**ENG102 ADVANCED ENGLISH VOCABULARY LIST**

**WHY ARE WE OBSESSED WITH SUPERHEROES?**

Box office: 1) The **box office** in a theater or concert hall is the place where the tickets are sold. 2) When people talk about **the** **box office**, they are referring to the degree of success of a film or play in terms of the number of people who go to watch it or the amount of money it makes.

Riveting: If you describe something as **riveting**, you mean that it is extremely interesting and exciting, and that it holds your attention completely

Morph / morphed: If one thing **morphs** **into** another thing, especially something very different, the first thing changes into the second.

Mere mortal: someone who’s gonna die someday, only human not god.

Otherworldly: **Otherworldly** people, things, and places seem strange or spiritual, and not much connected with ordinary things.

Flaw / flawed: A **flaw** **in** something such as a theory or argument is a mistake in it, which causes it to be less effective or valid. 2) A **flaw** **in** someone's character is an undesirable quality that they have.

Score: In a sport or game, if a player **scores** a goal or a point, they gain a goal or point.

Avenge: An **average** is the result that you get when you add two or more numbers together and divide the total by the number of numbers you added together.

Cynical: If you are **cynical** **about** something, you do not believe that it can be successful or that the people involved are honest.

Straight-arrow: A **straight arrow** is someone who is very traditional, honest, and moral.

Do-gooder: If you describe someone as a **do-gooder**, you mean that they do things which they think will help other people, although you think that they are interfering.

Dated: **Dated** things or [ideas](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/us/dictionary/english/idea) seem old-fashioned, although they may once have been fashionable or modern.

Camp: A **camp** is a collection of huts and other buildings that is provided for a particular group of people, such as refugees, prisoners, or soldiers, as a place to live or stay.

Die-hard (fans): If you say that habits or attitudes **die hard**, you mean that they take a very long time to disappear or change, so that it may not be possible to get rid of them completely.

Debuted: The **debut** of a performer or sports player is their first public performance, appearance, or recording.

Debris: **Debris** is pieces from something that has been destroyed or pieces of [trash](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/us/dictionary/english/trash) or unwanted material that are spread around.

Spawning: 1) When fish or animals such as frogs **spawn**, they lay their eggs.

2) If something **spawns** something else, it causes it to happen or to be created.

Typecast: If an actor **is typecast**, they play the same type of character in every play or [movie](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/us/dictionary/english/movie) that they are in.

Ingrate: ungrateful

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