

EI4204 - VOCABULARY LIST - AMERICAN ENGLISH FILE 3B (Second Edition)

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Abbreviations

v = verbadj = adjectiveen = nounadv = adverb

exp = expression/collocation

UNIT2A		
Word	Definition	Examples
argue (v)	To disagree with someone in words, often in an angry way.	We can hear the neighbors arguing every night.
ATM / Cash machine (n)	Automated teller machine.	This bank doesn't charge the customers for using its ATMs .
bargain (n)	Something you buy cheaply or for less than its usual price.	There are no bargains in the clothes shops at the moment.
be worth + <i>gerund</i> (exp)	Used to say that something is interesting, useful, or helpful.	The film is well worth seeing.
	Used to say that someone should do something because they will gain something from it.	It's worth checking the details of the contract before you sign it.
be worth something (exp)	To have a value in money.	One of the pictures is worth \$200,000.
bill (n)	A written list showing how much you have to pay for services you have received.	The bill for the repairs came to \$650.
borrow (v)	To use something that belongs to someone else and that you must give back to them later.	Can I borrow your textbook for a minute?
can/could afford (exp)	To have enough money to buy or pay for something.	How can he afford to eat out every evening?
charge (v)	To ask someone to pay a particular amount of money for something.	She was charged \$70,000 for a leather belt.
cheap (adj)	Not liking to spend money.	She's too cheap to take a taxi to go home.

coin (n)	A piece of metal, usually flat and round, that is used as money.	I used to collect coins when I was a child.
figure out (v)	To think about a problem or situation until you find the answer or understand it.	Can you figure out how to fix the equipment?
hopefully (adv)	A way of saying what you hope will happen, which some people think is incorrect.	Hopefully, I'll be back home by ten o'clock.
in cash (exp)	money in the form of coins or notes rather than checks, credit cards etc.	The shop charges less if the customer pays in cash .
inherit (v)	To receive money, property etc. from someone after they have died.	Pam inherited a fortune from her grandmother.
installment (n)	One of a series of regular payments that are made until all of an agreed amount has been paid.	Some customers prefer to pay by installments.
live off (v)	To get your income or food from a supply of money or from another person.	Dad lost his job and we had to live off welfare.
live on (v)	To have a particular amount of money to buy food and other necessary things.	Idon'tknow how they manage to live on \$600a month.
loan (n)	An amount of money that you borrow from a bank.	It'll be years before we've paid off the loan .
mortgage (n)	A legal arrangement by which you borrow money from a bank or similar organization in order to buy a house, and pay back the money over a period of years.	We've taken a 30-year mortgage .
on credit (exp)	An arrangement with a shop, bank etc. that allows you to buy something and pay for it later.	They bought all their furniture on credit .
owe (v)	To need to pay someone for something that they have done for you or sold to you, or to need to give someone back money that they have lent you.	I still owe you for the taxi.
put aside (v)	To hold something in reserve for some purpose; to save.	You should start putting aside some money for your wedding.
raise (money) (v)	To collect money that you can use to do a particular job or help people.	They are raising funds to help needy teenagers.
real estate (n)	Property in the form of land or houses.	There's been a fall in the value of real estate .

save (v)	To keep money in a bank so that you can use it later, especially when you gradually add more money over a period of time.	He managed to save enough to buy a small house.
saver (n)	Someone who saves money (in a bank).	Mutual funds have been attractive to small savers .
spender (n)	Someone who spends money.	The most important spenders are clients who most frequently use state-of-the-art technology.
straight (adv)	Immediately, without delay, or without doing anything else first.	I've got a meeting straight after lunch.
wallet (n)	A small flat case, often made of leather, that you carry in yourpocket,forholdingpaper money, bankcards,etc.	He took a credit card out of his wallet .
waste (v)	To use more money, time, energy etc. than is useful or sensible.	Don't waste your money on that low-quality radio.

UNIT2B		
Word	Definition	Examples
break down(v)	If a machine or vehicle breaks down,	Our car broke down and we had to push it off
	it stops working.	the road.
café (n)	Asmallrestaurantsellinglightmeals	There's a little café on the corner that serves
	and drinks.	very good coffee.
charity (n)	An organization that gives	Several charities sent aid to the flood
	money, goods, or help to people	victims.
	who are poor, sick, etc.	
current (n)	A body of water or air moving in a	Many huge currents of water move through
	definite direction, especially through	the oceans often helped by the winds.
	a surrounding body of water or air in	
	which there is less movement.	
drive(sb.)crazy(exp)	To make someone upset or annoyed.	We love our two-year-old, but sometimes she
		drives us crazy.
gadget (n)	A small device or machine with	Have you seen this handy little gadget - it's
	a particular purpose.	for separating egg yolks from whites?
headmaster/principal	The head of a school, college, or	Low-performing schools need better principals
(n)	other educational institution.	and teachers.
heat (n)	Hot weather conditions.	The oppressive heat was making both men
		sweat.
improve (v)	To (cause something to) get better.	Ithought the best way to improve my French was to live in France.

lorry (n)	(Br.E) A large, heavy motor vehicle for transporting goods or troops; a truck.	We thought the road was being shaken by a heavy lorry , but then my uncle said it was an earthquake.
raise (money) (v)	To get money together for a purpose, especially for charity.	It is hoped that the event will raise £50,000.
sponsor (v)	To support a person, organization, or activity by giving money, encouragement, or other help.	We're trying to find companies to sponsor us.
straight (adj)	Continuing in one direction without bending or curving.	The dog seemed to be coming straight at/for me.

	UNIT 6A		
Word	Definition	Examples	
be set (v)	if a film, play, story, etc. is set in a particular place or period, the action takes place there or then.	Her new novel is set in Spain.	
cast (n)	All the people who perform in a play, film, etc.	The entire cast of the movie got paid millions of dollars.	
currently (adv)	At the present time.	He is currently working on his second novel.	
dub (v)	To change the original spoken language of a film or television program into another language.	I saw a British film dubbed into French.	
due to (prep)	Because of something.	She has been absent from work due to illness.	
plot (n)	The events that form the main story of a book, film, or play.	The plot was a little confusing and the acting left a lot to desire.	

review (n)	An article or opinion in a newspaper or magazine that gives an opinion about a new book, play, film, etc.	The paper published a favorable review of Tom Cruise's latest movie.
scary (adj)	Frightening.	The film is both scary and funny.
script (n)	The written form of a speech, play, film, etc.	He writes all the scripts for his movies.
sequel (n)	A book, film, play, etc. that continues the story of an earlier one, usually written or made by the same person.	She is writing a sequel to his first book.
shoot (a film) (v)	To take photographs or make a film of something.	They will shoot the film in New Zealand.
soundtrack	The recorded music from a film.	The soundtrack supports the film very well.
success (n)	When you achieve what you want or intend.	The experiment was a big success .
thriller (n)	A book or film that tells an exciting story about murder or crime.	<i>Psycho</i> is Hitchcock's greatest psychological thriller .

	UNIT7A		
Word	Definition	Examples	
accomplished (adj)	With a lot of skills.	He was accomplished in all the arts.	
aim (n)	A clearly directed intent or purpose.	Our aim is to win the competition.	
apply (v)	To make a formal request, usually written, for something such as a job, a place at a university, or permission to do something.	She applied for a job with the local newspaper.	
appointment (n)	An arrangement for a meeting.	She has an appointment for an interview tomorrow.	
bathtub (n)	A large, long container that you put water in and then get into to wash your whole body.	I can't have a bathtub in my bathroom since it is not spacious.	
be suspended (exp)	Be made to leave school or job for a short time, especially because they have broken the rules.	Dave was suspended from school for a week.	
behave (v)	To act in a particular way.	She always behaves well/badly when her aunts come to visit.	
behavior (n)	The manner of conducting oneself.	The normal behavior of children changes when it rains.	
bring up (v)	To care for a child until it is an adult.	An aunt brought him up .	
cheat (v)	To act dishonestly or unfairly in order to gain an advantage.	She always cheats at cards.	
delighted (adj)	Very pleased, happy or satisfied.	Pat was delighted with her new house.	
do well (v)	To be successful, especially in work or business.	He's doing very well at college.	
encourage (v)	To inspire with courage, spirit, or hope.	She was encouraged to continue by her teachers.	
excel in sth (v)	To be extremely good at something.	Rebecca always excelled in languages at school.	
figure sth out (v)	To understand or solve something.	It takes most people some time to figure out new software.	
forbidden (adj)	Not allowed, especially by law.	Smoking is forbidden in the movie theater.	
give up (v)	To stop doing a regular activity or job.	He's given up driving since his illness.	
grade (v)	To give a mark to (a student or a piece of work).	We should grade students on effort, not ability.	
hand in (v)	To give something to someone in a position of authority.	Have you handed in your History essay yet?	
housework (n)	The work involved in taking care of	I hate doing the housework if I don't have	
	a home and family, for example cleaning and cooking.	enough time to clean properly.	

hug (n)	An act of putting your arms around somebody and holding them tightly, especially to show that you like or love them.	She gave her mother a big hug .
hymn (n)	A song of praise (glorification) to God, a country, etc.	The service began with a touching hymn .
in charge of (exp)	In control or with overall responsibility.	The Director is in charge of the project, and is responsible for the production.
nun (n)	A member of a religious community of women who promise to serve God all their lives and often live together in a convent.	She was wearing a nun 's habit and leather sandals.
off (adv)	In absence from or suspension of regular work or service.	We are taking a year off to visit as many unknown countries as possible.
on sb's own (exp)	If you do something on your own, you do it without help from anyone else.	Bridget learned to tie her shoes on her own when she was three.
outstanding (adj)	Exceptionally good.	It's an area of outstanding natural beauty.
priest (n)	A person who is qualified to perform religious duties and ceremonials.	The ordination of women priests is forbidden in the Catholic church.
prodigy (n)	A young person who is unusually intelligent or skillful for their age.	Mozart was an infant prodigy , composing music at the age of four.
punish (v)	To make someone suffer because they have done something wrong or broken the law.	He promised to punish severely any officials found guilty of electoral fraud.
pushy (adj)	Behaving in an unpleasant way by trying too much to get something or to make someone do something.	The pushy cocktail waiter kept asking me if I wanted another drink, even though I hadn't finished the first one.
rebel (v)	To refuse to obey rules or people in authority.	If you are too strict with teenagers, they often rebel .
resent (v)	To feel angry because you have been forced to accept someone or something that you do not like.	He resents having to explain his work to other people.
shocked (adj)	Feeling very upset or surprised.	He was shocked to discover that he had no money left in his account.
succeed in (v)	To achieve the desired aim or result.	He succeeded in winning the championship.
take on (v)	To begin to perform or deal with something.	Everybody will take on new responsibilities this year.
take up (v)	To begin to do something.	I'm not very good at golf – I only took it up recently.
tax (n)	Money that you have to pay to the government so that it can pay for public services.	Tax on cigarettes should be higher.

turn into (v)	To cause to become (a particular kind of thing or person); transform into.	Every single good child's book has been turned into a Disney movie.
whether (conj)	If, or not.	She asked me whether I was interested in working for her.
wonder (v)	To ask yourself questions or express a wish to know about something.	Shouldn't you phone home? Your parents will be wondering where you are.

UNIT8A		
Word	Definition	Examples
achieve (v)	To succeed in finishing something or reaching an aim, especially after a lot of work or effort.	I've been working all day, but I feel as if I've achieved nothing.
achievement (n)	Something that has been done or obtained through effort: a result of hard work.	The discovery of DNA was a major scientific achievement .
attach (v)	To join a file such as a document, picture, or computer program, to an email.	The email had a very long file attached which took ages to download.
attachment (n)	A document or file that is sent with an e-mail.	I'll send the document as an attachment to my next e-mail.
bargain (n)	A thing bought or offered for sale muchmore cheaply than is usual or expected.	The sale is a great chance to pick up a bargain as nothing is priced over \$4.
can't stand (exp)	To hate someone or something.	Aunt Gloria can't stand the sight of cats.
chance (n)	An opportunity to do or get something.	I gave her a chance to answer.
cheat (v)	If you cheat on your husband, wife, or usual sexual partner, you secretly have a sexual relationship with someone else.	She found out that he'd been cheating on her.
compensate (v)	To pay someone money in exchange for something that has been lost or damaged or for some problem.	Victims of the crash will be compensated for their injuries.
compensation (n)	Something, typically money, awarded to someone in recognition of loss, suffering, or injury.	She offered to pay for lunch as compensation for keeping me waiting.
complain (v)	To say that something is wrong or not satisfactory.	Lots of people have complained about the noise.
complaint (n)	A statement that you are unhappy or not satisfied with something	The company has a system to deal with customer complaints .
consumer (n)	One that consumes.	Many consumers are still not comfortable buying on the Internet.
deal (n)	An agreement or an arrangement, especially in business.	She got a good deal on her new house.
demonstrate (v)	To make a public expression that you are not satisfied about something, especially by marching or having a meeting.	Thousands of people gathered to demonstrate against the new proposals.

demonstration (n)	An event in which people gather to show that they support or oppose something or someone.	Students took part in several nonviolent/peaceful demonstrations against the government.
department store (n)	A store having separate sections for a wide variety of goods.	
departure (n)	An action that is different from what is usual or expected.	I can only imagine that this is an unusual departure from your usual high standards.
drop (v)	To fall or to allow something to fall.	She dropped her keys.
drugstore (n)	A pharmacy which also sells products other than medicines.	The next day she would secretly buy herself a hand mirror from the drugstore on the corner.
dump (v)	To suddenly end a romantic relationship you have been having with someone.	If he's so awful, why don't you just dump him?
engagement (n)	A formal agreement to get married.	It won't be a formal engagement , at least not until I can get a ring.
fit (v)	To be the right size or shape for Someone or something.	That jacket fits you perfectly.
flattery (n)	Praise (adulation) that is not sincere.	He tried to win his teacher's favor with flattery.
handwriting (n)	A person's particular style of writing.	Her handwriting was beautiful but small.
heading (n)	Words written or printed at the top of a text as a title.	If you don't put a heading at the top of your work, no one will know what it is.
hesitate (v)	To pause before you do or say something, often because you are uncertain or nervous about it.	She hesitated slightlybefore answering the detective's question.
Lose sb's temper (exp)	To suddenly become angry.	The children behaved so badly that I lost my temper.
loss (n)	Failure to keep or to continue to have something.	Symptoms include insomnia and loss of appetite.
loyal (adj)	Giving or showing firm and constant support to a person or institution.	He was the sort of person who was very loyal to his friends.

outlet store (n)	A store that sells products made	Cheaper prices can be found in outlet stores .
	usually by one company and often at reduced prices.	
Payment (n)	An amount of money that is paid for something.	Our records show that we received a payment of \$215.36 in May.
Pharmacy (n)	A shop or hospital dispensary where medicinal drugs are prepared or sold.	Painkillers can be bought without a prescription from pharmacies.
Put sth on (v)	To cover part of the body with clothes, shoes, make- up, or something similar.	It's chilly outside. Put your jacket on .
Receipt (n)	A written or printed statement stating that something has been paid for or that goods have been received.	Always make sure you get a receipt if you buy something expensive.
Refund (n)	A repayment of a sum of money.	If they are not happy with the product they will receive an automatic ticket refund from the store.
Set sth up (v)	To formally establish a new company, organization, system, way of working, etc.	She plans to set up her own business.
Size (n)	How big something is.	The twins are the same size .
Spoil (v)	To destroy or reduce the pleasure, interest, or beauty of something.	He tried not to let the bad news spoil his evening.
Suit (n)	A set of clothes consisting of a jacket and a skirt or pair of pants made out of the same material.	He wore his gray suit to the job interview.
Suit (v)	 To be right for a particular person, situation, or occasion. (Usually of a color or style of clothes) to make someone 	 The city lifestyle seems to suit her - she looks great. You should wear more red - it suits you.
Survey (n)	An investigation of the opinions or experience of a group of people, based on a series of questions.	A nationwide survey has found that parents want their children taught at home instead of at school.
Swear (v)	To use words that are rude or offensive as a way of emphasizing what you mean or as a way of insulting someone or something.	Please don't swear in front of the children.
Tag (n)	A label attached to someone or something for the purpose of identification or to give other information.	All pets should have collars and tags with easily visible identification.

Threaten (v)	To tell someone that you will kill or hurt them or cause problems if they do not do what you want.	They threatened to kill him unless he did as they asked.
Try sth on (v)	To put on a piece of clothing to discover if it fits you or if you like it.	What a gorgeous dress - why don't you try it on for size.
Туре (v)	To write using a machine, either a computer keyboard or a typewriter.	She asked me to type a couple of letters.
Waste (v)	To use too much of something or use something badly when there is a limited amount of it.	You waste a lot of water by taking a bath instead of a shower.

UNIT8B		
Word	Definition	Examples
Advertisement (n)	A picture, set of words, or a short film, which is intended to persuade people to buy a product or use a service, or that gives information about a job that is available, an event that is going to happen, etc.	The Sunday papers are full of advertisements for cars.
Application (n)	A formal, usually written, request for something such as a job, place at university, or permission to do something.	The university welcomes applications from overseas students.
Apply for (v)	To make a formal request, usually written, for something such as a job, a place at a university, or permission to do something.	She applied for a job with the local newspaper.
Attach (v)	To fasten or connect one object to another.	Please, attach a recent photograph to your application form.
Be afraid of (exp)	To be frightened of.	Many children are afraid of the dark.
Be in charge of (exp)	To have control or responsibility for a group of people or an activity.	Steve is in charge of the research team from now on.
Bib (n)	A piece of cloth or plastic tied under a baby's chin to protect its clothes when it is eating.	My daughter never eats without her favorite bib.
Charismatic (adj)	Having a natural ability to attract and interest other people and make them admire you.	Martin Luther King was a very charismatic speaker.
Contestant (n)	Someone who competes in a contest.	Contestants for the game must go through a tough selection process.
Degree (n)	A course of study at a university or college, or the qualification that is given to you when you have successfully completed the course.	Applicants must have a degree in Engineering.
Device (n)	A machine or tool that does a special job.	The company makes devices to detect gas leaks.
Don't mind doing something (exp)	To be willing to do something.	I don't mind working on weekends.
Downsize (v)	if a company or organization downsizes, it reduces the number of people it employs in order to reduce costs.	The airline has downsized its workforce by 30%.
Dreaded (adj)	Making you feel afraid or anxious – often used humorously.	She couldn't put off the dreaded moment forever.

Empty-handed (adj)	Without getting what you hoped or expected to get.	I spent all morning looking for a suitable present, but came home empty-handed .
Enthusiastic (adj)	Feeling or showing a lot of interest and excitement about something.	All the staff are enthusiastic about the project.
Entrepreneur (n)	Someone who starts a new business or arranges business deals in order to make money, often in a way that involves financial risks.	Being an entrepreneur is a way of fulfilling your creative potential.
Fire (v)	To force someone to leave their job.	The airline fired him for being drunk.
Give up (v)	to stop trying to do something.	I give up. What's the answer?
Instinct (n)	A natural tendency to behave in a particular way or a natural ability to know something, which is not learned.	Animals have a natural instinct for survival.
Intimidating (adj)	Making you feel worried and not confident.	Some people find interview situations very intimidating.
Investor (n)	Someone who gives money to a company, business, or bank in order to get a profit.	Most of the funds have come from foreign investors.
Multimillionaire (n)	Someone who has a lot of money.	Steven Jobs built his own computer company and became a multimillionaire before his thirtieth birthday.
Nickname (v)	To give a name to someone, especially by their friends or family, that is not their real name and is often connected with what they look like or something they have done.	She was nicknamed Sunny because of her happy nature.
Performance (n)	When someone performs a play or a piece of music.	Their performance of Mozart's Concerto was finely controlled and dramatic.
Pharmacist (n)	Someone whose job is to prepare medicines in a shop or hospital.	Check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking any drugs during pregnancy.
Politician (n)	Someone who works in politics, especially an elected member of the government.	I can't stand politicians who try to get people's votes telling lies.
Principle (n)	A moral rule or belief about what is right and wrong, that influences how you behave.	Schools try to teach children a set of principles .
Profit (n)	Money that you gain by selling things or doing business, after your costs have been paid.	She sold the business and bought a farm with the profits .
Profitable (adj)	Producing a profit or a useful result.	The advertising campaign proved very profitable .
Promote (v)	To give someone a better more responsible job in a company.	Helen was promoted to senior manager.
Promotion (n)	A move to a more important job or position in a company.	I want a job with good prospects for promotion .

Qualification (n)	A skill, knowledge, personal quality, or type of experience that makes you suitable for a particular job or position.	Does he have the right qualifications to become the new CEO?
Resign (v)	to officially announce that you have decided to leave your job or an organization.	She resigned from the government last week.
Résumé / CV (n)	A short written account of your education and your previous jobs that you send to an employer when you are looking for a new job.	Applicants should enclose a résumé and covering letter.
Retire (v)	To stop working, usually because you have reached a certain age.	He was forced to retire early because of poor health.
Retirement (n)	When you stop working, usually because of your age.	He became a keen golfer after his retirement from politics.
Risk (n)	The possibility that something bad, unpleasant, or dangerous may happen.	Skiers always face the risk of serious injury.
Salary (n)	Money that you receive as payment from the organization you work for, usually paid to you every month.	The average salary forateacheris\$39,000 a year.
Scientist (n)	Someone who works or is trained in science.	Scientists are trying to find the cure for several diseases.
Self-employed (adj)	Workingfor yourself and not employed by a company.	He is working as a self-employed plumber.
Sense (v)	If you sense something, you feel that it exists or is true, without being told or having proof.	I could sense that something was wrong.
Set up (a business) (exp)	To start a company, organization, committee, etc.	They want to set up their own import-export business.
Share (n)	One of the equal parts into which the ownership of a company is divided.	We've got many shares in Allied Chemicals.
	The part of something that you own or are responsible for.	I gave them my share of the bill and left.
Shrimp (n)	A small sea creature that you can eat, which has ten legs and a soft shell.	Shrimps are delicious in that restaurant.
Slogan (n)	A short phrase that is easy to remember and is used in advertisements, or by politicians, organizations, etc.	His campaign slogan was 'Peace, stability and prosperity'.

Stain (v)	To accidentally make a mark on something, especially one that cannot be removed, or to be marked in this way.	Be careful you don't stain the carpet.
Temporary (adj)	Continuing for only a limited period of time.	You might want to consider temporary work until you decide what you want to do.
Theoretical (adj)	Relating to the study of ideas, especially scientific ideas, rather than to practical uses of the ideas or practical experience.	She has theoretical knowledge of teaching, but no practical experience.
Unemployed (adj)	Without a job.	She's been unemployed for two years.
Well qualified (adj)	Having suitable knowledge, experience, or skills, especially for a particular job.	The guides are well qualified to lead groups into the mountains.
Work overtime (exp)	To spend extra time working in your job in addition to your normal working hours.	They're working overtime to get the job finished.