

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