

6 The back of beyond

Glossary

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- 6.1 the back of beyond** (expr) /ðə bæk əv bɪ'jɒnd/
somewhere far away from any other place
• *The village lies on a hillside in the back of beyond.* ❖ nel mezzo del nulla
- 6.2 shelter** (n) /'ʃeltə(r)/
a building or other place that offers protection from bad weather or danger • *He made his own shelter inside this cave.* > shelter (v)
❖ rifugio
- 6.3 caravan** (n) /'kærə,væn/
a vehicle containing beds, cooking equipment and sometimes a small bathroom and can be pulled by a car • *We rented a caravan to stay in at a campsite on the west coast.*
❖ roulotte 📖 US Eng: trailer
- 6.4 foyer** (n) /'fɔɪeɪ/
the entrance area of a hotel, cinema, etc.
• *After we unpack in our rooms, we can meet downstairs in the foyer and decide where to have a meal.* ❖ foyer 📖 Syn: lobby
- 6.5 lobby** (n) /'lɒbi/
the entrance area of a building • *As we entered the hotel, the manager greeted us in the lobby.* ❖ hall 📖 Syn: foyer
- 6.6 motel** (n) /məʊ'tel/
a hotel for drivers and their passengers that has parking spaces near the rooms • *He stopped for the night at a roadside motel.*
❖ motel
- 6.7 overcrowded** (adj) /,əʊvə'kraʊdɪd/
which has too many people • *In the poor areas of the city, people live in small overcrowded buildings.* ❖ sovraffollato
- 6.8 suite** (n) /swi:t/
a set of rooms booked as one unit in a hotel
• *They booked a family suite with two bedrooms on the top floor of the hotel.*
❖ suite
- 6.9 twin room** (n) /,tʃwɪn 'ru:m/
a hotel room with two single beds • *My friend and I booked a twin room to share as there were no single rooms available.*
❖ camera doppia
- 6.10 upmarket** (adj) /,ʌp'mɑ:kɪt/
high-class and usually expensive • *The international conference took place at a well-known upmarket hotel in the city centre.*
❖ di fascia alta

- 6.11 villa** (n) /'vɪlə/
a house, often by the sea or in a rural area, where people can stay for a holiday • *He owns a holiday villa overlooking the beach.*
❖ villa

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- 6.12 cuisine** (n) /kwɪ'zi:n/
a particular style of cooking • *She enjoyed eating the local cuisine, which included a variety of seafood dishes and homemade pies.*
❖ cucina
- 6.13 trek** (v) /trek/
to walk long distances for pleasure • *We felt pleasantly exhausted after we had trekked 20 miles across the hills.* > trek, trekking, trekker (n) ❖ camminare, fare trekking
📖 Syn: hike
- 6.14 touristy** (adj) /'tʊərɪsti/
which attracts a lot of holiday visitors and provides facilities for them • *The island's traditional fishing harbour became full of touristy cafés and souvenir shops.* > tourist, tourism (n) ❖ turistico
- 6.15 evergreen** (adj) /'evəgrɪn/
with leaves that stay green all year • *They trekked through pine trees in the evergreen forest.* > evergreen (n) ❖ sempreverde
- 6.16 vine** (n) /vaɪn/
a type of climbing plant • *It was difficult to find the forest path which was overgrown with vines.* ❖ vite
- 6.17 bungalow** (n) /'bʌŋɡələʊ/
a house built on one level • *Apart from the main hotel building, there are individual bungalows in the hotel grounds.*
❖ bungalow
- 6.18 fortunes** (n pl) /'fɔ:tʃu:nz/
the circumstances and chances of succeeding that affect sb/sth • *The island's fortunes are dependent on tourism.* > fortunate (adj), fortunately (adv) ❖ fortuna
- 6.19 resettle** (v) /,rɪ:'setl/
to move or help others to move from their homes to live in another place • *Realising the volcano would destroy their town, they left their homes and resettled on another island.*
> resettlement (n) ❖ reinsediarsi

- 6.20 lodge** (n) /lɒdʒ/
a small house where people stay for a holiday, especially to take part in an outdoor activity
• *The wooden holiday lodges were situated near the lake.* > lodge (v) ❖ cottage
- 6.21 resort** (n) /rɪ'zɔ:t/
a place which provides facilities for many people to stay on holiday • *The mountain village is a popular winter resort, attracting skiers and snowboarders.* ❖ resort
- 6.22 homestay** (n) /'həʊmsteɪ/
a paid holiday stay in a host's family home
• *The cost of our trip to Nepal included a homestay with our mountain guide's family.*
❖ alloggio in famiglia
- 6.23 apron** (n) /'eɪprən/
an item of clothing worn in front of the body to keep your clothes clean when preparing food or doing other jobs • *Before making the bread, he put on an apron to avoid getting covered with flour.* ❖ grembiule
- 6.24 mangrove** (n) /'mæŋgrəʊv/
a tree that grows in wet tropical areas and has twisting roots above ground and in water
• *Mangrove trees are common along the coast and rivers of Thailand.* ❖ mangrovia
- 6.25 resist** (v) /rɪ'zɪst/
avoid the harmful effects of • *They built a new roof to resist the strong winds.* > resistance (n) ❖ resistere
- 6.26 devastating** (adj) /'devəsteɪtɪŋ/
causing serious damage • *The devastating earthquake left the town in ruins.*
> devastation (n), devastate (v)
❖ devastante
- 6.27 hydroelectricity** (n) /,haɪdrəʊɪ,lek'trɪsəti/
electricity generated using the power of water
• *With its high rainfall and mountainous terrain, Scotland produces most of the UK's hydroelectricity.* > hydroelectric (adj)
❖ idroelettricità
- 6.28 mining** (n) /'maɪnɪŋ/
the industry that involves taking coal or metals from under the ground • *Thousands of people once travelled across North America to make their fortune from gold mining.* ❖ settore minerario
- 6.29 timber** (n) /'tɪmbə(r)/
wood that can be used for building or making things • *The natural forest was replaced with pine trees grown for timber.* ❖ legname

- 6.30 ecotourism** (n) /'i:kəʊtʊərɪzəm/
holidays designed to avoid damaging the environment or to participate in protecting it
• *Travel agents now offer ecotourism options for holidaymakers who want to experience the natural environment.* > ecotourist (n)
❖ ecoturismo

LOOK!

We use the prefix **eco-** with many words related with the environment. .
*Manufacturers are encouraged to use **eco-friendly** packaging.*
Ecotourism is supporting the elephant sanctuary.
*The newly designed **ecotown** will have a minimal impact on the environment.*

- 6.31 sanctuary** (n) /'sæŋktʃuəri/
a safe place where wildlife is protected
• *We took photos of the flamingos in the bird sanctuary at the lake.* ❖ riserva
✍ Syn: reserve
- 6.32 dam** (n) /dæm/
a barrier, like a large wall, built across a river to block the flow of water • *When the dam was built, the end of the valley was transformed into a lake.* > dam (v) ❖ diga
- 6.33 villager** (n) /'vɪlɪdʒə(r)/
a person who lives in a village • *Many of the villagers make a living by providing accommodation and other facilities for tourists.*
❖ paesano

Parts of a hotel

foyer	suite
lobby	twin room

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- 6.34 self-catering** (adj) /,self 'keɪtərɪŋ/
(accommodation) with cooking facilities and no meals provided • *Self-catering holidays are a good option for families who don't want to eat out every day.* > self-catering (n)
❖ vitto escluso
- 6.35 luxurious** (adj) /lʌk'ʒʊəriəs/
expensive with many extra comforts • *They stayed in a luxurious room with a huge private bathroom and an amazing balcony overlooking the lake.* > luxury (n) ❖ di lusso
- 6.36 modest** (adj) /'mɒdɪst/
basic, simple • *They live a simple life in a modest country cottage.* > modesty (n)
❖ modesto

- 6.37 studio apartment** (n) /'stju:diəʊ ə'pɑ:tmənt/
a small flat which has one room for living, eating and sleeping in, plus a kitchen and bathroom • *She doesn't have room for much furniture as she lives in a studio apartment.*
❖ monolocale
- 6.38 opt** (v) /ɒpt/
choose • *After checking out the menu, we opted for a traditional fish dish.* > option (n)
❖ optare
- 6.39 bed and breakfast** (n) /,bed ən 'brekfəst/
an accommodation deal, including a room and a morning meal • *I've booked to stay for a week's holiday at a bed and breakfast.*
❖ bed & breakfast 📖 Abbrev: B&B
- 6.40 full-board** (n) /fʊl bɔ:d/
an accommodation deal, including a room to stay in and breakfast, lunch and dinner • *Our conference fees included full-board at the hotel, so we didn't have to worry about eating out.* ❖ pensione completa
- 6.41 outing** (n) /'aʊtɪŋ/
a short trip for pleasure or education • *Our guide took us on an outing to an archaeological site.* ❖ gita
📖 Syn: excursion
- 6.42 inn** (n) /ɪn/
a small hotel or place which serves drinks in the countryside • *You can have a meal at a roadside inn and stay the night there if you wish.* ❖ locanda
- 6.43 guest house** (n) /gest haʊs/
a small hotel • *Many of the village homes near the winter sports centre are also guest houses.*
❖ pensione
- 6.44 honeymoon** (n) /'hʌnɪmu:n/
a holiday taken by a newly married couple after their wedding • *Dave and Louise spent their honeymoon at Lake Como after their wedding in Rome.* ❖ luna di miele
- 6.45 sunblock** (n) /'sʌnblok/
a cream you put on your skin to prevent it being damaged by the sun • *The doctor advised him to wear sunblock on his face even in winter.* ❖ crema solare 📖 Syn: sun cream
- 6.46 sunburn** (n) /'sʌnbɜ:n/
redness and burns on the skin caused by the sun • *Sit in the shade after your swim or you'll get sunburn.* ❖ scottatura
- 6.47 tariff** (n) /'tærɪf/
a list of prices for rooms and services at a hotel • *We compared hotel tariffs on the booking platform to decide which one had the best price.* ❖ tariffa, listino
- 6.48 rate** (n) /reɪt/
a level of payment • *They hired a car from the company that offered the most economical rates.* ❖ tariffa
- 6.49 upgrade** (n) /,ʌp'greɪd/
giving sb a better room, etc. than what they had paid for • *The shower wasn't working in our hotel room, so the manager gave us an upgrade and moved us into a suite.* > upgrade (v) ❖ promozione
- 6.50 itinerary** (n) /aɪ'tɪnəri/
a plan and schedule for a journey • *The five-day itinerary includes daily outings to different historic sites.* ❖ itinerario
- 6.51 vacancy** (n) /'veɪkənsɪ/
available accommodation • *There were no vacancies at any of the hotels on the island, so we rented a tent at the campsite.*
> vacant (adj) ❖ camera libera
- 6.52 availability** (n) /ə'veɪlə'bɪləti/
how easy or possible it is to obtain sth • *The travel agent promised to arrange our outing after confirming the availability of a tour guide.* > available (adj) ❖ disponibilità
📖 Opp: unavailability
- 6.53 (holiday) rep** (n) /('hɒlədeɪ) rep/
sb whose job is to represent a (travel) company • *The holiday rep greeted us at the airport and led us to our coach.*
❖ agente di viaggio
- 6.54 porter** (n) /'pɔ:tə(r)/
sb whose job is to carry customers' bags at a hotel, station, etc. • *The porter will take your luggage to your room, sir* ❖ portiere
- 6.55 day by day** (expr) /deɪ baɪ 'deɪ/
gradually, a little bit at a time • *Day by day, my skin is beginning to recover from the sunburn. It'll soon be back to normal again.*
❖ giorno dopo giorno
- 6.56 reserve** (v) /rɪ'zɜ:v/
arrange for a hotel room, a table at a restaurant, etc. to be kept for you to use at a particular time in the future • *Could I reserve a twin room with full-board for six nights, please?*
> reservation (n) ❖ prenotare
- 6.57 cancellation** (n) /,kænsə'leɪʃn/
sth, e.g. a booking, that has been cancelled • *The concert was fully booked when I first tried to buy a ticket, so I felt lucky to find a cancellation at the last moment.* > cancel (v)
❖ cancellazione

Types of accommodation

bed and breakfast	guest house	sanctuary
bungalow	homestay	self-catering
caravan	inn	studio apartment
full-board	lodge	
	motel	

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- 6.58 indigenous** (adj) /ɪn'dɪdʒənəs/
native to an area • *Our holiday accommodation was in large tents, similar to the homes of the indigenous people of Mongolia.* ❖ autoctono
- 6.59 maize** (n) /meɪz/
the yellow grains of a tall plant which are eaten as a vegetable • *The street sellers roasted maize to make fresh popcorn.* ❖ mais
📖 Syn: corn

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- 6.60 frustrated** (adj) /frʌ'streɪtɪd/
annoyed because you can't do sth as you would like to • *He was frustrated at the delay as it meant he might miss his connecting flight.*
➤ frustrate (v), frustration (n), frustrating (adj)
❖ frustrato
- 6.61 come as a shock** (expr) /kʌm əz ə ʃɒk/
be a shock; be unexpected • *His decision to emigrate came as a shock to all his friends.*
❖ scioccare

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- 6.62 maintenance** (n) /ˈmeɪntənəns/
keeping sth in good condition • *The hotel was closed for maintenance during the winter.*
➤ maintain (v) ❖ manutenzione
- 6.63 cross-cultural** (adj) /ˌkrɒs ˈkʌltʃərəl/
involving different cultures • *The annual cross-cultural festival brings together bands and dance performances from many nations.*
❖ multiculturale
- 6.64 loss** (n) /lɒs/
the fact or process of not having sb/sth or having less of sth • *My grandfather suffered a loss of memory as he got into his eighties.*
➤ lose (v) ❖ perdita
- 6.65 uninhabited** (adj) /ˌʌnɪn'hæbɪtɪd/
with nobody living there • *The village has remained uninhabited ever since it was destroyed by an earthquake.* ➤ inhabit (v), inhabitant (n) ❖ disabitato 📖 Opp: inhabited

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- 6.66 inviting** (adj) /ɪn'vaɪtɪŋ/
that attracts you to do or try sth • *The smell of freshly baked potatoes was most inviting.*
➤ invite (v), invitation (n), invitingly (adv)
❖ invitante
- 6.67 resent** (v) /rɪ'zent/
feel annoyed or angry about sth you think is unfair • *She resented having to give up her window seat on the plane although she had sat in someone else's place.* ➤ resentment (n), resentful (adj) ❖ risentirsi per

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- 6.68 call off** (phr v) /kɔ:l ɒf/
cancel • *The building project was called off due to objections from the local community.*
❖ annullare
- 6.69 fit in** (phr v) /fɪt ɪn/
be similar to others in a group • *If you make an effort and show respect to your neighbours, you'll soon fit in with your new community.*
❖ integrarsi
- 6.70 hold up** (phr v) /həʊld ʌp/
delay • *Adverse weather conditions have held up our delivery services.* ❖ ritardare
- 6.71 line up** (phr v) /laɪn ʌp/
form a row • *The restaurant was full, so we lined up at the door to wait for a table.*
❖ mettersi in coda 📖 Syn: queue (up)
- 6.72 settle in** (phr v) /ˈsetl ɪn/
get used to a new place • *Everyone was so friendly, so it was easy to settle in at her new job.* ❖ acclimatarsi, sistemarsi
- 6.73 exposure** (n) /ɪks'pəʊʒə(r)/
experiencing sth without protection from possible harm • *A little exposure to the sun provides a necessary amount of vitamin D.*
➤ expose (v) ❖ esposizione
- 6.74 sun stroke** (n) /ˈsʌn streɪk/
a medical condition caused by too much time in the sun • *Feeling really sick as a result of sun stroke, I regretted spending the whole day in the hot sun without a hat on.*
❖ insolazione
- 6.75 drive (sb) up the wall** (expr) /draɪv ('sʌmbədi) ʌp ðə 'wɔ:l/
annoy (sb) very much • *That awful noise from the construction site is driving me up the wall! I hope it stops soon.* ❖ far venire i nervi
- 6.76 in the same boat** (expr) /ɪn ðə seɪm bəʊt/
in a similar bad situation • *All of the homes in the area were affected by the power cut, so we were all in the same boat without electricity.*
❖ nella stessa barca

- 6.77 off the beaten track** (expr) /ɒf ðə 'bi:tɪn træk/
far away from other places or well-known routes • *It's good to get off the beaten track and discover new places far away from the usual sights.* ❖ fuori dai sentieri battuti
- 6.78 go the extra mile** (expr) /gəʊ ði 'extə ,maɪl/
do more than is usually expected • *The guest house owners really went the extra mile to make our stay as enjoyable as possible.* ❖ farsi in quattro
- 6.79 have itchy feet** (expr) /hæv 'ɪtʃi fi:t/
be impatient to go somewhere else or do sth different • *After watching so many travel documentaries, he was starting to get itchy feet.* ❖ scalpitare, essere impazienti
- 6.80 smooth sailing** (expr) /smuð 'seɪlɪŋ/
sth that's easy to do • *When we found our way onto the right path, it was smooth sailing all the way back home.* ❖ filare liscio
- 6.81 anxiety** (n) /æŋ'zaiəti/
worry • *Make sure you set off early to avoid any anxiety you may feel about missing your flight.* > anxious (adj), anxiously (adv)
❖ ansia
- 6.82 coverage** (n) /'kʌvərɪdʒ/
reporting in the media • *This news channel has the best coverage of political issues.* > cover (v) ❖ copertura

Phrasal verbs

call off fit in hold up line up settle in

Expressions

day by day	in the same boat
drive (sb) up the wall	off the beaten track
go the extra mile	smooth sailing
have itchy feet	the back of beyond

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- 6.83 aspect** (n) /'æspekt/
one side or quality of a situation, problem, idea, etc. • *We should consider every aspect of the plan.* ❖ aspetto
- 6.84 evaluate** (v) /ɪ'veɪljʊeɪt/
judge • *She wrote a five-star review evaluating the service at the hotel.* > evaluation (n)
❖ valutare
- 6.85 trainee** (n) /,treɪ'niː/
an employee learning to do a particular job • *The trainee reporter had some inaccuracies in his story as he didn't have the full picture.* > train (v), training (n), trained (adj)
❖ apprendista

- 6.86 informative** (adj) /ɪn'fɔ:mətɪv/
giving a lot of information • *The review of the resort was informative and amusing.* > inform (v), information (n), informatively (adv)
❖ istruttivo
- 6.87 dissatisfaction** (n) /,dɪs,sætɪs'fækʃn/
a feeling of being disappointed or displeased • *I intend to write to the manager to express my dissatisfaction with the hotel service.* > dissatisfy (v), dissatisfied (adj)
❖ insoddisfazione ❏ Opp: satisfaction

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- 6.88 sledge** (n) /sledʒ/
a vehicle that sb sits on to slide across snow • *The children sat on their sledge and slid down the snowy slope.* > sledge (v)
❖ slitta ❏ Also: sled
- 6.89 officially** (adv) /ə'fɪʃli/
according to the law or rules • *At the moment, the players are still training as the tournament will officially begin tomorrow.* > official (adj)
❖ ufficialmente
- 6.90 customs** (n pl) /'kʌstəmz/
the area at an airport or border where travellers and their bags are checked for illegal goods • *We had to wait in a long queue to pass through customs at the airport.* ❖ dogane
- 6.91 official** (n) /ə'fɪʃl/
a government employee • *The customs official at the airport insisted we open our suitcases.* > official (adj), officially (adv) ❖ ufficiale
- 6.92 navigator** (n) /'nævɪgeɪtə(r)/
a person who directs the course of a ship, plane or car • *Both the pilot and the navigator were missing after their plane crashed.* > navigate (v), navigation (n) ❖ navigatore, ufficiale di rotta
- 6.93 clerk** (n) /klə:k/
(US Eng) a person who serves customers in a shop • *The sales clerk in the clothes shop was very helpful.* > clerical (adj)
❖ commesso
- 6.94 dog sledder** (n) /'dɒg sledə(r)/
a person who rides on a sledge that is pulled by dogs • *Dog sledders travel long distances across the snow in Arctic regions.* ❖ persona che guida una slitta con i cani
- 6.95 fluent** (adj) /'flu:ənt/
sb who can speak a foreign language well, without effort • *Our guide was fluent in Spanish and Portuguese.* > fluently (adv), fluency (n) ❖ fluente

Adjectives

cross-cultural
evergreen
fluent
frustrated
informative

inviting
luxurious
modest
overcrowded
self-catering

touristy
uninhabited
upmarket

People and jobs

clerk
customs official
dog sledder
(holiday) rep
navigator

porter
trainee
villager