

Extended wordlist

Unit 4

Abbreviations: *n*/*np* = noun / noun phrase; *v*/*vp* = verb / verb phrase; *adj*/*adjp* = adjective / adjective phrase; *adv*/*advp* = adverb / adverb phrase; *T*/*I* = transitive/intransitive; *C*/*U* = countable/uncountable

The numbers indicate the page in the unit on which the word or phrase first appears. RS indicates that the word or phrase appears in the recording script (a student version of the recording scripts can be found at www.cambridge.org/elt/completecae).

ambience *n* [U] (39) LITERARY the qualities of a place and the way it makes you feel

anonymous *adj* (39) having no interesting or unusual features

be made up of *vp* (RS) to consist of or be formed from two or more things

benefit rates *n* [U] (39) how much money the government gives to people who are ill, poor, not working, etc. depending on their situation

bland *adj* (39) not interesting or exciting

booming industry *adj+n* (RS) a very successful industry that is increasing in size

break up sth *v* [T] (39) to divide something into different areas

call centre *n* [C] (39) a place where organisations employ people to talk over the telephone to customers to provide information, or sell goods or services

claustrophobic *adj* (38) a *claustrophobic* place makes you feel anxious because it is very small or crowded

clutter *n* [U] (39) a lot of objects that are not tidy or well organized

clutter sth up *v* [T] (39) to cover a surface or fill a place with things that are not tidy or well organised

cohesion *n* [U] (42) FORMAL when the members of a group or society are united

committed *adj* (39) loyal and willing to give your time and energy to something that you believe in

constant pressure (under ~) *adj+n* (40) worried feelings all the time because you are always dealing with difficult situations

cramped *adj* (39) a *cramped* room, building, etc. is unpleasant because it is not big enough

décor *n* [U] (39) the style of decoration and furniture in a room or building

design feature *n* [C] (38) a piece of furniture or part of a room that is intended to be stylish and attractive

draw the line at sth *vp* (39) to not allow something

dreariness *n* [U] (39) when something is boring and makes you feel unhappy

emerging economies *adj+n* [C] (RS) economies that are starting to be successful and competitive

extensive experience/knowledge *adj+n* (40) a lot of experience/knowledge

eye-strain *n* [U] (44) tired or painful eyes as a result of too much reading, looking at a computer screen, etc.

fiddle with sth *v* [T] (42) to move things about or touch things with no particular purpose

fierce competition *adj+n* (40) very strong competition

flourish *v* [I] (42) to grow or develop well

fluffy animals/toys *n* [C] (39) toy animals that are soft and covered in fur

get your teeth into sth *vp* (39) to start to deal with something with great energy and enthusiasm

give sb an/the edge over sb *vp* (RS) to make someone slightly better than someone else

give a false impression *vp* (38) give someone a wrong idea about what something is like

glare *v* [I] (39) strong, bright light that hurts your eyes

go for + n (a break/walk/coffee) *v* [I] (39) to go somewhere in order to take a break/walk/drink a cup of coffee, etc.

high-rise block *n* [C] (37) a building that is very tall and has a lot of floors

a hotbed of sth *np* (39) a place where there is a lot of a particular activity

idea-swapping *n* [U] (39) telling other people about your ideas and listening to other people's ideas

in all fields *pp* (RS) in all areas of study or activity

in demand *pp* (RS) wanted or needed in large numbers

job-sharing *n* [U] (42) when two people do one job between them, sharing the duties and the pay and working at different times of the day or week

kill a few birds with one stone (usually to kill two birds with one stone) *vp* (39) to achieve several things at once

labyrinthine *adj* (38) having a lot of passages and parts so that it is easy to get lost in

layout *n* [U] (38) the way that something is arranged

light and airy *adjp* (39) having a lot of light and space

made up of *vp* (RS) to consist of or be formed from two or more things

mundanity *n* [U] (39) when something is very ordinary and not interesting

open-plan office *n* [C] (37) an office with few or no walls inside, so it is not divided into smaller rooms

outline sth *v* [T] (44) to describe the most important ideas or facts about something

perk *n* [C] (40) something you are given because of your job, such as a car, which is not your salary

price yourself out of the market *vp* (RS) to charge such a lot of money for the things you are selling that people stop buying them

prioritise sth *v* [T] (33) to decide which of a group of things are the most important so that you can deal with them first

quality of life *np* (37) the level of enjoyment, comfort and health in someone's life

retain sth *v* [T] (40) to continue to keep something

rethink sth *v* [I or T] (39) to change what you think about something or what you plan to do

right across the board *pp* (RS) affecting everyone or every part of something

shortage *n* [C] (40) when there is not enough of something

shrink *v* [I] (RS) to become smaller, or to make something smaller

sparkle *v* [I] (39) to shine brightly because of reflected light

spartan *adj* (39) very simple and not comfortable or luxurious

stifling *adj* (39) extremely hot and therefore unpleasant or difficult to breathe

tenet *n* [C] (RS) FORMAL a principle or belief of a theory or religion

threadbare *adj* (39)

1 material or clothes are very thin because they have been used too much

2 poorly or cheaply furnished

utilitarian *adj* (39) designed to be useful and not beautiful

vast knowledge *adj+n* (40) great knowledge

warehouse *n* [C] (37) a large building for storing goods that are going to be sold

workload *n* [U] (43) the amount of work that you have to do

workstation *n* [C] (37) a computer and the area around it where you work in an office