

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

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

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<b>comfort someone</b>	make someone who is worried or unhappy feel better by being kind to them	
Section 13		
<b>an intruder</b>	a person who enters a building without permission	
<b>soot</b>	black powder that is produced when wood, coal, etc. is burnt	
Section 14		
<b>impressed</b>	if you are <b>impressed</b> you feel respect or admiration for someone or for something they have done	
Section 15		
<b>ubiquitous</b>	found everywhere	
<b>be off to a place</b> (informal)	be leaving to go to a place	
Section 16		
<b>beat</b>	defeat a person or team in a competition	
<b>striker</b>	(in football) a player whose job is to attack and try to score goals	
<b>our hearts sank</b>	if <b>your heart sinks</b> you have a sudden feeling of dismay	
Section 17		
<b>foretell the future</b>	know or say what will happen in the future	
<b>accuracy</b>	the state of being exact or correct	
Section 18		
<b>an earthquake</b>	a sudden violent shaking of the earth's surface	
<b>collapse</b>	fall down or fall in suddenly	
<b>shelter</b>	protection from danger or bad weather	
<b>a survivor</b>	a person who continues to live after experiencing great danger or difficulty	
<b>pledge something</b>	formally promise to give or do something	
Section 19		
<b>assure someone that ...</b>	tell someone that something is definitely true or will definitely happen	
<b>wonder about something</b>	think about something and try to decide what you should do	
Section 20		
<b>check something</b>	look at something closely to make sure everything is correct or satisfactory	
<b>separate</b>	forming a unit by itself; not joined to something else	