# 1 VOCABULARY: LIFESTYLE

## Unit 3: What’s up?

**PRESENT PERFECT AND PAST SIMPLE**

City employees cannot **contribute to** political campaigns.

The volunteers **contribute** their own time to the project.

She's struggling to cope with the **heavy workload**.

Surgeons **performed** an emergency operation.

She plays the violin **remarkably** well.

Our company has performed **remarkably** well.

His injuries were quite **severe**.

There is **severe** recession in the UK.

I'm living with my parents, but it's only **temporary**.

You might want to consider **temporary work** until you decide what you want to do.

She was employed **on a temporary basis**.

There is [evidence](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/evidence) of a **downturn** in the [housing](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/housing) [market](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/market).

a [sharp](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/sharp) **upturn** in the [economy](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/economy)

an **upturn** / a **downturn**

a highly **profitable** business

a useful technique for **generating** new ideas

The program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

The company **generated** cash this year.

Spending on information technology has **declined**.

The tourist industry is **recovering** to pre-war levels.

The economy is finally beginning to **pick up** again.

The [army](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/army) had been **positioned** to the [north](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/north) and [east](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/east) of the [city](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/city).

**THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE**

The [radio](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/american-english/radio) says there’ll be [rain](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/american-english/rain) [turning](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/american-english/turn) into [snow](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/american-english/snow)." "Ooh, **I don’t like the** [**sound**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/american-english/sound) **of that**.

There was still no news of Jill, and her parents were getting **frantic**.

Everything was very **hush-hush**. It was confidential information.

After all I'd [heard](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/hear) about the [film](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/film), it [turned](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/turn) out to be a [bit](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/bit) of **a let-down**.

I felt **let down** when I heard they had not finished their report on time.

I [suspect](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/suspect) he [knows](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/know) more than he's [**letting**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/letting) **on**.

There has been a lot of talk about a **merger** with another leading bank.

The closure of the export department resulted in over 100 **redundancies**.

A lot of firms are **relocating to** the North of England.

The **negotiations** with the company had reached a crucial stage.

What did he say, then? Come on, **out with it**!

Just put it in my **in-**[**tray**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/tray) and I'll [look](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/look) at it [later](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/later).

It's difficult to **exaggerate** the importance of sleep.

My [original](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/original) [statement](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/statement) has been [completely](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/completely) **distorted** by the [media](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/media).

Could you give us a rough **approximation** of the cost?

Nancy would **rattle on** for hours about her grandchildren.

This is the second time I've been **passed over** for promotion.

Frankly, I think Apple is **overrated**.

He’s got a **wealth of experience** in this area.

**PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS**

I always try to **find a way around** potential problems.

Charlie thinks money will **solve** all his problems.

Police are **looking into** the disappearance of two children.

They **identified** a number of problem areas.

Your accountant will **discuss** with you how to complete these forms.

The council has failed to **deal** with the problem of homelessness in the city.

We don't **anticipate** any problems.

**Try to find a way around a problem**

**solve a problem**

**look into a problem**

**identify a problem**

**discuss a problem**

**deal with a problem**

**anticipate a problem**

The company still hopes to find a buyer, but the future looks **bleak**.

We'd [expected](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/expect) a few **glitches**, but everything's gone [remarkably](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/remarkably) [smoothly](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/smoothly).

A [heavy](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/heavy) [fall](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/fall) of [snow](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/snow) had caused a **disruption** of the city's [transport](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/transport) [system](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/system).

It's going to take us months to clear the **backlog**.

There are good **prospects** for growth in the retail sector.

Sally had been [recovering](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/recover) well from her [operation](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/operation), but [yesterday](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/yesterday) she [**experienced**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/experienced)**/**[**suffered**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/suffer) **a setback.**

a 20% reduction in burglary **compared with** last year

Johnson and Rivera have **markedly** different leadership styles.

What **prompted** you to buy that suit?

The dogs next door are a real **nuisance**.

You'll be **transferred** to the Birmingham office.

Due to a [slight](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/slight) [technical](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/technical) **hitch** the [concert](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/concert) will be [starting](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/start) [half](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/half) an [hour](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/hour) late.

To the bride's [relief](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/relief), the [wedding](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/wedding) [ceremony](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/ceremony) **went off without a hitch**.

In her last days the poet expressed **concern** for her father.

They **had great difficulty** finding a replacement.

The product **claims** 'to make you thin without dieting'.

The main objective is to find a solution that is **mutually agreeable** in terms of cost.

I'm in a **dilemma** about this job offer.

Working well as a team is the **key** to success.

a discovery that may **hold the key** to our understanding of the universe

We need to develop a **permanent solution**.

The U.S. has two main **political** parties.

He was in a dilemma, and could **see no way out**.

Polluted water sources are a **hazard** to wildlife.

He [warned](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/warn) against any **quick-fix** [solutions](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/solution).

They **insisted** that everyone should come to the party.

We **insist on** the highest standards of cleanliness in the hotel.

When in such desperate situation, Joan was **losing hope**.

The discussions with the miners' union ended in **stalemate**.

**discuss solution**

**find a solution**

**develop a solution**

**negotiate a solution**

the **forthcoming** elections

A knee injury forced her to **withdraw** from the competition.

This week **it has been one thing after the other**! I can’t even have a cup of coffee without getting a phone call.

**The thing is**, we need to save a significant amount of money.

The business **ran into** financial difficulties almost immediately.

**REACTING TO NEWS**

He was feeling a bit **low**, so I did my best to cheer him up.

I [liked](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/like_1) the [film](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/film) but the [book](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/book) was [rather](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/rather) **heavy-going**.

**Mind you**, I still have to meet deadlines.

It really [**winds**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/wind_1) me **up** when he goes on about [teachers](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/teacher) having an [easy](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/easy) [life](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/life).

We're just [hoping](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/hope) the [weather](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/weather) [stays](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/stay) [nice](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/nice) and [keeping](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/keeping) [our](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/our) [**fingers**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/finger)[**crossed**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/cross_1).

**Fingers crossed** that the weather stays nice.

They're **putting up** several new office blocks in the centre of town.

Most big stores admit they daren't **put** prices **up** for fear of losing their customers.

My dad **told** me **off** for swearing.

a **confirmed** [bachelor](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/bachelor)/[atheist](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/atheist)/[tea](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/tea) [drinker](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/drinker)

They're working **overtime** to get the job finished.

When's the [**big**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/big)[**day**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/day), then?

**CRISIS MANAGEMENT**

My brother is **between jobs**.

**Low-income** families often struggle to pay school bills.

They are reconditioning used [cars](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/business-english/truck_1) for [sale](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/business-english/sale) as [certified](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/business-english/certified) **pre-owned** [vehicles](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/business-english/vehicle).

The [firm](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/firm) [hired](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/hire) the [staff](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/staff) to [sell](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/sell) the [stocks](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/stock), then **let** most of them **go** only a few [months](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/month) after the [crash](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/crash).

The airline has **downsized** its workforce by 30%.

The chief executive was very **selective** in what he said about the oil spill.

He has a very **selective** memory.

Some public officials may expect **facilitation payments**.

The program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

We expect a rise in both our production and our **cash flow**.

Our parent company is currently generating negative **cash flow**.

We have suffered a [major](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/business-english/major_1) **blow**.

The impact of the tax was **softened** by large tax-free allowances.

**Soften the blow**

Violence **erupted** after police shot a student during the demonstration.

a volcanic **eruption**

**According to** the police, his attackers beat him with a blunt instrument.

He's a [nice](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/nice) [guy](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/guy), always [ready](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/ready) **to go the extra** [**mile**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/mile) **for** his [friends](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/friend_1).

There are fears that the march will **heighten** racial tension.

The law was passed **in response** to public pressure.

The finance department **handles** all the accounts.

The police investigation was very **thorough**.

The discussions are still **ongoing**.

The project is designed to **provide** young people **with** work.

The sudden snow storm **caught** us all **off-guard**.

## Unit 4 A Better World

**COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS**

We need to assess the **impact on** climate change.

He asked the **passers-by** if they had seen the [accident](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english-french/accident).

The cafe serves an assortment of gourmet **treats**.

Steven took his son to a cricket match as a birthday **treat**.

Some of his colleagues at work became **suspicious of** his behaviour.

They were **suspicious about** my past.

**Founded** in 1935 in Ohio, Alcoholics Anonymous is now a world-wide organization.

The right to speak freely is written into the **constitution** of the United States.

Julia's enthusiasm was catching.

Flu is catching, so [stay](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/stay) away from [work](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/work_1).

Everyone can **participate in** an election.

Helen **volunteered** to have Thanksgiving at her house this year.

**Confectionery**

If people were more thoughtful, the world would be a better **place**.

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our patients.

Some people find that listening to music can **lift their spirits**.

We **do business** with a number of Italian companies.

**Fancy** a quick drink, Emma?

Sorry, but I don't **fancy** going out tonight.

All the girls **fancied** him.

Have you **considered** the possibility of retraining?

**THE PRICE OF HAPPINESS**

**Earn money**

**Save money**

**Invest money**

**Make money**

**Waste money**

**Spend money**

**Lose money**

**Borrow money**

**Have money**

**Lend money**

**Raise money**

**Collect money**

**Get money**

**Receive money**

**Donate money**

**Give money**

**Pay back money**

**Owe money**

**Take money**

**Allocate money**

**Refund money**

**Repay money**

**Deposit money**

**Run out of money**

**Can’t spare any money**

**Be worth a lot of money**

**Save time**

**Invest time**

**Make time**

**Waste time**

**Spend time**

**Lose time**

**Have time**

**Get time**

**Give time**

**Take time**

**Allocate time**

**Run out of time**

**Can’t spare any time**

**Spend money like water**

**Be on top of the world**

**Be over the moon**

**Money is the root of all evil**

**Money doesn’t grow on trees**

**Money makes the world go round**

**Money talks**

The boat **was a drain on** our finances.

We had to **pour money into** repairs.

We weren’t sure whether we could **stay afloat**.

We wondered if the bank would **pull the plug on** our loans.

We felt like we were **drowning in debt**.

Now we sold the boat, we can **keep our heads above water** again.

We **splashed out** and bought it.

It was **getting us down**.

He was **feeling** a bit **low**.

It **cheered me up**.

**Things are looking up**.

**It lifted everyone’s spirit.**

She looked **down in the mouth**.

**ARTICLES OVERVIEW**

She [advised](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/advise) us to [look](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/look) [abroad](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/abroad) for more [lucrative](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/lucrative) [**business**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/business) **ventures**.

There are many [**joint**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/joint) **ventures** between American and [Japanese](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/japanese) [companies](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/company).

A **venture capitalist**

a **loan of** £60,000

I had **to take out a loan** to buy my car.

It'll be years before we've **paid off the loan**.

**Charge interest**

Tax is paid as a **percentage of** total income.

They are **raising funds** to help needy youngsters.

a concert to **raise money for** charity

The [local](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/local) [authority](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/authority) has [refused](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/refuse) to **finance** the [project](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/project).

Her show never really **got off the ground** in the UK.

**Crowdfunding**

**Pitch an idea**

As an added **incentive**, there's a bottle of champagne for the best team.

We're still trying to find **backers** for the housing development scheme.

Moore **pledged $100,000** to the orchestra at the fund-raising dinner.

The new governor **pledged** to reduce crime.

This smart phone seems incredibly cheap! **What’s the catch**?

These berries are **edible**, but those are poisonous.

The credit card **eliminates** the need for cash or cheques.

The teacher should try to **eliminate** the possibility that the child has a hearing defect.

an **ecological** disaster

**HANDLING MEETINGS**

An increasing number of people want **flexible working hours**.

She discussed the idea with some of her **colleagues**.

An inspiring **working environment** can stimulate creativity.

The school has a system of **rewards** and punishments to encourage good behaviour.

The job is difficult, but the financial **rewards** are great.

There is general **recognition** that the study techniques of many students are weak.

He was presented with a gold watch in **recognition** of his service to the company.

The volunteers **contribute** their own time to the project.

Stress is a **contributing** factor in many illnesses.

The opportunity to **contribute ideas**

Farming is heavily **subsidized** (=subsidized a lot) by the government.

**Subsidized travel** to work is considered a benefit by most employees.

Members get a 15% **discount**.

The Young Persons Railcard gives you **a discount on** rail travel.

The [role](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/role) of the **chairperson** in [our](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/our) [meetings](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/meeting) is [clearly](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/clearly) [defined](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/define).

Measures to combat terrorism will be high **on the agenda**.

The next item **on the agenda** is the company dress code.

Could you **clarify** one or two points for me?

Are there any areas you feel are not **covered** adequately in the book? (=include)

Exercise' is a word which **covers** a vast range of activities. (=include)

Airlines are raising fares to **cover** the rising costs of fuel. (=money)

Reporters should **stick to** investigating the facts.

Mr Yeo **valued** Jan **for** her hard work.

He did not fully **appreciate** the significance of signing the contract.

Would you like to **share your feelings/your thoughts on** this item with the group?

Police are **looking into** the disappearance of two children.

Jane volunteered to **take part in** the **survey**.

I am writing to **inquire about** your advertisement in The Times. (also enquire)

**research into/on** the causes of cancer

doubts about the **practicality** of your suggestion

Council officers are **liaising** closely **with** local groups.

We're hoping to **firm up** the deal later this month.

Ms Jones will be back **shortly**.

Einstein was awarded the Nobel Prize for his **contribution to** Quantum Theory.

Sorry to **interrupt**, but I need to ask you to come downstairs.

**Interruptions**

I told them I was perfectly **willing** to help.

An example of a **monetary reward** is an annual bonus.

She has been absent from work **due to** illness.

I'm taking **a course in** graphic design.

My parents encouraged **my interest in** science.

The proposal was **turned down** because it was too expensive.

He was **instrumental in** developing links with European organizations.

The recent rise in crime is a matter of considerable public **concern**.

People **have concerns** that the side effects of treatment are too severe.

**MAKING DECISIONS**

a retirement village for the **elderly**

Thousands of people have been made **homeless**.

**The homeless**

There is a significant increase in **single-parent families**.

a retraining scheme for the long-term **unemployed**

She's always very **punctual** for appointments.

**Punctuality**

More and more employees prefer **working virtually**.

Would you like to **make a donation** to our charity appeal?

Taxes [provide](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/provide) most of the government's **revenue**.

the Academy **Award** for Best Director

Carlos was **awarded** first [prize](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/prize) in the [essay](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/essay) [competition](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/competition).

When it comes to [recycling](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/recycling) he [**talks**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/talk) **the talk but he doesn't** [**walk**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/walk) **the** [**walk**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/walk).

Most courses involve an average of eight hours **attendance** at college each week.

She complained of her boss's inappropriate **behaviour** towards her. (also **behaviour**)

I had to **take out a loan** to buy my car.

It'll be years before we've **paid off the loan**.

There's a new **scheme** in [our](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/our) [town](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/town) for [recycling](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/recycling) [plastic](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/plastic) [bottles](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/bottle).

**a** [**pension**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/pension)**/**[**savings**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/saving_1) **scheme**

Several **charities** sent aid to the flood victims.

The children raised over £200 for **charity**.

**charitable groups**

**a charitable donation**

Don't [forget](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/forget) this is a [commercial](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/commercial) **enterprise** - we're here to make [money](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/money).

The project is **funded** by several local companies.

I need some **volunteers** to help with the washing-up.

Organizers **estimated** the crowd at 50,000.

a rough **estimate** of how much time we'll need

'Did he really?' Her surprise seemed **genuine**.

The strap is **genuine** leather.

Pensions will be increased **in line with** inflation.

The reforms **served as** a model for the rest of the Communist world.

A large cardboard box will **serve** the purpose.

The girl quickly disappeared **among** the crowd.

**Amongst** others, we’ve won the Guardian Charity of the Year award.

The scandal has damaged his **credibility** as a leader.

Vince is vice-president of **corporate** communications.

We will only [publish](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/publish) a new [edition](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/edition) if you can make **a** [convincing](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/convincing) **case** for it.

A win is always good for **morale**.

Winning **boosts morale**.

The formerly **robust** economy has begun to weaken.

The concerts are **financed** by the Arts Council.

Thousands of people **gathered** outside the embassy.

a select **gathering** of 20 or 30 people

The government should do more to promote **sustainable** agriculture.

the **sustainable** use of rainforest resources

The party is promising low inflation and **sustainable** economic growth.

They **ran out of** money and had to abandon the project.

A [school](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/school) [fails](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/fail) if it does not **fulfil the** [**needs**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/need)**/**[**requirements**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/requirement) of [its](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/its) [pupils](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/pupil)

I don't [feel](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/feel) that my [present](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/present) way of [life](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/life) really **fulfils** me.

We're **aiming for** a big improvement.

Most of the staff are on **short-term** contracts. Only some are on **long-term** contracts.

The main **objective** was to improve children's knowledge of geography.

There have been great advances in the **treatment** of cancer.

**school fees**

Cable TV subscribers pay monthly **fees.**

The Swedes [regard](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/regard) **vocational** [**training**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/training) as a [part](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/part) of a youngster's [education](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/education).

A car is an absolute **necessity** if you live in the country.

He's **in hospital** recovering from an operation.

Public places are becoming more accessible to people **with disabilities**.

## Unit 7: Finding Fixes

**MIXED CONDITIONALS**

Rail passengers are fed up with cancellations and delays.

I'm afraid I'll have to cancel our meeting tomorrow.

The company made a **loss** of $250,000 last year.

There were the [usual](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/usual) [**teething**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/teethe)[**troubles**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/trouble) at the [start](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/start) of the [project](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/project), but that's to be [expected](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/expect).

Before you can find a solution, you need to **identify the problem**.

If I **listed all the problems**, we could be here all day.

Luckily, I have a very **understanding** boss.

A lot of firms are **relocating** to the North of England.

Paul is making **steady progress**.

A **steady** situation

Many old people will **experience problems** as the result of retirement.

The department should **keep to budget**.

All companies have disciplinary **procedures** they must **follow**.

**As I see it**, there are three main problem areas.

The project did not **finish to deadline**.

A [heavy](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/heavy) [fall](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/fall) of [snow](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/snow) had **disrupted** the city's [transport](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/transport) [system](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/system).

The strike caused widespread **disruption**.

We are going on a **journey** to a strange country.

I was worried he might have a **breakdown** if he carried on working so hard.

Always carry a phone with you in case you have a **breakdown** on the motorway.

**Apparently** the company is losing a lot of money.

I wasn't there, but **apparently** it went well.

All **personnel** are to receive security badges.

The **car park** is completely full.

**Bear in mind** that some children will need help.

Such tasks are far **beyond** the scope of the average schoolchild.

It was **beyond** my control.

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

Most people now enjoy shorter working hours and more **leisure** time.

The price for the holiday includes flights and **accommodation**.

He's a **first-rate** surgeon.

Sandy will be **delighted to** see you.

Rules **are in place to** keep order.

He says his family received phone **threats** from the group.

After eating some raw fish, Dan suffered from **food-poisoning**.

These measures are **vital** to national security.

The government must **take appropriate action** now to stop the rise in violent crime.

**Although** in poor health, she continued to carry out her duties.

Take an umbrella, **in case** it rains.

He won't want to eat it unless he's really hungry, **in which case** he'll eat almost anything.

He can come with us, **provided (that)** he pays for his own meals.

Look, **supposing that** you lost your job tomorrow, what would you do?

**Unless** some extra money is found, the theatre will close.

I always need to imagining the **worst case scenario**.

The hotel has its own pool and sporting **facilities**.

A controlled explosion was carried out by bomb **squad** officers.

He is **confident that** there will be no problems this time.

The roads into the docks were **closed off** by iron gates.

The meeting will be open to **the general public**.

It's difficult trying to work in such a **restricted** space.

During the event customers will have **restricted use** of the domain.

VIPs always **attract** a lot of **media attention**.

Armed guards **patrolled the grounds/the site**.

CCTV **increases security** in public areas.

Uninvited guest might attempt to **gain access**.

**Unauthorized** personnel are not allowed on the premises.

She passed her driving test at the first **attempt**.

I **escorted** her to the door.

Uninvited guest will be **escorted to the exit**.

**Leading** figures of the world will gather to discuss climate change.

a six-week **strike** by railway workers

Workers had **been out on strike** for 8 months.

Teachers **went on strike** last week to demand job security.

The employees **staged a strike**.

The campaign for reform should start to **gather momentum** in the new year.

the **troubled** electronics company

The product **claims** 'to make you thin without dieting'.

firms that make false **claims** about their products

Angry demonstrators **demanded** the resignation of two senior officials.

**Demand an enquiry**

At what age can you start drawing your **pension**?

**COMPLAINTS**

**savvy** consumers

**media-savvy**

She angrily **voiced** her objections.

**To voice an opinion**

I decided to have the **offending** tooth removed.

An **offending company**

The Council **had influence over / on** many government decisions.

The insurance company has promised not to **turn away** its existing customers.

She received **compensation** from the government for the damage caused to her property.

**To negotiate a refund**

The management fear a **backlash** over the team's poor performances.

My letter received a **swift** reply.

The **decision** was **reversed** on appeal.

I published a **review** of my purchase online.

[Rolls-Royce](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/rolls-royce) [cars](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/car) are [famous](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/famous) for [their](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/their) [quality](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/quality) and **reliability**.

Thousands of people blocked the street, **protesting** against the new legislation.

We **boycott** all products tested on animals.

a **campaign** for equal rights

After 20 years his **contract** was **terminated**.

**NEGOTIATING**

American consumers prefer white eggs; **conversely**, British buyers like brown eggs.

Shall we **get straight down to business**?

I still **have** some **reservations about** the delivery times.

I understand **where you’re coming from**.

**Say** we increased our order by 7%, could you **cut** the delivery time by 2 days?

It looks like we **have a deal**.

Let’s **arrange** another **meeting** when we’ve had time to **think** it **over**.

A [company](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/company) [car](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/car) and a [mobile](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/mobile) [phone](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/phone) are some of the **perks** that come with the [job](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/job).

**Company car**

You should **allocate** the same amount of time to each question.

Do you have **insurance** on your house?

**Health insurance**

They were able to sell their **shares** at a higher price.

**Company shares**

**Shares in** the pharmaceutical industry

The school trip has become an **annual** event.

**Annual bonus**

unleaded petrol

petrol prices

The petrol tank is leaking.

Most people now enjoy shorter working hours and more **leisure** time.

Watching television is now the nation's most popular **leisure activity**.

**school fees**

Cable TV subscribers pay monthly **fees**.

David **was reluctant to** talk about it.

**Raise** your hand if you know the right answer.

a campaign to **raise awareness of** meningitis

They are **raising** funds to help needy youngsters.

I thought it was **worthwhile** to clarify the matter.

All staff will be **trained in** customer service skills.

We need someone **to be trained up** in this area.

The [proposals](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/proposal) that you have **put** [**forward**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/forward)[deserve](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/deserve) [serious](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/serious) [consideration](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/consideration).

She has [decided](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/decided) **to put her** [**name**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/name)**/put her**[**self**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/self_1)[**forward**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/forward) as a [candidate](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/candidate).

What's the **hourly rate** for cleaning?

**Normal hourly rate**

The new president **outlined** plans to deal with crime, drugs, and education.

I **had** serious **reservations about** his appointment as project leader.

**state-of-the-art** technology

His new laptop is **state-of-the-art**.

Would you like me to **draw up a contract**?

Why don't you **think it over** and give me a call in a couple of days?

**PROBLEM SOLVING**

Sorry I'm late. I **overslept**.

I finally managed to **persuade** her to go out for a drink with me.

Come on, Ellen, you **are meant to** be helping me.

I thought the police **were meant** to protect people.

The diagram **is meant to** show the different stages of the process.

I **grabbed** my bag and ran off.

Hang on while I **grab a cup of coffee**.

Let's **grab a bite** to eat before we go.

Why don't you go and **grab some sleep**?

I **lent** my CD player to Dave and I haven't got it back yet.

There is a **major** problem with parking in London.

**A major client**

Her arguments didn't **convince** everyone, but changes were made.

Offered the position of chairman, Smith **declined**, preferring to keep his current job.

The restaurant **declined my credit** **card**.

Customers may ask for a refund if the goods are **faulty**.

Injury threatened **to wreck** his sporting career.

The car was completely **wrecked** in the accident.

I'll **drop** you **off** on my way home.

A [**traffic**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/traffic)[**warden**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/warden) gave me a [ticket](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/ticket) for [parking](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/parking) on a [double](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/double) [yellow](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/yellow) [line](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/line).

Are you ready to make a long-term **commitment**?

Our company has **a commitment to** quality and customer service.

## Unit 9: Security and privacy

**MAKING PREDICTIONS**

It’s **unlikely** that credit cards will decrease in popularity.

It’s **quite probable** that more and more consumers will turn to mobile banking.

So, really**, I doubt** whether access to credit will be easier.

For those who have credit cards, it **will definitely be** more difficult to spend.

Plastic cards **probably** won’t become any safer to use.

So there **is sure to be** a great improvement.

The number of credit card users **is bound to** decline sharply.

It’s **highly likely** that debit cards will become everybody’s preferred plastic.

the first **decade** of this [century](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english-french/century) (= 2000–2010)

**credit card**

**debit card**

Our special offers are intended to **entice** people to buy.

This **parking meter** only accepts coins.

Average house prices **decreased by** 13% last year.

Teachers reported **decreases in** drug use and verbal abuse of teachers.

**decrease of**

There has been **a** steady **decrease of** temperature.

Visits to the site have **increased** threefold since May.

**an increase in** the crime rate

Credit card use will **increase significantly**.

Delia's work has been **significantly** better this year.

Spending on information technology has **declined**.

Spending on information technology has **declined sharply**.

There has been **a decline in** the size of families.

The number of deaths on the roads has **dropped sharply**.

Temperatures **drop** quite **dramatically** at night, so bring some warm clothing.

**a drop in** temperature

Shelly **valued** her privacy.

Mr. Yeo **valued** Jan for her hard work.

**low-end** desktop computers

**high-risk** investments

Bus route 51 is being **discontinued**.

The [bank](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/bank) is **discontinuing** [its](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/its) [Saturday](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/saturday) [service](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/service).

We need to **apply for** planning permission to build a garage.

**Apply for a credit card**

**Be in the red**

**MODAL PERFECT**

He **was** clearly **in breach of** the law.

There had been a major **breach** of security at the air base.

**A security breach**

In the film he amusingly **impersonates** a woman.

Silence fell as I **entered** the room.

I could tell that he was trying to **evade** the issue.

You can't go on **evading** your **responsibilities** in this way.

She managed to **evade** the police.

Cats should always have **access** to fresh, clean water.

He **gained access** to the CIA headquarters.

We **posed** for photographs.

As soon as the prisoner escaped, the **alarm was raised**.

The demonstrators were **ejected** from the hall.

The **investigation** continued for nearly three years.

The press **launched** a vicious **attack** on the President.

The book **launched** his **career** as a novelist.

He was continually **dreaming up** new schemes to promote and enlarge the business.

The **survey** showed that Britain's trees are in good health.

**Initially**, I thought I would only stay there a year.

Don't **be taken in** by products claiming to help you lose weight in a week.

I think we paid too much for the house, **considering that** we needed to get the roof repaired.

Have you **considered** the possibility of retraining?

The advertising campaign was a total **failure**.

I couldn't **take the risk** of leaving him alone even for a short time.

They had to cross five military **checkpoints**.

We need to hurry or we'll miss our **flight**.

All **flights** are **grounded** until the fog clears.

You really gave us a **scare**!

**a festive** [**mood**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/mood)**/**[**occasion**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/occasion)

The [hall](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/hall) [looked](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/look) very **festive** with [its](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/its) [Christmas](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/christmas) [tree](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/tree).

**The festive season**

We **crashed** Joe's **party** yesterday.

**Crash an event**

The company hired Bob to conduct an independent **review** of their workplace procedures.

The policy **comes up for review** in April.

All fees are subject to review.

All fees are **put under review**.

She claims that the police **planted** the drugs on her.

Two men are accused of **planting** a bomb on the plane.

**Sniffer dogs** detected the bomb.

**illicit** [drugs](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/drug) such as [cocaine](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/cocaine) and [cannabis](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/cannabis)

the **illicit** [trade](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/trade) in [stolen](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/stolen) [vehicles](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/vehicle)

an attempt to **intercept** drugs being smuggled over the border

His phone calls were **intercepted**.

**BREACHES OF PRIVACY**

With seven people squashed in one house, you don't **get** much **privacy**.

How do you feel when your **privacy** is **invaded**?

24-hour **surveillance** of the building

The suspects were **kept under surveillance**.

**File a lawsuit against somebody**

**Face a lawsuit**

**Produce evidence**

**Present evidence**

**Face charges**

**Deny charges**

**Bring charges against somebody**

**Withdraw allegations**

**To hear a case**

**To be charged**

Johnson has been **charged with** murder.

David was **sentenced** to three years in prison.

Do not **judge** her too harshly, as she was very young at the time.

You should never **judge** a person by their looks.

The trial **judge** specifies the number of years to be spent in prison.

He was **accused of** murder.

Smith **accused** her **of** lying.

A number of serious **accusations** have been **made against** her.

We'll **present** the information using a chart.

A team of divers was sent down to **examine** the wreck.

The investigators **examined** the case thoroughly.

Under **cross-examination**, the [witness](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/witness) [admitted](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/admit) her [evidence](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/evidence) had been [mostly](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/mostly) [lies](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/lie).

Carla **expressed concern** for her father.

a murder **trial**

The men are due to **stand trial** on a drugs charge.

The case will be **heard** in the High Court.

After a week the jury had still not **reached a verdict**.

Mr Singh has strongly denied the **allegations of** sexual harassment.

The teacher made serious **allegations against** a colleague.

If you don’t **withdraw** your **allegations**, I will contact my lawyer.

Shoplifters will be **prosecuted**.

**A prosecutor**

I never **intended** things to turn out the way they did.

**Intend bodily harm**

He was accused of **fraudulently** using a stolen credit card.

a **fraudulent** insurance claim

The country is a major centre for **money laundering**.

The police don't usually like to **intervene** in disputes between husbands and wives.

The case generated public **outrage**.

He is [suing](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/sue) for **defamation** of [character](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/character).

**Defamation against someone**

a support group for parents of **disabled** children

**breaching a code**

**INDIRECTNESS**

My **computer** has just **frozen**. What should I do?

The **shop assistant** was very helpful.

The rise in crime is mainly due to social and economic **factors**.

I have quite a good **relationship** with my parents.

Abraham was [able](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/able_1) to [act](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/act) as [interpreter](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/interpreter) and **interlocutor** for [our](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/our) [group](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/group).

Both candidates **received** an equal number of votes.

Doctors have traditionally enjoyed high social **status**.

**Equal status**

**Low status**

**High status**

Could you **do me** a **favour** and tell Kelly I can't make it? (also favour)

They're **working overtime** to get the job finished.

He's been **doing** a lot of **overtime** recently.

Would it **bother** you if I put on some music?

**Sorry to bother you**, but Mr Grey is on the line.

Let's **go through** the whole thing again, from the beginning.

To **request** more information, please call our toll free number.

They have **made** an urgent **request** for international aid.

They **encountered** serious problems when two members of the expedition were injured.

She didn't remember our **encounter** last summer.

**Service encounter**

I felt very **inferior** among all those academics.

Your computer is far **superior** to mine.

**All in all**, I don’t think this is a very good idea

The small fines for this type of crime do not act as much of a **deterrent**.

In radio you have to keep the listener listening. That's **the bottom line**.

**CCTV** cameras are monitoring this area.

We [expect](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/expect) the [building](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/building) [work](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/work_1) to be [completed](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/complete) [**ahead**](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/ahead) **of schedule**.

We are afraid the building work is running **behind schedule.**

**MONITORING AT WORK**

The temperature is carefully **monitored**.

The pollution in the city had a bad **effect** on me.

As a [political](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/political) [party](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/party) they are [trying](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/trying) to **effect** a [change](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/change) in the way that we [think](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/think) about [our](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/our) [environment](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/environment).

The cold weather has really **affected** her health.

Do you **accept** [credit](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/credit) [cards](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/card)?

The [museum](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/museum) is [open](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/open) [daily](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/daily) **except** Mondays.

You're going to have to [learn](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/learn) to **control** [your](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/your) [temper](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/temper).

The [report](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/report) **overviews** the [needs](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/need) of the [community](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/community)

Who has **oversight** of [genetic](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/genetic) [testing](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/testing)?

This task is designed to **test** your reading skills.

**In my opinion**, solar panels are a waste of money.

**According to** the police, his attackers beat him with a blunt instrument.

She **used to** [live](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/live) in Glasgow.

I work in a hospital, so **I’m used** to long hours

They **granted** her an [entry](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/entry) [visa](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/visa).

She [wanted](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/wanted) to go but her [parents](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/parent) wouldn't **let** her.

Maintaining the device properly **makes** it run smoothly.

My parents wouldn't **allow** me **to** go to the party.

Our favourite restaurant has **raised** its prices again.

Rents have **risen** sharply in this part of town.

An opportunity **arose** and he decided to take the job in Brussels.

Could you give me some **advice** about buying a home?

She needed someone to **advise** her.

How much monitoring is necessary **depends on** the results of the employees.

The expenses you claim can vary enormously, **depending on** travel distances involved.

He got the job **in spite of** his prison record.

**Despite** all our efforts to save the school, the authorities decided to close it.

We decided to take rooms in Longwood House, **although** we knew we could not really afford the rent.

This is a cheap and simple process. **However**, there are dangers.

This year's exam was much **harder** than last year's.

Most young people in this firm **work** very **hard**.

There was **hardly** any traffic.

Incoming email

**Outgoing email**

His height gives him an **advantage over** the other players.

I **took advantage of** the good weather to paint the shed.

We have decided to **implement** the committee's recommendations.

All the children will **receive** a small gift.

What's the latest **gossip**?

The whole town was **gossiping** about them.

Doctors are required to keep patients' records completely **confidential**.

**Confidential information**

It is not company policy to **divulge** personal details of employees.

an **unregulated** banking system

The witness **stated** that he had not seen the woman before.

Some [companies](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/business-english/company) [collect](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/business-english/collect_1) **keystroke** [data](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/business-english/data) that reveals when [workers](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/business-english/worker) are at their [desks](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/business-english/desk).

I need the money. And **besides**, when I agree to do something, I do it.

He was determined to **counter** the bribery allegations.

There have been a number of **thefts** in the area.

The terrorists were planning acts of **sabotage** to destabilize the country.

24-hour **surveillance** of the building

Smoking is **banned** in the building.

a training program to improve employees' **performance**