

2 World Mysteries

Unit Opener

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- 2.1 **solitary** (adj) /'sɒlɪtri/
spending a lot of time alone • *There was a solitary dog in the street looking for food.*
- 2.2 **tap** (n) /tæp/
a device for controlling the flow of water from a pipe into a bath, etc • *There's no water coming out of the kitchen tap, so we must call a plumber.*
- 2.3 **suspend** (v) /sʌs'pend/
hang sth from sth else • *There is a swing in our garden which is suspended from a tree.*
- 2.4 **mid-air** (adj) /mɪd-eə/
in the air or the sky, not on the ground • *Some birds catch insects in mid-air while they are flying.*

- 2.12 **epidemic** (n) /epɪ'demɪk/
If there is an epidemic of a particular disease somewhere, it spreads quickly to a very large number of people there. • *Last winter there was a flu epidemic and thousands of people became ill.*
- 2.13 **suffer (from)** (v) /'sʌfə (frɒm)/
be badly affected by sth • *I've been suffering from a bad cold and I can't stop sneezing.*
> suffering (n)
- 2.14 **disease** (n) /dɪz'i:z/
an illness • *Many diseases of the past can now be cured.*
- 2.15 **drought** (n) /draʊt/
a long time without enough rain • *A lot of plants and animals died in the drought.*

Reading

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- 2.5 **monolith** (n) /'mɒnəlɪθ/
a huge stone • *How did people move those monoliths on Easter Island?*

Word Focus

- 2.6 **embrace** (v) /ɪm'breɪs/
cover • *That plant has embraced the abandoned house and completely covered it.*
> embrace (n)
- 2.7 **surround** (v) /sə'raʊnd/
be all around sb or sth • *Tall trees surround the park and the playground.* > surroundings (pl n)
- 2.8 **enclose** (v) /ɪn'kləʊz/
surround on all sides • *The house was enclosed by a high wall.*
> enclosure (n)
- 2.9 **wipe out** (phr v) /waɪp aʊt/
kill; destroy • *Many animals have been wiped out by hunters and no longer exist.*
- 2.10 **overpopulated** (adj) /əʊvə'pɒpjʊleɪtɪd/
with too many people • *London is becoming overpopulated: too many people want to live there.* > overpopulate (v)
- 2.11 **available** (adj) /ə'veɪləbl/
If sth is available, you can use, get or buy it.
• *There were no rooms available at the hotel.*
> availability (n)
☞ unavailable

- 2.16 **alternative** (adj) /ɔ:l'tɜ:nətɪv/
that you can do, use, etc instead of sth else
• *We are looking for an alternative solution to the problem.* > alternative (n)
- 2.17 **lack (of)** (n) /læk (əv)/
not having any or enough of sth • *Lack of sleep can cause serious health problems.*
> lack (v)
- 2.18 **research** (v) /rɪ'sɜ:tʃ/
try to discover facts about sth • *The university student is researching the plants of the rainforest and trying to learn more about them.*
> research, researcher (n)
- 2.19 **create** (v) /kri'eɪt/
make • *Who do you think created those crop circles in the fields?* > creation, creator (n), creative (adj)
- 2.20 **lie** (v) /laɪ/
be located in a particular place • *The small fishing village lies on the south coast of Santorini.*
- 2.21 **Native American** (n) /'neɪtɪv ə'merɪkən/
the original people living in North America
• *The Apaches are a Native American tribe who used to be famous as warriors.*
- 2.22 **approximately** (adv) /ə'prɒksɪmətli/
almost exactly • *The dinosaurs died out approximately 65 million years ago.*
> approximate (adj)
- 2.23 **settlement** (n) /'setlmənt/
a place where people come to live and build their homes • *Archaeologists found signs of a settlement which is thousands of years old.*
> settle (v), settler (n)

- 2.24** **vine** (n) /vaɪn/
a climbing plant • *The vine had grown up a tall tree.*
- 2.25** **temple** (n) /'tempəl/
a building used for the worship of a god or gods • *One of the most famous ancient temples of Apollo is situated at Delphi.*
- 2.26** **in ruins** (expr) /biː ɪn ruːɪnz/
destroyed or very damaged • *While on holiday in Athens, the tourists visited the Agora which today is in ruins.*
- 2.27** **abandon** (v) /ə'bændən/
leave a place or thing permanently or for a long time • *The villagers abandoned their houses when the fire got dangerously near.*
- 2.28** **disaster** (n) /dɪ'zɑːstə/
a sudden event or accident which causes great damage or suffering • *Thousands of people died in the earthquake. It was a disaster.* > disastrous (adj)
- 2.29** **decade** (n) /'dekeɪd/
ten years • *He lived there for a decade from 2000 to 2010.*
- 2.30** **range from ... to** (expr) /reɪŋdʒ frɒm ... tuː/
vary • *The marks for our history project ranged from 8 to 19.* > range (n)
- 2.31** **invasion** (n) /ɪn'veɪʒn/
when the army of a country goes to another country in order to take control of it • *The book is about the French invasion of Russia in 1812.* > invade (v), invader (n)
- 2.32** **forces** (pl n) /'fɔːsɪz/
a group of soldiers • *German forces attacked Poland in 1939, which started the Second World War.*
- 2.33** **migration** (n) /maɪ'greɪʃn/
movement to another place to find a better life • *The migration of people from villages to cities has led to cities becoming overpopulated.* > migrate (v), migrant (n)
- 2.34** **collapse** (n) /kə'læps/
a sudden failure • *Disease and natural disasters caused the collapse of some civilisations.* > collapse (v)
- 2.35** **evidence** (n) /'eɪdɪəns/
facts that show that sth is true • *There isn't enough evidence that Atlantis ever existed.*
- 2.36** **come to light** (expr) /kʌm tə laɪt/
become known • *New findings about what happened to the Mayan civilisation have come to light.*
- 2.37** **investigation** (n) /ɪnvestɪ'geɪʃn/
scientific examination of the facts of a problem or subject • *The investigation finally proved what had happened.*
> investigate (v), investigator (n)
- 2.38** **layer** (n) /'leɪə/
a level on top of another level • *If you study the layers of rock, you can learn a lot about the Earth's history.* > layer (v)
- 2.39** **mud** (n) /mʌd/
wet earth • *There was mud all over his shoes because he had been walking in the fields.*
> muddy (adj)
- 2.40** **region** (n) /'riːdʒən/
a place; an area of land • *What plants grow in this region?* > regional (adj)
- 2.41** **long-lasting** (adj) /lɒŋ-'lɑːstɪŋ/
continuing for a long time • *They had a long-lasting friendship.*
- 2.42** **factor** (n) /'fæktə/
sth that affects sth else • *One factor in the collapse of the Minoan civilisation is thought to have been a tsunami.*
- 2.43** **riverbank** (n) /'rɪvəbæŋk/
the ground on the side of a river • *The fisherman found a place on the riverbank where he caught a lot of fish.*
- 2.44** **ruins** (pl n) /'ruːɪnz/
parts of damaged buildings, often very old • *Many tourists visit Greece to see the famous ruins of its ancient civilisation.* > ruin (v)
- 2.45** **invader** (n) /ɪn'veɪdə/
a person who enters a country by force with an army • *The local people fought to protect their homes against the foreign invaders.*
> invade (v), invasion (n)
- 2.46** **battle** (v) /'bætl/
fight • *After they had battled against the enemy for days, many soldiers lay dead in the mud.* > battle (n)
- 2.47** **head** (v) /hed/
go towards • *We left the city and headed for the countryside to see the archaeological site.*
- 2.48** **come across** (phr v) /kʌm ə'krɒs/
find by chance • *The archaeologist was very surprised when she came across a gold necklace.*
- 2.49** **tomb** (n) /tuːm/
a large grave • *When the rich man died, he was buried in the family tomb.*
- 2.50** **body** (n) /'bɒdi/
a dead person's body • *I wish I hadn't watched the documentary because they showed pictures of dead bodies.*
- 2.51** **roughly** (adv) /'rʌfli/
approximately • *There are roughly 10,000 objects in the museum.* > rough (adj)
- 2.52** **lively** (adj) /'laɪvli/
full of life • *The ancient Agora must have been a lively place with lots of people meeting and talking.* > liveliness (n)

- 2.53 squash** (n) /skwɒʃ/
a type of vegetable with solid yellow flesh and a hard skin • *Fried squash is a delicious dish.*
- 2.54 warfare** (n) /'wɔːfeə/
the activity of fighting in a war • *Modern warfare can result in millions of deaths.*
- 2.55 weaken** (v) /'wiːkən/
make less strong • *War and natural disasters weaken a civilisation and can lead to its collapse.* > weakness (n), weak (adj)
☞ Opp: strengthen
- 2.56 victory** (n) /'vɪktəri/
winning; success in a war • *In 1945, the Allies celebrated their victory over Germany.* > victor (n), victorious (adj)
☞ Opp: defeat
- 2.57 community** (n) /kə'mjuːnəti/
all the people who live in a place • *The local community was shocked by his death.*
- 2.58 fall apart** (phr v) /fɔːl ə'pɑːt/
If an organisation falls apart, it becomes disorganised and inefficient. • *The company fell apart after the manager retired.*
- 2.59 downfall** (n) /'daʊnfɔːl/
the sudden failure of an organisation • *What caused the downfall of the Roman Empire?*
- 2.60 capture sb's imagination** (expr) /'kæptʃə 'sɪmbədɪz ɪmædʒɪn'eɪʃn/
make sb interested in sth • *Films about ancient times really capture my imagination and I want to learn more about them.*
- 2.61 picture** (v) /'pɪktʃə/
imagine • *Our history teacher tells us to try to picture what life was like in the past.*
> picture (n)

Death and destruction

body	downfall	suffer from
cemetery	epidemic	tomb
collapse	fall apart	volcanic
disaster	grave	eruption
disease	ruins	wipe out

- 2.62 resident** (n) /'rezɪdənt/
a person who lives in a particular place
• *The residents of cities are often too busy to be friendly.* > reside (v), residential (adj)
- 2.63 tile** (n) /taɪl/
a flat piece of baked clay that is used to cover a wall, floor or roof • *There was a storm last night and many tiles were blown off the roof.*
- 2.64 volcanic eruption** (n) /vɒl'kænɪk ɪ'rʌpʃən/
when a volcano throws out a lot of hot ash, lava and steam • *The volcanic eruption of Vesuvius in 79AD completely destroyed the city of Pompeii.*

- 2.65 occur** (v) /ə'kɜː/
happen • *Disasters occur all the time and we hear about them on the news.*
> occurrence (n)
- 2.66 shake sb's faith** (expr) /ʃeɪk 'sɪmbəbɪz feɪθ/
make sb doubt what they believe • *Warfare has shaken her faith in the goodness of humans.*

War

battle	victory
forces	warfare
invader	weaken

Vocabulary

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- 2.67 incident** (n) /'ɪnsɪdənt/
sth that happens • *I told him about the incident and he said I should apologise.*
- 2.68 phenomenon** (n) /fɪ'nɒmɪnən/
a fact or event in nature or society, usually one not fully understood • *A strange phenomenon occurs in Kefalonia, where snakes appear at the church of the Virgin Mary on August 15th.*
> phenomenal (adj)
☞ Plural: *phenomena*
- 2.69 hoax** (n) /həʊks/
a trick sb uses to fool others • *He showed them a photo of a ghost but it was just a hoax.*
- 2.70 clue** (n) /kluː/
sth that helps you to solve a mystery • *The detective who was investigating the disappearance of the old lady found a clue in her diary.*
- 2.71 illusion** (n) /ɪ'luːʒn/
sth we see that seems to be real but actually isn't • *When it is very hot, the road in the distance looks wet, but that is just an illusion.*
- 2.72 fully** (adv) /'fʊli/
completely • *I fully understand the problem.*
- 2.73 fool** (v) /fuːl/
make sb believe sth that is not true • *You can't fool me! You're lying!* > fool (n), foolish (adj)
☞ Syn: trick
- 2.74 cemetery** (n) /'semətəri/
a place where dead people are buried • *Every year we go to the cemetery and put flowers on Grandma's grave.*
- 2.75 confused** (adj) /kən'fjuːzd/
not able to think clearly or understand sth • *I'm confused. What do you mean?*
> confuse (v), confusion (n)
- 2.76 grave** (n) /greɪv/
a place where a dead person is buried • *The grave was covered with soil and there were flowers on top of it.*

- 2.77 odd** (adj) /ɒd/
strange • *There's an odd sound coming from the old castle! Do you think it's haunted?*
- 2.78 cave** (n) /keɪv/
a hole in side of cliff or under the ground • *We went into the cave and switched on a torch to see the stalagmites.*
- 2.79 legend** (n) /'ledʒnd/
an old, well-known story • *I love reading the old legends about King Arthur and his knights.* > legendary (adj)
- 2.80 haunted** (adj) /'hɔ:ntɪd/
If a place is haunted, people think there are ghosts there. • *Go in? No way! That house is haunted!* > haunt (v)
- 2.81 spirit** (n) /'spɪrɪt/
a ghost-like being • *Some people go to mediums and try to contact the spirits of dead relatives.* > spiritual (adj)
- 2.82 creature** (n) /'kri:tʃə/
an animal; a living thing • *There are lots of strange creatures that live in the ocean.* > create (v), creator (n)
- 2.83 outer space** (n) /'aʊtə speɪs/
the space beyond the Earth's atmosphere • *We watched a science fiction film about invaders from outer space.*
- 2.84 investigate** (v) /ɪn'vestɪgeɪt/
try to find out the truth about sth like a crime or scientific problem • *The police are investigating the theft of the painting from the museum.* > investigation, investigator (n)
- 2.85 practical joke** (n) /'præktɪkl dʒəʊk/
a trick that is intended to give sb a surprise or to make them look silly • *I heard a noise downstairs and thought it was a ghost, but it was my brother playing a practical joke on me.*
- 2.86 witness** (n) /'wɪtnɪs/
sb who sees a crime or event • *The witness said the criminals were wearing masks.* > witness (v)
- 2.87 crop circle** (n) /krɒp 'sɜ:kəl/
a pattern that appeared in British farm fields and that some people believe were made by aliens • *The farmer was shocked to find a large crop circle in his field.*
- 2.88 earthy** (adj) /'ɜ:θi/
looking like earth or soil; bold and direct • *The room was decorated in earthy shades of brown and yellow.*
- 2.89 pattern** (n) /'pætən/
lines, shapes, colours, etc on sth • *Her T-shirt had a pattern of small red flowers.*
- 2.90 field** (n) /fi:ld/
an area of land that is part of a farm • *The farmer was working in the field.*

- 2.91 deny** (v) /dɪ'naɪ/
say sth isn't true • *Jack denied that he had made the crop circles, but the police didn't believe him.* > denial (n)
- 2.92 be involved** (expr) /ɪn'vɒlvd/
take part in sth • *The police interviewed the people who were involved in the accident.*
- 2.93 several** (det) /'sevrəl/
• *I've seen this film several times.*
- 2.94 come forward** (phr v) /kʌm 'fɔ:wəd/
offer help or information • *Nobody came forward with any information about the accident.*

Strange but true?

bizarre	illusion	spirit
clue	legend	
crop circle	phenomenon	

Grammar

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- 2.95 sculpture** (n) /'skʌlptʃə/
an object made out of stone, wood, metal etc by an artist • *In the Louvre museum, you can see the sculpture of the Aphrodite of Milos*
- 2.96 crime scene** (n) /kraɪm si:n/
the place where a crime was committed • *The bank is closed as it is a crime scene after a robbery this morning.*
- 2.97 immigrate** (v) /'ɪmɪgreɪt/
come into a country because you want to live there • *They immigrated to Australia in 2012.* > immigrant, immigration (n)
- 2.98 spectacular** (adj) /spek'tækjʊlə/
very impressive • *The large paintings by El Greco are spectacular creations.* > spectacle (n)
- 2.99 revolving door** (n) /rɪ'vɒlvɪŋ dɔ:/
a door that turns around as you go through it in the entrance of a building • *Banks and hotels have revolving doors and you have to be careful when entering as the door may hit you as it goes around.*
- 2.100 bearing** (n) /'beərɪŋ/
a part of a machine that turns on another part • *The wheels on a skateboard have two bearings so that they can move.*
- 2.101 originally** (adv) /ə'rɪdʒɪnəli/
before other things happened; before things changed • *Pedro is originally from Argentina, but now he lives in the USA.* > origin (n), original (adj)

2.102 excavate (v) /'ɛkskəveɪt/
If an archaeologist excavates an area, they dig carefully to find ancient objects, etc.
• *Wherever archaeologists excavate in Athens, they find ruins of the ancient city.*
➤ excavation (n)

2.103 bizarre (adj) /bɪ'zɑː/
strange; weird • *I heard a bizarre story about a man who was taken to a spaceship by aliens.*

Listening

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2.104 take into account (expr) /teɪk 'ɪntuː ə'kaʊnt/
consider particular facts when making a decision or coming to a conclusion • *You must take the age of the temple into account before you reach a conclusion.*

2.105 summit (n) /'sʌmɪt/
the top of a mountain • *We started climbing the mountain early and reached the summit four hours later.*

2.106 goggles (pl n) /'gɒɡlz/
special glasses which protect your eyes • *You should wear goggles when you ski to protect your eyes from the sun.*

2.107 definitely (adv) /'defɪnətli/
without a doubt • *It was a great museum and I think everyone definitely found it interesting.*
➤ definite (adj)

2.108 rope (n) /rəʊp/
very thick strong string • *He tied the dog to a tree with a rope.*

2.109 attach (v) /ə'tætʃ/
join or fix one thing to another • *There was a small card attached to the box.*
➤ attachment (n)

2.110 avalanche (n) /'ævələːntʃ/
lots of snow which falls down the side of a mountain • *The village was destroyed by an avalanche which came down from the mountain.*

Nature

avalanche	mud	vine
cave	rainforest	volcanic eruption
drought	riverbank	

Speaking

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2.111 come to mind (expr) /kʌm tə maɪnd/
If sth comes to mind, you suddenly remember or think of it. • *What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think of the colour blue?*

2.112 spray (v) /spreɪ/
force a liquid out of a container so that it comes out in a stream • *Larry sprayed a blue line along the side of his car.* ➤ spray (n)

2.113 quality (n) /'kwɒləti/
sth that people have as part of their character or personality • *Patience and understanding are qualities a teacher needs.*

Grammar

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2.114 look into (phr v) /lʊk 'ɪntə/
study or try to find out sth • *Don't worry, I'll look into the problem.*

2.115 occurrence (n) /ə'kʌrəns/
sth that happens • *Natural disasters are a regular occurrence on our planet.* ➤ occur (v)

2.116 pay attention (expr) /peɪ ə'tenʃn/
listen, look at or think about sb or sth carefully • *'Stop talking and pay attention to what I'm saying,' said the teacher.*

2.117 go on and on about sth (expr) /gəʊ ɒn ən ɒn ə'baʊt 'sʌmθɪŋ/
talk about sth for a very long time • *He went on and on about his trip to Jamaica.*

2.118 exhibit (n) /ɪg'zɪbɪt/
an object of interest in a museum • *The best exhibit in this museum is the dinosaur skeleton.* ➤ exhibit (v), exhibition (n)

2.119 adjust (to) (v) /ə'dʒʌst (tuː)/
get used to sth by changing the way you think or behave • *If you make some friends, you will soon adjust to living in a new town.*
➤ adjustment (n)
📎 Syn: adapt (to)

2.120 adapt (to) (v) /ə'dæpt (tuː)/
change your behaviour in order to be successful in a new situation • *Tracy moved to Italy last year and it took her a few months to adapt to life in that country.*
📎 Syn: adjust (to)

Use your English

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2.121 make out (phr v) /meɪk aʊt/
manage to see sth • *There is an odd object in this photo but I can't make out what it is.*

2.122 look into (phr v) /lʊk 'ɪntuː/
examine facts and information; investigate • *The police are looking into the disappearance of the rich woman.*

2.123 stick to (phr v) /stɪk tuː/
keep doing one particular thing and not change to anything else • *'You should stick to one idea in each paragraph,' said our English teacher.*

2.124 take in (phr v) /teɪk ɪn/
trick • *We were taken in by the hoax and were really terrified!*

2.125 let out (phr v) /let aʊt/
suddenly make a loud sound such as a shout • *She thought she saw a ghost and let out a scream of terror.*

- 2.126 believe (in)** (phr v) /bɪ'li:v (ɪn)/
be sure that sth exists • *Do you believe in aliens?*
- 2.127 deceive** (v) /dɪ'si:v/
make sb believe sth that is not true • *You can't deceive me, I know that isn't a ghost!*
➤ deception (n)
- 2.128 exist** (v) /ɪg'zɪst/
be real • *Does life exist on Mars?*
➤ existence (n)
- 2.129 case** (n) /keɪs/
a crime which is being investigated • *The detective couldn't solve the case.*
- 2.130 ridicule** (v) /'rɪdɪkjʊ:l/
make fun of • *He was ridiculed because he believed in ghosts.* ➤ ridicule (n), ridiculous (adj)
- 2.131 pour with rain** (expr) /pɔ: wɪθ reɪn/
rain very hard • *It poured with rain all day, so we stayed at home.*
- 2.132 it's raining cats and dogs** (expr) /ɪts 'reɪnɪŋ kæts ənd dɒgz/
it is raining heavily • *Take an umbrella with you. It's raining cats and dogs out there.*
- 2.133 globe** (n) /gləʊb/
the world • *There are legends from countries all around the globe.* ➤ global (adj)
- 2.134 come up with** (phr v) /kʌm ʌp wɪð/
think of • *Have you come up with an idea for your ghost story yet?*
- 2.135 prove** (v) /pru:v/
show that sth is true • *The police couldn't prove he had stolen the money.* ➤ proof (n)
- 2.136 citizen** (n) /'sɪtɪzn/
sb who lives in a particular country, city, etc • *The citizens asked the mayor to look into the problem.*
- 2.137 native (to)** (adj) /'neɪtɪv (tə)/
If an animal or plant is native to a place, it grows or lives there. • *The panda is native to China.*
- 2.138 thunderstorm** (n) /'θʌndəstɔ:m/
a storm with thunder, lightning and heavy rain • *The thunderstorm scared the children, who ran into their parents' room.*
- 2.139 substance** (n) /'sʌbstəns /
a type of solid, liquid or gas • *They cover the wood with a special substance to protect it from the sun.*
- 2.140 jellyfish** (n) /'dʒelɪfɪʃ/
a sea creature with a body like jelly and long thin parts (tentacles) which can sting • *In some areas in Australia, you cannot swim because there are dangerous jellyfish in the sea.*

- 2.141 remark** (v) /rɪ'mɑ:k/
say sth about sth you have just noticed • *'What an unusual story!' remarked Wayne.*
➤ remark (n), remarkable (adj)
- 2.142 stick** (v) /stɪk/
join or become joined to sth, usually with a special substance • *Use the glue to stick the broken pieces together.* ➤ sticky (adj)
- 2.143 conclude** (v) /kən'klu:d/
decide that sth is true after considering all the information • *After reading the police report, he concluded that the crop circle had been made by some local people.*
➤ conclusion (n), conclusive (adj)

Phrasal verbs

believe in	stick to
let out	take in
look into	wipe out
make out	

Writing: a story (1) pages 26-27

- 2.144 thrilling** (adj) /'θrɪlɪŋ/
very exciting and enjoyable • *The most thrilling moment of my life was when I bought my first car.* ➤ thrill (v, n), thrilled (adj)
- 2.145 thrilled** (adj) /θrɪld/
delighted • *Little Bobby was thrilled to get a toy spaceship for his birthday.* ➤ thrill (v, n), thrilling (adj)
- 2.146 wrap** (v) /ræp/
put sth such as paper around sth • *Wrap the glasses in paper and put them in the box.*
👉 Opp: unwrap
- 2.147 silk** (n) /sɪlk/
a type of soft thin cloth that an insect makes • *She was wearing a silk shirt.*
- 2.148 ribbon** (n) /'rɪbən/
a long narrow piece of material used to tie things or for decoration • *The doll had a red ribbon in its hair.*
- 2.149 embarrassing** (adj) /ɪm'bærəsɪŋ/
making you feel shy or ashamed • *These photos of us dressed as aliens are embarrassing!*
➤ embarrass (v), embarrassment (n), embarrassed (adj)
- 2.150 leak (sth) to** (v) /li:k ('sʌmθɪŋ) tu:/
give secret information to the public through the media • *The secret meeting between a politician and a criminal was leaked to a newspaper.*
- 2.151 the press** (n) /ðə pres/
newspapers • *She read about the strange phenomenon in the press, so she thinks it must be true.*

- 2.152 weird** (adj) /wɪəd/
strange • *The atmosphere in the old castle is weird, and I'm scared.*
- 2.153 extraordinary** (adj) /ɪk'strɔ:dənri/
very unusual • *We had an extraordinary experience last night when we saw three strange lights in the sky.*
- 2.154 dark room** (n) /dɑ:k rʊm/
a room where you develop photos • *You don't need a dark room to print your photos if you have a digital camera.*
- 2.155 stare (at)** (v) /steə (æt)/
look at sb or sth for a long time • *She stared at George as if she'd seen a ghost.*
- 2.156 astonishment** (n) /ə'stɒnɪʃmənt/
great surprise • *You can imagine our astonishment when Mum said she had won 1,000,000 euros!* > astonish (v), astonished, astonishing (adj)
- 2.157 tremble** (v) /'treɪbl/
shake • *We were trembling with fear inside the dark old house.*
- 2.158 stammer** (v) /'stæmə/
speak with many pauses and repeated sounds because you have a speech problem or because you are nervous • *'I'm s-s-s-sorry,' he stammered.* > stammer (n)
- 2.159 suspense** (n) /sə'spens/
the feeling of worry or excitement that you have when you are waiting for sth to happen • *Come on, don't keep us in suspense! What happened?*
- 2.160 out of the ordinary** (expr) /aʊt əv ði 'ɔ:dənri/
strange or unusual • *Did you see anything out of the ordinary?*
- 2.161 chilled** (adj) /tʃɪld/
very frightened • *He was chilled when he suddenly saw a shadow on the wall.*
> chill (v, n), chilling (adj)
- 2.162 curious** (adj) /'kjʊəriəs/
strange or unusual • *It was curious that he hadn't called his wife.*
- 2.163 eerie** (adj) /'ɪəri/
scary and strange • *The empty house had an eerie atmosphere and I was scared.*
> eeriness (n), eerily (adv)
- 2.164 disbelief** (n) /dɪsbɪ'li:f/
lack of belief • *I thought Gerry was dead, so when he arrived at my house I looked at him in disbelief.* > disbelieve (v)
- 2.165 inexplicable** (adj) /ɪnɪks'plɪkəbl/
too strange to be explained • *His behaviour was inexplicable. I don't know why he did that.*

- 2.166 optical illusion** (n) /'ɒptɪkl ɪ'lu:ʒn/
sth that tricks your eyes and makes you think you can see sth which isn't there • *The circles in this drawing appear to move, but that's just an optical illusion.*
- 2.167 out of this world** (expr) /aʊt əv ðɪs wɜ:ld/
unbelievably good, beautiful, etc
• *'Independence Day' is a film about alien invaders and it's out of this world! I love it!*

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- 2.168 affectionate** (adj) /ə'fekʃənət/
showing that you love sb and care about them
• *She's an affectionate child and loves everyone.* > affection (n)
- 2.169 nickname** (n) /'nɪkneɪm/
a name that is given to sb, but that is not their real name • *Mark's nickname is Spike because he has spiky hair.*
- 2.170 Abominable Snowman** (n) /ə'bɒmɪnəbl 'snəʊmæn/
a mythical huge ape-like creature that some people believe lives in the Himalayas • *The Yeti is also called the Abominable Snowman.*
- 2.171 depend (on)** (v) /dɪ'pend (ɒn)/
be affected by • *Whether they really saw aliens that night depends on who you ask.*
- 2.172 vanish** (v) /'vænɪʃ/
disappear • *I thought I saw a ghost but then whatever it was vanished and there was nothing there anymore.*
- 2.173 by mistake** (expr) /baɪ mɪ'steɪk/
accidentally • *She dropped the old vase by mistake, but the archaeologist was still furious.*
- 2.174 by chance** (expr) /baɪ tʃɑ:ns/
without being planned • *I came across this amazing old book by chance in my grandpa's attic.*
- 2.175 off** (adv) /ɒf/
away from a place • *They saw strange lights off in the distance.*
- 2.176 in the distance** (expr) /ɪn ðə 'dɪstəns/
not near • *Is that a ship in the distance? It's too far away to make out.*
- 2.177 be located** (expr) /bi læʊ'keɪtɪd/
If sth is located in a place, it is there. • *The office is located in the city centre.*
📍 Syn: be situated
- 2.178 be situated** (expr) /bi 'sɪtʃueɪtɪd/
If sth is situated in a place, it is there. • *The hotel is situated near the beach.*
📍 Syn: be located
- 2.179 head off** (phr v) /hed ɒf/
leave to go to another place • *We're heading off. Bye!*

- 2.180 proof** (n) /pru:f/
information, facts, etc that show sth is true
• *There is no proof that he stole the money.*
> prove (v)
- 2.181 ranch** (n) /ræntʃ/
a very large farm where people keep horses, cows or sheep • *They had horses on their ranch in Texas.*
- 2.182 response** (n) /rɪ'spɒns/
an answer • *We asked the farmer who had made the crop circles and his response was that he had no idea.* > respond (v)
- 2.183 remote** (adj) /rɪ'məʊt/
far from inhabited places like towns • *Harry lives in a remote area and the nearest house is two miles away.*
- 2.184 apparently** (adv) /ə'pærəntli/
used to say that you have heard that sth is true although you are not sure about it
• *Apparently, the scientist has proof that aliens exist.* > apparent (adj)

- 2.185 doubtful** (adj) /'daʊtful/
not certain • *It is doubtful if anyone is still alive after the building collapsed but rescue teams are still searching.* > doubt (v, n)

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extraordinary	thrilling
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