

# 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.* ❖ la capătul lumii
- 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)  
❖ adăpost
- 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.*  
❖ rulotă 📖 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.* ❖ foaier 📖 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.* ❖ hol 📖 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.* ❖ supraaglomerat
- 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.*  
❖ suită
- 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.*  
❖ cameră cu două paturi
- 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.*  
❖ luxos

- 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.*  
❖ vilă

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- 6.12 cuisine** (n) /kwi:'zi:n/  
a particular style of cooking • *She enjoyed eating the local cuisine, which included a variety of seafood dishes and homemade pies.*  
❖ bucătărie
- 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) ❖ plimbare 📖 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) ❖ turistic
- 6.15 evergreen** (adj) /'evəgrɪ:n/  
with leaves that stay green all year • *They trekked through pine trees in the evergreen forest.* > evergreen (n) ❖ peren
- 6.16 vine** (n) /vaɪn/  
a type of climbing plant • *It was difficult to find the forest path which was overgrown with vines.* ❖ vrej
- 6.17 bungalow** (n) /'bʌŋgələʊ/  
a house built on one level • *Apart from the main hotel building, there are individual bungalows in the hotel grounds.*  
❖ bungalou
- 6.18 fortunes** (n pl) /'fɔ:ʃu:nz/  
the circumstances and chances of succeeding that affect sb/sth • *The island's fortunes are dependent on tourism.* > fortunate (adj), fortunately (adv) ❖ noroc
- 6.19 resettle** (v) /,ri:'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) ❖ reloca

- 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) ❖ căsuță
- 6.21 resort** (n) /rɪˈzɔ: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.* ❖ stațiune
- 6.22 homestay** (n) /ˈhəʊmsteɪ/  
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.*  
❖ cazare la cineva acasă
- 6.23 apron** (n) /ˈeɪprən/  
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.* ❖ șorț
- 6.24 mangrove** (n) /ˈmæŋgrəʊv/  
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.* ❖ mangrovă
- 6.25 resist** (v) /rɪˈzɪst/  
avoid the harmful effects of • *They built a new roof to resist the strong winds.* > resistance (n) ❖ rezista
- 6.26 devastating** (adj) /ˈdevəsteɪtɪŋ/  
causing serious damage • *The devastating earthquake left the town in ruins.*  
> devastation (n), devastate (v)  
❖ devastator
- 6.27 hydroelectricity** (n) /ˌhaɪdrəʊˌlekˈtrɪsəti/  
electricity generated using the power of water  
• *With its high rainfall and mountainous terrain, Scotland produces most of the UK's hydroelectricity.* > hydroelectric (adj)  
❖ hidroelectricitate
- 6.28 mining** (n) /ˈmaɪnɪŋ/  
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.* ❖ minerit
- 6.29 timber** (n) /ˈtɪmbə(r)/  
wood that can be used for building or making things • *The natural forest was replaced with pine trees grown for timber.* ❖ material lemnos

- 6.30 ecotourism** (n) /ˌiːkəʊtʊərɪzəm/  
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)  
❖ ecoturism

### 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) /ˈsæŋktʃuəri/  
a safe place where wildlife is protected  
• *We took photos of the flamingos in the bird sanctuary at the lake.* ❖ sanctuar  
📎 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) ❖ baraj
- 6.33 villager** (n) /ˈvɪlɪdʒə(r)/  
a person who lives in a village • *Many of the villagers make a living by providing accommodation and other facilities for tourists.*  
❖ sătean

### Parts of a hotel

foyer	suite
lobby	twin room

## Vocabulary Page 68

- 6.34 self-catering** (adj) /ˌself ˈkeɪtərɪŋ/  
(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)  
❖ cu auto-gospodărire
- 6.35 luxurious** (adj) /lʌkˈʒʊəriəs/  
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) ❖ luxos
- 6.36 modest** (adj) /ˈmɒdɪst/  
basic, simple • *They live a simple life in a modest country cottage.* > modesty (n)  
❖ modest

- 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.*  
❖ garsonieră
- 6.38 opt** (v) /ɒpt/  
choose • *After checking out the menu, we opted for a traditional fish dish.* > option (n)  
❖ opta
- 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.*  
❖ cazare și mic dejun 📎 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.* ❖ cazare și masă
- 6.41 outing** (n) /'aʊtɪŋ/  
a short trip for pleasure or education • *Our guide took us on an outing to an archaeological site.* ❖ ieșire  
📎 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.* ❖ han
- 6.43 guest house** (n) /gest haʊs/  
a small hotel • *Many of the village homes near the winter sports centre are also guest houses.*  
❖ casă de oaspeți
- 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.* ❖ lună de miere
- 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.* ❖ loțiune pentru plajă 📎 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.* ❖ arsură solară
- 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.* ❖ tarif
- 6.48 rate** (n) /reɪt/  
a level of payment • *They hired a car from the company that offered the most economical rates.* ❖ tarif
- 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) ❖ upgrade
- 6.50 itinerary** (n) /aɪ'tɪnərəri/  
a plan and schedule for a journey • *The five-day itinerary includes daily outings to different historic sites.* ❖ itinerar
- 6.51 vacancy** (n) /'veɪkənsi/  
available accommodation • *There were no vacancies at any of the hotels on the island, so we rented a tent at the campsite.*  
> vacant (adj) ❖ cazare disponibilă
- 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) ❖ disponibilitate  
📎 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.*  
❖ reprezentant agenție de voiaj
- 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* ❖ hamal
- 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.*  
❖ de la o zi la alta
- 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) ❖ rezerva
- 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)  
❖ anulare

### Types of accommodation

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

## Grammar Page 69

- 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.* ❖ indigen
- 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.* ❖ porumb  
📖 Syn: corn

## Listening Page 70

- 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)  
❖ frustrat
- 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.*  
❖ veni pe neașteptate

## Speaking Page 71

- 6.62** **maintenance** (n) /ˈmeɪntənəns/  
keeping sth in good condition • *The hotel was closed for maintenance during the winter.*  
➢ maintain (v) ❖ întreținere
- 6.63** **cross-cultural** (adj) /ˌkrɒs ˈkʌltʃərəl/  
involving different cultures • *The annual cross-cultural festival brings together bands and dance performances from many nations.*  
❖ transcultural
- 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) ❖ pierdere
- 6.65** **uninhabited** (adj) /ˌʌnɪnˈhæbɪtɪd/  
with nobody living there • *The village has remained uninhabited ever since it was destroyed by an earthquake.* ➢ inhabit (v), inhabitant (n) ❖ nelocuit 📖 Opp: inhabited

## Grammar Page 72

- 6.66** **inviting** (adj) /ɪnˈvaɪtɪŋ/  
that attracts you to do or try sth • *The smell of freshly baked potatoes was most inviting.*  
➢ invite (v), invitation (n), invitingly (adv)  
❖ atrăgător
- 6.67** **resent** (v) /rɪˈzent/  
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) ❖ avea resentimente

## Use your English Page 73

- 6.68** **call off** (phr v) /kɔːl ɒf/  
cancel • *The building project was called off due to objections from the local community.*  
❖ anula
- 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.*  
❖ se integra
- 6.70** **hold up** (phr v) /həʊld ʌp/  
delay • *Adverse weather conditions have held up our delivery services.* ❖ întârzia
- 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.*  
❖ alinia 📖 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.* ❖ integra
- 6.73** **exposure** (n) /ɪksˈpəʊʒə(r)/  
experiencing sth without protection from possible harm • *A little exposure to the sun provides a necessary amount of vitamin D.*  
➢ expose (v) ❖ expunere
- 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.*  
❖ insolație
- 6.75** **drive (sb) up the wall** (expr) /draɪv ('sʌmbədi) ʌp ðə 'wɔːl/  
annoy (sb) very much • *That awful noise from the construction site is driving me up the wall! I hope it stops soon.* ❖ scoate din minți
- 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.*  
❖ în aceeași barcă

- 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.* ❖ în necunoscut
- 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.*  
❖ face un efort suplimentar
- 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.* ❖ nu avea stare
- 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.* ❖ floare la ureche
- 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)  
❖ anxietate
- 6.82 coverage** (n) /'kʌvərɪdʒ/  
reporting in the media • *This news channel has the best coverage of political issues.*  
> cover (v) ❖ acoperire

### 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

## Writing Pages 74–75

- 6.83 aspect** (n) /'æspekt/  
one side or quality of a situation, problem, idea, etc. • *We should consider every aspect of the plan.* ❖ aspect
- 6.84 evaluate** (v) /ɪ'veɪljʊeɪt/  
judge • *She wrote a five-star review evaluating the service at the hotel.* > evaluation (n)  
❖ evalua
- 6.85 trainee** (n) /,treɪ'nɪz/  
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)  
❖ ucenic

- 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)  
❖ informativ
- 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)  
❖ nsatisfacție 📧 Opp: satisfaction

## Video Page 76

- 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)  
❖ sanie 📧 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)  
❖ în mod oficial
- 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.*  
❖ vamă
- 6.91 official** (n) /ə'fɪʃl/  
a government employee • *The customs official at the airport insisted we open our suitcases.*  
> official (adj), officially (adv) ❖ funcționar guvernamental
- 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) ❖ navigator
- 6.93 clerk** (n) /kla:k/  
(US Eng) a person who serves customers in a shop • *The sales clerk in the clothes shop was very helpful.* > clerical (adj)  
❖ vânzător
- 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.*  
❖ călător cu sanie trasă de câini
- 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) ❖ fluent

## 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