Oxford Practice Grammar Advanced

Learn these words and phrases!

These words and phrases are included in the Diagnostic Test at Advanced level. See what they mean and try to learn them. Write the words and phrases in your own language in the column on the right.

Many of these words and phrases have more than one meaning. Look them up in the **Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary**.

Word or phrase	Meaning	Word or phrase in your language
Section 1		
retail therapy	the action of going shopping and buying things in order to make yourself feel more cheerful	
therapy	treatment of a physical or emotional problem or illness	
debt	the situation of owing money	
reasonable	acceptable and appropriate	
economize	use less money than you normally use or would like to use	
hardship	a state that is difficult and unpleasant because you do not have enough money	
thriving industry	a successful business or industry that is likely to grow in strength	
Section 2		
realize something	understand or become aware of something	
get fit	do physical exercise to become strong and healthy	
a kit	a set of clothes and equipment that you use for a particular activity	
Section 3		
shrink	become smaller	
availability	the state in which something can be obtained or used	
next to nothing	very little	
cattle	cows and bulls kept as farm animals	
Section 4		
reckon with something	be aware of something as a difficulty or problem	
Section 5		
renovate	repair and paint an old building so that it is in good condition again	
a treasure	something that is highly valued	
uncover something	discover something that was previously hidden or secret	

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pronounce something genuine	say formally that something is real and authentic	
a restorer	a person whose job is to repair old buildings, works of art, etc.	
Section 6		
age someone	make someone look, seem, or feel older	
prematurely	before the normal or expected time	
fresh-faced	having a young, healthy-looking face	
a youth	a young man	
a rumour	a piece of information that is passed from person to person but may not be true	
imminent	likely to happen very soon	
field questions	receive and deal with questions	
a barrage	a large number	
Section 7		
con someone	trick someone	
someone's life savings	the money that someone has saved	
Section 8		
be cut off from a place	be prevented from going to a place or communicating with people in a place	
an inmate	one of the people living in an institution such as a prison	
a celebrity	a famous person	
Section 9		
be aware that	know or understand that	
cast doubt on something	suggest that something is untrue, or create a feeling of uncertainty about something	
influence	the effect that someone or something has	
Section 10		
entire	whole; including every part or area	
keep up with something	be aware of the latest developments in something	
Section 11		
dress up as someone or something	put on special clothes in order to pretend to be someone or something	
Section 12		
circumstances	the conditions and facts that affect a situation, event, or action. The phrase under no circumstances is used to emphasize that something must never happen.	
sympathy	the feeling of being sorry for someone and understanding their problems	

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