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# Lessons to Learn

## Word Focus

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- 11.1 performing arts** (pl n) /pə'fɔ:mɪŋ a:ts/  
acting, dancing and playing music • *The film Fame is about students who are studying performing arts.*
- 11.2 journalist** (n) /'dʒɜ:nəlɪst/  
a person who writes news stories for newspapers and/or other media • *The journalist wrote a long article about the war.* > journalism (n), journal (n)

## Vocabulary

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- 11.13 knowledge** (n) /'nɒlɪdʒ/  
information you know about sth • *Our biology teacher has a good knowledge of plants and animals and can answer all our questions.*  
> know (v), knowledgeable (adj)
- 11.14 diploma** (n) /dɪ'pləʊmə/  
an official document that says sb has passed an exam and has certain qualifications • *I attended Spanish evening classes and at the end of the year was given a diploma.*
- 11.15 certificate** (n) /sə'tɪfɪkət/  
a piece of paper which says you have finished a course • *My brother got his FCE certificate from Cambridge, which proves that his English is very good.* > certify (v)
- 11.16 fees** (pl n) /fi:z/  
money you pay for lessons • *The fees for this language school are 40 euros per month.*
- 11.17 grant** (n) /grɑ:nt/  
money you get from the government to study • *James paid for his university education with a student grant.*
- 11.18 tutor** (n) /'tju:tə/  
a teacher • *A tutor gives me English lessons at home twice a week.* > tutor (v)
- 11.19 lecturer** (n) /'lektʃərə/  
a teacher at a university • *Our maths lecturer at university sets really hard exams.* > lecture (v, n)
- 11.20 graduate** (n) /'grædʒuət/  
sb who gets a degree from university • *You need to be a university graduate to apply for a job as a secondary school teacher.*  
> graduate (v), graduation (n)
- 11.21 studies** (pl n) /'stʌdiz/  
the subject or subjects that sb studies at college or university • *Are you enjoying your studies at university?* > study (n, v), student (n), studious (adj)
- 11.22 stapler** (n) /'steɪplə/  
a device which you use to join pieces of paper together • *I used a stapler to attach my photo to the application form.* > staple (v, n)
- 11.23 folder** (n) /'fəʊldə/  
a container like a box that you use to keep papers in • *Put all your written tests in this folder so you don't lose them.*
- 11.24 backpack** (n) /'bækpæk/  
a large bag that you carry on your back when you go walking or climbing • *They took a sleeping bag and a backpack with a few clothes and some food.*

## Reading

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- 11.3 unlike** (prep) /,ʌn'laɪk/  
in contrast to • *Unlike Anna, Ben doesn't play any musical instruments.*  
☞ Opp: like
- 11.4 bracelet** (n) /'breɪslət/  
jewellery that you wear around your arm • *She wore a gold bracelet on her arm.*
- 11.5 necklace** (n) /'neɪkləs/  
jewellery that you wear around your neck • *Her husband bought her a diamond necklace for her birthday.*
- 11.6 earring** (n) /'ɪərɪŋ/  
jewellery that you wear in or on your ear • *She wore long earrings and a necklace to the party.*
- 11.7 have what it takes** (phr) /hæv wɒt ɪt teɪks/  
have the ability or qualities needed to be successful • *Does he have what it takes to succeed?*
- 11.8 build a fire** (phr) /bɪld ə 'faɪə/  
put the coal, wood or other fuel together and light a fire • *Let's build a fire and cook the meat.*
- 11.9 put up a tent** (phr) /pʊt ʌp ə tent/  
put a tent somewhere • *The campers put up their tent and went inside it to sleep.*
- 11.10 trick** (n) /trɪk/  
a clever action that sb performs in a magic show • *The magician performed some tricks for the children.* > trick (v)
- 11.11 vanish** (v) /'vænɪʃ/  
disappear • *The magician made the rabbit vanish.*
- 11.12 original** (adj) /ə'rɪdʒənəl/  
existing at the beginning • *The original colour of the walls in my bedroom was blue.* > originally (adv), originality (n)

- 11.25 biology** (n) /baɪ'ɒlədʒi/  
the study of living things • *We learnt about how plants grow today in biology.*  
> biologist (n), biological (adj)
- 11.26 chemistry** (n) /'keməstri/  
the study of substances • *In chemistry we learnt that the symbol for water is H<sub>2</sub>O.*  
> chemist (n), chemical (n, adj)
- 11.27 physical education (PE)** (n) /'fɪzɪkl edʒʊ'keɪʃn (pi: i:)/  
a school subject in which students do sports and other physical activities • *We usually play volleyball in physical education classes.*
- 11.28 queue** (n) /kju:/  
a line of people waiting for sth • *There was a long queue at the bank, so I was there for a long time.* > queue (v)
- 11.29 secondary school** (n) /'sekəndri sku:l/  
a school for children aged 11 to 18 • *In England you start secondary school at the age of 11 and you can leave at 16 or 18.*
- 11.30 grade** (v) /greɪd/  
give a mark to a student's work • *The teacher graded the students' test papers.* > grade (n)  
📎 Syn: mark
- 11.31 twist** (v) /twɪst/  
injure your ankle, wrist, etc. by bending it in an awkward way • *She was running down the hill when she twisted her ankle.* > twist (n)
- 11.32 behave** (v) /bɪ'heɪv/  
act correctly or politely • *The children always behave when they visit their grandparents.*  
> behaviour (n) 📎 Opp: misbehave
- 11.33 expel** (v) /ɪk'spel/  
force a student to leave a school • *The boys who got into the fight were expelled and will have to go to a new school.* > expulsion (n)
- 11.34 qualifications** (pl n) /kwɒlɪfɪ'keɪʃnz/  
exams that you have passed and that show you have knowledge of or skill in a subject • *Vicky wants to work as a teacher, but she needs to study and get the right qualifications first.* > qualify (v)
- 11.35 examiner** (n) /ɪg'zæmɪnə/  
sb who marks exams • *The examiner was strict and didn't give anybody an A for their composition.* > examine (v), exam/examination (n)
- 11.36 candidate** (n) /'kændɪdeɪt/  
sb who takes an exam • *The candidates sat in silence before they were allowed to look at the exam paper.*
- 11.37 oral** (adj) /'ɔ:rəl/  
spoken • *I have an oral English exam on Monday.* > orally (adv)
- 11.38 unbelievably** (adv) /,ʌnbɪ'li:vəbli/  
used to emphasise how good, bad, etc. something is • *James is only twelve, but already he's an unbelievably good musician.*  
> unbelievable (adj)

- 11.39 accent** (n) /'æksənt/  
way you pronounce words, depending on where you are from • *My friend has a Canadian accent, but she is easy to understand.*
- 11.40 pronunciation** (n) /prənʌnsɪ'eɪʃn/  
correct way a word is said • *The pronunciation of the French letter 'r' is difficult for English speakers.* > pronounce (v)
- 11.41 revise** (v) /rɪ'vaɪz/  
study facts again, usually before an exam • *Dave revised for the test all evening and managed to get a B+.* > revision (n)

### University and college

common room	motto
diploma	professor
fees	seminar
graduate	studies
grant	tutor
lecturer	

### Exams

candidate	examiner
certificate	qualifications
diploma	revise

## Grammar

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- 11.42 cancel** (v) /'kænsəl/  
• *The football match was cancelled because of the rain.* > cancellation (n)
- 11.43 exhibit** (v) /ɪg'zɪbɪt/  
show sth in a public place so that people can go to see it • *A famous art gallery is going to exhibit her paintings.* > exhibit (n), exhibition (n)
- 11.44 staff** (n) /stɑ:f/  
people who work at the same place • *There are five members of staff at this private language school: four teachers and one secretary.*  
📎 Syn: personnel
- 11.45 first aid** (n) /fɜ:st eɪd/  
first medical help given to sb who is hurt • *It is important to know first aid when you work with children at a summer camp so you can help them quickly if they hurt themselves.*

## Listening

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- 11.46 exchange programme** (n) /ɪks'tʃeɪndʒ 'prəʊgrəm/  
a school trip where students live in a different country • *Our school has a student exchange programme with a school in Poland.*
- 11.47 host family** (n) / hæʊst 'fæməli/  
people who offer students a place to live or stay • *Tim stayed with a very friendly host family when he was an exchange student.*

- 11.48** **adapt** (v) /ə'dæpt/  
accept; get used to • *It isn't always easy to adapt to life in a foreign country.*  
> adaptation (n)
- 11.49** **self-conscious** (adj) /self-'kɒnʃəs/  
nervous or embarrassed about what people think of you • *Jim is self-conscious as he has big feet.* > self-consciously (adv), self-consciousness (n)

## Speaking

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- 11.50** **gymnasium** (n) /dʒɪm'neɪzɪəm/  
a specially-equipped indoor space where you do exercise • *Sean goes to the gymnasium every evening to lift weights.*  
📖 NB: people usually say *gym* for short
- 11.51** **common room** (n) /'kɒmən ru:m/  
a room in a college or school where teachers or students can sit to relax • *The high school students chatted in the common room between lessons.*
- 11.52** **grass** (n) /grɑ:s/  
a plant with narrow green leaves • *The cows ate the new green grass in the field.*
- 11.53** **water** (v) /'wɔ:tə/  
pour water on plants, etc. • *Don't forget to water your mum's flowers or they'll die.*  
> water (n), watery (adj)
- 11.54** **that's a good point** (phr) /ðæt ə gʊd pɔɪnt/  
your idea is a good one • *'If we leave later, we'll miss the bus.'* 'That's a good point. OK. We'll leave now.'
- 11.55** **convince** (v) /kən'vɪns/  
make sb believe that sth is true • *I convinced my parents that I was telling the truth.*  
> conviction (n)
- 11.56** **facilities** (pl n) /fə'sɪlɪtɪz/  
buildings and services • *This town has many facilities including a sports ground, two cinemas and a library.*

## Vocabulary

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- 11.57** **make progress** (expr) /meɪk 'prɒʊgres/  
improve • *Mike has been making progress and instead of a B in maths he now has a B+.*
- 11.58** **break a rule** (expr) /breɪk ə ru:l/  
do sth you shouldn't • *The pupils broke the rules and left the building before the end of the day.*
- 11.59** **be supposed to** (phr) /bi sə'pəʊzɪd tə/  
be expected to do/be sth • *He was supposed to do his homework after school but he played football with his friends instead.*
- 11.60** **be in sb's good books** (expr) /bi: ɪn 'sʌmbədɪz gʊd bʊks/  
make sb pleased with you • *Tina is in her mum's good books because she passed all her exams.*

- 11.61** **get the hang of sth** (expr) /get ðə hæŋ ɒv 'sʌmθɪŋ/  
learn how to do sth • *I took up the violin last month and I am slowly getting the hang of it and can now play a few tunes.*
- 11.62** **get a taste for sth** (expr) /get ə teɪst fɔ: 'sʌmθɪŋ/  
start to like • *She got an A in chemistry and has now got a taste for good marks and always wants them.*
- 11.63** **manage your time** (phr) /'mænɪdʒ jɔ: taɪm/  
use your time sensibly • *If you don't learn to manage your time, you'll never finish all your work.*
- 11.64** **repeatedly** (adv) /rɪ'pi:tɪdli/  
many times • *Jane is repeatedly late for class and if she isn't careful, she'll be expelled.*  
> repeat (v), repetition (n), repetitive (adj)
- 11.65** **absent** (adj) /'æbsənt/  
not in a place • *She was ill so she was absent from school for a week.* > absence (n)  
📖 Opp: present
- 11.66** **get into trouble** (phr) /get 'ɪntə 'trʌbl/  
be punished for bad behaviour or doing sth wrong • *We got into trouble for turning up late for the maths lesson.*
- 11.67** **sleepy** (adj) /'sli:pi/  
wanting to sleep • *I felt sleepy in the English lesson and couldn't stop yawning.*  
> sleep (v, n)
- 11.68** **establish a routine** (expr) /ɪs'tæblɪʃ ə ru:ti:n/  
start to do the same thing every day and continue doing it • *He has established a routine where he gets home, has lunch and then does his homework before dinner.*
- 11.69** **stick to sth** (phr v) /stɪk tu 'sʌmθɪŋ/  
not give up • *Stick to the piano lessons and soon you will improve.*
- 11.70** **suffer** (v) /'sʌfə/  
be negatively affected by sth • *The country is suffering from a lack of rain.*
- 11.71** **satisfied** (adj) /'sætɪsfaɪd/  
pleased because sth that you wanted to happen has happened • *Are your parents satisfied with your exam results?* > satisfy (v), satisfaction (n), satisfactory (adj)  
📖 Opp: dissatisfied

## Grammar

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- 11.72** **the latest** (adj) /ðə 'leɪtɪst/  
the most recent • *These magazines have great photos of the latest fashions.*
- 11.73** **seminar** (n) /'semɪnɑ:z/  
a class at a university or college for a small group of students • *The university is holding a seminar for science teachers next week.*



- 11.74 professor** (n) /prə'fesə/ a university teacher • *Olivia Bruce is Professor of Geology at the university.*
- 11.75 attend** (v) /ə'tend/ go regularly to a place • *My children attend St Johns' School.* > attendance (n)
- 11.76 aim** (v) /eɪm/ hope to achieve • *Sally hopes to get good marks because she's aiming to go to university.* > aim (n)
- 11.77 motto** (n) /'mɒtəʊ/ a phrase that expresses the beliefs of a person or an institution • *Our school motto was 'Veritas', which means 'truth' in Latin.*
- 11.78 glad** (adj) /glæd/ happy • *That's great news! I'm so glad you got your degree.* > gladness (n)
- 11.79 it's no use doing sth** (phr) /ɪts nəʊ ju:z 'du:ɪŋ 'sʌmθɪŋ/ used to tell sb not to do sth because it will have no effect • *It's no use talking to him. He won't listen.*

## Writing: a report page 144

- 11.80 both** (det) /bəʊθ/ used to talk about two people or things • *I'm studying both French and German.*
- 11.81 either** (conj) /'aɪðə/'i:ðə/ used before mentioning two possibilities • *You can choose either drama studies or astronomy as an extra subject.*
- 11.82 neither** (conj) /'naɪðə/'ni:ðə/ used to mention two things that are not possible • *Neither John nor George wants to learn ballroom dancing.*
- 11.83 playground** (n) /'pleɪgraʊnd/ a school yard • *We do PE outdoors in the school playground.*
- 11.84 woodwork** (n) /'wʊdwɜ:k/ the activity of making objects out of wood • *I made a wooden box in my woodwork class at school.*
- 11.85 principal** (n) /'prɪnsɪpl/ a headteacher • *Diana kept missing lessons, so the school principal telephoned her parents.*
- 11.86 key word** (n) /ki: wɜ:d/ an important word • *The key word in the expression 'get your message across' is 'message'.*
- 11.87 carry out** (phr v) /'kæri aʊt/ do a task • *The scientist carried out a number of experiments.*
- 11.88 survey** (n) /'sɜ:veɪ/ information you get from asking many people the same questions • *In a survey we did at school, one hundred pupils were asked what they thought about the facilities.* > survey (v)
- 11.89 social studies** (n) /'səʊʃl 'stʌdɪz/ the study of people living in society • *We learnt about families across the world in social studies today.*
- 11.90 summarise** (v) /'sʌməraɪz/ say in a few words • *In the last paragraph of your composition, you should summarise your main ideas in a few words.* > summary (n)
- 11.91 findings** (pl n) /'faɪndɪŋz/ information that you discover as a result of studying sth, doing a survey, etc. • *The scientists' findings do not support the theory that there is life on Mars.* > find (v)
- 11.92 improvement** (n) /ɪm'pru:vmənt/ making sth better • *I got a better mark in my maths test this time and I hope my parents are pleased with my improvement.* > improve (v)
- 11.93 interactive whiteboard** (n) /ɪntər'æktɪv 'waɪtbɔ:d/ a classroom board which is connected to a computer • *Our teacher showed us a song from YouTube on the interactive whiteboard.*
- 11.94 conclusion** (n) /kən'klu:ʒn/ final opinion • *The conclusion of my report is that the school curriculum should include Chinese as a foreign language.* > conclude (v)
- 11.95 sum up** (phr v) /sʌm ʌp/ state the main points of sth • *He summed up his ideas at the end of his speech.*
- 11.96 bring sth to an end** (phr) /brɪŋ 'sʌmθɪŋ tu ən end/ finish sth • *It's late and it's time to bring the meeting to an end.*
- 11.97 state** (v) /steɪt/ write or say sth • *She stated that she was going to Hollywood to become an actress.* > statement (n)
- 11.98 aim** (n) /eɪm/ a purpose • *The aim of this report is to describe the school curriculum.* > aim (v)
- 11.99 purpose** (n) /'pɜ:pəs/ the aim or function of sth • *The purpose of warming up before you exercise is to prevent injury.*
- 11.100 benefit** (v) /'benɪfɪt/ be useful to sb; improve sth in some way • *You will benefit from daily exercise and a healthy diet.* > benefit (n), beneficial (adj), beneficially (adv)
- 11.101 review** (v) /rɪ'vju:z/ examine sth again so that you can decide if you need to make changes • *We need to review our work so that we can improve it.* > review (n)
- 11.102 in conclusion** (phr) /ɪn kən'klu:ʒn/ finally • *In conclusion, I think we should accept their offer.*

## School

attend	knowledge
exchange programme	playground
expel	principal
grade	secondary school
gymnasium	staff
interactive whiteboard	

## School subjects

biology	social studies
chemistry	woodwork
physical education	

# Video 11 The Maasai Teacher

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- 11.103 Kenya** (n) /'kɛnjə/  
a country in East Africa • *A lot of long-distance runners come from Kenya.* > Kenyan (n, adj)
- 11.104 childhood** (n) /'tʃaɪldhʊd/  
the period of sb's life when they are a child  
• *He spent his childhood in the country, but when he was sixteen his family moved to London.*  
> child (n), childish (adj)

- 11.105 come face to face with sb/sth** (expr) /kʌm feɪs tə feɪs wɪð 'sʌmbədi/'sʌmθɪŋ/  
come very close to sb/sth and look at them  
• *I came face to face with an enormous dog on the way home from school.*
- 11.106 determination** (n) /dɪtɜːmɪ'neɪʃn/  
the quality that makes you continue and not give up • *Paul comes from a poor background, but showed a lot of determination and managed to get a scholarship to go to university.*  
> determined (adj)
- 11.107 courage** (n) /'kʌrɪdʒ/  
bravery • *The child showed great courage when she came face to face with the school bullies.* > courageous (adj)
- 11.108 conquer** (v) /'kɒŋkə/  
beat • *If you want to learn to fly, you must first conquer your fear of heights.*
- 11.109 lecture** (n) /'lektʃə/  
a talk about a subject, which is given to students by a university or college lecturer  
• *This lecture on Albert Einstein is very interesting.* > lecture (v), lecturer (n)
- 11.110 principle** (n) /'prɪnsɪpl/  
a personal belief about what is the right thing to do • *I won't help you cheat in the exams as it is against my principles.*