

Talk a Lot

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to dress up = to wear smart clothes

Unit Vocabulary Reference Chart – Page 1

<u>Sub-Group</u>	<u>Discussion Words</u>	<u>English Idioms</u>	<u>English Phrasal Verbs</u>	<u>English Slang Words and Phrases</u>
Children	benefits trap	to be worth your while [to do sth]	sign on	on the rock'n'roll
	broken home			
	bullying		stand up to	a pushover
	childcare			
	child poverty			hand-me-downs
	detention	"It's your own time you're wasting, not mine!"		
	obesity	to pile on the pounds		
	sibling rivalry	share and share alike	get on	mardy
	single parent	to struggle to make [both] ends meet	knock up	
truancy		bunk off	a hoodie	
Teenagers	acne			a zit
	addiction		be on	a junkie
	appearance		dress up	a minger
	boredom	to bore sby to tears		
	contraception	to get / be up the duff		the pill
	dating			a one-night stand
	high expectations	to pin your hopes on sby / sth	drop out	
	peer pressure	to follow the crowd	fit in	
	STI		pick up	
	student loan	neither a borrower nor a lender be	take out	

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to reach for the stars = to try to be very successful

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Adults	alcoholism			to get bladdered
	ambition	to reach for the stars		
	criminal record		bang up	to do time
	debt	to be up to your eyes in debt	rack up	to be in the red
	disillusionment			
	divorce	to give sby the boot	break up	a bit on the side
	fertility treatment	against all [the] odds	long for	
	gambling	to spend money like it's going out of fashion		a bookie
	negative equity	to play the property market		
	suicide		give up	
Elderly People	Alzheimer's Disease			
	euthanasia			
	fuel bill		set aside	a red bill
	funeral expenses	to pay through the nose	pass away	to be brown bread
	ingratitude	to have nothing to do with sby /sth	lash out	
	loneliness	on your own		Billy no-mates
	neglect			
	reconciliation	to give sby a second chance	make up	
	retirement home		end up	"Like it or lump it!"
	state pension	to have too much time on your hands		a coffin dodger

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Unit Vocabulary Reference – Children /'tʃɪl.drən/

#	English Idioms:	Literal Translation:
3.	to struggle to make [both] ends meet	to have trouble earning enough to pay daily bills
4.	share and share alike	divide sth equally; allow equal access
6.	to pile on the pounds	to become fatter quickly
14.	to be worth your while [to do sth]	to profit more by doing sth than by not doing it
20.	"It's your own time you're wasting, not mine!"	"I get paid to teach, so if you misbehave, only you suffer."

#	English Phrasal Verbs:	Literal Translation:
6.	bunk off	be absent without permission
9.	get on	have a good relationship
10.	knock up	make a woman pregnant
15.	sign on	declare that you're unemployed; receive unemployment benefits
16.	stand up to	defend yourself

#	English Slang Words and Phrases:	Literal Translation:
5.	on the rock'n'roll	(rhyming slang) on the dole [claiming unemployment benefit]
8.	a hoodie	(n.) a teenage hooligan; a hooded top
11.	a pushover	(n.) a person who is very easily persuaded / defeated
13.	hand-me-downs	(n. un.) second-hand items, usually clothes
20.	mardy	(a.) grumpy because you can't have what you want

#	Discussion Words:	IPA Translation:
4.	sibling rivalry	/sɪb.lɪŋ'raɪ.vəl.rɪ/
8.	obesity	/əʊ'biː.sə.ti/
14.	detention	/dɪ'ten.ʃən/
19.	childcare	/'tʃaɪl.keə/
20.	single parent	/sɪŋ.gəw'peə.rənt/
22.	benefits trap	/'be.nə.fɪt.stræp/
25.	broken home	/brəʊ.kən'həʊm/
32.	truancy	/'truː.wən.si/
38.	child poverty	/tʃaɪl'pɒ.və.ti/
40.	bullying	/'bʊ.li.jɪŋ/

What Would You Do? – Problems

4. It'd cost a small fortune to put my daughter in a nursery full-time – almost as much as I earn. And my parents live 200 miles away. I could look after her myself, but I'd go mad spending every day at home with her...

5. It seems that Greg's been bunking off again. He says he can't stand his teachers and that the other pupils think he's a pushover. I don't want him to change schools, and I haven't got time to home-school him...

11. Somebody just phoned to tell me that my little Brian's been picking on other kids at school. The teacher was really angry! But he's such a nice boy at home. I really can't believe this news – my baby wouldn't hurt a fly...!

16. All of Pete's new friends are overweight, and he eats too much fast food when he's at their homes. He's really started piling on the pounds. How can I encourage him to exercise and eat more healthily?

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Unit Vocabulary Reference – Teenagers /'ti:neɪ.dʒəz/

#	English Idioms:	Literal Translation:
7.	neither a borrower nor a lender be	don't take out or make loans
9.	to get / be up the duff	to become or be pregnant
12.	to follow the crowd	to do what everybody else is doing
15.	to bore sby to tears	to make sby very uninterested in sth
16.	to pin your hopes on sby / sth	to hope that sby or sth will be successful for your benefit

#	English Phrasal Verbs:	Literal Translation:
3.	take out	arrange sth, e.g. a loan
4.	fit in	be accepted as part of a group
7.	pick up	acquire sth, e.g. an illness
14.	drop out	leave a course or programme before the end
20.	be on	take; be dependent on

#	English Slang Words and Phrases:	Literal Translation:
4.	a zit	(n.) a spot [acne]
9.	a junkie	(n.) a drug addict
12.	a minger	(n.) an unattractive person
14.	a one-night stand	(n.) a date when two people have sex, but don't meet again
18.	the pill	(n.) contraceptive tablets for women

#	Discussion Words:	IPA Translation:
5.	peer pressure	/'piə.pre.ʃə/
10.	student loan	/st.ju:ˌdɒn'tləʊn/
11.	boredom	/'bɔ:ˌdɒm/
12.	high expectations	/haɪ.ek.spe'kteɪ.ʃənz/
16.	appearance	/ə'piə.rəns/
21.	dating	/'deɪ.tɪŋ/
27.	contraception	/kɒn.trə'se.pʃən/
28.	addiction	/ə'dɪ.kʃən/
30.	STI	/es.ti:'jaɪ/
39.	acne	/'æk.ni/

What Would You Do? – Problems

2. The school holidays are looming and all of my best buddies are going away on holiday. I can't afford to do anything, but I don't want to get a crummy [not good] job. I can't face lying in front of the TV all summer...

8. We were at the mall yesterday, when my mate took some clothes, put them in her bag, and walked out. Nobody saw and now she's dared *me* to do it. I know it's wrong, but I need a new bikini and I'm absolutely broke...

14. The girl I fancy won't look twice at me, and my mates have started calling me "pizza face"... My mum thinks I should get a special cream from the doctor's, but there could be some unwanted side effects...

15. I'd *love* to go to university, but I don't want to be saddled with a massive debt when I finish. I'm too scared to get a loan, but I won't get a decent job without a degree, will I?

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Unit Vocabulary Reference – Adults /'æ.dəltz/

#	English Idioms:	Literal Translation:
2.	to play the property market	to invest in property
8.	to give sby the boot	to end a romantic relationship with sby; to fire sby
10.	to be up to your eyes in debt	to owe a lot of money
11.	to spend money like it's going out of fashion	to spend a lot of money quickly
18.	against all [the] odds	despite all obstacles and difficulties

#	English Phrasal Verbs:	Literal Translation:
1.	break up	end a relationship
2.	bang up	put in prison
17.	long for	desire sth very much
18.	give up	finish a habit; stop trying
19.	rack up	accumulate; collect a lot of sth

#	English Slang Words and Phrases:	Literal Translation:
3.	to get bladdered	(v.) to become very drunk
6.	to be in the red	(v.) to be in debt
10.	a bookie	(n.) a betting shop; a person who works in a betting shop
16.	to do time	(v.) to serve a prison sentence
17.	a bit on the side	(n.) the person with whom a married person has an affair

#	Discussion Words:	IPA Translation:
2.	divorce	/dɪ'vɔ:s/
6.	disillusionment	/dɪ.sɪ'lu:zən.mənt/
7.	criminal record	/krɪ.mɪ.nəw're.kɔ:d/
13.	ambition	/æm'bɪ.fən/
23.	debt	/det/
24.	suicide	/'su:.wɪ.sɑɪd/
31.	gambling	/'gæm.blɪŋ/
34.	fertility treatment	/fɜ:'tɪ.lə.ti.tri:?.mənt/
36.	negative equity	/ne.gə.tɪ've.kwə.ti/
37.	alcoholism	/'æ.l.kə.hɒ.lɪzəm/

What Would You Do? – Problems

6. My husband started drinking three years ago, when his mum died. He's always kept it under control, but lately it's got worse – especially since he lost his job. Now he drinks every day, but he won't admit he's got a problem...

7. I have a good job, a loving family, a nice car, and plenty of money, but recently life has seemed more and more meaningless. What's the point of working hard and doing well, if this is all there is...

9. My wife left me last autumn, and now she wants to make it official. I was seeing other birds [women], and out partying most nights, but I love the old girl to death, and I know I can be faithful if I put my mind to it...

13. I did time for two years for my part in a company fraud. It wasn't that serious, but now I can't get a job for love nor money because I've been banged up. It's enough to make me want to go off the rails again...

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Unit Vocabulary Reference – Elderly People /eɪ.l.də.li'pi:.pəl/

#	English Idioms:	Literal Translation:
1.	to have nothing to do with sby / sth	to avoid sby / sth completely
5.	to pay through the nose	to pay too high a price
13.	to give sby a second chance	to forgive sby and be friends with them again
17.	to have too much time on your hands	to have too much spare time
19.	on your own	alone; without anybody's help

#	English Phrasal Verbs:	Literal Translation:
5.	end up	reach a place which you neither planned nor wished to reach
8.	pass away	die
11.	make up	become friends again after an argument
12.	lash out	attack suddenly and violently
13.	set aside	save; keep sth separate

#	English Slang Words and Phrases:	Literal Translation:
1.	to be brown bread	(rhyming slang) to be in a lot of trouble; to be dead
2.	“Like it or lump it!”	(phr.) it will be easier for you, if you accept this unpleasant thing
7.	Billy no-mates	(n.) a person who doesn't have any friends
15.	a coffin dodger	(n.) an old person who doesn't seem to be able to die
19.	a red bill	(n.) a letter from a utility company demanding payment which is overdue

#	Discussion Words:	IPA Translation:
1.	neglect	/nɪ'glekt/
3.	fuel bill	/'fjuəl.bɪl/
9.	loneliness	/'lɒn.lɪ.nəs/
15.	state pension	/steɪt'pen.ʃən/
17.	reconciliation	/re.kən.sɪ.li'jeɪ.ʃən/
18.	Alzheimer's Disease	/'æɪ.tsaɪ.məz.dɪ.zi:z/
26.	ingratitude	/ɪŋ'græ.tɪ.tʃu:d/
29.	funeral expenses	/'fju:.nə.rəl.ek.spen.səz/
33.	retirement home	/rɪ'taɪə.mən?.həʊm/
35.	euthanasia	/ju:.θə'neɪ.zɪə/

What Would You Do? – Problems

1. We're thinking about putting your grandma in a home. She's eighty and she can't really look after herself any more. We can't have her here, because she'll clutter the place up. The problem is, she's dead-set against it...

3. There's an old man near us who lives on his own. I don't know if he's got any relatives, but we never see anybody going in or out. He looks in a bad way. I wonder what he lives on. I don't want to be nosey, but maybe I could help...

10. My husband is showing early signs of dementia, and I realise that things are only going to get worse. He won't go into a home, and we can't afford private care, but I know I won't manage on my own...

12. We decided we should both go together, so we sold everything and we're booked in for a slot next week. Paul's illness has been almost too much to bear, but now I'm wondering whether we *both* need to end it all...