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Abbreviations

v = Verb

n = Noun

adj = Adjective


adv = Adverb

exp = Expression/Collocation


idm = Idiom



ph = Phrase



prep = Preposition

UNIT 5A		
Word	Definition	Examples
Approach (n)	Method, procedure, strategy.	He has a relaxed approach to life.
Aside from (prep)	Except for one thing, sth is true; apart from.	Aside from hanging about in the street, there's nothing for kids to do here.
Astonished (adj)	Very surprised.	A: Were you surprised to hear that the boss is leaving? B: I was astonished . I really wasn't expecting
Attempt (n)	An act of trying to do sth, especially sth difficult, often with no success.	She passed her driving test at the first attempt .
Avalanche (n)	A large amount of snow and ice that suddenly falls down a mountain.	According to rescue workers, it will take several hours to dig people out of the avalanche of snow.
Bewildered (adj)	Extremely confused.	A: What don't you understand in the report? B: I'm just completely bewildered by so many facts and figures. 
Bite (n)	An act of biting (To bite: To use your teeth to cut into or through sth).	"You eat an elephant one bite at a time".
Breath (n)	The air that goes in and out of your body through your nose or mouth.	I could smell whisky on his breath .
Cadet (n)	A young person who is training to become an officer in the police or armed forces.	In Air force survival school try to teach new cadets how to react in case of a life or death crisis or emergency.
Challenge (n)	A new or difficult thing that tests your abilities.	I was bored with my job and felt I needed a new challenge .
Coolly (adv)	In a way that is not friendly, interested or enthusiastic; in a calm way.	Everyone must think this situation through calmly and coolly .




Coverage (n)	The amount or way that something covers an area.	What would you do if you were hiking alone in the mountains and you got completely lost (without phone coverage)?
Delighted (adj)	Incredibly happy.	A: So can you come to dinner next week? B: Yes, we'd be delighted to.
Desperate (adj)	With little hope, and ready to do anything to improve the situation.	A: Hi, Sue. What's the matter? B: I was just robbed! Please come quickly. I'm desperate .
Devastated (adj)	Extremely upset.	A: How did your parents react when you told them you and Susan had separated ?
Disappointed (adj)	Upset because something you hoped for has not happened or been as good, successful, etc. as you expected.	A: What did you think of the movie? B: To be honest, I was a little disappointed . 
Fed up (adj)	Bored or frustrated and unhappy.	I'm really fed up with my job. I think I'm going to quit.
Goal (n)	Objective.	The key to survival is to slow down and divide the challenges into small, manageable tasks, one goal at a time, and one decision at a time.
Grateful (adj)	Thankful.	She was grateful to them for letting her stay at their house.
Homesick (adj)	Sad because you miss your family and home.	Most people get homesick the first time they leave home.
Horried (adj)	Extremely shocked or disgusted.	A: How did you feel when you heard the news? B: I was absolutely horried . It was such an awful accident.
Injured (adj)	Physically hurt.	The car accident left him seriously injured .
Insolvable (adj)	Admitting no solution.	No problem is insolvable if people are willing to consult with others, he said.
Instead of (adv)	In the place of sb/sth; by contrast.	Now I can walk to work instead of going by car.
Intruder (n)	A person who enters a building or an area illegally.	What would you do if you woke up in the middle of the night and thought that you could hear an intruder in your home?
Journey (n)	An occasion when you travel from one place to another, especially when there is a long distance between the places.	They set off on the long journey home.
Lifetime (n)	The length of time that somebody lives or that something lasts.	It's the sort of opportunity you see only once in a lifetime .
Manageable (adj)	Able to be dealt with or controlled easily.	The key to survival is to slow down and divide the challenges into small, manageable tasks, one goal at a time, and one decision at a time.


Overwhelmed (adj)	Unable to react because the emotion is too strong.	A: So do you like the watch? B: I love it. I'm completely overwhelmed - I don't know what to say!
Rate (n)	Percentage, proportion, standard.	American research has shown that the survival rate in all air crashes is historically 95.7 percent.
Rather (adv)	Would prefer to.	Whose situation would you rather have been in, Kevin's or Yossi's? Why?
Relieved (adj)	Feeling happy because something unpleasant has stopped or has not happened.	I was relieved to hear that they'd arrived safely.
Still (adj)	Not moving; calm and quiet.	The kids found it hard to stay still ; Keep still while I brush your hair.
Stunned (adj)	Very surprised and unable to move or react.	I just sat there stunned , watching it all on television.
Thrilled (adj)	Very excited.	She was thrilled at the idea of flying to Europe.
To assess (v)	To evaluate, to judge, to analyze.	Exams are not the only means of assessing a student's ability.
To be (feel) down (exp)	To be sad or depressed.	He's been feeling really down since his wife went away.
To be scared stiff (exp)	To be terrified.	I was scared stiff when I heard someone in our kitchen in the middle of the night. 
To be sick and tired of (exp)	To be fed up or irritated.	I'm sick and tired of hearing your complaints about your job.
To be worn out (exp)	To be exhausted.	I'm absolutely worn out . I want to relax and put my feet up.
To confront (v)	To deal with a problem or difficult situation.	We need to confront these problems before it's too late.
To deal with (v)	To solve a problem, perform a task, etc.	Survival means dealing with a huge life-or-death problem, one that you may not be able to solve quickly or all at once.
To despair (v)	To feel that a situation is so bad that nothing you can do will change it.	He also reminds us that apart from staying calm and not despairing , knowing the right thing to do in a crisis is also vital.
To face (v)	To deal with a difficult situation.	Emergency services are facing additional problems this winter.



To freeze (v)	To stop moving suddenly because of fear, etc.	A: How do you think you would react in a life or death emergency situation? B: I'd "freeze" and wouldn't be able to do anything.
To get out (v)	To escape from a place.	He was determined to get out of prison.
To go backpacking	To travel on holiday carrying your equipment and clothes in a backpack.	In 1981, three friends went backpacking in a remote area of Bolivia.
To hike (v)	To go for a long walk in the country.	We're going to hike to the top of that hill over there. 
To hire (v)	To employ somebody to do a particular job.	We should hire a public relations consultant to help improve our image.
To jump for joy (exp)	To be extremely happy.	He finally passed his driver's test. He's jumping for joy!
To lock (v)	To put sth in a safe place and lock it.	A: What would you do if you woke up in the middle of the night and thought that you could hear an intruder in your home? B: I'd lock myself in a room and call the police.
To not believe one's eyes (exp)	To be astonished.	When I saw her, I couldn't believe my eyes . She looked ten years younger!
To oversleep (v)	To sleep longer than you intended.	Why are you so late? Did you oversleep again? 
To overcome (v)	To succeed in dealing with or controlling a problem.	He finally managed to overcome his fear of flying.
To panic (v)	To have a sudden strong feeling of fear or worry and be unable to think clearly or calmly or decide what to do.	Don't panic! We'll soon get you out of there.
To quit (v)	To leave your job, school, etc.	He quit his job after an argument with a colleague.
To slow down (v)	To start doing things at a slower speed.	The key to survival is to slow down and divide the challenges into small, manageable tasks, one goal at a time, and one decision at a time.




To whisper (v)	To speak very quietly so that other cannot hear what you are saying.	<p>You don't have to whisper, no one can hear us.</p> 
Upset (adj)	Unhappy when something bad happens.	<p>Kate was terribly upset when her dog disappeared.</p> 

UNIT 6B


Word	Definition	Examples
Aware (adj)	Noticing that something is present, or that something is happening.	They suddenly became aware of people looking at them.
Blanket (n)	A large cover, often made of wool, used especially on beds to keep people warm.	It's cold tonight—can I have another blanket ? 
Blind (n)	A covering for a window, especially one made of a roll of cloth that is fixed at the top of the window and can be pulled up and down.	The brightness of the window blind told her that the sun was clear. 
Brave (adj)	Willing to do things which are difficult, dangerous or painful; not afraid.	I wasn't brave enough to tell her what I thought of her.
Century (n)	A hundred years.	Life in the 19th century was very different from what it is now.
Comforter (n)	A type of thick cover for a bed.	There was no furniture in the room, just a comforter on the floor, and only one tiny window. 
Darkness (n)	The lack of light, especially because it is night.	Where I grew up, I always used to sleep in complete darkness .
Deep (adj)	Profound.	A person in a deep sleep is difficult to wake.
Distinct (adj)	Clearly noticeable.	An American historian, Roger Ekirch, has done a lot of research that shows that until the end of the 18th century humans used to sleep in two distinct periods, called "first sleep" and "second sleep".
Embarrassing (adj)	Making you feel shy, awkward or ashamed.	It was so embarrassing having to sing in public.
Environment (n)	The physical conditions that somebody/something exists in.	They have created an environment in which productivity should flourish.

Flu (n) (influenza)	An infectious disease like a very bad cold, that causes fever, pains and weakness.	The whole family has the flu .
Gamer (n)	The word for a person who plays a lot of video games.	Jayne Gackenbach studied the dreams of regular video gamers and non-gamers and found that people who frequently played video games experienced "lucid" dreams more often.
Haul (n)	The distance covered in a particular journey.	Have you ever flown long haul ? Where to? Did you get jet lag? How long did it take you to get over it?
Jet lag (n)	The feeling of being tired and slightly confused after a long plane journey, especially when there is a big difference in the time at the place you leave and that at the place you arrive in.	I'm still suffering from jet lag after my trip to Australia.
Likely (adv)	Very probably.	The illness was caused, most likely , by a virus.
Loyal (adj)	Staying faithful to somebody and supporting them.	She's very loyal to her friends.
Lucid (adj)	Able to think clearly, especially during or after a period of illness or confusion.	In a rare lucid moment, she looked at me and smiled.
Nap (n)	A short sleep, especially during the day.	Do you ever take a nap after lunch or during the day? How long do you sleep for? How do you feel when you wake up?
Nightfall (n)	The time in the evening when it becomes dark.	He wanted to be home before nightfall.
Nightmare (n)	A very upsetting or frightening dream.	Do you usually have nightmares or recurring dreams?
Pattern (n)	A particular way in which something is done organized or happens.	Weather patterns have changed in recent years.
Pillow (n)	A rectangular cloth bag filled with soft material, such as feathers or artificial materials, used for resting your head on in bed.	They get into bed and put their head on the pillow . 
Rare (adj)	Not common; very unusual.	Doctors diagnosed her as having a rare neurological disorder called Kleine-Levin Syndrome, also known as "Sleeping Beauty Syndrome".
Recurring (adj)	That happens again and again.	Poverty is a recurring theme in her novels.
Scary (adj)	Frightening.	I had a really scary dream last night.

Sheet (n)	A large piece of thin cloth used on a bed to lie on or lie under.	Have you changed the sheets (= put clean sheets on the bed)? 
Spinach (n)	A vegetable with large dark green leaves that are cooked or eaten in salads.	I should also think about having a protein shake with spinach for breakfast every morning. 
Syndrome (n)	A medical condition, often an unusual one.	Doctors diagnosed her as having a rare neurological disorder called Kleine-Levin Syndrome , also known as "Sleeping Beauty Syndrome".
Threat (n)	The possibility of trouble, danger or disaster.	There is a real threat of war.
To back up (v)	To say that what somebody says, etc. is true	The writer doesn't back up his opinions with examples.
To be fast asleep (exp)	Sleeping very deeply.	Robert Wood often gets up in the middle of the night and goes downstairs to the kitchen. He starts cooking - and he does this while he is fast asleep .
To breathe (v)	To move air into and out of the lungs.	Some people make a loud noise when they breathe , in other words, they snore.
To fall asleep (exp)	To begin to sleep.	Have you ever fallen asleep at an embarrassing moment, e.g., during a class or in a meeting?
To get over (v)	To deal with or gain control of something.	Have you ever flown long haul? Where to? Did you get jet lag? How long did it take you to get over it?
To last (v)	To continue to exist.	The meeting lasted two hours.
To oversleep (v)	To sleep for longer than you intended to and so wake up late.	Have you ever overslept and missed something important? What was it?
To pray (v)	To speak to God.	Let us pray for the victims of this terrible disaster.

To set (the table) (v)	To put a cloth, knives and forks, etc. on the table in preparation for a meal.	<p>Could you set the table for lunch, please?</p> 
To sleep like a log (exp)	To sleep very well.	Nothing can wake me up. I usually sleep like a log ; With a full stomach and a warm blanket, I slept like a log.
To snore (v)	To breathe in a very noisy way while you are sleeping.	Have you ever had to share a room with someone who snores ? Was this a problem?
To spill (spilled-spilled) (spilt-spilt) (v)	To flow over the edge of a container by accident; to make liquid do this.	Thousands of gallons of crude oil were spilled into the ocean.
To stay up (v)	To go to bed later than usual.	We stayed up half the night talking.
To suit (v)	To be right or good for somebody / something.	If we met at 2 o'clock, would that suit you?
To turn around (v)	To change position so as to face the other way.	Someone called her name and she turned around .
To wander (v)	To walk slowly around or to a place, often without any particular sense of purpose or direction. Be careful with TO WONDER, which means, to think about something and try to decide what is true, what will happen, what you should do, etc. E.g. I wonder why he left his job.	<p>The child was found wandering the streets alone.</p> 
To yawn (v)	To open your mouth wide and breathe in deeply because you are tired or bored.	<p>They often open their mouth and yawn.</p> 

UNIT 7A


Word	Definition	Examples
Argument (n)	A situation in which two or more people disagree, often angrily.	She had a big argument with her husband. It started after the woman fell through a hole in the rotten floor of their home and she blamed her husband. 
Assertive (adj)	Describes someone who behaves confidently and is not frightened to say what they want or believe.	If you really want the promotion, you'll have to be more assertive .
Fury (n)	Extreme anger.	He could hardly contain his fury .
To argue (v)	To disagree with someone in words, often in an angry way.	They were arguing about how to spend the money.
To deal with (v)	To take the necessary action, especially in order to solve a problem; to handle.	The way you deal with emotions is learned in your family.
To respond (v)	To say or write something as an answer to a question or request; to reply.	My mother responded to my request with a firm no.

VERBS OFTEN CONFUSED


Verb	Definition	Example
To realize (v)	To understand or become aware of a particular fact or situation. It is a cognitive event, something which involves thinking about a situation.	Did you realize what time it was when you came in? (That is, did you understand that you were late?)
To notice (v)	To see, hear or become aware of something. It is more of a physical event in which something comes to our attention through our senses.	Did you notice what time it was when you came in? (That is, did you happen to see the clock?)
To rise (rose - risen) (v)	To go up (can't have an object). It is an intransitive verb, that is, it doesn't require an object.	The water level in the river is rising .
To raise (raised - raised) (v)	To make something go up (needs an object) It is a transitive verb, that is, it requires an object to cause the motion.	Don't raise your voice when you are having an argument.
To avoid (v)	To try not to do something.	We took the freeway to avoid getting stuck in downtown traffic.

To prevent (v)	Stop something from happening.	There is a new road safety campaign to prevent accidents.
To argue (v)	To speak angrily to somebody.	Teenagers often argue with their parents.
To discuss (v)	To have a conversation about something; to talk over. It is more neutral and less hot-headed, in many circumstances.	I think we need to discuss our new marketing plan.
To remember (v)	To bring to mind or think about again. This verb always takes an	Please remember to lock the door before you go out.
To remind (v)	To make someone remember. This verb <u>always</u> takes an object.	Remind me to call my mother later - it's her birthday.
To hope (v)	Want something to happen.	I hope she'll come to the party. I'd really like to see her.
To wish (v)	Want something to be true even if it is unlikely.	I wish I were a little taller.
To expect (v)	Think something is going to happen.	I'm not expecting to pass - I've only had a few lessons.
To wait (v)	To stay where you are until something happens.	We'll have to wait half an hour for the next train.


To mind (v) (used in questions and negatives)	To get annoyed or upset.	Mandy didn't invite me to her party, but I don't mind .
To matter (v)	To be a problem.	It doesn't matter if we are a little late.
To steal (stole- stolen) (v)	Take something that is not yours. The object of steal must be a thing.	Oh no! Somebody stole my bike!
To rob (bed) (v)	To take something that is not yours from a person or a place. The object must be a person or place, not a thing.	The men had been planning to rob the bank.
To look (v)	Physical appearance.	Carol doesn't look very well. I think she's working too hard.
To seem (v)	General impression.	When I spoke to him on the phone, I thought he seemed very friendly.
To beat (v)	To defeat somebody	The Dallas Cowboys beat the New York Jets 28 - 10.
To win (v)	To be successful in a competition.	The Dallas Cowboys won the game 28 - 10.
To refuse (v)	To say you don't want to do something.	Tom always refuses to discuss the problem.
To deny (v)	To say that something isn't true.	Tom always denies that he has a problem.
To lay (laid - laid) (v)	To put something or somebody in a horizontal position.	I laid the baby on the bed and changed the diaper.
To lie (lay-lain) (v)	To put your body in a horizontal position.	Last night I came home and lay on the sofa and went to sleep.
To advise (v)	To tell somebody what you think they should do.	My teachers are going to advise me on what subjects to study next year.
To warn (v)	To tell somebody that something unpleasant is about to happen.	I think I should warn you that Liam doesn't always tell the truth.

UNIT 8B		
Word	Definition	Examples
Accurate (adj)	Correct and true in every detail.	The police are trying to obtain a more accurate picture of crime levels.
Apology (n)	A word or statement saying sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a problem.	We should like to offer our apologies for the delay to your flight today.
Assignment (n)	A task or piece of work that somebody is given to do, usually as part of their job or studies.	You will need to complete three written assignments per semester.
At risk (exp)	In a dangerous situation.	The Chancellor has warned that the row about paying bonuses threatens to put jobs at risk , but Labour have accused him of putting the economy into reverse.
Beacon (n)	A light or fire on the top of a hill that acts as a warning or signal.	So the local newspaper, The Beacon Gazette, invited both chefs to prepare the dish at their offices to see whose recipe it really was.
Biased (adj)	Having a tendency to show favor towards or against one group of people or one opinion for personal reasons; making unfair judgments.	For Edward the Confessor there is an almost equally biased biography.
Bite (n)	An act of biting, that is, to press down on or cut into (someone or something) with the teeth.	Love at first bite .
Bloody (adj)	Stained or covered with blood.	A bloody handkerchief was left under the bed.
Can't stand (v)	Used for saying that a person dislikes someone or something very much.	James just can't stand his mother-in-law.
Censorship (n)	The act of removing the parts of a book, film/movie, etc. that are considered to be offensive, immoral or a political threat.	The government has imposed strict censorship on the press.
Classified ad (n)	A small advertisement that you put in a newspaper or a magazine, usually because you want to sell or buy something or to find or offer a job.	How do you usually find classified ads ? 
Commentator (n)	A person who is an expert on a particular subject and talks or writes about it on television or radio, or in a newspaper.	"There is a simple solution to save us from our worst selves: Get rid of reclining seats," opined CNN commentator Maria Cardona.
Cook-off (n)	A cooking contest in which competitors gather to prepare their specialties.	Cook Off! is an American mockumentary comedy film directed by Cathryn Michon and Guy Shalom.

Critic (n)	A person who expresses opinions about the good and bad qualities of books, music, etc.	The critics loved the movie.
Defeat (n)	Failure to win or to be successful.	The world champion has only had two defeats in 20 fights.
Dish (n)	Food prepared in a particular way as part of a meal.	Andrew Palmer claimed that he had invented the dish of cold chicken with strawberry mayonnaise at his gastropub. 
Dispute (n)	An argument or a disagreement between two people, groups or countries; discussion about a subject where there is disagreement.	A dispute between the two countries about the border.
Flavor (n)	How food or drink tastes, or a particular taste itself.	Geoff's dish was said to be "lacking in flavor ".
Gastropub (n)	A pub which is well known for serving good food.	There is a new gastropub at the corner of my street. My neighbor says pasta is very good <u>there</u> .
Gazette (n)	A newspaper.	So the local newspaper, The Beacon Gazette , invited both chefs to prepare the dish at their offices to see whose recipe it really was.
Glamorous (adj)	Attractive and interesting in an exciting and unusual way.	On television she was so beautiful and glamorous , and here she looked so tired and almost old.
Grounds (n)	An area of land or sea that is used for a particular purpose.	Outside on the hotel grounds a man carrying several large cameras makes a call on his cell phone.
Headline (n)	A line of words printed in large letters as the title of a story in a newspaper, or the main points of the news that are broadcast on television or radio.	The singer was back in the headlines for partying every night.
Host (n)	A person who introduces a television or radio show, and talks to guests.	Earlier in the segment, host Chuck Todd had asked him if he understood and acknowledged that black people have a fear of police.
Issue (n)	An important topic that people are discussing or arguing about.	This is a big issue ; we need more time to think about it.
Lack (n)	The state of not having something or not having enough of something.	She showed a distinct lack of enthusiasm for the idea of becoming a mother.
Newscaster (n)	A person who reads the news on television or radio.	She was named newscaster of the year.
Rarely (adv)	Not very often.	She is rarely seen in public nowadays.
Rear (n)	The back part of something.	There are toilets at both front and rear of the plane.




Recipe (n)	a set of instructions telling you how to prepare and cook food, including a list of what food is needed for this.	Two chefs got into a fight last week after Andrew Palmer accused Geoff Lewis of stealing one of his recipes .
Reliable (adj)	That can be trusted to do something well; that you can rely on.	We are looking for someone who is reliable and hard-working.
Review (n)	An article in a newspaper or magazine that gives an opinion about a new book, play, film etc.	How do you usually find out music and book reviews ?
Row (n)	A serious disagreement between people, organizations, etc. about something.	A row has broken out over education.
Sidelined (adj)	Preventing somebody from having an important part in something that other people are doing.	The vice-president is increasingly being sidelined . He was not included in the last meetings.
Stock market (n)	The business of buying and selling shares in companies and the place where this happens.	I'll try to make money on the stock market .
Strawberry (n)	A small juicy red fruit which has small brown seeds on its surface.	Andrew Palmer claimed that he had invented the dish of cold chicken with strawberry mayonnaise at his gastropub.
Tabloid (n)	Newspaper with smaller pages that print short articles with lots of photos, often about famous people.	Newspapers headlines, especially in tabloids , often use short, snappy words.
To apologize (v)	To tell someone that you are sorry that you have done something wrong.	I think you should apologize to your brother for what you did to his car.
To be off (v)	To be in poor condition.	This milk must be off , don't drink it.
To blame (v)	To say or think that someone or something is responsible for something bad.	Don't blame me – it's not my fault. 
To claim (v)	To say that something is true although it has not been proved and other people may not believe it.	It was claimed that some doctors were working 80 hours a week.
To deny (v)	To say that something is not true.	Neil denies that he broke the window, but I'm sure he did.
To dial (v)	To use a telephone by pushing buttons or turning the dial to call a number.	He dialed the number and waited.
To encourage (v)	To give someone the courage or confidence to do something.	We encourage student participation in our classes.
To find out (v)	To get some information about something/somebody by asking, reading, etc.	Can you find out what time the meeting starts?
To go off (v)	To be fired; to explode.	The bomb went off in a crowded street.



To hack (into) (v)	To secretly find a way of looking at and/or changing information on somebody else's computer system without permission.	He hacked into the bank's computer.
To lead (v)	To control a group of people, a country, or a situation.	She leads dozens of Facebook groups dealing with everything, from drugs to abandoned wives, to panic attacks and premature babies.
To let down (v)	To fail to help or support somebody as they had hoped or expected.	He walked slowly back home feeling lonely after being let down by his brother.
To listen in (v)	To listen to a conversation that you are not supposed to hear.	You shouldn't listen in on other people's conversations.
To lock up (v)	To put something in a safe place that can be locked.	Their capital is all locked up in property.
To pull up (v)	To stop (of a vehicle or its driver).	He pulled up at the traffic lights.
To quit (v)	To stop doing something or leave a job or a place.	Team manager to quit after shocking defeat.
To reach (v)	To stretch your hand towards something in order to touch it, pick it up, etc.	She reached inside her bag for a pen.
To refuse (v)	To say that you will not do or accept something.	When they offered me the money, I couldn't refuse .
To regret (v)	To feel sorry about something you have done and wish you had not done it.	I regret leaving school so young.
To remind (v)	To make someone think of something they have forgotten or might have forgotten.	Could you remind Paul about dinner on Saturday?
To run through (v)	To discuss, repeat or read something quickly.	Could we run through your proposals once again?
To scroll (v)	To move text on a computer screen up or down so that you can read different parts of it.	Scroll down to the bottom of the document.
To send out (v)	To send something to a lot of different people or places.	Have the invitations been sent out yet?
To skip (v)	To leave out something that would normally be the next thing that you would do, read, etc.	I suggest we skip to the last item on the agenda.
To stare (v)	To look at somebody/something for a long time.	I screamed and everyone stared .
To sweep (swept-swept) (v)	To move, especially quickly and powerfully.	I swept along on the boat.
To take (sth) in (v)	To understand the meaning or importance of news or information, or to understand and remember facts.	She turns on the TV and stares the news, hardly taking it in.
To take off (v)	To leave a place, especially in a hurry.	When he saw me coming he took off in the opposite direction.



To tap (v)	To hit somebody/something quickly and lightly.	The player tapped Alexis on the shoulder. 
To threaten (v)	To tell someone that you will kill or hurt them or cause problems for them if they do not do what you want.	They threatened to kill him unless he did as they asked.
To turn down (v)	To reduce the noise, heat, etc. produced by a piece of equipment by moving its controls.	Please turn the volume down .
To turn in (v)	To face or curve towards the center.	Her feet turn in .
To turn off (v)	To stop the flow of electricity, gas, water, etc. by moving a switch, button, etc.	Please turn the television off before you go to bed.
To turn on (v)	To start the flow of electricity, gas, water, etc. by moving a switch, button, etc.	I'll turn the television on . My favorite TV series is about to start.
To use up (v)	To use all of something so that there is none left.	Making soup is a good way of using up leftover vegetables.
Unanimously (adv)	Agreed or shared by everyone in a particular group.	The resolution was unanimously rejected.

UNIT 10B

Word	Definition	Examples
Ahead (adv)	Further forward in space or time; in front.	"We know the battle ahead will be long, but always remember that no matter what obstacles stand in our way, nothing can stand in the way of millions of voices calling for change", said Barack Obama.
Appropriate (adj)	Correct or suitable for a particular time, situation, or purpose.	Be careful about telling jokes - they may not be appropriate .
At death's door (idm)	About to die.	If you go on a hunger strike means that you refuse food until you are at death's door .
Beforehand (adv)	Earlier, before something else happens or is done.	I had carefully prepared my presentation in French, I intended it as a surprise, so I didn't say anything beforehand .
Board (n)	A group of people who have power to make decisions and control a company or other organization.	She has a seat on the board of directors.
Brief (adj)	Lasting only a short time or containing few words.	When people give a talk, they usually divide what they say into small chunks, with a brief pause between each chunk.
Capable (adj)	Having the ability or qualities necessary for doing something.	You are capable of better work than this.
Chunk (n)	A reasonable amount of something; segment; fixed phrase.	When people give a talk, they usually divide what they say into small chunks, with a brief pause between each chunk .
Comfort (n)	A feeling of being less unhappy.	If it's any comfort to you, I'm in the same situation.
Confident (adj)	Sure that something will happen in the way that you want or expect	Dress carefully so that you feel confident about your appearance in front of an audience.
Controversy (n)	A serious argument about something that involves many people and continues for a long time.	What was the controversy about the words Armstrong actually said?
Creed (n)	Belief.	"Generations of Americans have responded with a simple creed that sums up the spirit of people. Yes, we can! Yes, we can! Yes, we can!", said Barack Obama.
Cynic (n)	A person who doesn't believe that anything good can happen, and that thinks people are only interested in themselves and are not sincere.	I'm too much of a cynic to believe that he'll keep his promise.
Dissonant (adj)	Not in agreement.	The first dissonant note of the debate came from the Opposition leader.
Distracting (adj)	Preventing you from concentrating on something.	Even if something distracting happens, try not to lose your concentration.

Dutch (adj)	The language used in the Netherlands, and in some parts of Belgium.	It's just that we are all from the Dutch -speaking part of Belgium.
Halfway through (idm)	In the middle of something.	After speaking in French for 45 minutes, I was half way through my presentation and we had a break for coffee.
Hunger strike (n)	Refusing to eat to protest about something.	I think there are very few men today who would be prepared to adopt a " hunger strike " for any cause.
If need(s) be (ph)	If it is necessary.	It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But, if needs be , it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.
In the way (ph)	It is used to describe something that blocks or prevents something else from happening, or makes it more difficult. It has a negative connotation.	"We know the battle ahead will be long, but always remember that no matter what obstacles stand in our way, nothing can stand in the way of millions of voices calling for change", said Barack Obama.
Lawsuit (n)	A claim or complaint against somebody that a person or an organization can make in court (you FILE a lawsuit).	He filed a lawsuit against his record company. 
Leap (n)	A large jump or sudden movement.	"That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind", said Neil Armstrong. 
Mankind (n)	All humans, thought about as one large group; the human race.	The future of mankind is on his hands.
Properly (adv)	In a way that is correct and/or appropriate.	How much money do we need to do the job properly ?
Railing (n)	A fence made of vertical metal bars; one of these bars.	I chained my bike to the park railings . 
Release (n)	The act of setting a person or an animal free; the state of being set free.	She can expect an early release from prison.

Sacred (adj)	Very important, to be treated with great respect.	Human life for us is sacred.
Slide (n)	A small piece of film held in a frame that can be shown on a screen when you shine a light through it.	His lecture was illustrated with slides taken during the expedition.
Step (n)	The act of lifting one foot and putting it down on a different part of the ground, such as when you walk or run.	"That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind", said Neil Armstrong.
Strength (n)	The quality of being brave and determined in a difficult situation.	You have shown great strength of character.
Strike (n)	A period of time when an organized group of employees of a company stops working because of a disagreement over pay or conditions.	Air traffic controllers are threatening to go on strike . 
Suffragette (n)	A member of a group of women who, in Britain and the US in the early part of the 20th century, worked to get the right for women to vote in political elections.	The suffragette movement campaigned for votes for women in Britain and the US.
To chain (v)	To fasten something with a chain; to fasten somebody/something to another person or thing with a chain, so that they do not escape or get stolen.	The doors were always locked and chained . 
To cherish (v)	To love, protect and care for someone or something that is important to you.	Freedom of speech is a cherished right in this country.
To come up (v)	To move towards somebody, in order to talk to them.	He came up to me and asked me the way to the station.
To draw (drew – drawn) (v)	To move in the direction mentioned.	The train drew into the station.
To go on (v)	To continue.	We really can't go on living like this - we'll have to find a bigger house.
To make sense (v)	To have a clear meaning and be easy to understand.	Why doesn't the sentence everybody heard make sense?
To prove (v)	To show that something is true by providing facts, information etc.	Did new technology prove him right or wrong?

To stand (v)	To stay in a particular place without moving.	"We know the battle ahead will be long, but always remember that no matter what obstacles stand in our way, nothing can stand in the way of millions of voices calling for change", said Barack Obama.
To starve (v)	To suffer or die because you do not have enough food to eat; to make somebody suffer or die in this way.	The animals were left to starve to death.
To sum up (v)	To state the main points of something in a short and clear form. To summarize.	To sum up , there are three main ways of addressing the problem.
To surrender (v)	To give up, stop fighting.	We shall never surrender , said Winston Churchill. 
Trial (n)	A formal examination of evidence in court by a judge and often a jury, to decide if somebody accused of a crime is guilty or not.	He's on trial for murder. 
Unlikely (adj)	Not likely to happen; not probable.	The project seemed unlikely to succeed.