**Reading: Literature Corner (pp. 104-105)**

**novelist** (n) = a person who writes novels, i.e. long stories about imaginary people and events

*e.g. Charles Dickens was one of the most influential English novelists.***result in** (v) = to cause a situation or event to happen   
*e.g. Frequent exposure to the sun throughout one’s life can result in skin cancer.***unique** (adj) = unusual and special

*e.g. Roberto Carlos has a unique gift for scoring spectacular goals. There’s no one quite like him!***lush** (adj) 1. (of plants, gardens, etc) = having a lot of healthy grass and plants **syn** luxuriant

*e.g. Our garden is looking particularly green and lush after all that rain we’ve had.*

2. beautiful, comfortable and expensive **syn** luxurious – lush carpets

3. *informal* attractive or nice

**hazard** (n) = danger   
*e.g. Dumping of chemicals poses a public health hazard.*Der.: hazardous (adj)  
**rest on** (v) = to be based on sth

*e.g. His theory rested on very feeble assumptions.***circumstances** (n pl) = the conditions that affect what happens in a particular situation

*e.g. Tom’s gone down with the flu; under the circumstances we’ll have to cancel the trip.***favourable** (adj) = good, positive   
*e.g. With prices currently low, conditions are favourable for buying a car.*Opp.: unfavourable  
**revive sb’s interest** (phr) = to attract interest again   
*e.g. Watching* Casablanca *revived my interest in black and white films, as I greatly enjoyed it.***be engaged in** (phr) = to do sth   
*e.g. What kind of work are you engaged in at present?***occupy sb’s attention** (phr) = to require attention   
*e.g. Give little Johnnie these toy cars to play with; they should occupy his attention for a while.***terrace** (n) = a flat area of stone or grass beside a building where people can sit   
*e.g. We sat on the grass terrace next to the Houses of Parliament.***stir** (v) = to move – мърдам, помръдвам, шавам

*e.g. It was early when I left the house and no one was stirring as they were all fast asleep.***waterfront** (n) = a street or an area of land which is next to an area of water *e.g. Our room has a stunning view of the sea as the hotel is built on the waterfront.***pale** (adj) = light in colour, almost white

*e.g. The fishermen cast their nets in the still pale light of dawn.*Opp.: dark  
**extraordinary** (adj) = remarkable; unusual or surprising; incredible – very much greater or more impressive than usual  
*e.g. The pink light of late evening lent the island an extraordinary beauty.***chase** (v) = to run after sb in order to catch them

*e.g. When we were small children, we loved chasing each other around the garden.***splendour** (n) = beautiful and impressive appearance

*e.g. The unique splendour of Paris has enchanted everyone who has ever been there.***meet sb’s gaze** (phr) = to be seen by

*e.g. When we looked downward from the cliff, nothing met our gaze but bare rocks and fog.***wander** (v) = to walk around

*e.g. I’ve been wandering around the city centre for hours and now I’m exhausted.***distinct** (adj) = clear

*e.g. Mary has a wonderfully distinct voice. I would recognise it anywhere!***trim** (adj) = tidy and attractive

*e.g. Are you going out? You’re looking very neat and trim tonight!***neat** (adj) = tidy

*e.g. Your room looks so neat for a change! Have you cleaned it up?*Der.: neatness (n)  
Opp.: shabby  
**animated** (adj) = lively   
*e.g. We had quite an animated conversation with David, although I wouldn’t call it an argument.***quay** (n) = a long platform beside the sea or a river where boats can be tied up   
*e.g. Standing on the quay there were two young boys totally absorbed in fishing.***knight** (n) = a man of noble birth who served his king or lord in battles   
*e.g. My grandmother used to tell me stories of knights who saved beautiful princesses!***lofty** (adj) = high   
*e.g. The old house had such lofty ceilings that I couldn’t reach them even when I used a stepladder.***murmur** (v) = to say sth that can hardly be heard ; mutter, mumble  
*e.g. He murmured sweet words into her ear and stroked her silken hair.***splash** (v) = (of a liquid) to hit sb or sth and scatter

*e.g. She sat there for hours, watching the waves splashing against the rock.***shadowy** (adj) = dark or full of shadows   
*e.g. He stood in a shadowy corner to avoid being noticed.***short-lived** (adj) = not lasting very long   
*e.g. His football career was rather short-lived due to a serious accident he had while training.***harbour** (n) = an area of sea at the coast protected by land or walls in which ships can shelter

*e.g. During the storm the ships sheltered in the harbour.***bay** (n) = a part of a coast where the land curves inwards   
*e.g. The sea is calm because it is in a bay, so the beach is sheltered.***flamboyant** (adj) = noticeable, exciting , confident, exuberant; brightly coloured and easily noticed  
*e.g. His flamboyant clothes are more suited to a rock star than a teacher!***plant** (v) = to put a plant, seed or young tree into the ground so that it will grow there   
*e.g. We’ve planted some new trees at the end of the garden to form a windbreak.***blaze** (v) = to be extremely bright

*e.g. The sun blazed down on us in the scorching heat of the day.***scarlet** (adj) = bright red   
*e.g. When I first saw her, she was wearing a scarlet dress and black shoes.***streamer** (adj) = a long roll of coloured paper   
*e.g. The hall in which the wedding reception took place was decorated with streamers.***flaming** (adj) = bright   
*e.g. Cathy’s flaming red hair was swept back in the wild autumn wind.***customs** (n pl) = a place where people arriving from a foreign country have to declare goods

*e.g. We hadn’t brought back anything from holiday so we didn’t declare anything at customs.***dazzle** (v) = to make blind for a short while   
*e.g. The windows were thrown open and I was dazzled by the bright morning sun.*