Compulsion

Words and phrases

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2.1 compulsion /kamˈpʌlsn/ (n) strong desire to do sth, especially sth that is wrong or dangerous • Many motorists feel a compulsion to drive fast even though they risk having an accident. ➤ compulsive (adj), compulsively (adv)

2.2 addicted (to) /ˈædiktid/ (adj) unable to stop taking harmful drugs, or doing sth as a habit • This film is about a woman addicted to alcohol and how her family help her. ➤ addiction (n), (non-)addictive (adj)

2.3 affect /ˈæfekt/ (v) influence, produce a change in sb/sth • The recent rise in oil prices has affected markets all over the world.

2.4 substance /ˈsʌbstəns/ (n) type of solid, liquid or gas that has particular qualities • There’s a strange substance leaking out of the barrel – I hope it isn’t poisonous.

Listening

2.5 text message /ˈtekst mesɪdʒ/ (n) a message on a mobile phone

2.6 concern /kənˈsɜːn/ (v) worry • The young boy didn’t seem happy at school, which deeply concerned his mother. ➤ concern (n), concerned (adj)

2.7 panel /ˈpænəl/ (n) group of specialists who give their advice or opinion about sth

2.8 distinguished /ˈdɪstɪŋgwɪʃt/ (adj) very successful and admired by other people • Professor Dalton is a distinguished member of the scientific community and everyone admires his work.

2.9 obsess (about) /ˈɒbsɛs/ (v) (usually passive) completely fill your mind so that you cannot think of anything else • She is so obsessed about losing weight that her parents have begun to worry. ➤ obsession (n), obsessive (adj), obsessively (adv)

2.10 sympathise (with) /ˈsɪmpəθaɪz/ (v) show that you understand and feel sorry about sb’s problems • The same thing happened to me and I really sympathise with you. ➤ sympathy (n), sympathetic (adj), sympathetically (adv)

2.11 put sb through /ˈpʊt ðə thrəʊ/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.12 interact /ɪntərˈækt/ (v) communicate with sb ➤ interaction (n), interactive (adj), interactively (adv)

2.13 cut back /ˈkʌt ˈbæk/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.14 hang out /ˈhæŋ əʊt/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.15 genuine /ˈdʒenjuːn/ (adj) sincere and honest, that can be trusted • We are truly grateful for their genuine attempt to help us. ➤ genuineness (n), genuinely (adv)

2.16 have sb on your back /əˈhæv ɪn ðə ˈbæk/ (idm) with sb constantly asking or telling you to do sth that you do not want to do, in a way that is annoying

2.17 go by (sth) /ɡəʊ bɪ/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.18 temporary /ˈtempərɛri/ (adj) lasting or intended to last only for a short time, not permanent • While I was waiting to find out if I had got into university, I got a temporary job as a waitress. ➤ temporarily (adv)

2.19 virus /ˈvɜːrəs/ (n) an infectious disease

2.20 phase /feɪs/ (n) a stage in a process of change or development

2.21 intriguing /ɪnˈtrɪɡɪŋ/ (adj) very interesting because of being unusual or not having an obvious answer ➤ intrigue (v), intrigued (adj), intriguingly (adv)

2.22 mood /mud/ (n) the way you are feeling at a particular time • Megan’s father was in a bad mood when she got home so she decided that it wasn’t a good time to ask him for any money.

2.23 attitude (to/towards) /ˈætɪtjuːd/ (n) the way that you think and feel about sb/sth • My attitude to children changed a lot after I had my baby.

2.24 assertive /əˈsɛrtri/ (adj) expressing your opinions or desires strongly and with confidence • You have to be more assertive, Nicole. Don’t agree to something you don’t want – just say no. ➤ assertiveness (v), assert (v), assertively (adv)

2.25 depressed /ˈdrɛspəd/ (adj) sad and without enthusiasm or hope • She’s been feeling very depressed lately, so her friends took her out dancing to try and cheer her up. ➤ depression (n), depress (v), depressing (adj)

2.26 determined /dɪˈtɜːrnɪd/ (adj) having decided to do sth and not allowing anyone to change your mind • Carrie is determined to learn Italian, no matter how many years she has to study. ➤ determination (n), determine (v)

2.27 exhausted (adj) very tired ➤ exhaustion (n), exhaust (v), exhausting (adj)
2.28 fed up /fed ˈæp/ (adj) bored or unhappy, especially with a situation that has continued for too long • I’m fed up with this stupid fax machine. It never works properly! ① We usually say fed up with.

2.29 generalisation /dʒənˈralɪzəʃən/ (n) making a general statement ② generalise (v), generalised (adj)

2.30 keep count /kiːpˈkaʊnt/ (idm) remember or keep a record of numbers or amounts of sth over a period of time

2.31 frequency /ˈfriːkwənsi/ (n) the rate at which sth happens or is repeated ① (in) frequent (adj), (in) frequently (adv)

2.32 bad-tempered /ˈbeɪdˌtempəd/ (adj) in an angry mood ① Children are often bad-tempered when they’re tired.

2.33 nervous (of/about) /ˈnɜːvəs/ (adj) anxious about sth or afraid of sth ① The first time I had to speak in public I felt terribly embarrassed as I arrived especially in a social situation ① I was uncertain about what to do, but an inner voice told me to reveal the truth.

2.34 embarrassed /ɪˈmɜːrzd/ (adj) shy, feeling uncomfortable or ashamed, especially in a social situation ① I felt terribly embarrassed as I arrived late and everyone looked at me when I walked into the room. ② embarrassment (n), embarrassing (adj), embarrassingly (adv)

2.35 acquaintance /əˈkwəntəns/ (n) person that you know but who is not a close friend ① Mrs Baker isn’t a friend. She’s just an acquaintance. ② acquaint (v)

2.36 no matter /nəʊˈmɛtə(r)/ (phr) it makes no difference ① I won’t eat tomatoes no matter how they’re cooked.

2.37 sit still /sɪt ˈstɪl/ (phr) not move

2.38 aspect /əˈspekt/ (n) particular part ① His generosity was one aspect of his character I had never seen before.

2.39 taste (in) /tiːst/ (n) person’s ability to choose things of good quality ① My sister has excellent taste in clothes – she always looks elegant and well-dressed! ② tasteful (adj), tastefully (adv), tasteless (adj), tastelessly (adv)

2.40 commentary /kəmˈmentəri/ (n) a criticism or discussion of sth ① His latest film is a cynical commentary on the life of the rich. ② comment (v)

2.41 amateur /ˌæmətə(r)/ (adj) doing sth for enjoyment or interest, not as a job ① amateur (n)

2.42 inner /ɪˈnə(r)/ (adj) (of feelings, etc.) private and secret, not expressed or shown to other people ① I was uncertain about what to do, but an inner voice told me to reveal the truth.

2.43 hear from /ˈhɪər frəm/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.44 like-minded /laɪk ˈmaɪndɪd/ (adj) having similar ideas and interests ① The politician asked all like-minded citizens to vote for him.

2.45 compelled (to) /kəmˈpeld/ (adj) made sth necessary, forced sb to do sth ① Two years ago, serious health problems compelled her to retire. ② compel (v), compelling (adj), compellingly (adv)

2.46 anxious /ˈæŋkərəs/ (adj) feeling worried or nervous ① anxiety (n), anxiously (adv)

2.47 end up /end ˈæp/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.48 neglect /nɪˈɡlekt/ (v) fail to take care of sb/sth ① After she broke her leg, my grandmother neglected her garden and now it looks like a jungle! ② negligence (n), negligent (adj)

2.49 confession /kənˈfɛzn/ (n) statement admitting sth that you are ashamed or embarrassment about ① I have a confession to make – I’ve lost the book you lent me. ② confess (v)

2.50 intake /ˈɪntekt/ (n) the amount of food, drink, etc. that you take into your body ① What is the recommended intake of vitamin C per day?

2.51 get by (on) /ˈget ˈbeɪ/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.52 light up /laɪt ˈæp/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.53 turn (sb) off /tɜːn ˈɔf/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.54 deny /dɪˈneɪ/ (v) say that sth is not true ① When I asked her, she denied having taken my book. ② denial (n) ① Do not confuse deny with refuse (say that you won’t do sth).

2.55 hooked /ˈhɒkt/ (adj) unable to stop doing sth ① My sister used to be so hooked on cola that she even drank it for breakfast! ① We say hooked on sth.

2.56 give up /ˈɡɪv ˈæp/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.57 disgust /dɪsˈɡast/ (v) give sb a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval ① I never eat blue cheese, just looking at it disgusts me. ② disgust (n), disgusting (adj), disgustingly (adv), disgusted (adj)

2.58 gain /ɡɛm/ (v) gradually get more of sth ① While working abroad, she gained valuable experience. ② gain (n) ① The word gain is not used for competitions or races, where we use win.

2.59 give away /ˈɡɪv əˈweɪ/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs with give

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2.63 give up on /ˈɡɪv ˈæp ɒn/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs with give

2.64 surrender /ˈsʌrəndər/ (v) admit that you have been defeated and want to stop fighting ① When Mark has play fights with his dad, he usually has to surrender first because his father is much stronger than him. ② surrender (n)
2.65 distribute /distribju:t/ (v) give things to a large number of people; share sth between a number of people • Our parents always made sure money was fairly distributed among the children. ➤ distribution (n), distributor (n)

2.66 reveal /ri:vəl/ (v) make sth known to sb • My best friend would never reveal the secrets I have told her about myself. ➤ revelation (n)

2.67 hand /hænd/ (v) give or pass sth to sb • She walked in, handed me the papers and walked out again without a word.

2.68 sample /sæmpl/ (n) small amount of sth that can be tried to see what it is like • Magazines often give away free samples of perfume or make-up for their readers to try. ➤ sample (v)

2.69 leaflet /ˈliːflæt/ (n) a few printed pages that are given free of charge to advertise or give information about sth • Newspapers these days are full of leaflets advertising everything from milk to cars!

2.70 sensible /ˈsensəbl/ (adj) able to make good judgements based on reason and experience • It's late and it's getting dark. I think the most sensible thing to do is to take a taxi home. ➤ sense (n), sensibly (adv)

2.71 passive smoking /ˈpæsv smoking/ (n) the act of breathing in smoke from other people's cigarettes

2.72 minority /ˈmɪnərəti/ (n) the smaller part of a group • Although most students agreed with the change in hours, there was a minority who complained.

2.73 get over /get ˈəʊvə(r)/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.74 treatment /ˈtrɛtmənt/ (n) sth that is done to cure an illness or injury • I'm afraid the only treatment available for your condition is a course of physiotherapy. ➤ treat (v) ① We say treatment for sth.

2.75 the evil weed /ˈi:əl wiːd/ (phr) tobacco

2.76 gang up /ˈɡæŋ, ˈæŋ/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.77 bossy /ˈbɒsi/ (adj) always telling people what to do • My brother is so bossy – he's forever telling me what to do and what not to do. ➤ boss (n, v), bossily (adv)

2.78 wheezy /ˈwiːzi/ (adj) making a high whistling sound because you cannot breathe easily ➤ wheezily (adv), wheeze (v)

2.79 short of breath /ˈʃɔːt əv ˈbreθ/ (phr) have difficulty in breathing

2.80 electric shock /ɪˈlektrɪk ˈʃɒk/ (n) sudden, painful feeling when electricity passes through the body

2.81 run out /ˈrʌn aʊt/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.82 pouring rain /ˈpɔːrɪŋ reɪn/ (phr) rain falling heavily

2.83 novelist /ˈnɒvlɪst/ (n) ➤ novel (n)

2.84 wasted /ˈwɛstɪd/ (adj) very weak because of illness ➤ waste (n, v)

2.85 lung /lʌŋ/ (n) one of the organs we use to breathe with

2.86 resistance /ˈrɪzəstəns/ (n) the power not to be affected by sth • This material, used in firemen's uniforms, has excellent resistance to heat. ➤ resist (v), resistant (adj) ① We say resistance to sth.

2.87 tender /ˈtɛndə(r)/ (adj) easily hurt or damaged • Don't leave this plant outside. It's very tender and the cold could kill it. ➤ tenderness (n), tenderly (adv)

2.88 cowardly /ˈkəʊədli/ (adj) showing no courage • Your behaviour was very cowardly. You should have defended your sister instead of running away. ➤ cowardice (n), coward (n)

2.89 go without /ɡəʊ wɔːθəʊt/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.90 aggressive /əˈgresɪv/ (adj) angry and behaving in a threatening way, ready to attack ➤ aggressiveness (n), aggressively (adv)

2.91 gesticulate /dʒesˈtɪkjuːlt/ (v) move your hands and arms about in order to attract attention or make sb understand what you are saying • People often gesticulate wildly when they are angry or excited. ➤ gesticulation (n), gesture (n)

2.92 exaggerated /ɪɡˈzædʒʊreɪtɪd/ (adj) done in a way that makes people notice it • His exaggerated laugh made me feel there was something wrong. ➤ exaggerate (v), exaggeratedly (adv), exaggeration (n)

2.93 subject (sb) to /ˈsʌb əˈdʒekt/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.94 retain /rɪˈten/ (v) continue to have • He is very old now but still retains all those qualities that made him famous in his youth.

2.95 rebellious /rɪˈbelɪs/ (adj) unwilling to obey rules or accept normal standards of behaviour • It's natural for teenagers to be rebellious and refuse to obey their parents. ➤ rebellion (n), rebel (n, v), rebelliously (adv)

2.96 hang around /ˈhæŋ əˈraʊnd/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.97 get to you /ˈgɛt tuː/ (phr) annoy or affect you

2.98 self-conscious /ˈself ˈkɒnʃəs/ (adj) • She was a self-conscious teenager who didn't feel confident about her looks. ➤ self-consciousness (n), self-consciously (adv)

2.99 introverted /ɪntrəˈvɜːtɪd/ (adj) • more interested in your own thoughts and feelings than in spending time with other people • My son was quite introverted as a young boy, but he became more sociable as he grew up. ➤ introvert (n), introversion (n)

2.100 suffer (from) /ˈsʌfər(ɪ)fr/ (v) be badly affected by a disease, pain, sadness, a lack of sth, etc. • The island suffers from a lack of water during the summer months. ➤ suffering (n)

2.101 utterly /ˈʌtəli/ (adv) completely • The two brothers were utterly different in looks as well as in character. You would never know they were even related. ➤ utter (adj)

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2.102 hostile /ˈhostfl/ (adj) very unfriendly or aggressive and ready to argue or fight • The villagers were very hostile towards us when we first moved there. They wouldn’t speak to us.
➤ hostility (n) • We say hostile to/towards sth.

2.103 due to /duː/ (phr) because of

2.104 boarding school /ˈbɔːdɪŋ skəl/ (n) a school where children live during the school year

2.105 quit /kwɪt/ (v) stop doing sth • It’s been two years since he quit smoking and he feels much healthier now.

2.106 suspend (from) /səˈspend/ (v) officially prevent sb from doing their job, going to school, etc. for a time • Max was suspended from school for a week after he was caught spraying graffiti on the headmaster’s car.
➤ suspension (n)

2.107 shoot /ʃuːt/ (n) an occasion when sb takes professional photographs for a particular purpose or makes a film ➤ shoot (v)

2.108 light up /laɪt/ 'ʌp/ (phr v)
See Phrasal verbs

2.109 lousy /ˈlaʊzi/ (adj) very bad, terrible • I ate too much at lunch and now I feel really lousy.

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2.110 superstition /sjuːˈpæsɪʃən/ (n) • According to superstition, breaking a mirror brings seven years of bad luck.
➤ superstitious (adj), superstitiously (adv)

2.111 mystical /ˈmɪstɪkl/ (adj) having spiritual powers or qualities that are difficult to understand or to explain ➤ mystic (n)

2.112 neatly /ˈniːtli/ (adj) tidily and in order; carefully done or arranged • She arranged her pens, pencils and notebooks neatly in a row on her desk.
➤ neat (adj), neatness (n)

2.113 go to (great/any/etc.) lengths /ˈgəʊ tʊ (ɡreɪt, eni) ˈlɛŋðz/ (phr) put a lot of effort into doing sth

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2.114 run /rʌn/ (v) print and publish an article or story • Our school newspaper is running a series of articles about life in the last century.

2.115 descriptive /dɪˈskrɪptɪv/ (adj) saying what sb/sth is like ➤ describe (v), description (n)

2.116 keen (on) /kiːn/ (adj) enthusiastic about an activity or idea • Dad is so keen on fishing that he spends most of his Sundays at the lake.

2.117 come up with /ˈkʌm ˈʌp wɪð/ (phr v)
See Phrasal verbs

2.118 sky-diving /ˈskai dəvɪŋ/ (n) a sport in which you jump from a plane and fall as long as you safely can before opening your parachute

2.119 work out /ˈwɜːk aʊt/ (phr v)
See Phrasal verbs

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2.120 casually /ˈkæʒuəli/ (adv) not showing much care or thought; not wanting to show that sth is important to you • ‘Why don’t you just tell your mum that you smoke?’ he said casually, as if it was the easiest thing in the world! ➤ casual (adj)

2.121 lack /læk/ (n) not having ➤ lack (v)

2.122 a ‘spend-happy’ society /ə ˈspend hæpi səˈhæpi/ (phr) a society where people are happy to spend money and don’t mind being in debt

2.123 live beyond their means /ˈlaɪ biːnd ðə ˈmiːnz/ (phr) spend more money than they make

2.124 huge /ˈhjuːdʒ/ (adj) extremely large in size or amount ➤ hugely (adv)

2.125 debt /dɛt/ (n) a sum of money that sb owes • I have huge debts so I desperately need this job to pay them off.

2.126 on the spot /ɒn ðə ˈspɒt/ (phr) immediately

2.127 nod off /nɒd ˈɒf/ (phr v)
See Phrasal verbs

2.128 cut short /kʌt ˈʃɔrt/ (phr) stop sth before the expected or arranged time

2.129 stand up for /stænd ˈʌp fɔː(r), fɔː(r)/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

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2.120 pastime /ˈpaːstəm/ (n) sth that you enjoy doing when you are not working • When I was at school, my favourite pastime was recording music from the radio onto cassettes.

2.121 bet /bɛt/ (v) risk money on a race or an event by trying to predict the result • I like playing cards but without betting any money. ➤ bet (n)

2.122 suicidal /sjuːˈseɪdʒəl/ (adj) feeling of wanting to kill yourself ➤ suicide (n)
Phrasal verbs

chill out relax and stop feeling angry or nervous about sth • Stop worrying will you and chill out! Everything’s going to work out fine.

come across find by chance • While browsing on the Internet, I came across some pictures of Athens in the nineteenth century.

cut back reduce sth • You could lose a little weight if you cut back on the sugar in your coffee.

dress up present sth in a way that makes it seem better or different • It was a very old table, but we dressed it up with a new tablecloth and it looked better.

despair (n), despair (v), desperately (adv), rationalise (v)

end up find yourself in a place or situation that you did not intend or expect to be in • We lost our way and ended up spending the night in the car.

gang up join together in a group to hurt, frighten or oppose sb • Charlie was unhappy because the other kids had ganged up on him and wouldn’t play with him.

get by (on) survive with few resources • I honestly don’t understand how she gets by on such a low salary.

get over return to your usual state of health, happiness, etc. after an illness, a shock • It took Will more than two weeks to get over the flu and even then he didn’t feel completely better.

go by (sth) be guided by sth, form an opinion from sth • If we went by Mark’s opinion we wouldn’t bother going to see the film. He seemed to think it was terrible.

go without manage without sth that you usually have or need • As I was terribly late, I decided to go without breakfast.

hang around wait or stay near a place, not doing very much • As Mr Herbert was going to be late, most of his students hung around in the coffee shop.

hang out spend a lot of time in a place • Most of my friends hang out at the cafés on the central square.

hear from receive a letter, telephone call, etc. from sb • ‘Have you heard from Todd lately?’ ‘No, he hasn’t been in touch.’

light up 1) when sb’s face or eyes show happiness and excitement • Her face lit up when she heard that she had passed her exams. 2) begin to smoke a cigarette • You’re not allowed to smoke on public transport and you often see passengers lighting up the moment they step off the bus or train.

nod off fall asleep for a short time while you are sitting in a chair • My husband comes home so tired that he often nods off in front of the TV before lunch.

put on become heavier • After Christmas most people have put on a little weight.

put sb through make sb experience sth very difficult or unpleasant • When he went to prison, he put his family through a difficult time.

run out have no more of sth • We’d better find a petrol station before we run out of petrol.

stand for be an abbreviation or symbol of sth • The ‘co’ in business names stands for ‘company’.

stand up for support or defend sb/sth • My sister has always stood up for me when I needed support.

subject (sb) to make sb experience, suffer or be affected by sth, usually unpleasant • I left my job because I couldn’t stand being subjected to my boss’s criticism all the time.

turn (sb) off make sb have a feeling of disgust • Don’t talk about the dead mouse you found while we’re eating! It’s enough to put anyone off their food.

work out plan or think of sth • We’re trying to work out how we can look after our baby without taking him to the day-care centre.

2.137 rational /ˈræʃənəl/ (adj) based on, or using, clear logical thought • There is no rational explanation for what he did. He must have gone mad. ➤ (ir)rationality (n), irrational (adj), (ir)rationality (adv), rationalise (v)

2.138 desperate /ˈdesprət/ (adj) needing or wanting sth very much • The poor dog was desperate for food as it hadn’t eaten for days. ➤ despair (n), despair (v), desperately (adv) ➤ We say desperate for sth.

2.139 recreational /rekriˈɛʃənəl/ (adj) connected with activities that people do for enjoyment when they are not working • The hotel offers many recreational activities, such as surfing and dancing. ➤ recreation (n)
Phrasal verbs with give

give away 1) reveal secret information  • She told everyone about my problem! A friend isn't supposed to give your secrets away!  2) give sth as a gift  • I often give my old clothes away to the poor.
give back return sth to its owner  • That's not your Walkman – it's mine. Give it back!
give in 1) hand work to a teacher  • Remember to give your projects in by the end of the week. I won't mark any that are late!  2) admit you cannot do sth  • She asked me for the car again and again, so I finally gave in and let her borrow it.
give out give things to many people  • Many cosmetics companies give out free samples of their products for customers to try.
give up stop trying to do sth  • After trying to get him on the phone all morning, I gave up and left a message.
give up on stop hoping or believing that sb will change, get better, etc.  • I've given up on my daughter ever passing her exams. I've tried everything I can think of but she still won't study or revise.

Vocabulary

2.140 bill /bɪl/ (n) a piece of paper that shows how much you owe sb for goods or services
2.141 fare /feə(r)/ (n) money that you pay to travel by bus, plane, taxi, etc.  • Hotels in Brazil are cheap but the air fare is very expensive.
2.142 fine /faɪn/ (n) sum of money that must be paid as punishment for breaking a law or rule  • The driver had to pay a fine for not stopping at a red light.  ➤ fine (v)
2.143 offensive /ˈəʊfnəsiv/ (adj) rude in a way that causes you to feel upset, or annoyed  • His offensive remarks made her so angry that she never spoke to him again.  ➤ offence (n), offend (v)
2.144 impertinent /ɪmˈpɜːrtnant/ (adj) rude and not showing respect for sb who is older or more important  • I think it was a bit impertinent to ask that lady her age.  ➤ impertinence (n), impertinently (adv)
2.145 unwilling /ˌʌnˈwɪlɪŋ/ (adj) not wanting to do sth and refusing to do it  • I was unwilling to lend Holly the money because the last time she never paid it back again.  ➤ (un)willingness (n), willing (adj), (un)willingly (adv)
2.146 insulting /ˈɪnsəltnɪŋ/ (adj) causing or intending to cause sb to feel offended  • At times, she can be rude and insulting and many people dislike her for that.  ➤ insult (n, v)
2.147 miserable /ˈmɪzərəbl/ (adj) very unhappy or uncomfortable  • The poor boy felt so miserable when his mum told him he couldn't go to the party.  ➤ misery (n), miserably (adv)

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2.148 monetary /məˈnʌntri/ (adj) connected with money, especially all the money in a country  • Most European countries which have adopted the euro now follow similar monetary policies.
2.149 occur /əˈkɜːr/ (v) happen  • Car accidents occur so often on this road that I avoid it as much as I can.  ➤ occurrence (n)
2.150 odd /ɔd/ (adj) strange, unusual  • It seemed a bit odd that my neighbour didn't say hello to me this morning.  ➤ oddness (n)
2.151 tale /teɪl/ (n) an imaginative story, especially one that is full of action and adventure  • Grandpa used to tell us wonderful tales about the time he was a soldier in India.
2.152 somewhere along the line /ˈsʌmwər əˈlaɪn əˈlɪn/ (phr) at some point during an activity or a process
2.153 fossil /ˈfɒsl/ (n) the remains of an animal or plant that have become hard and turned into rock  ➤ fossilise (v)
2.154 specimen /ˈspeɪsmən/ (n) an example of sth, especially an animal or a plant  • This vase is a fine specimen of eighteenth century pottery.
2.155 composed (of) /kəmˈpəʊzd/ (adj) be made or formed from several parts, things or people  • The book is composed of ten chapters and an introduction.  ➤ composition (n), compose (v)
2.156 promotional /prəˈməʊʃənl/ (adj) connected with advertising  • Leaflets, brochures and other promotional materials advertising Mercedes' latest models will be available at the motor show.  ➤ promotion (n), promote (v)
2.157 swap /swɒp/ (n) the act of exchanging one thing or person for another  • I gave her my black blouse for two of her T-shirts – not a bad swap, right?  ➤ swap (v)
2.158 the like /ðə ˈlaɪk/ (phr) people or things that are similar to others  • She loves the sea and enjoys swimming, windsurfing and the like.
2.159 **weird** /ˈwɪrd/ (adj) unusual or different; not normal • *It was weird to hear my own voice recorded on tape – as if someone else was talking.*

2.160 **tissue** /ˈtɪʃuː/ (n) a paper handkerchief

2.161 **dress up** /dres ˈʌp/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.162 **mushroom** /ˈmʌʃrəm/ (v) rapidly grow or increase in number

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**Vocabulary**

2.163 **exhibition** /ɪkˈsiːbɪʃn/ (n) a collection of things, for example works of art, that are shown to the public • *The National Museum exhibition of 12th century artefacts is very interesting.*  ➤ **exhibit** (n, v)

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**Use of English**

2.164 **corridor** /ˈkɔːridər/ (n) a long narrow passage in a building or train, with doors that open into rooms on either side

2.165 **chill out** /ˈtʃil ˈaʊt/ (phr v) See Phrasal verbs

2.166 **tatty** /ˈtæti/ (adj) in a bad condition because it has been used a lot or has not been cared for well

2.167 **stood for** /ˈstɔːd fɔː(r)/ (phr v) pt of **stand for** See Phrasal verbs

2.168 **sway** /ˈsweɪ/ (v) move slowly from side to side • *The flowers swayed in the gentle wind.*

2.169 **breeze** /ˈbriːz/ (n) light wind

2.170 **sore** /sɔː(r)/ (adj) painful • *After hours of working at the computer, my eyes were sore and tired.*  ➤ **soreness** (n)