

VOCABULARY: (almost) all the words you need!

- ⊗ In order to pass your exam, you need a good grasp of English vocabulary, both basic and advanced. To this end, your English teacher has compiled lists of the most important words.
- ⊗ All words are presented in context, i.e. in example sentences, with the relevant word replaced by the symbol ~.
- ⊗ When studying, fold away the left-hand column, then read the sentences until you are able to come up with the missing word. The right-hand columns are there to give you hints or related words and expressions.
- ⊗ It is essential that you write down all the missing words - just being able to say them is not enough!

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BASIC VOCABULARY (1) : THINKING

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
a thought (n) (be lost) in thought	We all agreed that this was an extremely interesting ~. He didn't hear what I said since he was completely ~.		→ thoughtful (adj)
imagination (n)	Poets, artists, and inventors need a lively ~.		→ imaginative (adj)
consider (sb as : v) take into consideration	His boss ~s him as not suitable for the job. They will take every serious offer into ~.		= regard (as) (v) → considerable (adj)
take sth seriously	He simply refused to take anything ~ (= accept that sth is important and deserves your attention).		Is that a joke or are you serious?
a belief (n)	After the accident, she seemed to have lost her ~ in God.		= faith (n) → believe in sth (v)
estimate (v)	We had ~d that the work would take about an hour but we were proved wrong.		→ an estimation (n)
expect (v) an expectation (n)	What time do you ~ her to arrive? In the twentieth century people's ~ of life has greatly increased.		→ ~ a baby = life expectancy (n)
(make up your) mind (change your) mind	I can't make ~ my ~ about what to do next. He got his bike, but then he ~d his mind and went by bus.		= decide = ~ your opinion
memory (n)	That day remained in her ~ for the rest of her life.		→ remember sth
remind sb (of sth : v)	We must ~ him to return the book that he has borrowed.		→ That ~s me.
misunderstand (sth) (misunderstood, ~)	She had completely ~ what I was trying to say and took it as an insult.		→ misunderstanding (n)
emphasise (-ize : v) emphasis (n)	Their instructor had ~d the importance of driving carefully, especially in wet weather. My high school puts great ~ on studies that prepare its students for college.		= stress sth (v)
an opinion (n) public opinion (n)	In my ~ there is no difference between the two. Public ~ is strongly against higher taxes.		= I'm of the ~ that ...
a point of view (n)	They interviewed many people in order to get several points of ~.		= a perspective
concerned (adj)	As far as I'm ~, I would be more than willing to give it a try.		= from my point of view
criticize (-ise) (sb for sth : v) a critic (n)	His insurance company has ~d him for taking unnecessary risks. By winning a gold medal she has proved to her ~s that she is still in great shape.		unfair criticism (n) be critical of sth (adj)
an inquiry (also: en-) (n)	We are getting a lot of ~ies from travel agencies about our new London-Berlin service.		
research (n) investigate (v)	The government spends millions of dollars on ~ into the causes of cancer. When he heard a noise, he went downstairs to ~ what it was.		→ carry out medical / scientific ~ → a private investigator
an outline (n) summarise sth (v)	The book is basically an ~ of the most important steps in the development of the English language. You should be able to ~ the author's main ideas in no more than 150 words.		= a summary (n) = sum up (v) → a summary
a message (n)	As you weren't at home I left a ~ in your letter box. - send (receive) a message -		→ ~ in a bottle
refer to sth (v)	Although she didn't mention our names, everyone knew who she was ~ring to.		→ a reference book (n)
a survey (n)	According to a recent ~, 36% of all women don't feel safe walking home alone at night.		→ a nationwide ~
a questionnaire (n)	Please fill in all the answers and return the ~ to the address given above.		→ question sb (v)
report sth (v)	The royal wedding was ~ed in the press yesterday.		→ a ~ (n) → ~ed speech (n)
a quotation (n)	"To be or not to be" is a famous ~ from Shakespeare.		→ quote sb / sth (v)
an encyclopaedia (n)	An ~ is a large book that contains information about many different topics in alphabetical order.		

BASIC VOCABULARY (2) : LINKING WORDS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
when if	I will phone you ~ I get home. I will be home at seven ~ I catch the train at 5 p.m.		= as soon as = on condition that
unless	She will die ~ the doctors operate on her immediately.		= if not
even if	~ you are just going on a short drive, you should always have your driving license with you.		
while whereas	Maria cleaned the kitchen ~ I did the bathroom. The south of the country is hot and dry, ~ the north gets quite a lot of rain.		
until	Black people were denied the right to vote in the US ~ well into the 1950's.		= till
after	Ten years ~ I had bought the painting I discovered that it was fake.		= ~ buying ↔ before
first (of all) then finally	We had a great holiday. ~ we spent some days skiing in Switzerland. ~ we drove to Italy and stayed on the coast for a few days. ~, we went back to the Swiss Alps and met some old friends there.		= in the beginning = after that / afterwards = in the end / eventually
first(ly) secondly thirdly	Why can't we go away this weekend? - ~ because I'm busy this weekend. ~ you have got a lot of school work to do. And ~ we are planning to go away next weekend.	= to begin with = for one thing = besides = for another (thing) = to conclude = anyway	
furthermore	The set meal is just \$15, which is excellent value. ~, you get a free glass of house wine.		= in addition = what's more
although despite	She still won the match ~ she had injured her knee. He didn't pass his exams ~ the help I had given him.		= though/ even though = in spite of
however	Most big cats, e.g. tigers and leopards, are quite solitary creatures. Lions, ~, spend most of their time in a group.		= on the other hand
nevertheless	He insisted that everything would be all right. ~, I couldn't help feeling anxious.		= all the same
due to	~ to the repeated power cuts last night, I missed part of the late film on TV.		= because of
so that	We moved house ~ we could send our children to this school.		= The purpose of moving was...
therefore	She is extremely hardworking. ~ she has deserved being promoted.		= for that reason
provided (that)	I don't mind if he joins us on the trip ~ he pays for his own meals.		= on condition that
on the one hand ... on the other hand	~ I really want to sell the house, but ~ I can't bear the thought of having to move again.		
similarly	At the conference, men have to wear a jacket and tie. ~, women are asked to wear a skirt or dress.		
to sum up	~, our first priority should be to concentrate on staff training.		= overall
on the contrary	It was not wise to act that way. ~, I think it was a huge mistake.		= by contrast
notwithstanding	The government is determined to continue with its policies, public opposition ~.		= despite (opposition)
in order to	~ understand how the human body works, you need to have some knowledge of chemistry.		
in addition	The hotel itself can accommodate 80 guests. ~, there are also ten self-catering apartments.		= additionally = on top of that
either ... or neither ... nor	~ the room is too small ~ the piano is too large. She has met ~ her father ~ her mother.		
not only ... but (also)	~ did they break into his office, ~ they also stole all his books.		
consequently	Both the manager and her assistant were ill. ~, there wasn't anybody to take any decisions.		= as a result

BASIC VOCABULARY (3) : LEISURE

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
spare time (n) leisure (n)	Most people spend their ~ watching television. Shorter working hours mean that people have more ~. - ~ activities / facilities / clothing / centre -		= free time (n)
a pastime (n)	His favourite ~ is collecting stamps.		= hobby (n)
recreation (n)	What do you do for ~? - Well, I enjoy drawing and painting.		≠ relaxation (n)
equipment (n)	If you want to go mountaineering, it is essential for you to have all the necessary ~.		→equip (sb with sth :v)
cater for sb (v)	They have founded a holiday company that ~s for elderly tourists.		= provides them with everything they need
at sb's disposal (n)	He seems to have a considerable sum of money at his ~.		
favourite (adj)	Who's your ~ actor - Tom Cruise or Brad Pitt?		→favour / prefer sb / sth (v)
(do / take) exercise (n)	Everybody should do at least fifteen minutes of ~ each day.		= work out (v)
a gym(nasium) (n)	A ~ is a hall that has equipment for doing physical exercise.		→gymnastics (n)
rewarding (adj) a sense of achievement (n)	Most people who work out regularly say that doing sports is extremely ~ because it provides you with a sense of ~.		→a reward (n) →achieve sth (v)
a competition (n) a competitor (n)	Leeds United were knocked out of the European ~ in the first round. The other British ~s were more successful.		→compete (with sb:v)
participate (in : v)	Many of the competitors were invited to ~ in TV talk shows.		= take part (in) →a participant (n)
DIY	She has just bought a book on ~ in order to be able to make her own furniture.		= do-it-yourself →a DIY-store (n)
a collection (n)	His only interest was his ~ of rare old books.		→collect sth (v) →a collector (n)
a host / a hostess (n)	The ~ welcomed all the guests personally when they arrived.		a guest (n)
(visit) relatives (n)	Visiting ~ at the weekend is one of the social obligations many people dislike.		→be related (to sb)
farewell (n)	He went away without saying ~, he didn't even write her a ~ letter.		→say goodbye
gamble (v)	~ing, e.g. roulette, is not allowed in most American states.		→take a gamble
luck (n)	Whether you win or lose in roulette is just a question of ~.		→ good ~ → bad ~
guess (v)	If you don't know the exact answer, just ~.		= have a guess (v)
cheat (v)	Jack always tries to ~ at cards, so we usually watch him carefully during games.		→a cheat (n)
a spectator (n)	The friendly match between the two national teams attracted more than 40,000 ~s.		
an audience (n)	The ~ began clapping and cheering when the curtain rose and the star of the evening entered the stage.		→a live ~
crowded (with : adj) busy (adj)	The five o'clock train is always ~ with commuters. Oxford Street was so ~ that we could hardly move.		→a crowd (n) →a ~ telephone line
a conductor (n)	A ~ is someone who stands in front of a group of musicians and directs their playing.		→conduct (v) (an experiment)
a supporter (n)	Many people in England don't like football ~s because they think they're all hooligans.		→support (a team) (v)
outdoor (adj)	Lisa prefers ~ activities like hiking and cycling to staying at home.		indoor (Adj) →an indoor arena
wrestle (v)	I spent two hours ~ing with my maths homework.		→a wrestler (n)

BASIC VOCABULARY (4) : TRAVELLING

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
go abroad (v)	She works for an international corporation, so he regularly goes ~ on business.		
a travel agency (n)	Thomas Cook is one of Britain's largest ~ies.		→a business traveller →travel by rail/sea/air
arrive (at / in) (v) depart (from) (v)	I hope our train to the airport will ~ on time. Our tour ~s from Heathrow Airport on March 31 and returns April 16.		→arrival (n) →departure (n) →a departure lounge
a vacation (n: AmE)	They are going to France for their ~.		→holiday (n)
a resort (n)	Thirty years ago, Blackpool was Britain's most popular holiday ~.		→a seaside resort (n) →a mountain resort
a spa (n)	A ~ is a resort with a spring of mineral water which is supposed to improve your health.		→the source of a river
a flight (n)	The last ~ to Nuremberg leaves Heathrow at 9 p.m.		→fly / flew / flown (v) →a flight attendant (n)
a package tour (n)	Today modern technology enables travellers to book a ~ up to three hours before their departure.		→the packaging of a product
a trip (n) a journey (n) a cruise (n)	He suggested taking a ~ to the seaside together. After a long ~ we finally arrived in East Asia. We have booked a ~ through the Mediterranean Sea.		→a day ~ (n) →a cruise liner (n)
a return ticket (n)	A ~ is often cheaper than two singles.		a single ticket (n)
sight-seeing (n)	After two days of ~ he was so tired that he fell asleep on the bus.		→ at first sight
a guided tour (n)	They offer a ~ of the cathedral every other hour.		→a guide (n)
luggage (n)	All ~ should be checked in at the airport at least one hour before departure.		= baggage (n: AmE) → ~ reclaim (n)
a suitcase (n)	His ~ was so full that he wasn't able to shut its lid.		
a vacancy (n)	The sign outside the hotel said: No ~ies.		→vacant (adj)
a youth hostel (n)	Children over fourteen are welcome to stay at British ~s on their own.		→ YHA = ~ Association
a visa (n)	She arrived in the United States with a tourist ~ but she didn't possess a work permit.		→ a work permit (n)
customs (n)	When we had collected our luggage we had to pass through ~.		→a customs officer →a duty-free shop (n)
declare sth (v)	Customs officer: "Have you got anything to ~"		
a motor home (n)	A ~ is a large vehicle designed for people to live and sleep in when they are travelling.		= an RV (recreational vehicle)
a camp site (n) a tent (n)	She was staying at a ~ in the middle of the wilderness. It took us two hours to put up our new ~.		→go camping
a pedestrian (n) a pedestrian crossing a pedestrian precinct	Pavements are for ~s only. The accident happened at the ~ when a car didn't stop. Vehicles are not permitted to use ~s.		→cross the street = a pedestrian mall (n)
a pavement (n)	You are not permitted to ride your motorbike on the ~.		= a sidewalk (US)
a bend (n)	The accident happened when he drove too fast round a narrow ~.		→ to bend (bent / ~)
a crossroads (n)	When you come to the next ~, turn right.		= an intersection (US)
traffic lights (n)	He went across the crossroads although the ~ were red.		→traffic signs (n)
a traffic jam (n)	The accident caused a long ~ on the motorway.		→traffic congestion
a car park (n) a parking space (n)	He parked the rental car in the underground ~. She drove along slowly, looking for a ~.		= a parking lot (AmE)
public transport (n)	There would be fewer traffic jams if more people used ~, i.e. buses and trains.		= go by tube / subway
a fare (n)	Young people under 26 can travel at a reduced ~.		→travel half-fare →a coach / train ~
a residential area (n)	A ~ is a part of town consisting of private houses rather than factories or offices.		→local residents (n)
suburbs (n)	~s are residential areas outside the city centre.		→suburban (adj)

BASIC VOCABULARY (5) : VERBS AND NOUNS

WORDS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
solve sth (v) a solution (n)	That mathematical problem was so hard that they were unable to ~ it. That problem was hard; its ~ took several hours.		solve a problem
manage to do sth (v)	How did they ~ to get out of the burning building unharmed?		a manager (n)
ability (n) disability (n)	He has the ~ to solve complex technical problems. The government tries to help people who are unable to work because of illness or ~.		be (un)able (to do sth) be disabled
a volunteer (n) voluntary (adj)	He asked for two ~s to clean the blackboard. She does ~ work in the nearby hospital.		~ to do sth (v) = unpaid
(be) willing (adj) (sb's last) will (n)	Now he seems to be ~ to tell everything to the police. My grandmother left me these jewels in her last ~.		be unwilling
intend (v) intention (to do sth : n)	This medicine did not have the ~ed effect. I'm sorry. It wasn't my ~ to hurt you.		intentional (adj)
mean (to do sth : v) (meant / ~)	I ~ [PAST] to ask you to buy some bread on your way home but I completely forgot about it.		≠ X means Y
act (v) an actor (n)	If we don't ~ quickly, it will be too late. An ~ is a person who acts on a stage, in motion pictures or on television.		do nothing Tom Cruise is a famous ~.
invent sth (v) an invention (n)	When she had no good reason for being late, she simply ~ed some excuse. Television is a modern ~.		an inventor (n) inventive (adj)
create sth (v) creative (adj)	Religious people believe that God ~d the world. She's so ~. She is very good at inventing things.		creation (n)
produce sth (v)	Germany has ~d more cars than ever this year.		production (n)
afford (to do sth) (v)	They had to walk home since they couldn't ~ to take a taxi.		affordable prices
consist of (v)	This cake has been made from a ready-made mixture ~ing of flour, milk, eggs and raisins.		= be composed of
belong (to sb/sth :v) sb's belongings (n)	Our planet does not ~ mankind. On the contrary, mankind ~s to our planet. Several passengers lost all their ~ in the fire.		= own / possess sth (v) = possessions (n)
lend (lent , ~) (v) borrow (sth from sb:v)	Could you please ~ me \$ 25 till Friday. Could I ~ some money ~ you, please?		a moneylender (n)
achieve sth (v) achievement (n)	I've tried to convince her, but I haven't ~d anything. Many people think that the computer is the greatest ~ of our century.		= succeed in reaching a goal
develop (v) a development (n)	All land animals are believed to have ~ed from sea animals. Her child had had a difficult birth, so her doctor followed its ~ closely.		~ing countries
fail (v) succeed (in doing sth)	He tried hard to learn to sing properly, but he ~ed. He was extremely tired, but he didn't ~ in finding an empty seat.		a failure (n) a success (n) successful (adj)
practise (doing sth) (v / US: -ce) practice (n)	When he broke his arm, he had to ~ writing with his left hand. ~ is as important for great sportsmen as it is for great musicians.		Practice makes perfect. (Proverb)
revise sth (v) (do) revision (n)	A stubborn person is unwilling to ~ his or her opinion. If you want to pass your final exam, you'll have to do quite a lot of ~.		= change / alter sth = study (v)
additional (adj) in addition	The government is providing an ~ \$ 25 million in order to expand this service. In ~, fifty ambulances will be on duty until midnight.		add sth (v) addition (n) subtraction (n)
abbreviate sth (v) an abbreviation (n)	We can abbreviate "mile" to "m", "inch" to "in", "hour" to "hr." etc. "UK" is the ~ for United Kingdom.		= to shorten sth (v) brief (adj)

BASIC VOCABULARY (6) : MORE VERBS AND NOUNS

WORDS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
pretend (to do sth : v) a pretence (n / US: -se)	Are these people really mad or are they only ~ing to be? Under the ~ of picking up her handkerchief, she took the money he had lost.		~ to be ill = act as if (you were ill)
a liar (n) lie (to sb: v) (lying / lied)	You should never believe anything he tries to tell you - He is the greatest ~ on earth. He was ~ing to us when he said he hadn't touched the money.		= a person who does not tell the truth a lie (n) tell lies
lie (v: lay / lain) lay (v: laid / laid)	He ~ (PAST) on his back, enjoying the warm afternoon sun. Make sure you ~ the baby down gently.		~ in bed ~ your hat on the table
risk sth (v) a risk (n)	The man ~ed his life to save the little boy. He didn't want to take the ~ of getting fired.		= take a chance
ignore sth (v) ignorant (adj)	As usual, he ~d all my warnings. Saying that the earth is flat is an ~ remark.		pay attention to ignorance (n)
confuse (v)	I always ~ her with her twin sister. They look absolutely similar.		= mix up X with Y confusing (adj)
disturb (v)	She'll get angry if you ~ her while she's working.		a disturbing fact (= alarming : adj)
annoy (v)	It ~s me that you always act so selfishly. Please don't cry, I didn't mean to ~ you.		annoying (adj) = upset sb (v)
(be/get) used to (doing sth) used (to do sth)	He is ~ getting up early (He does it every day). She thought she would never get ~ to living in a big city. I ~ to smoke, but I gave it up a couple of years ago. (= I smoked regularly, but I have quit)		
a habit (n)	It is all right to borrow money occasionally, but you shouldn't let it become a ~.		get used to sth
an advantage (n) a drawback (n)	One ~ of having a car is an increase in flexibility. Our trip was extremely interesting, but the rainy weather was a real ~.		= a disadvantage (n)
influence sb / sth (v) influence (n)	It is a well-known fact that our thoughts are ~ed by what we read. His parents no longer have any ~ over him.		an influential man drive under the ~
convince (sb that) (v)	She wasn't able to ~ her father that she needed more money.		convincing (adj)
force (sb to do sth : v) (use) force (n)	Give it to me at once, or I will ~ you to do it. The robber had to use ~ to get into the house.		= violence (n)
refuse (to do sth : v)	No clever person would ~ to accept such an attractive offer.		a refusal (n)
predict sth (v) predictable (adj)	They have ~ed wet and cool weather for the weekend. The film was boring and its ending was ~.		= a weather forecast
to encourage sb (to do sth : v) courage (n)	He felt ~d by the progress he had been able to make so far. It has always been my intention to ask the manager for more money but I lack the ~ to actually do it.		discourage sb (v) courageous (adj)
bottom (n) from top to bottom	Sign your name at the ~ of the page, please. The police searched her flat from ~, but they couldn't find any clues.		your signature (n)
divide sth (v)	If you ~ 81 by 9, you get 9 as the result. At the beginning of the lesson she ~d her class into four equal groups.		division (n) a divisive issue
blame sb (for sth) (v)	I don't ~ you ~ what you have done - I think your action was completely justified. "A bad workman ~s his tools." (Proverb)		take the blame (for sth)
disagree with (sb / sth) (v)	I strongly ~ with spending such a large amount of money for a car.		agree reach an agree- ment (n)

BASIC VOCABULARY (7) : EVEN MORE VERBS AND NOUNS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
a remark (n) remarkable (adj)	His ironic ~s led to a heated argument. It was ~ that the only injury he got in the accident was a bruised elbow.		= a comment (n) →exceptional (adj)
demand sth (v)	When the doctor ~ed payment for his treatment, she had to admit that she was broke.		→a demand (n) reasonable ~s
claim (that : v) a claim (n)	Strangely enough, after the battle both sides ~ed victory. His only ~ to fame is that he was at school with our present prime minister.		= assert sth (v)
complain (about : v)	When she ~ed about her food, the waiter promised to bring her something else immediately.		a complaint (n)
disappointing (adj)	With cool and wet weather the summer has been rather ~ this year.		(be) disappointed
defeat sb (v)	The opposition parties hope to ~ the government in the next election.		a defeat (n) admit defeat (n)
gain (n)	One person's loss is another person's ~.		gain strength / weight etc.
an aim (n)	The main ~ of the course is to improve students' language skills.		= a goal (n)
attempt (v) an attempt (to do sth : n)	Several prisoners ~ed an escape, but they failed. My first ~ to bake a chocolate cake was a complete failure - it tasted really awful!		attempted murder a rescue attempt
(make an) effort (n)	We made a real ~ to finish the test in time, but there were simply too many questions.		a waste of time and effort
available (adj) availability (n)	There are still some tickets ~ for tonight's play at the theatre's box office. This special offer is subject to ~.		= sth that can be obtained
a discovery (n)	American biologists have recently made some important new ~ies.		discover sth (v)
(be in) doubt (n)	You shouldn't marry him if you are still in ~ about his character.		without any doubt doubt sth (v)
nod (your head) (v)	Kindly ~ your head if you understand what I'm saying and shake it if you don't.		shake (shook , shaken :v)
continue (v)	According to the latest forecast wet weather is likely to ~ for a few more days.		~ing uncertainty to be continued
embarrassed (adj)	There was a long ~ silence after he had confessed to his parents that he was gay.		an embarrassing question / incident
deceive (v)	You won't pass your exams without working hard, so don't ~ yourself into thinking you can. He has been ~ing his wife for years.		deceit (n) = be unfaithful to sb
be determined (to do sth)	He always says that he is ~ to succeed at university, but his actions tell a different story.		act with determination
decrease (v) a decrease in (n)	The birth rate in Western Europe has been ~ing for several decades (= it has fallen). There has been a huge ~ in available apartments during the past year.		increase (= rise.v) an increase (in sth)
notice sth (v)	When the pilot ~d that his plane was losing fuel it was already too late.		→a noticeable (increase)
experience (n)	Few people in wealthy countries have had the ~ of real hunger. We all learn by ~.		know sth from ~ experienced (adj) an ~ driver
happen (v) happen (to do sth: v)	Jane hasn't come home yet - I really hope nothing has ~ed to her. He ~ed to walk past the building when a bank robbery took place.		Don't worry - this could ~ to anybody.
delay (n)	It is already quite late. We should really start working now without any further ~.		be delayed (adj)
to run out of sth (v)	I really hope we'll see a petrol station soon - We will be ~ning out of petrol shortly.		= there won't be any petrol left

BASIC VOCABULARY (8) : SOME ADDITIONAL VERBS AND NOUNS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
an insult (n)	She completely misunderstood what I had said and took it as an ~.		→to insult sb = to offend sb
offend sb (v)	Make sure you choose your words carefully when you talk to him. He is known to be easily ~ed.		→insult sb (v)
a permission (n)	She went home after she had received ~ to leave work early.		→be permitted / allowed to do sth
obey sb / sth (n)	Soldiers are trained to ~ the orders of their superiors.		→carry out an order
deserve sth (v)	He had failed his test, but everybody agreed that he ~d another chance.		→an undeserved win / loss
sympathy (n)	She showed no ~ when I told her how badly I had been treated. (= she no pity)		= (have) compassion with sb
recognise sb (v)	He had changed so much that I almost failed to ~d him.		→a recognised method
prove sth (v)	He wasn't able to ~ to the police that he was innocent.		→a proof (n) = evidence (n)
deteriorate (v) improve (v)	After the water quality of the lake had ~. (become worse) for several years, it finally started to ~ (get better) again.		→an improvement (n)
support sb (v)	Fortunately, her friends and relatives ~ed her during this severe crisis.		→a (football) supporter
join sth (v)	On his request he was told that he lacked the necessary qualifications to ~ their association. He built a simple tool by ~ing several pieces of wood with glue.		= become a member = link several parts separate (v)
float (n)	Wood ~s on water, whereas metal sinks. When she raised her head she saw a huge balloon ~ing across the sky.		a floating voter
remove sth (v)	He argued that it wasn't enough to support poor people, but to ~ the causes of poverty, too.		→~ a tumor →a removal (n)
scatter sth (v)	A large number of people turned up for the demonstration, but the heavy rain ~ the crowd.		→He had ~ed all his toys on the floor.
waste sth (v) a waist (n)	Sadly, he seems to have ~d his inheritance on women and gambling. During the performance he tried to put his arm around her ~, but she didn't let him.		→nuclear / toxic ~ → ~ disposal (n) (= part of the body)
a relationship (n)	When she found out that he had been unfaithful to her repeatedly, she put an end to their ~.		→be related to sb sb's relatives (n)
similarity (n) similar (to sth) (adj)	There are many ~ies between the inhabitants of Europe and North America. Their twin daughters look quite ~ - I can never manage to tell them apart.		= they are similar (to each other) / = resemble (each other)
differ (from : v)	The twins ~ from each other in their interests.		→a difference (n)
share sth (v) a share (n)	We weren't quite satisfied with our holiday flat since we had to ~ a bathroom with our neighbours. He wanted his ~ of the prize money.		→buy Microsoft shares / stocks
obtain sth (v)	Vitamins and fibre are best ~ed through natural food, such as fruit and vegetables.		= acquire sth (v)
supply (n)	In some areas of Russia, the ~ of raw materials to factories has practically come to a halt.		→supply sth (v) = provide (v)
restrict sth (v)	After continuous protests by animal rights groups the government decided to ~ fox hunting.		impose restrictions ≠ ban sth (v)
interrupt sb / sth (v)	He really is an awful chatterbox. He always ~s other people when they try to say something.		→uninterrupted (adj)
responsible (for sth) (adj)	In the US, the Secretary of State is ~ for foreign affairs.		irresponsible responsibility (n)
a judge (n) judge (v)	After listening to all the witnesses, the ~ passed a verdict of not guilty. You shouldn't ~ people by the way they look. (v)		Judgement Day

BASIC VOCABULARY (9) : SOME FINAL VERBS AND NOUNS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
an introduction (n)	The ~ of steel as a building material made very tall buildings possible.		→introduce sth (v) introductory (adj)
a purpose (n)	His ~ was to discover how long these guests intended to stay.		→do sth on ~
admiration (n)	Her great achievements earned her the ~ of all her friends and relatives.		admire sb (v)
a request (n)	Brochures with further information are available on ~.		= ask for sth politely
object to (v)	Many people ~ to loud noise for the simple reason that it gives them a headache.		= be opposed to sth = dislike sth (v)
a quarrel (n)	They have had a furious ~ and now they refuse to speak to each other.		= have an argument (with sb)
struggle (to do sth : v) a struggle (n)	He ~d to keep back the tears. Making babies eat their spinach is always a ~.		= make a great effort = try hard
a participant (n)	There are three ~s in the competition representing Germany.		→participate in (v) = take part in
involve sth (v) be involved in sth	Housekeeping ~s cooking, washing dishes, sweeping, and cleaning in general. The police claims that he was ~ in last week's armed robbery.		= include / comprise →participate in (v)
an opportunity (n: to do sth)	I have had no ~ to give him your message, simply because I haven't met him yet.		= an occasion (n)
patience (n) impatient (adj)	The cat watched the mouse hole with great ~. His mother has to remind him regularly not to become ~ with his little sister.		→lose patience be patient
a tendency (n)	Most parents are of the opinion that boys have a stronger ~ to fight than girls.		→be inclined (to do sth)
prevention (n)	They sprinkled their roof with water as a ~ against the approaching wood fire. "Prevention is better than cure". (Proverb)		→prevent sb (from doing sth)
regard sb as (v) regarding (prep)	He is ~ed as the leading eye specialist in town. The policeman asked many questions ~ the accident.		= consider sb as (v) = concerning / relating to (prep)
a settlement (n)	The English ~ of North America started in the seventeenth century.		→densely settled sparsely settled
unspoiled (adj)	The Amazon region has been called one of the last remaining ~ wildernesses on earth.		→spoil sb / sth (v) a spoiled child
threaten (v)	The farmer ~ed to shoot any dog that tried to kill one of his sheep.		→threatening (adj)
distribute sth (v) distribution (n)	Clothes, blankets and tents have been ~d among civil-war refugees. The UN organised the ~ of aid supplies.		= divide and give out in shares
abandon sth (v) abandoned (adj)	When his car broke down, he had to ~ it in the snow. We saw several ~ed villages on our trip.		→ ~ all hope = deserted (adj)
damage (n) damages (n)	Severe thunderstorms have caused millions of dollars' worth of ~. He took his company to court (= sued it) and won \$ 100,000 in ~.		= cause harm = compensation (n)
scare sb (v)	The watchdog has ~d away the robber by barking loudly and fiercely.		→a scarecrow (n) →That's scary!
scarce (adj)	During the war food, shoes and furniture were often ~ and of a poor quality.		= hard to get / rare →scarcity (n)
lack (sth) (v) a lack (of sth) (n)	Alex's real problem is that he ~s confidence. A ~ of vitamins can cause a number of symptoms.		= a shortage of sth
a shortage (of sth) (n)	Nowadays there is a ~ of skilled workers in the electronics industry.		
get rid of sth (v)	Let's ~ of all that old furniture and buy something entirely new.		= remove sth (v)

BASIC VOCABULARY (10) : -ING OR INFINITIVE AFTER VERBS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
finish + ING	I will go shopping as soon as I have ~ed [clean] our flat.		↔ begin/start + ING
avoid + ING	During our conversation I realized that he ~ed [answer] my questions.		→ unavoidable (adj)
dare + to-INF	He didn't ~ [tell] his parents that he had failed all his exams.		→ a daredevil (n)
consider + ING	Have you ever ~ed [go] to live in another country.		= think about + ING
decide + to-INF	It was already quite late, so we ~d [take] a taxi home.		→ take a decision (to do sth)
want sb + to-INF	He doesn't ~ me [know] anything about his financial problems- in fact, he doesn't want anybody to know.		<u>NOT</u> : want that !!!
enjoy + ING	When he is on holiday, he always ~s not [have] to get up early.		= be fond of + ING
promise + to-INF	You have ~d [take] your little niece to the zoo today - so go ahead and do it!		→ give a promise (to do sth)
quit + ING (quit / ~)	She ~ [smoke] after her mother had died miserably of lung cancer.		= give up + ING
carry on + ING	We have to do something to improve our lives - we can't ~ [live] like this.		= go on + ING = keep on + ING
expect sb + to-INF	Every company ~s its employees [come] to work punctually (= on time).		→ an expectation (n)
tend + to-INF	I am really fond of him, but unfortunately he ~s [talk] too much.		→ have a tendency (to do sth)
imagine + ING	I apologise for laughing at him, but I really can't ~ him [ride] a motorbike.		→ imagination (n)
admit + ING	After having been questioned by the police for several hours, she ~ed [have] stolen the money.		↔ deny + ING → an admission (n)
deny + ING (denied / ~)	She still ~d [steal] the money, even though two witnesses saw her taking it.		= she ~d that she had stolen the money
pretend + to-INF	She ~ed not [see] me as we passed each other in front of a department store.		= she acted as if she hadn't seen me
agree + to-INF	He really was in a difficult situation, so I ~d [lend] him some money to smooth things over.		→ reach an agreement (n)
remind sb + to-INF	Could you please ~ her [phone] Ann tomorrow? She has left five messages on our answering machine.		≠ remember sth (v)
to remember + ING + to-INF	He could ~ [drive] along the road just before the accident happened, but he had forgotten about all the rest. Please ~ [post] the letter today. It is urgent.		→ keep sth in your memory (n)
suggest + ING	After two day at the holiday flat we were all a little bit bored, so I ~ed [go] to the cinema for a change.		= I ~d that we go ... → suggestion (n)
learn + (how) to-INF	At what age did you ~ how [drive] a car?		→ a slow learner (n)
appear + to-INF	Have you seen their mansion? - They really ~ [have] plenty of money.		= seem + to-INF
order sb + to-INF	The officer ~ed the soldiers [dig] five knee-deep trenches.		= give an order (to do sth)
warn sb + to-INF	He emphasised that this switch was dangerous and he ~ed me not [touch] it.		= give a warning
recommend + ING	I really wouldn't ~ [stay] at that hotel - I think it is a complete dump!		→ I ~ that you look for a better hotel.
regret + ING + to-INF	He really ~ted [call] her a lazy slut - he knew that their relationship would never be the same again. We ~ [inform] you that we are unable to offer you a job in our company.		= be sorry for → a regrettable incident
forget + ING + to-INF	He noticed too late that he had completely ~ [do] his homework. Make sure you don't ~ [do] your homework today.		→ He is always so forgetful ! (adj)

BASIC VOCABULARY (11) : ADJECTIVES

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
scientific	~ research is widely claimed to be the source of the high standard of living in the US.		→ a scientist (n) science (n)
actual	Some scientists claim that the ~ number of AIDS victims is much higher than statistics reflect.		→ actually (adv)
definite	Researchers emphasised that it was too early to give a ~ answer to that question.		→ 'the' is a ~ article
superficial	Unfortunately, he had no more than a ~ knowledge of economics, so he was unable to answer the question.		↔ detailed (adj)
thorough	Police spokesmen have promised to carry out a ~ investigation.		= careful and detailed
comprehensive	The latest edition of the book on Wales has been hailed as a ~ guide to the region.		= including everything that is needed
urgent	Due to the drought there is an ~ need for food and water in the whole area.		= needs to be dealt with as soon as possible
economic economical	~ growth is expected to slow down this year. It is more ~ to wash a full load of laundry than several small ones.		→ the economy (n) = using the minimum amount of time or effort
generous	He had fallen in love with one of the waitresses, so he always gave her an extremely ~ tip.		= giving more than is usual or expected
general	In ~ voters seem to be content with the work of the government.		→ a ~ election
apparent	It had been ~ from the start that the suspect had something to hide.		= obvious (adj)
invisible	Germans and bacteria are ~ to the naked eye.		= cannot be seen
advanced	German scientists were able to develop the most ~ telescope in the world.		→ sophisticated (adj)
senior	Mr. Jones is the ~ member of the firm, i.e. he is higher in rank than other employees.		→ senior citizens (n)
sensible	Her parents had always thought she was too ~ to do anything foolish.		= reasonable / rational (adj)
sensitive	She was careful about what she said to him as she knew he was extremely ~ to criticism.		= easily hurt or offended (a lotion for ~ skin)
precious	Gold, silver, and platinum are often called ~ metals.		= having great value
convenient suitable (for)	Will it be ~ for you to bring your lunch to school? The town's new playground is particularly ~ for small children.		= not troublesome (adj) = appropriate (adj)
artificial	At night you have to read by ~ light, i.e. electric light or candlelight.		↔ natural (adj)
artistic	Our museum is proud of its many ~ works (works of art), especially its large collection of sculptures.		→ an artist (n)
temporary	He took some painkillers, but they only provided ~ relief from his toothache.		= lasting for a short time ↔ permanent (adj)
gradual	A child's growth into an adult is ~.		= step by step
essential	Good food and enough rest are ~ for good health.		= indispensable / vital
previous (to)	~ to her departure she invited all her friends and relatives to a big farewell party.		= before / preceding (prep)
ancient	In Egypt, we saw the ruins of an ~ temple which had been built six thousand years ago.		= belonging to times ... long past
inherited	All his wealth is ~, he has done nothing himself to deserve it.		→ inherit sth from sb bequeath sth to sb
historic	The entry of Germany into NATO was an event of ~ significance.		= important in history
historical	It is a ~ fact that George Washington was the first President of the United States.		= concerning history
literal	A ~ translation, which follows the exact words of the original, is often difficult to understand.		≠ literary (adj) → literature (n)
figurative	Baptism is a ~ ceremony, which represents cleansing by washing away sin.		= symbolic / metaphorical (adj)

BASIC VOCABULARY (12) : MORE ADJECTIVES

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
bad-tempered	The ~ old man always chased the children away when they were playing in front of his house.		= having a bad temper / irritable (adj)
dishonest	Lying, cheating, and stealing are ~.		→honour (n) honest (adj)
indifferent (to) careless	She had dozens of admirers, but she was ~ to all of them. Eventually a ~ mistake ruined the whole experiment.		= showing no interest ↔ careful (adj)
aware (of)	I was too sleepy to be ~ of how cold it actually was.		= conscious (adj)
unconscious	He was knocked ~ as soon as the car struck him. The ~ is the part of the mind containing thoughts and feelings of which a person is not fully aware.		→lose consciousness → unconscious fears, thoughts, desires etc.
self-conscious self-confident	Since she reached puberty, their daughter is extremely ~ in public ~ people believe in their own abilities, power or judgement.		= easily embarrassed ↔ self-conscious (adj) →confidence (n)
sincere genuine	He made a ~ effort to pass his exams. He was cheated by an art dealer who was able to persuade him that this painting was a ~ Picasso.		= real / honest = original (adj)
ordinary	In ~ life we use a great many words with a total disregard for logical precision		= usual; common; normal; regular (adj)
contradictory	First reports of the election were so ~ that we could not tell who had won.		= saying the opposite
unexpected	A sudden and ~ change in the weather put the mountaineers at great risk.		↔ expected / anticipated (adj)
ridiculous	It would be ~ to walk backward all the time.		= silly / unreasonable
determined	Scott, the ~ explorer, kept on marching in spite of a severe ice storm.		= resolved / having made up one's mind
faithful	His ~ dog always followed him and kept him company.		= loyal (adj) →have / lose faith in sb
jealous	When their little son sees his mother holding their new baby, he becomes ~ immediately.		→jealousy (n)
physical mental	Even before your exams you shouldn't forget to take regular ~ exercise. An increase in ~ problems and illnesses, for example depressions, is common to all wealthy societies.		→a ~ disability →body and mind (n)
harmful	Many sweets contain ~ substances, for example artificial colouring or additives.		↔ harmless (adj) →do sb harm (n)
acid (adj / n)	Several kinds of fruit, e.g. lemons or grapefruit, contain some amount of ~.		→Acids have a pH value of less than 7.
impatient	He says that he doesn't mind looking after their baby, but he always gets ~ after a short while.		→lose patience (n) ↔ patient (adj)
disapproving	He started to dread the ~ look his mother-in-law had on her face whenever he said something.		→considering sth as not good enough
severe	The judge imposed a ~ sentence on the criminal.		= strict / harsh (adj)
sufficient	Prosecutors were unable to provide ~ proof of the man's guilt.		= enough (adj) ↔ insufficient (adj)
likely	One ~ result of this heavy rain is the rising of the river. Due to this heavy rain the river is ~ to rise.		↔ unlikely (adj)
convincing	The arguments of his lawyer were so ~ that the jury unanimously voted not guilty.		→convince/persuade sb.
unreliable	As existing statistics were rather ~, researchers decided to carry out an additional survey.		→rely (on sb to do sth) (v)
customary	In Western societies, it is ~ to exchange gifts at Christmas.		= usual (adj) →customs/traditions (n)
widespread	It is a ~ though erroneous belief that spinach is extremely rich in iron.		→spread sth widely

BASIC VOCABULARY (13) : ADVERBS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
actually	He pretended to be dumb and deaf, but ~ he was able to understand everything we said.		↔ current(ly) ↔ "aktuell" (dt.)
accordingly	I realized that I was in danger and acted ~.		→ according to (prep)
afterwards	The ceremony lasts approximately one hour and there will be a light meal ~.		→ after (prep)
already	When she arrived at the airport, I had ~ left for Cologne.		↔ not ... yet
not ... yet	I'm sorry, but I haven't finished my essay ~. I'm afraid I'll need another fifteen minutes.		
as early as	The report will probably be published ~ next month.		= as soon as
eventually	~, someone expressed publicly what they had all thought themselves.		= finally = at last ↔ "eventuell" (dt.)
at least	He did not achieve very good results, but ~ he was able to pass the course.		↔ at last
immediately	When they saw a huge army approaching, they surrendered ~.		= at once
automatically	All lights will be turned off ~ at 9 p.m.		
before	In 1941, nylon was first used to make stockings, and the year ~, it had first been used to produce toothbrushes.		↔ after
ago	Harold won a gold medal in the Olympics four years ~.		↔ "vor" (dt.)
besides	I don't like the colour and, ~, it costs far more than I can afford.		= in addition additionally
furthermore	He does not receive any visitors in the afternoon. ~, he left explicit orders not to be disturbed today.		= moreover / what is more
consequently	I crashed his car when I borrowed it. ~, I had to pay for all the repairs.		= as a result
sufficiently	His instructions were not ~ clear for us to understand.		= (clear) enough
equally	Although they always try to divide the housework ~, she always complains about having to do everything herself.		
fortunately	~, the fire was discovered soon after it had started.		= luckily
unfortunately	~, we couldn't visit the museum as it is was closed.		
generally	Their plans for building a new shopping mall in the city centre have been ~ accepted by the public.		→ widely
hardly	The heat became almost unbearable, so that we could ~ breathe.		↔ hard (adj / adv)
however	Sales have been rather poor for the last few months. There may, ~, be an increase before Easter.		= nevertheless
instead	He decided not to join the army. ~, he wanted to go to university and study engineering.		≠ in spite of (prep)
just	I was ~ leaving my flat when the telephone rang.		
perhaps	There were three, ~ four thousand people at the concert.		= maybe
mainly	Most tourists were from Northern Europe, ~ from Denmark and Sweden.		= primarily / predominantly
nearly	~ one million people have been out of work for more than twelve months.		= almost
particularly	She hates being interrupted, ~ while she is working.		= especially = in particular
probably	~ these two problems are interrelated, so we can't solve one without tackling the other one as well.		= it is likely that ...
therefore	Our manager was very busy. ~ she was not able to attend yesterday's meeting.		= because of that / on account of that
thoroughly	He always says that he has ~ enjoyed his school days.		= completely / entirely
undoubtedly	Britain has ~ changed for the better but voters seem to be ungrateful.		= without any doubt
under no circumstances	~ should you lend him any money. You can be sure not to be paid back.		= never ever
deliberately	He was found guilty of ~ destroying his neighbour's property.		= intentionally

BASIC VOCABULARY (14) : WORDS FOLLOWED BY PREPOSITIONS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
listen to (v)	We often ~ the news in the evening.		≠ to hear (heard / ~)
agree with (v)	My brother never ~s ~ me. His opinions are always the opposite of what I think.		= be of the same opinion
depend on (v)	We are not sure whether to go out for a walk today - it really ~s ~ the weather.		→ independence (n)
suffer from (v)	He has ~ed ~ a rare form of diabetes since his childhood.		→ human suffering (n)
apologise for (v)	The management are going to ~ their mistakes, which led to a drop in profits.		→ an apology (n)
apply for (v) (applied / ~)	When she got unemployed, she ~ied ~ a new position, but unfortunately without success.		→ an application (n)
worry about (v)	Don't ~ your exams - I am sure you will be able to pass them.		→ be worried (adj)
complain about (v)	When she ~ed ~ her food, the waiter promised to bring her something different immediately.		→ a complaint (n)
spend on (v: spent / ~)	He seems to ~ all his money ~ clothes and cigarettes.		→ a spendthrift (n)
belong to (v)	You can't simply take that dictionary with you. After all, it ~s ~ me.		→ own sth (v) be the owner (n)
good at (adj) (~ / better / best)	English is no problem for her, but unfortunately she has never been ~ mathematics.		↔ be bad at (adj) (~ / worse / worst)
frightened of (adj)	She always takes the train because she is ~ flying / taking a plane.		= be afraid of (adj)
enthusiastic (adj: about sth)	He is very ~ Italian food, especially pasta. (= be fond of / be keen on)		→ enthusiasm (n)
similar to (adj) different from (adj)	People always remark that she looks quite ~ her sister (they are like twins), but completely ~ her brother.		→ a striking similarity
interested in (adj)	He has always been ~ reading books on history and science.		= take an interest in ≠ This is interesting!
surprised at / by (adj)	We were quite ~ the weather - we hadn't expected that it would rain almost every day.		→ a surprise (v) → surprising (adj)
aware of (adj)	I think she is ~ the problems in her class but she is not sure what to do about it.		= realise sth (v)
fed up (with sth)	I am ~ watching television all day - let's do something different for a change.		= be tired of
crowded with (adj)	As on every weekend, the streets in the old town were ~ tourists of all nationalities.		= full of (adj) → a crowd (n)
littered with (adj)	The streets were ~ rubbish; cans, bits of paper and empty bottles were lying about everywhere.		Keep Britain tidy - Don't drop litter!
wrong with (adj)	There is something ~ that TV set - it is not working properly.		↔ right (adj)
responsible for (adj)	After a long investigation police were able to arrest the man who was ~ the crime.		↔ irresponsible (adj) → responsibility (n)
rely on (v) (relied / ~)	A real friend is a friend that one can always ~ - in good and in bad times.		→ (un)reliable (adj)
by accident	I took his pen ~ - I thought it was mine.		= by mistake
by chance	We met ~ in the city centre - We hadn't planned it - it was just luck.		= we happened to meet
on purpose	I am sure that he broke that vase ~ - he had always intended to do it because he hated having to look at it.		= deliberately (adv) → intend to do sth
opposed to	The principles of socialism and capitalism are absolutely ~ each other.		→ the opposite (n)
on the contrary	This must have been a terrible experience. - ~, I enjoyed every second of it.		→ contrary to popular belief
approve of (v)	Catherine's parents have never ~ed ~ her marriage to John - they have always been opposed to it.		↔ be opposed to
except (prep)	He is rather dull as he hasn't got any interests ~ collecting stamps.		= apart from (prep) besides (prep) ≠ expect sb (v)

BASIC VOCABULARY (15) : MORE PREPOSITIONS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
according to	Then the students were split into five groups ~ their abilities.		→ accordingly (adv)
apart from	Well, ~ his long nose he is rather good-looking, isn't he.		→ fall apart
among	She was ~ the few lucky people who managed to escape from the kidnappers.		→ be ~ friends / strangers
among other things	At the meeting they discussed, ~, recent developments in Eastern Europe.		→ He was among the last to leave.
on account of	All schools had to be closed temporarily ~ heavy snowfall.		= because of / due to
above all	~, he has always acted like a real professional.		→ as mentioned above
above average	Last month's unemployment rate was once again significantly ~.		↔ below average
advise sb against	I strongly ~ you ~ giving any further information to the press.		→ (a piece of) advice (n)
considering	You have done really well in your exams, ~ the difficult circumstances.		= in view of
concerned about	He has never been particularly ~ what other people think of him.		→ a matter of concern (n)
concerning	Police are trying to obtain information ~ his whereabouts.		= regarding (prep)
beyond any doubt	~, W. Shakespeare was the greatest writer of the sixteenth century.		= undoubtedly
beyond recognition	He was amazed to see that the town centre had changed ~.		= one can hardly recognise it
by	We went to London ~ bike / bus / car / rail / train / plane / sea / boat / air. His wife had been knocked down ~ a bus.		↔ bye-bye PASSIVE (D: "von")
by means of	The heavy load was lifted ~ of a large crane		→ means of transport
in fact	Her primary school teacher assumed that she was a slow learner, whereas ~ she was partially deaf.		= actually (adv)
in spite of	They went for a walk ~ the pouring rain.		= despite
instead	He didn't reply. ~, he turned on his heel and left the room.		.
instead of	With his driving license gone, he had to walk to work ~ going by car.		
to the best of my knowledge	I am not absolutely sure about when the project starts, but ~ it will be on June 16.		= as far as I know
unlike	Her latest novel is quite ~ her earlier works.		= different from
in contrast to	The company lost \$7 million this quarter, ~ a profit of \$6 million in the previous year.		→ contrast A with B (v)
do without	Like most Americans, he can't ~ a daily hot shower.		
quarrel with sb	Time and again she ~ed ~ her husband, until they both decided that it would be best to split up.		= have an argument with sb
criticize sb for sth	He was severely ~ed ~ taking a day off right in the middle of the company's financial crisis.		→ criticism (n) → a critic (n)
turn into	She was sure that the frog would ~ a beautiful prince if she kissed it.		= change into
consist of	Bolognese sauce ~s ~ minced beef, onion, tomatoes, garlic and seasoning.		= it is made up of
comment on	My sister is always embarrassed when other people ~ her looks (= her outer appearance).		= a comment (n)
prefer sth to sth	He loved pets, but it was obvious that he ~red dogs ~ cats.		→ a preference (n)
familiar with	I would really like to help you, but I'm afraid I'm not ~ this type of machine.		→ familiarity (n)
in addition to	~ these emergency measures, extra ambulances will be on duty until midnight.		→ additionally (adv) add sth (v)
with reference to	~ your recent article entitled "The ultimate woggle", I feel obliged to write to you.		→ refer to sth (v)

BASIC VOCABULARY (16) : IDIOMS WITH PREPOSITIONS

FORMS	EXAMPLES	TRANSLATION	RELATED WORDS
above suspicion	Surely you don't suspect Mr Rogers of stealing the money? He's been working for us for years and is ~.		→suspect sb of sth (v) →a suspect (n)
against all odds	He knew that in trying to save his company from ruin he was fighting a losing battle, but he still carried on ~.		→odd (adj) →the odds (n)
at bay	Please try to keep these dogs ~ while I'm climbing over the wall.		= at a distance
at cross purposes	Just a moment, I think we are talking ~. I was referring to John, not to his father.		= there is a misunderstanding
at ease	Max is extremely good at keeping a conversation going. One always feels ~ in his company.		= relaxed /comfortable ↔ feel uneasy
at sb's expense	Just imagine, he does all his travelling at his company's ~, even when his wife accompanies him.		→expensive (adj)
at face value	You can't take what Rob says ~. There is always a catch somewhere, with some advantage in it for him.		= as things appear to be on the surface
at first sight	~ it seems to be a straightforward case of suicide, but the police suspect foul play.		= when considered for the first time
behind the scenes	There was endless activity ~ before the visit of the royal couple.		= without public knowledge
behind schedule	The manager is getting nervous because production for this quarter is already three weeks ~.		↔ ahead of ~ → on schedule
below the belt	Unfortunately, some politicians often hit ~ to discredit their opponents.		= to fight unfairly ↔ above
by degrees	Max's health has been improving since he came out of hospital, if only ~.		= gradually / step by step
for a change	The Pearsons always go to Brighton for their holiday. I'm surprised they don't go abroad ~.		
change for the worse (↔ better)	Recently, with exports and sales decreasing, their economic outlook has noticeably ~d ~.		= deteriorate (v) ↔ improve (v)
not for love nor money	I wouldn't walk through that part of town after dark - ~!		= under no circumstances
for the record	Just ~, it was Ken's idea to come to this awful party, not mine.		= so that it can be recorded / noted
off the record	This is strictly ~, but you are to be put in charge of manufacture in Scotland.		= confidential information
from scratch	If you had been working on our project ~, you would realize how much these results mean to us.		= from the beginning
leave sb in the dark	When his company sent him to the States, they left his family ~ as to whether it would be temporarily.		↔ inform sb about sth
in the limelight	I would hate to be a pop star, being ~ all the time, with no privacy worth speaking of.		= the centre of attention
in a nutshell	I don't need to know the content of your speech in detail, just put the main message ~ for me, please.		= reduced to the essential facts
in step with sb / sth	Every statement the minister made was ~ government policy.		= in agreement with / in line with
in store	There is a nice surprise ~ for Jane when she gets home - Her brother has unexpectedly returned from Nigeria.		→ a department store
of one's own accord	He told her of his ~ that he had already been married twice before.		= voluntarily
off the cuff	Can you tell me last month's sales figures? - Well, not ~ but I can look them up in the files for you.		= without preparation → handcuffs (n)
off limits	Stop! This part of the building is ~ for unauthorised personnel.		= you are not allowed to enter
on the air	This radio series has been ~ for years, and it's still very popular.		= broadcast (V)
on call	Doctor Murphy is always ~, even at night and at the weekend.		= on duty
on the dole	Millions of unemployed workers have been ~ for years.		= receiving unemployment benefit

