**6** The back of beyond

**Glossary**

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* 1. **the back of beyond** (expr) /ðə bæk əv bɪˈjɒnd/ somewhere far away from any other place
     + *The village lies on a hillside in the back of beyond.* ❖ nel mezzo del nulla
  2. **shelter** (n) /ˈʃeltə(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
  1. **caravan** (n) /ˈkærəˌvæn/

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
  1. **foyer** (n) /ˈfɔɪeɪ/

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
  1. **lobby** (n) /ˈlɒbi/

the entrance area of a building ● *As we entered the hotel, the manager greeted us in the lobby.* ❖ hall ✎ Syn: foyer

* 1. **motel** (n) /məʊˈtel/

a hotel for drivers and their passengers that has parking spaces near the rooms ● *He stopped for the night at a roadside motel.*

* motel
  1. **overcrowded** (adj) /ˌəʊvəˈkraʊdɪd/

which has too many people ● *In the poor areas of the city, people live in small overcrowded buildings.* ❖ sovraffollato

* 1. **suite** (n) /swiːt/

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
  1. **twin room** (n) /ˌtwɪn ˈruːm/

a hotel room with two single beds ● *My friend and Ι booked a twin room to share as there were no single rooms available.*

* camera doppia
  1. **upmarket** (adj) /ˌʌpˈmɑːkɪt/

high-class and usually expensive ● *The international conference took place at a*

*well-known upmarket hotel in the city centre.*

* di fascia alta
  1. **villa** (n) /ˈvɪlə/

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

Reading **Pages 66–67**

* 1. **cuisine** (n) /kwɪˈziːn/

a particular style of cooking ● *She enjoyed eating the local cuisine, which included a variety of seafood dishes and homemade pies.*

* cucina
  1. **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

* 1. **touristy** (adj) /ˈtʊərɪsti/

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

* 1. **evergreen** (adj) /ˈevəɡriːn/

with leaves that stay green all year ● *They trekked through pine trees in the evergreen forest.* ➣ evergreen (n) ❖ sempreverde

* 1. **vine** (n) /vaɪn/

a type of climbing plant ● *It was difficult to find the forest path which was overgrown with vines.* ❖ vite

* 1. **bungalow** (n) /ˈbʌŋgələʊ/

a house built on one level ● *Apart from*

*the main hotel building, there are individual bungalows in the hotel grounds.*

* bungalow
  1. **fortunes** (n pl) /ˈfɔːtʃuːnz/

the circumstances and chances of succeeding that affect sb/sth ● *The island’s fortunes are dependent on tourism.* ➣ fortunate (adj), fortunately (adv) ❖ fortuna

* 1. **resettle** (v) /ˌriːˈsetl/

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

* 1. **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
  1. **resort** (n) /rɪˈzɔːt/

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

* 1. **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.*
* alloggio in famiglia
  1. **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.* ❖ grembiule

* 1. **mangrove** (n) /ˈmæŋɡrəʊv/

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
  1. **resist** (v) /rɪˈzɪst/

avoid the harmful effects of ● *They built a new roof to resist the strong winds.* ➣ resistance

(n) ❖ resistere

* 1. **devastating** (adj) /ˈdevəsteɪtɪŋ/

causing serious damage ● *The devastating earthquake left the town in ruins.*

➣ devastation (n), devastate (v)

* devastante
  1. **hydroelectricity** (n) /ˌhaɪdrəʊɪˌlekˈtrɪsəti/ 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
  1. **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.* ❖ settore minerario

* 1. **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.* ❖ legname

* 1. **ecotourism** (n) /ˈiːkəʊtʊərɪzəm/

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.*

* 1. **sanctuary** (n) /ˈsæŋktʃuəri/

a safe place where wildlife is protected

* + - *We took photos of the flamingos in the bird sanctuary at the lake.* ❖ riserva

✎ Syn: reserve

* 1. **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

* 1. **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.*

* paesano

**Parts of a hotel**

foyer suite

lobby twin room

Vocabulary **Page 68**

* 1. **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)
* vitto escluso
  1. **luxurious** (adj) /lʌkˈʒʊərɪəs/

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

* 1. **modest** (adj) /ˈmɒdɪst/

basic, simple ● *They live a simple life in a modest country cottage.* ➣ modesty (n)

* modesto
  1. **studio apartment** (n) /ˈstjuːdiəʊ əˈpɑːtmənt/ 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
  1. **opt** (v) /ɒpt/

choose ● *After checking out the menu, we opted for a traditional fish dish.* ➣ option (n)

* optare
  1. **bed and breakfast** (n) /ˌbed ən ˈbrekfəst/ 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
  1. **full-board** (n) /fʊl bɔːd/

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
  1. **outing** (n) /ˈaʊtɪŋ/

a short trip for pleasure or education

* + - *Our guide took us on an outing to an archaeological site.* ❖ gita

✎ Syn: excursion

* 1. **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

* 1. **guest house** (n) /gest haʊs/

a small hotel ● *Many of the village homes near the winter sports centre are also guest houses.*

* pensione
  1. **honeymoon** (n) /ˈhʌnimuːn/

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

* 1. **sunblock** (n) /ˈsʌnblɒk/

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

* 1. **sunburn** (n) /ˈsʌnbɜːn/

redness and burns on the skin caused by the sun ● *Sit in the shade after your swim or you’ll get sunburn.* ❖ scottatura

* 1. **tariff** (n) /ˈtærɪf/

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

* 1. **rate** (n) /reɪt/

a level of payment ● *They hired a car from the company that offered the most economical rates.* ❖ tariffa

* 1. **upgrade** (n) /ˌʌpˈɡreɪd/

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

* 1. **itinerary** (n) /aɪˈtɪnərəri/

a plan and schedule for a journey ● *The five-day itinerary includes daily outings to different historic sites.* ❖ itinerario

* 1. **vacancy** (n) /ˈveɪkənsi/

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

* 1. **availability** (n) /əˈveɪləˈbɪlɪti/

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

* 1. **(holiday) rep** (n) /(ˈhɒlədeɪ) 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
  1. **porter** (n) /ˈpɔːtə(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

* 1. **day by day** (expr) /deɪ baɪ ˈdeɪ/

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
  1. **reserve** (v) /rɪˈzɜːv/

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

* 1. **cancellation** (n) /ˌkænsəˈleɪʃn/

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 bungalow caravan full-board

guest house homestay inn

lodge motel

sanctuary self-catering

studio apartment

Grammar **Page 69**

* 1. **indigenous** (adj) /ɪnˈdɪdʒənəs/ native to an area ● *Our holiday*

*accommodation was in large tents, similar to the homes of the indigenous people of Mongolia.* ❖ autoctono

* 1. **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

Listening **Page 70**

* 1. **frustrated** (adj) /frʌˈstreɪtɪd/

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
  1. **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

Speaking **Page 71**

* 1. **maintenance** (n) /ˈmeɪntənəns/

keeping sth in good condition ● *The hotel was closed for maintenance during the winter.*

➣ maintain (v) ❖ manutenzione

* 1. **cross-cultural** (adj) /ˌkrɒs ˈkʌltʃərəl/

involving different cultures ● *The annual cross- cultural festival brings together bands and dance performances from many nations.*

* multiculturale
  1. **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

* 1. **uninhabited** (adj) /ˌʌnɪnˈhæbɪtɪd/

with nobody living there ● *The village has remained uninhabited ever since it was destroyed by an earthquake.* ➣ inhabit (v), inhabitant (n) ❖ disabitato ✎ Opp: inhabited

Grammar **Page 72**

* 1. **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)

* invitante
  1. **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) ❖ risentirsi per

Use your English **Page 73**

* 1. **call off** (phr v) /kɔːl ɒf/

cancel ● *The building project was called off due to objections from the local community.*

* annullare
  1. **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
  1. **hold up** (phr v) /həʊld ˈʌp/

delay ● *Adverse weather conditions have held up our delivery services.* ❖ ritardare

* 1. **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)
  1. **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

* 1. **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) ❖ esposizione

* 1. **sun stroke** (n) /ˈsʌn strəʊk/

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
  1. **drive (sb) up the wall** (expr) /draɪv (ˈsʌmbədi)

ʌp ðə ˈwɔːl/

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

* 1. **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
  1. **off the beaten track** (expr) /ɒf ðə ˈbiːtn 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
  2. **go the extra mile** (expr) /gəʊ ði ˈextə ˌmaɪl/ 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
  1. **have itchy feet** (expr) /hæv ˈɪtʃi fiːt/

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

* 1. **smooth sailing** (expr) /smuð ˈseɪlɪŋ/

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

* 1. **anxiety** (n) /æŋˈzaɪəti/

worry ● *Make sure you set off early to avoid any anxiety you may feel about missing your flight.* ➣ anxious (adj), anxiously (adv)

* ansia
  1. **coverage** (n) /ˈkʌvərɪdʒ/

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

drive (sb) up the wall go the extra mile have itchy feet

in the same boat off the beaten track smooth sailing

the back of beyond

Writing **Pages 74–75**

* 1. **aspect** (n) /ˈæspekt/

one side or quality of a situation, problem, idea, etc. ● *We should consider every aspect of the plan.* ❖ aspetto

* 1. **evaluate** (v) /ɪˈvæljʊeɪt/

judge ● *She wrote a five-star review evaluating the service at the hotel.* ➣ evaluation (n)

* valutare
  1. **trainee** (n) /ˌtreɪˈniː/

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
  1. **informative** (adj) /ɪnˈfɔːmətɪv/

giving a lot of information ● *The review of the resort was informative and amusing.* ➣ inform (v), information (n), informatively (adv)

* istruttivo
  1. **dissatisfaction** (n) /ˌdɪsˌsætɪsˈfækʃn/

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

Video **Page 76**

* 1. **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
  1. **officially** (adv) /əˈfɪʃəli/

according to the law or rules ● *At the moment, the players are still training as the tournament will officially begin tomorrow.* ➣ official (adj)

* ufficialmente
  1. **customs** (n pl) /ˈkʌstəmz/

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
  1. **official** (n) /əˈfɪʃl/

a government employee ● *The customs official at the airport insisted we open our suitcases.*

➣ official (adj), officially (adv) ❖ ufficiale

* 1. **navigator** (n) /ˈnævɪɡeɪtə(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

* 1. **clerk** (n) /klɑːk/

(US Eng) a person who serves customers in a shop ● *The sales clerk in the clothes shop was very helpful.* ➣ clerical (adj)

* commesso
  1. **dog sledder** (n) /ˈdɒɡ 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
  1. **fluent** (adj) /ˈfluːənt/

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