**ACTIVE VOCABULARY GUIDE**

**Unit 1**

**Reading 1**

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| **WORD** | **DEFINITION** | **COLLOCATIONS** | **EXAMPLES** |
| **adapt (v)** | 1. to change your behaviour in order to deal more successfully with a new situation | ***adapt yourself to something*** | *We have had to* ***adapt*** *quickly* ***to*** *the new system.*  *It took him a while to* ***adapt himself******to*** *his new surroundings* |
|  | 2. to change something in order to make it suitable for a new use or situation | ***adapt something for something*** | *Most of these tools have been specially* ***adapted******for*** *use by disabled people.*  *Three of her novels have been* ***adapted******for*** *television.* |
|  | 3. to change a book or play so that it can be made into a play, film, television drama, etc. | ***adapt something from something*** | *The film is* ***adapted******from*** *J.K. Rowling’s novel.* |
| **advantage (n)** | 1. a thing that helps you to be better or more successful than other people | *a* ***distinct/significant/huge advantage***  ***to be at an advantage*** *(= have an advantage)*  ***advantage over somebody*** | *She* ***had*** *the* ***advantage******of*** *a good education.*  *You will* ***be at an advantage*** *in the interview if you have thought about the questions in advance.*  *Being tall gave him an* ***advantage******over*** *the other players.* |
|  | 2. a quality of something that makes it better or more useful | ***advantage of (doing) something***  ***be/work to your advantage (****to give you an advantage; to change a situation in a way that gives you an advantage)*  ***take advantage of something /somebody (****to make use of an opportunity;*  *to make use of somebody/something in a way that is unfair or dishonest* | *Each of these systems has its* ***advantages*** *and disadvantages.*  *It would* ***be to your advantage*** *to attend this meeting.*  *We* ***took*** *full* ***advantage******of*** *the hotel facilities.*  *He* ***took******advantage******of*** *my generosity.* |
| **basis (n)** | 1**.** the way things are organized or arranged; how often something happens | ***on a*** *day-to-day/weekly/monthly* ***basis*** | *We are in contact on a* ***regular basis****.*  *All members of the committee work on a* ***voluntary basis****.* |
|  | 2.the reason why people take a particular action | ***on the basis of*** *something* | *She was chosen for the job* ***on the basis*** *of her qualifications.* |
|  | 3. ideas or actions from which something develops | ***basis for something***  *to act as/be/lay/form/provide* ***a basis for*** | *This article will* ***form/lay the basis for*** *our discussion.*  *Their advice* ***is used as a basis for*** *decision-making.* |
| **deliver (v)** | 1. to take goods, letters, etc. to the people they have been sent to | ***to deliver something to somebody*** | *We* ***deliver to*** *our stores seven days a week.* |
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|  | 2. to give a speech, talk, performance, etc. or to make an official statement | ***to deliver a lecture / a speech*** | *The senator* ***delivered a*** *passionate* ***speech*** *against war.* |
|  | 3. to do what you promised to do or what you are expected to do | ***to deliver on something***  ***to deliver something*** | *She always* ***delivers on*** *her promises.*  *If you can’t* ***deliver*** *improved sales figures, you’re fired.* |
| **delivery (n)** | the process of bringing goods or letters to a place | ***on delivery***  ***to take delivery of*** | *Please pay for the goods* ***on delivery****.*  *When can* ***you take delivery of*** *the car?* |
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|  |  | ***express/ prompt/ next-day delivery*** | *If we have the part in the stock, it can be sent to you* ***for next-day delivery****.* |
|  |  | ***arrange / schedule/ refuse delivery*** | *If the goods are damaged, we would suggest that you* ***refuse delivery*** *from the courier.* |
| **luxury (n)** | 1. the fact of enjoying special and expensive things, particularly food and drink, clothes and places | ***to enjoy/ live in/ indulge in luxury***  ***in the lap of luxury*** | *Now we’ll be able to live* ***in luxury*** *for the rest of our lives.*  *We spent two weeks in the hotel living* ***in (the lap of) luxury****.* |
|  | 2. a thing that is expensive and pleasant but not essential | ***to afford a luxury*** | *It was* ***a luxury*** *if you had a washing machine in those days.* |
|  | 3. a pleasure or an advantage that you do not often have |  | *We had* ***the luxury*** *of being able to choose from four good candidates for the job.* |
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| **luxury (adj.)** | expensive and of very high quality | ***luxury goods / car/ hotel/ brand*** | *The government will pay for the new schools by unceasing the tax on* ***luxury goods****.* |
| **luxurious (adj.)** | very comfortable and expensive or giving great pleasure |  | *We spent* ***a luxurious*** *weekend at a country hotel.* |
| **pang (n)** | a sudden strong feeling of physical or emotional pain | ***sharp / little/ sudden/ bitter***  ***to experience/ to feel/ to relieve***  ***pang of hunger / pain / thirst***  ***pang of conscience / jealousy/ regret/ remorse*** | *A* ***slight pang of jealousy*** *overcame Jane.*  *The berries* ***relieved*** *their* ***pangs of hunger****.*    *Her tears looked so realistic that I almost* ***felt a pang of remorse****.* |
| **pride (n)** | 1. a feeling of pleasure and satisfaction that you get when you or someone connected with you have achieved something special | ***to take/ have pride in something***  ***a source of / a matter for/ a cause for pride***  ***the pride of something*** | *I* ***take (a) pride in*** *my work.*  *Success in sport is a* ***source of national pride****.*  *The new sports stadium is* ***the pride of*** *the town.* |
|  | 2. the feeling of respect that you have for yourself | ***to hurt/ wound/ swallow  pride***    ***out of pride***  ***to have/ take pride of place*** *(= to have the most important position in a group of things)* | *Losing his job was a real* ***blow to his pride****.*  *The government should* ***swallow its pride*** *and scrap its road-building scheme.*  *She refused their help* ***out of pride****.*  *The photo was given* ***pride of place*** *on the mantelpiece.* |
| **respect (n)** | 1. the attitude of admiring something or considering it seriously | ***deep /enormous/ profound respect for***  ***out of respect for***  ***deserve/ inspire/ show/ have/ treat with respect*** | *They feel a deep and* ***mutual respect*** *for each other.*  ***Out of respect for*** *my friend, I didn’t say anything.*  *It was a noble effort that* ***deserves respect****.* |
|  | 2. a particular aspect or detail of something | ***in … respect***  ***in respect of***  ***with respect to …*** | *This has been a successful year* ***in many respects****.*  *The system doesn’t seem to be working effectively* ***in respect o****f professional training.*  *I am writing* ***with respect to*** *your letter.* |
| **respect (v)** | 1. to have a very good opinion of somebody/ something; | ***to respect somebody/something for something*** | *WWF is internationally* ***respected for*** *its conservation work.* |
|  | 2. to be careful about something; to make sure you do not do something that might be considered wrong | ***to respect one’s right to something*** | *He doesn’t* ***respect other people’s right t****o privacy.* |
|  | 3. to agree not to break a law, principle |  | *The new leader promised* ***to respect*** *the constitution.* |
| **respected (adj)** | admired by many people for one’s qualities or achievements | ***well/ greatly/ deeply/ highly/ much***  ***globally/ (inter)nationally/ widely*** | *He is well* ***respected*** *in the business world.* |
| **respectable (adj)** | 1. considered by society to be acceptable, good or correct  2. fairly good, of a good enough standard to be acceptable |  | *This is a* ***respectable*** *neighbourhood.*    *She earns a* ***respectable*** *salary.* |
| **sight (n)** | 1. the act of seeing somebody/something | ***to catch/ lose sight of***  ***at the sight of***  ***by sight***  ***at first sight*** | *She* ***caught sight of*** *the car in the distance.*  *Her knees went weak* ***at the sight of*** *him.*  *I don’t know our new professor* ***by sight****.*  *We fell in love with the house* ***at first sight****.* |
|  | 2. the area or distance within which somebody can see or something can be seen | ***in sight***  ***out of sight***  ***within sight (of)***  ***to come into/ disappear from sight***  ***out of sight, out of mind*** *(=**you soon**forget things that are**no longer visible)* | *Children were nowhere* ***in sight****.*  *She never lets her kids* ***out of sight****.*  *The cottage is* ***within sight of*** *the lake.*  *The car* ***disappeared from*** *sight.*  *But the oceans are* ***out of sight, out of mind*** *to all but a few of us.* |
|  | 3. a thing that you see or can see | ***common/ familiar/ spectacular***  ***enjoy/ see/ witness a sight***  ***to be quite a sight*** | *In many parts of Spain wind turbines have become* ***a familiar sight****.*  *The river was* ***a spectacular sight to enjoy*** *at sunset.*  *The military parade was* ***quite a sight****.* |
| **temptation (n)** | a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something | ***great/ irresistible/ strong temptation***  ***avoid/ fight/ resist/ overcome temptation***  ***give way to/ yield to***  ***put temptation in one’s way*** | *As a young actress, she managed* ***to resist the great temptation to move to*** *Hollywood.*  *She nearly* ***gave in to the temptation*** *to open the letter.*  *Keep your valuables locked away so as not* ***to put temptation in the way of*** *thieves.* |
| **tempt (v)** | to make someone want to have or do something (esp. unnecessary of wrong) | ***to tempt somebody into doing something***  ***to tempt to do something*** | *Unemployment increases the number of those* ***tempted into*** *crime.*  *I* ***was tempted to*** *take the day off.* |
| **tempting (adj)** | something that is attractive, and makes people want to have it, do it | ***be tempting to do something*** | *The cake looks very* ***tempting****.*  ***It’s tempting to*** *speculate about what might have happened.* |
| **top (n)** | 1. the highest part or point of something | ***at the top***  ***from top to toe*** *(=completely, all over)*  ***on top*** *( - in addition)*  ***on top of the world*** *(= very happy)* | *Write your name* ***at the top****.*  *She was speaking* ***at the top*** *of her voice.*    *She was dressed in green* ***from top to toe****.*  *We missed the train, and* ***on top of that,*** *we had to wait for two hours for the next one.* |
|  | 2. the highest or most important rank or position | ***get to/ make it to/ reach the top*** | *The company has an unusually high proportion of* ***young people at the top****.* |
| **top (adj)** | highest in position, rank, degree or importance. | ***top officials/ executives***  ***top priority/ speed/ quality/ price***  ***top of the class in***  ***at the top of the agenda*** | *A* ***top executive*** *in a big industrial company today is really a co-ordinator.*  *He is* ***top of the class in*** *geography.* |

**Reading 2**

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| **WORD** | **DEFINITION** | **COLLOCATIONS** | **EXAMPLES** |
| **consequence** **(n)** | something that happens as a result of a particular action or set of conditions | ***to******have****/****accept****/****consider****/****face****/* ***suffer****/****take******consequences (of)***  ***as a consequence of something***  ***consequence for somebody/something***  ***disastrous/negative/inevitable/***  ***adverse consequences***  ***with*** *fatal, inevitable, serious, tragic, unforeseen, unfortunate* ***consequences*** | *Remember that actions have* ***consequences****.*  *They must be prepared to* ***accept******the consequences of*** *their actions.*  *Two hundred people lost their jobs* ***as a direct consequence of*** *the merger.*  *This decision could have serious* ***consequences******for*** *the industry.*  *It was* ***an inevitable*** *consequence of the decision.*  *He drove too fast,* ***with*** *tragic* ***consequences****.* |
| **convince** **(v)** | to make somebody/yourself believe that something is true | ***to convince somebody of something***  ***to try/manage/fail to convince*** | *You’ll need to* ***convince*** *them* ***of*** *your enthusiasm for the job.*  *She has* ***managed to convince*** *even the sceptics that she is right.*  *Will you* ***try to convince*** *voters* ***that*** *the change is for the better?* |
| **(un)convinced (adj.)** | completely sure about something; certain that something is true | ***to be deeply/firmly/half etc. convinced of something***    ***to feel/sound, etc. convinced*** | *She was still only* ***half convinced of*** *the truth.*  *I* ***am*** *firmly* ***convinced that*** *this is the best possible deal we could have.*  *Sam nodded but he didn’t* ***look******convinced*** *by this argument.* |
| **(un)convincing (adj.)** | that makes somebody believe that something is true | ***a convincing argument/explanation, etc.***      ***a convincing victory/win*** (= an easy one; leaving no margin of doubt) | *Her argument sounded fairly* ***convincing*** *to me.*  *We tend to find a long, complicated excuse less* ***convincing****.*  *He will demand* ***convincing*** *evidence before he accepts the proposal.*  *Sunday's parliamentary elections brought* ***a convincing win*** *for the center-right.* |
| **conviction (n)** | 1. [C, U] a strong opinion or belief  2. [U] the quality of showing that you believe strongly in what you are saying | ***personal/moral/political, etc. conviction(s) about***  ***to share/lack/carry, etc. conviction***  ***with/without conviction*** | *He had a strong personal* ***conviction******about*** *the power of music.*  *It is my firm* ***conviction that*** *nothing will change until we address the root causes of the problem.*  *Her arguments* ***lacked*** *conviction.*  *His explanation failed* ***to carry conviction*** *in the face of the facts.*  *The answer is given* ***with so much conviction*** *that you can’t but believe him.* |
| **priority** **(n)** | 1. [C] something that you think is more important than other things and should be dealt with first    2. [U] the most important place among various things that have to be done or among a group of people | ***first/top/main priority***  *a* ***high/low priority***  *to be high/low on somebody’s* ***list of priorities****.*  *to* ***get your priorities right*** *(= decide what is most important and needs attention first).*  ***to have/take priority (over)*** | *Education is a top* ***priority****.*  Material possessions have always been a low priority for Mike.  *Financial security was* ***high on his list of priorities****.*  *Before we talk, I suggest we should* ***get our priorities right****.*    *Club members will be* ***given/have priority****.*  *The search for a new vaccine will* ***take priority******over*** *all other medical research.*  *Let’s list the tasks* ***in order of priority****.* |
| **propose (v)** | 1. to suggest a plan, an idea, etc. for people to think about and decide on    2. to ask somebody to marry you | ***to propose something/doing something***    ***to propose to somebody***  ***to propose marriage***  ***to propose a toast (to somebody)/ propose somebody’s health (=*** *to ask people to wish somebody health, happiness and success by raising their glasses and drinking)* | *He* ***proposed******changing*** *the name of the company.*  *Since the idea was first* ***proposed****, no action has been taken.*  *He was afraid that if he* ***proposed to*** *his girlfriend**she might refuse.*  *Forget the traditional methods for* ***proposing marriage*** *- the bended knee, the skywriting, etc.*  *I’d like* ***to propose a toast to*** *the bride and groom.* |
| **proposal (n)** | 1. a formal suggestion or plan that a group has to consider; the act of making a suggestion  2. an act of formally asking somebody to marry you | ***to put forward/accept/reject, etc. a proposal***  ***proposal on/for something*** | *The government* ***outlined*** *a new set of* ***proposals on*** *human rights.*  *The Ministry* ***put forward a proposal for*** *lower speed limits on motorways.*  *She accepted his* ***proposal*** *at once.* |
| **thrive (v)** | to become, and continue to be, successful, strong, healthy, etc. | ***to thrive on*** *(= to enjoy or be successful in a particular situation, especially one that other people find difficult or unpleasant)* | *New businesses* ***thrive*** *in this area.*  *Our natural food supermarkets are* ***thriving****.*  *Children* ***thrive******on*** *love.*  *He is the sort of person who* ***thrives on*** *hard work.*  *Thought* ***thrives on*** *conflict.* |
| **thriving (adj.)** | prosperous and growing; very successful and making a lot of money | ***a thriving industry/market/place, etc.*** | *George Hudson was the far-sighted entrepreneur who transformed York into a* ***thriving****, modern city.* |

**Reading 2: Phrasal Verbs**

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| **to call on/upon somebody** | to officially ask or demand that somebody do something |
| **to come into something** | to suddenly receive (money or property), especially by inheriting it |
| **to end up (doing something)** | to be in a particular place or state after doing something or because of doing it |
| **to miss out (on something)** | to lose an opportunity to do or have something |
| **to seize on/upon something** | to suddenly show a lot of interest in something, especially in order to gain an advantage |
| **to set about something/doing something** | to begin doing something, especially in a determined or enthusiastic way |
| **to set something aside** | to keep something, especially money, time, or a particular area, for a special purpose |
| **to take something on** | to agree to do some work or be responsible for something |
| **to take something over** | to take control of something |
| **to single somebody/something out** | to choose somebody/something from a group for special attention |