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| <b>Clothes and fashion</b>  |                |                         |                         |   |  |
| baggy                       | adjective      | 'bægi                   |                         | baggy clothes are very loose on your body   | I normally wear <b>baggy</b> clothes to feel comfortable.  |
| casual                      | adjective      | 'kæʒuəl                 |                         | casual clothes are comfortable and suitable for wearing in informal situations  | It's not a formal occasion, so you can just wear something <b>casual</b> .                         |
| costume                     | noun           | 'kɒstjʊ:m               | 'kɒs,tʊm                | clothes that you wear at a fancy dress party, pretending to be a famous person, an animal, a character from a story, etc. | At the party there was a prize for the best celebrity <b>costume</b> .                             |
| dress code                  | noun           | dres kəʊd               | dres kəʊd               | a set of rules about what you should wear in a particular place or at a particular event                                  | The <b>dress code</b> at work is smart casual.   |
| to fit in with the crowd    | phrase         | fɪt ɪn wɪð ðə kraʊd     |                         | to be correct, suitable or sensible in relation to people in general or a particular group of people                      | Some people like to be noticed rather than just <b>fit in with the crowd</b> .                     |
| outfit                      | noun           | 'aʊtfɪt                 |                         | a set of clothes that are worn together   | I need a new <b>outfit</b> for my birthday party.  |
| scruffy                     | adjective      | 'skrʌfi                 |                         | untidy or dirty   | Don't wear that <b>scruffy</b> old T-shirt again!  |
| to stand out from the crowd | phrase         | stænd aʊt frɒm ðə kraʊd | stænd aʊt frɒm ðə kraʊd | to be very different and easy to notice   | His dress sense makes him <b>stand out from the crowd</b> .  |
| trend follower              | noun           | trend'fɒləʊə(r)         | trend'fələʊər           | someone who behaves in a way that is in fashion   | If you do what everybody else does then you're just a <b>trend follower</b> .                      |
| trendsetter                 | noun           | 'trend,ʃetə(r)          | 'trend,ʃetər            | someone or something that starts a new fashion  | She's always been a <b>trendsetter</b> amongst her friends.  |
| uniform                     | noun           | 'ju:nɪfɔ:(r)m           | 'ju:nɪ,fɔ:m             | a set of clothes that you wear to show that you are part of a particular organisation or school                           | He has to wear his school <b>uniform</b> every day.  |
| <b>Metaphors</b>            |                |                         |                         |   |  |
| in the long run             | phrase         | ɪn ðə lɒŋ rʌn           | ɪn ðə lɒŋ rʌn           | not immediately but at some time in the future  | Cutting jobs could be more expensive <b>in the long run</b> if we have to hire freelancers.        |
| off-the-shelf               | phrase         | ɒf ðə ʃelf              | ɔf ðə ʃelf              | available to buy without being ordered or designed for a particular customer  | The company could have a software accounting package tailor-made or buy one <b>off the shelf</b> . |
| on a tight budget           | phrase         | ɒn ə taɪt 'bʌdʒɪt       | ɒn ə taɪt 'bʌdʒɪt       | to do something with a small amount of money  | They run the magazine <b>on a tight budget</b> .   |
| peanuts                     | noun           | 'pi:nʌts                | 'pi:nəts                | a very small amount of money  | He bought his house for <b>peanuts</b> and it's worth a lot more now.                              |
| seamless                    | adjective      | 'si:mʌs                 | 'simləs                 | changing or continuing very smoothly and without stopping   | When the new boss came in, it was a <b>seamless</b> transition.                                    |

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| to snap something up         | phrasal verb   | snæp ʌp                  |                      | to buy something as soon as it becomes available                          | By 10 o'clock most of the best bargains <b>had been snapped up</b> .                     |
| tailor-made                  | adjective      | 'teɪlə meɪd              | 'teɪlər meɪd         | designed for a particular person or group of people                       | We specialise in <b>tailor-made</b> holidays planned around your interests and schedule. |
| throw money down the drain   | phrase         | θrəʊ 'mʌni daʊn ðə dreɪn |                      | to waste money by spending it on something useless                        | Buying that old car was just <b>throwing money down the drain</b> .                      |
| to catch someone's eye       | phrase         | kætʃ 'sʌmwʌnz aɪ         |                      | if something catches your eye, you suddenly notice it                     | There was one painting that <b>caught my eye</b> .                                       |
| wound up                     | adjective      | ˌwaʊnd 'ʌp               |                      | nervous and worried   | I was too <b>wound up</b> to relax.  |
| <b>Prefixes and suffixes</b> |                |                          |                      |   |  |
| amateurish                   | adjective      | 'æmətəriʃ                |                      | done or made without much skill   | He did an <b>amateurish</b> job of putting up the shelves.                               |
| biggish                      | adjective      | 'bɪɡɪʃ                   |                      | quite big   | The room's <b>biggish</b> , so there'll be enough space.                                 |
| disaster-prone               | adjective      | dɪ'zɑːstə prəʊn          | dɪ'zæstər prəʊn      | likely to be affected by a disaster or misfortune                         | My <b>disaster-prone</b> manager broke his phone and his computer in the same week.      |
| hyper-influential            | adjective      | 'haɪpər ɪnflu'entʃəl     | 'haɪpər ɪnflu'entʃəl | extremely able to influence the way people think or behave                | She's a <b>hyper-influential</b> blogger.  |
| re-edit                      | verb           | ri:'edɪt                 | ri'edət              | to edit something again   | The text was <b>re-edited</b> after several errors were spotted.                         |
| super-lucky                  | adjective      | 'suːpə 'lʌki             | 'supər 'lʌki         | extremely fortunate   | I was <b>super-lucky</b> to have the opportunity to meet my hero.                        |
| tech-savvy                   | adjective      | tek 'sævi                |                      | able to understand and use technology well                                | I need to ask someone more <b>tech-savvy</b> than me to help me fix my computer.         |
| unmute                       | verb           | ʌn'mjuːt                 | ʌn'mjuːt             | to turn the sound back on an electronic device                            | He didn't <b>unmute</b> the mic, so nothing was recorded.                                |
| user-friendly                | adjective      | 'juːzə 'frendli          | 'juːzər 'frendli     | a user-friendly system or piece of equipment is easy to use or understand | It's the most <b>user-friendly</b> smartphone so far.                                    |

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| <b>Describing art</b>           |                |                        |                       |   |   |
| acclaimed                       | adjective      | ə'kleɪmd               |                       | publicly written and talked about in an admiring way  | It was an internationally <b>acclaimed</b> production, praised by critics worldwide.                    |
| appalling                       | adjective      | ə'pɔ:lɪŋ               | ə'pɔ:lɪŋ              | very bad or disappointing   | The jokes were absolutely <b>appalling</b> .  |
| awesome                         | adjective      | 'ɔ:s(ə)m               | 'ɔ:səm                | extremely good  | My trip around the world was an <b>awesome</b> experience.  |
| groundbreaking                  | adjective      | 'graʊn(d),breɪkɪŋ      |                       | using new methods or achieving new results  | This study is <b>groundbreaking</b> , with many new findings on plant diversity.                        |
| hilarious                       | adjective      | hɪ'leəriəs             | hɪ'lerɪəs             | extremely funny   | For some reason, she finds his jokes <b>hilarious</b> .   |
| iconic                          | adjective      | aɪ'kɒnɪk               | aɪ'kænɪk              | very famous and well-known, and believed to represent a particular idea   | His photographs have become <b>iconic</b> images of war.  |
| overrated                       | adjective      | ˌoʊvə'reɪtɪd           | ˌoʊvər'reɪtəd         | not as good or important as some people believe   | The film is so <b>overrated</b> and just doesn't live up to its publicity.                              |
| pretentious                     | adjective      | prɪ'tenʃəs             |                       | intended to impress other people but seeming false or too deliberate  | Most of the songs have such <b>pretentious</b> lyrics.  |
| repetitive                      | adjective      | rɪ'petətɪv             |                       | involving repeating the same action over long periods of time   | A lot of my work is very <b>repetitive</b> and I'm just doing the same things all day long.             |
| sensational                     | adjective      | sen'seɪf(ə)nəl         |                       | very attractive, impressive or good   | The best part of the performance was the singing, which was just <b>sensational!</b>                    |
| tedious                         | adjective      | 'ti:diəs               | 'tɪdiəs               | boring and continuing for too long  | It was such a <b>tedious</b> journey with nothing to see or do the whole time we were travelling.       |
| thought-provoking               | adjective      | 'θɔ:t prə,vʊkɪŋ        | 'θɔ:t prə,vʊkɪŋ       | interesting in a way that makes you think of new ideas or that changes your attitude to something   | It was an incredibly <b>thought-provoking</b> documentary.  |
| unconventional                  | adjective      | ˌʌnkən'venʃ(ə)nəl      |                       | different from what most people consider to be usual or normal  | He has a really <b>unconventional</b> dress sense.  |
| underrated                      | adjective      | ˌʌndə'reɪtɪd           |                       | if a person or thing is underrated, especially a performer, writer or sports player, most people do not recognise how good that person or thing really is | He's seriously <b>underrated</b> as an actor.   |
| <b>Ideas and inspiration</b>    |                |                        |                       |   |   |
| bounce ideas off someone        | verb phrase    | baʊns aɪ'diəz ɒf       | baʊns aɪ'diəz ɒf      | to discuss something with someone in order to get their opinion and make a decision   | If you have a moment, can I <b>bounce a few ideas off you?</b>  |
| draw inspiration from something | verb phrase    | dɹɔ: ɪnspə'reɪʃən frəm | dɹɔ ɪnspə'reɪʃən frəm | to get a new idea that helps you to do or create something  | I <b>drew inspiration</b> from the surrealists when painting and copied some elements from their style. |

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| get a fresh perspective on something | verb phrase    | get ə freʃ pə'spektɪv ɒn          | get ə freʃ pər'spektɪv ən | to get a new way of thinking about something  | I <b>got a fresh perspective on life</b> when I took a break from work.                          |
| get into the right state of mind     | verb phrase    | get 'ɪntuː ðə raɪt steɪt ɒv maɪnd |                           | to start thinking or feeling appropriately for a task ahead   | Meditation helps me <b>get into the right state of mind</b> for work.                            |
| hit a wall                           | verb phrase    | hɪt ə wɔːl                        | hɪt ə wɔl                 | to reach a point where you are physically or mentally unable to make progress or to continue doing something            | Emily's teacher says she has <b>hit a wall</b> with her schoolwork.                              |
| immerse yourself in something        | verb phrase    | ɪ'mɜːs jɔː'self ɪn                | ɪ'mɜrs jər'self ɪn        | to spend most of your time doing something or thinking about it   | Sandra <b>immersed herself in work</b> to try and forget her problems at home.                   |
| jump start someone's creativity      | verb phrase    | ɔːlmp stɑːt                       | ɔːlmp stɑrt               | to make someone more creative in a very active and successful way   | Going for a run usually <b>jump starts my creativity</b> .                                       |
| run with an idea                     | verb phrase    | rʌn wɪð ən aɪ'dɪə                 |                           | to take control of something such as a plan or a problem and add your own ideas in order to make it successful          | Let's pick up this idea and <b>run with it</b> .   |
| trust your instincts                 | verb phrase    | trʌst jɔːr 'ɪnstɪŋkts             | trʌst jʊər 'ɪnstɪŋkts     | to behave according to your natural ability to know what to do in a particular situation                                | If in doubt, <b>trust your instincts</b> .   |
| work from a blank canvas             | verb phrase    | wɜːk frəm ə blæŋk 'kænvəs         | wɜrk frʌm ə blæŋk 'kænvəs | to start a project with no pre-set ideas about what to do or how to do it   | I'd never done anything like this before, so I was <b>working from a blank canvas</b> .          |
| <b>Compound adjectives</b>           |                |                                   |                           |   |  |
| highly-motivated                     | adjective      | 'haɪli 'məʊtɪveɪtɪd               | 'haɪli 'məʊtə'veɪtəd      | extremely enthusiastic and determined to achieve success  | We have very <b>highly-motivated</b> teachers who are enthusiastic and serious about their work. |
| late-night                           | adjective      | leɪt naɪt                         |                           | happening late at night   | I bought some snacks at a <b>late-night</b> store.   |
| open-minded                          | adjective      | 'əʊpən 'maɪndɪd                   | 'əʊpən 'maɪndəd           | willing to consider new ideas   | She's very <b>open-minded</b> about trying new food.   |
| part-time                            | adjective      | pɑːt taɪm                         | pɑrt taɪm                 | done for only part of the time that an activity is usually performed  | I need a <b>part-time</b> job so I still have time to study when I'm not working.                |
| self-employed                        | adjective      | 'self ɪm'plɔɪd                    |                           | working for yourself instead of for an employer and paid directly by the people who you provide a product or service to | Have you ever considered going <b>self-employed</b> ?  |
| thick-skinned                        | adjective      | 'θɪk 'skɪnd                       |                           | not easily upset or offended by what other people say about you   | You have to be <b>thick-skinned</b> to be a police officer.                                      |
| well-paid                            | adjective      | wel peɪd                          |                           | a well-paid person receives a good amount of money for work   | She's very <b>well-paid</b> with one of the highest salaries in the company.                     |
| world-famous                         | adjective      | wɜːld 'feɪməs                     | wɜrld 'feɪməs             | known by people in all parts of the world   | The hotel is <b>world-famous</b> and has hosted many celebrities.                                |