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Complete First

Word lists

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Unit 2

alleyway *noun* (20) a narrow road or path between buildings The thieves escaped down an alleyway between two shops.

astonishing *adjective* (27) very surprising What an astonishing thing to say!

beg *verb* (20) to make a very strong and urgent request I begged my father to let me go to the party.

clamber *verb* (20) to climb somewhere with difficulty, often needing to use both hands and feet The baby clambered up the stairs.

competitive *adjective* (27) wanting to win or be better than other people She's very competitive.

contribute to *phrasal verb* (18) to help to cause an event or situation His poor diet contributed to his illness.

delightful *adjective* (27) very pleasant or attractive We had a delightful evening.

demanding *adjective* (27) needing a lot of your time, attention or effort a very demanding job

depressing *adjective* (27) making you feel sad and without any hope for the future The news is very depressing.

distract *verb* (18) to make someone stop giving their attention to something The music distracts me from my worries.

dreadful *adjective* (27) very bad The journey was dreadful.

drive someone to desperation *phrase* (20) to make someone feel very unhappy or angry Her constant demands nearly drove me to desperation.

drop someone a line *phrase* (CD1 T05) to write someone a short letter or note I hope you'll drop me a line soon.

economical *adjective* (27) not costing much money It's a very economical car.

elated *adjective* (20) extremely happy and excited He was elated at the news.

entertaining *adjective* (27) interesting and enjoyable an entertaining and informative book

heap *noun* (20) an untidy pile of things a heap of rubbish

heartbroken *adjective* (20) extremely sad I was heartbroken when my boyfriend moved away.

irrelevant *adjective* (20) not important in a particular situation irrelevant information

irritating *adjective* (27) making you feel annoyed an irritating habit

make sense *phrase* (20) to have a meaning or reason that you can understand Suddenly, my whole life began to make sense.

passion *noun* (CD1 T05) an extreme interest in or liking for something He has a passion for old cars.

red-faced *adjective* (20) having red cheeks because of embarrassment A red-faced boy stood next to the broken window.

superb *adjective* (27) excellent a superb restaurant

swap *verb* (CD1 T05) to give something to someone and get something from them in return I often swap recipes with my friends.

time-consuming *adjective* (27) needing a lot of time The legal process was time-consuming and expensive.

tremendous *adjective* (27) very large, great, strong, etc. a tremendous amount of money

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appreciate *verb* (37) to recognise how good someone or something is and to value them My trip taught me to appreciate other cultures.

cope *verb* (37) to manage to do something in a difficult situation She has a lot of work, but somehow she copes.

daily routine *phrase* (37) the things that you do every day at the same time My daily routine usually includes going for a run.

drag *verb* (CD1 T09) to make someone go with you when they do not want to Our parents dragged us to an art exhibition.

dump *verb* (CD1 T09) to get rid of someone, often by going away from them We dumped my little brother and went out.

fed up *adjective* (CD1 T09) bored, annoyed or disappointed, especially by something you have experienced for too long They were fed up with the same old routine.

forthcoming *adjective* (32) going to happen soon the forthcoming election/visit

homeward *adjective* (32) going towards home the homeward journey

outward *adjective* (32) going towards a particular place, rather than returning from it an outward journey

overland *adverb* (32) across the land rather than by sea or through the air They travelled overland to China.

party to the small hours *phrase* (CD1 T09) to enjoy yourself at a party until past midnight We were out every night, partying to the small hours.

round trip *noun* (32) a journey from one place to another and back to where you started The round trip takes nearly two days.

teamwork *noun* (37) when a group of people work well together Teamwork is vital to the success of the project.

thrill *noun* (37) a strong feeling of excitement and pleasure It was a big thrill meeting the stars of the show.

tough *adjective* (37) difficult to do or deal with Life in such a cold region is very tough.