined on both sides to other houses • *There are rows of traditional terraced houses in most British cities.* ❖ casa a schiera
- 3.51 overlook** (v) /,əʊvəlʊk/
have a view of • *Our bedroom overlooked the busy street, so it was rather noisy at night.* ❖ affacciarsi
- 3.52 maintain** (v) /meɪn'teɪn/
do repairs to sth and keep it in good condition • *The previous tenant had maintained the flat by painting and decorating it as if it was her own place.* > maintenance (n) ❖ mantenere, manuteneere
- 3.53 exterior** (n) /ɪk'stɪəriə(r)/
the outside parts of a building • *The exterior of the house, which faces the street, is in need of repair to the brickwork.* > exterior (adj) ❖ esterno
- 3.54 interior** (n) /ɪn'tɪəriə(r)/
the inside of a building • *The interior of the hotel has been completely refurbished.* > interior (adj) ❖ interno
- 3.55 renovation** (n) /,renə'veɪʃn/
the inside of a building • *When we reached the museum, a sign said it was closed for renovation.* > renovate (v) ❖ restauro
- 3.56 vacant** (adj) /'veɪkənt/
empty; not being used • *She drove around for ages, looking for a vacant parking space.* > vacate (v), vacancy (n) ❖ libero
- 3.57 deposit** (n) /dɪ'pɒzɪt/
an amount of money you give as the first part of a large payment • *If you rent a flat here, it's common to pay a deposit of one month's rent in advance.* > deposit (v) ❖ deposito
- 3.58 homeowner** (n) /'həʊməʊnə(r)/
sb who owns a house or flat • *One advantage of being a homeowner is that you can decorate your property to suit your own style.* ❖ proprietario di casa
- 3.59 let** (v) /let/
rent • *They arranged to let the house to a local couple.* > let (n) ❖ affittare
- 3.60 mortgage** (n) /'mɔːgɪdʒ/
a repayable amount borrowed from a bank, etc., to buy property • *Rosie rents a house as she can't get a mortgage to buy one.* > mortgage (v) ❖ ipoteca
- 3.61 repayment** (n) /rɪ'peɪmənt/
an amount given to pay back money that was borrowed • *He arranged the repayment of his car loan over four years.* > repay (v) ❖ rimborso
- 3.62 tenant** (n) /'tenənt/
sb who pays rent for the house, flat, etc. they live in • *The tenants in Matilda's house hadn't paid the rent for two months.* ❖ affittuario
- 3.63 extension** (n) /ɪk'stɛnʃn/
a new room or other extra part added to a building • *They applied for permission to build an extension with a new kitchen at the back of their house.* > extend (v) ❖ ampliamento
- 3.64 floor plan** (n) /'flɔː plæn/
a drawing like a map showing the shape of a room or building, showing the position of rooms or furniture • *The floor plan gave a good idea of how much space they would have for furniture in each office.* ❖ pianta

- 3.65 loft** (n) /loft/
a room or storage space under the roof in the top part of a building • *He renovated the loft of his house to use it as a music studio.*
❖ loft
- 3.66 crane** (n) /kreɪn/
a tall piece of equipment for lifting heavy things and moving them • *At the harbour, we saw a huge crane lifting a yacht out of the sea.*
❖ gru
- 3.67 layout** (n) /leɪaʊt/
the way the parts of sth are arranged as planned • *We removed the wall between the dining room and the kitchen to change the layout of our home.* > lay out (phr v)
❖ assetto
- 3.68 conservation area** (n) /ˌkɒnsə'veɪʃn 'eəriə/
an area where the natural environment is protected from being damaged • *They shouldn't build a hotel here in the conservation area. It's supposed to be a safe home for plants and wildlife.* ❖ riserva
- 3.69 décor** (n) /'deɪkɔː(r)/
the style that a place is decorated in
• *Although the restaurant décor was quite old-fashioned, the food was excellent.*
> decorate (v) ❖ décor, stile
- 3.70 feature** (n) /'fi:tʃə(r)/
a particular quality of sth • *The bright and spacious living room is an attractive feature of the property.* > feature (v) ❖ caratteristica
- 3.71 artificial** (adj) /ɑːtɪ'fɪʃl/
man-made • *We've decorated the room with artificial plants as there isn't enough light for real ones.* ❖ artificiale
- 3.72 be set** (phr) /biː set/
be located • *The wooden chalets were set in a valley near the forest.* ❖ sorgere
- 3.73 bonus** (n) /'bɒnʌs/
an extra benefit • *Living so close to the park is a huge bonus. It's almost like being in the countryside.* ❖ bonus

Adjectives

3D-printed	exclusive	resilient
affordable	furnished	secure
artificial	refurbished	spacious
ensuite	residential	vacant

Money and buying

auction	deposit	mortgage
bonus	income	repayment

- 3.74 solar power** (n) /'səʊlə 'paʊə(r)/
energy from the sun • *Solar power is often used to heat water in sunny Mediterranean countries.* ❖ energia solare
- 3.75 estate agent** (n) /'ɪsteɪt 'eɪdʒənt/
a person whose job is to sell houses and land
• *The estate agent showed us around a few vacant flats before we decided to buy one.*
❖ agente immobiliare
- 3.76 bricklaying** (n) /'brɪkleɪɪŋ/
the activity using bricks to build sth
• *Bricklaying has to be done properly to build walls that will stay up.* > bricklayer (n)
❖ costruire con mattoni
- 3.77 housing estate** (n) /'haʊzɪŋ 'ɪsteɪt/
an area of streets where homes are built at the same time by the same developer • *Most of the town's residents live on housing estates about a mile from the centre.* ❖ complesso immobiliare
- 3.78 arrangement** (n) /ə'reɪndʒmənt/
a plan or agreement to do sth • *They're making arrangements to get married.* > arrange (v)
❖ disposizione
- 3.79 intention** (n) /ɪn'tenʃn/
a plan or purpose • *It is my intention to build my own home whenever I can afford it.*
> intend (v), intentional (adj), intentionally (adv) ❖ intenzione
- 3.80 renovate** (v) /'renəveɪt/
make like new • *The old kitchen needed renovating to make it more modern.*
> renovation (n) ❖ restaurare

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- 3.81 appeal (to)** (v) /ə'piːl (tuː)/
be attractive or interesting to sb • *Living in the crowded city centre doesn't appeal to me.*
> appeal (n), appealing (adj) ❖ attrarre
- 3.82 get** (v) /get/
understand • *I still don't get what you're talking about. Can you please explain it?*
❖ capire
- 3.83 satisfactory** (adj) /ˌsætɪs'fæktəri/
good enough to meet a required standard
• *On the whole, the hotel room was satisfactory, though pretty average.* > satisfy (v), satisfaction (n) ❖ soddisfacente
📎 Opp: unsatisfactory
- 3.84 manual** (adj) /'mænʃʊəl/
carried out by hand • *Manual labour is used to install water pipes and electrical wiring in new homes.* ❖ manuale

- 3.85 achievement** (n) /ə'tʃi:vmənt/
sth that sb succeeds in doing • *Getting the keys for her new home gave Greta a great sense of achievement.* > achievable (adj), achieve (v) ❖ realizzazione
- 3.86 desire** (n) /dɪ'zɑɪə(r)/
a wish; a need • *The house looked so strange that I had a strong desire to laugh.* > desirable (adj), desire (v) ❖ desiderio
- 3.87 overpriced** (adj) /əʊvə'praɪst/
more expensive than sth is worth • *The homes on this estate are overpriced. Normal people can't afford to buy them.* ❖ troppo costoso
- 3.88 appreciate** (v) /ə'pri:ʃɪeɪt/
understand how good sb/sth is • *I appreciate all your help. I couldn't have done everything by myself.* > appreciation (n), appreciative (adj) ❖ apprezzare
- 3.89 be opposed to** (expr) /bi: ə'pəʊzd tu:/
disagree with sth such as a plan or idea and try to stop it • *Many local residents are opposed to the new social housing development.* > opposed (adj), opposing (adj), opposition (n) ❖ opporsi

Speaking Page 35

- 3.90 point out** (phr v) /pɔɪnt aʊt/
draw attention to • *The building inspector pointed out where the earthquake had caused cracks in the walls.* ❖ sottolineare
- 3.91 friendliness** (n) /'frendlɪnəs/
the quality of being friendly • *We were impressed by the friendliness of the local people.* > friendly (adj), friend (n) ❖ amichevolezza
- 3.92 preferable** (adj) /'prefrəbl/
better or more suitable • *An ensuite bedroom would be preferable if it's available.* > prefer (v), preference (n), preferably (adj) ❖ preferibile
- 3.93 catch** (v) /kætʃ/
hear or understand • *I didn't catch your first name. Could you repeat it?* ❖ afferrare

Grammar Page 36

- 3.94 be due to** (expr) /bi: dju: tu:/
be arranged or expected to happen • *Work is due to begin on the construction site next month.* ❖ dovere

LOOK!

The phrase *due to* has two meanings:
Work is due to begin on the construction site next month. (it's expected)
The work was delayed due to flooding. (because of)

- 3.95 be on the point of** (expr) /bi: ɒn ðə pɔɪnt əv:/
be ready to do sth at that moment • *She was on the point of locking the door when she realised she'd left her keys in the house.* ❖ essere sul punto di ☞ Syn: be about to / be on the verge of
- 3.96 be on the verge of** (expr) /bi: ɒn ðə vɜ:dʒ əv:/
be ready to do sth at that moment or very soon • *The earthquake struck just as we were on the verge of going to bed.* ❖ essere sull'orlo di ☞ Syn: be about to / be on the point of
- 3.97 be to (do sth)** (expr) /bi: tu: (du: 'sʌmθɪŋ)/
be expected or supposed to (do sth) • *They were to move into their new home this week, but the building still requires some work.* ❖ dovere
- 3.98 be about to** (expr) /bi: ə'baʊt tu:/
be ready to do sth at that moment or very soon • *The child looked as if he was about to start crying.* ❖ stare per ☞ Syn: be on the point of / be on the verge of
- 3.99 honestly** (adv) /'ɒnɪstli/
used to emphasise that you believe what you say is true • *Quite honestly, I don't think 3D homes will become popular.* ❖ francamente
- 3.100 stuff** (n) /stʌf/
possessions in general • *Will you please put your stuff away and clean your room?* ❖ roba
- 3.101 policy** (n) /'pɒləsi/
a way of doing sth that has been officially decided by a government • *The environment minister explained the government's new policy for recycling.* ❖ politica

Use your English Page 37

- 3.102 close to home** (expr) /kləʊs tə həʊm/
connected with you personally in a way that makes you uncomfortable • *He was upset by the comments as they were too close to home.* ❖ toccare da vicino
- 3.103 get on like a house on fire** (expr) /get ɒn laɪk ə haʊs ɒn faɪ(r)/
get on well • *Jackie and her colleagues get on like a house on fire, which makes it a happy work environment.* ❖ intendersi alla grande
- 3.104 home from home** (expr) /həʊm frəm həʊm/
somewhere that you spend a lot of time and feel very comfortable • *They've been to the island so often that it's become a home from home.* ❖ seconda casa

- 3.105 on the house** (expr) /ɒn ðə haʊs/
offered free of charge • *At the end of our meal, the restaurant owner gave us dessert on the house.* ❖ offrire la casa
- 3.106 put in an offer** (expr) /pʊt ɪn ɒn 'ɒfə(r)/
make a formal offer for consideration • *We put in an offer for the flat that was just above the starting price.* ❖ presentare un'offerta
- 3.107 put (sth) on the market** (expr) /pʊt ('sʌmθɪŋ) ɒn ðə 'mɑ:kət/
offer sth for sale • *When he decided to move abroad, he put his house on the market.* ❖ immettere sul mercato
- 3.108 put aside** (phr v) /pʊt ə'saɪd/
save for later • *I'm trying to put aside a little money every month to save up for a holiday.* ❖ mettere da parte
- 3.109 put up** (phr v) /pʊt ʌp/
build or place sth • *The neighbours have put up a high wall around their garden.* ❖ erigere
- 3.110 put my foot down** (expr) /pʊt maɪ fʊt daʊn/
make a decision and be strict about it • *His mother put her foot down and wouldn't allow him to go out the night before his exam.* ❖ impuntarsi
- 3.111 insist** (v) /ɪn'sɪst/
say firmly that sb must accept sth • *She insisted on paying for everyone's meal.* > insistence (n), insistent (adj) ❖ insistere
- 3.112 put your mind to it** (expr) /pʊt jɔ: maɪnd tu: ɪt/
decide to focus your attention to achieve it • *I'm sure you'll get the job if you put your mind to it.* ❖ metterci la testa, concentrarsi
- 3.113 put up with** (phr v) /pʊt ʌp wɪθ/
tolerate • *I can't put up with driving in busy traffic. I prefer to walk or use public transport.* ❖ tollerare
- 3.114 lay** (v) /leɪ/
put sth in a particular position • *It took the builders weeks to lay the foundations for the house.* ❖ gettare
- 3.115 revolutionise** (v) /revə'lju:ʃənəɪz/
change sth completely • *Smartphones have revolutionised mobile phone technology.* > revolution (n), revolutionary (adj) ❖ rivoluzionare
- 3.116 fungus** (n) /'fʌŋɡəs/
an organism like a plant without leaves that grows in damp areas and on plants or trees • *I threw away the bread, which was covered in fungus.* > fungal (adj) ❖ fungo
📖 Plural: fungi /'fʌŋɡi:ɪ/
- 3.117 emerge** (v) /ɪ'mɜ:dʒ/
appear out of sth or out from behind sth • *It was almost midday before my brother emerged from his room.* ❖ emergere

- 3.118 renewable** (adj) /rɪ'nju:əbl/
Renewable energy is replaced naturally or easily so that there is always enough of it. • *Wind and water are renewable energy sources.* > renew (v) ❖ rinnovabile
- 3.119 biodegradable** (adj) /ˌbaɪəʊdɪ'greɪdəbl/
that can be naturally decomposed • *It's a pity that so many apparently environmentally friendly foods are sold wrapped in plastic which is not biodegradable.* > biodegrade (v) ❖ biodegradabile 📖 Opp: non-biodegradable
- 3.120 reproduce** (v) /ˌrɪ:prə'dju:z/
make sth again very like sth else already created; make something happen again • *The band have reproduced all their old hits on a new album.* ❖ riprodurre
- 3.121 heal** (v) /hi:l/
If a wound or a broken bone heals, the flesh, skin or bone grows back together and becomes healthy again. • *His broken arm has healed so quickly that he's already playing tennis again.* ❖ curare, guarire
- 3.122 crack** (n) /kræk/
a gap or a line on the surface of sth that is damaged • *There were massive cracks in the walls after the earthquake.* > crack (v) ❖ crepa

Expressions

be about to	home from home
be due to	make yourself at home!
be on the point of	on the house
be on the verge of	put (sth) on the market
be to (do sth)	put in an offer
close to home	put my foot down
get on like a house on fire	put your mind to it

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- 3.123 evaluation** (n) /ɪvælju'eɪʃn/
making a judgement • *Building inspectors carried out an evaluation of the construction work.* > evaluate (v) ❖ valutazione
- 3.124 youth hostel** (n) /ju:θ 'hɒstl/
a building where young people can stay cheaply for a holiday • *When the rain got too heavy, we packed up our tents and found cheap accommodation in a youth hostel for the night.* ❖ ostello
- 3.125 dormitory** (n) /'dɔ:mətɪri/
a room with many beds for people to sleep in, usually in a school or hostel • *We didn't get much sleep in the youth hostel dormitory because somebody was snoring loudly all night.* ❖ dormitorio

- 3.126 communal** (adj) /kə'mju:nl/
shared by a group of people • *As a student, she rented a room in a flat and shared the communal kitchen.* > communally (adv)
❖ comune 📖 Syn: shared
- 3.127 disturb** (v) /dɪ'stɜ:b/
interrupt, bother • *Please don't disturb me while I'm doing an online lesson.*
> disturbance (n) ❖ disturbare
- 3.128 feedback** (n) /'fi:dbæk/
comments about how useful or successful sth is • *My tutor gave me useful comments in her feedback on my essay.* ❖ riscontro
- 3.129 carpenter** (n) /'kɑ:pɪntə(r)/
sb who makes things out of wood • *The carpenter made this wooden bookcase.*
❖ falegname
- 3.130 arise** (v) /ə'raɪz/
happen • *An unexpected difficulty has arisen and I think we should inform our manager.*
❖ sorgere
- 3.131 colleague** (n) /'kɒli:g/
sb you work with • *Sam gets on well with most of his colleagues at the office.* ❖ collega
- 3.132 infrastructure** (n) /'ɪnfə'strʌktʃə(r)/
facilities that make a place function • *Funding for the infrastructure of the community should lead to better roads and facilities.*
❖ infrastruttura
- 3.133 productive** (adj) /prə'dʌktɪv/
achieving a lot • *You'll probably feel more productive after a short refreshing break.*
> produce (v), productively (adv), production (n) ❖ produttivo
- 3.134 take (sth) into account** (adj) /teɪk ('sʌmθɪŋ) ɪntu ə'kaʊnt/
consider particular facts to include them when making a decision • *Developers should take the needs of local people into account.*
❖ tenere conto di 📖 Syn: take account of sth

Types of accommodation

chalet	high-rise
bungalow	terraced house
youth hostel	loft
social housing	

People

carpenter	estate agent
colleague	homeowner
developer	tenant

- 3.135 identity** (n) /aɪ'dentəti/
who sb is • *The cultural identity of some people is shown in the way they dress.*
> identify (v), identification (n) ❖ identità
- 3.136 acceptance** (n) /ək'septəns/
approval; the quality of accepting sth which may be difficult • *He had to sign a form to show his acceptance of the club rules.*
> accept (v), acceptable (ad) ❖ accettazione
- 3.137 look up to** (phr v) /lu:k ʌp tu:z/
admire and respect • *Caroline looks up to her older sister, who has just completed her Master's degree in Engineering.*
❖ ammirare
- 3.138 principle** (n) /'prɪnsɪpl/
a personal belief about what is the right thing to do • *It's against my principles to lie to my friends.* ❖ principio
- 3.139 values** (n pl) /vælju:z/
standards that you believe are right and fair • *People in the village still live according to traditional family values.* > value (v), valuable (adj) ❖ valori
- 3.140 natural history** (n) /nætʃrəl 'hɪstri/
the scientific study of plants and animals • *I'm very interested in natural history and enjoy taking photos of wildlife.* ❖ storia naturale
- 3.141 element** (n) /'elɪmənt/
a necessary or normal part of sth • *Support and trust are the most important elements of a good relationship.* > elementary (adj)
❖ elemento 📖 Syn: feature; aspect
- 3.142 laid-back** (adj) /leɪd bak/
relaxed, not strict • *The teacher is quite laid-back, so she won't mind if your homework is a day late.* ❖ tranquillo
- 3.143 ambitious** (adj) /æm'bɪʃəs/
determined to be successful, rich, etc. • *Nadeen is ambitious and she wants to set up her own construction company.* > ambition (n)
❖ ambizioso
- 3.144 fun-loving** (adj) /'fʌn ɪ'lʌvɪŋ/
liking to enjoy yourself • *Miguel is a fun-loving person and loves organising parties.*
❖ amante del divertimento
- 3.145 can't stand** (expr) /kænt 'stænd/
strongly dislike • *I can't stand people who bully others.* ❖ non sopportare

3.146 be obsessed (with) (expr) /bi: əb'sest (wɪθ)/
think about or talk about sb/sth all the time
in a way that fills your thoughts • *My brother
is completely obsessed with playing computer
games.* > obsess (v), obsessive (adj),
obsessively (adv), obsession (n)
❖ essere ossessionati

Phrasal verbs

look up to
point out
put aside
put up

put up with
stand up to
team up (with)