3 Role models

Glossary

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3.1 role model (n) /ˈrəʊl ˌmɒdl/
a person that you admire and try to copy
Sports stars often act as role models for young people. ❖ modello, riferimento

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- 3.2 potential (n) /pə'tenʃl/
 sb's ability to develop or succeed I feel this
 job would allow me to achieve my full potential
 and show what I am capable of. ➤ potentially
 (adv) ❖ potenziale
- mission (n) /'mɪʃn/
 an important job that you feel you must do
 She made it her mission in life to help the homeless. ❖ missione
- impact (n) /'ɪmpækt/
 a powerful effect The new regulations had
 an impact on the way businesses worked.
 impatto
- motivate (v) /'məʊtɪveɪt/
 make sb want to do sth She managed to
 motivate her students to complete the project
 in two days. ➤ motivation (n), motivated (adj)
 motivare
- 3.6 inspire (v) /ɪn'spaɪə(r)/
 give sb the confidence to do sth Her father
 inspired her to work harder. ❖ ispirare
- 3.7 criticise (v) /ˈkrɪtɪsaɪz/
 say what you think is wrong about sb/sth
 All you do is criticise; you never say anything positive. ➤ criticism (n) ❖ criticare
- 3.8 point (sth) out (phr v) / point ('sʌmθiŋ) aʊt/
 draw attention to sth The teacher pointed
 out the many spelling mistakes I had made.
 ❖ sottolineare
- 3.9 barrier (n) /'bæriə(r)/
 sth that prevents people from going
 somewhere or doing sth The fact that he
 didn't speak the language was a barrier
 to communication with the local people.
 ❖ ostacolo
- a strong belief about how sb should behave or how sth should happen She had to work really hard to live up to her parents' expectations. ➤ expect (v) ❖ aspettativa

- guide (n) /gard/
 sb/sth that shows you the way to do sth
 I try not to let feelings be my guide; I make my decisions based on logic. ➤ guidance (n), guide (v) ❖ guida
- trail (n) /treɪl/
 path through a forest or in the countryside
 The trail along the river was covered with
 snow. ❖ sentiero
- 3.14 phenomenon (n) /fəˈnɒmɪnən/
 sb/sth that is extremely successful and well
 known Usain Bolt has been a phenomenon
 in the world of athletics. ❖ fenomeno

 □ Plural: phenomena or phenomenons
- 3.15 remote (adj) /rr'məʊt/
 far away from where most people live

 She lives in a remote village in the middle of the forest. ❖ lontano
- a.16 eldest (adj) /'eldɪst/
 the oldest of three or more people in a family
 I have three younger brothers; I'm the eldest.
 ❖ il più grande

LOOK!

We use the adjectives *elder* and *eldest* to talk about the age of members from the same family.

Have you met my elder sister?

George is her eldest son.

We don't use *than* after *elder*. We can use *elder* only before a noun. With *than*, we use the comparative form *older* even if we are talking about members of the same family:

Jane is my **elder** sister; she's three years **older than** me.

- 3.17 fetch (v) /fet∫/ go, get and bring back sb/sth • Could you fetch my bag from the other room, please? prendere
- 3.18 crop (n) /krop/
 plants that are grown in large quantities
 especially as food Many farmers spray their
 crops with chemicals to protect them from
 insects. ❖ raccolto

- afford (v) /əˈfɔːd/
 have the money or time to buy or do sth
 I know you want a swimming pool, but
 we just can't afford it. ➤ affordable (adj)
 permettersi
- 3.20 excel (adj) /ɪkˈsel/
 be extremely good at sth She always
 excelled in mathematics at school; she got top
 marks. ➤ excellent (adj) ❖ eccellere (PS: this
 is not an adjective but a verb)
- 3.21 call for (phr v) /kɔ:l fɔ:(r)/
 publicly ask for sth to happen The
 government has called for the President to
 resign. ❖ richiedere
- 3.23 compete (v) /kəm'pi:t/
 take part in a race or competition The
 two athletes competed for the gold medal.
 > competition (n), competitive (adj),
 competitor (n) ❖ competere
- attempt (v) /ə'tempt/
 try to do sth Don't attempt to talk me into it.
 I'm not going to change my mind.

 > attempt (n) ❖ tentare
- 3.25 ultra- (prefix) /'Altra/
 extreme or extremely She likes ultra-modern furniture, but I have more traditional taste.
 ❖ ultra
- 3.26 look up to (phr v) /lʊk ʌp tə/
 admire or respect very much Most teenagers
 look up to pop stars. ❖ guardare con
 ammirazione
- 3.27 break the mould (expr) /breɪk ðə məʊld/
 do sth in a different way from what people
 traditionally expect ◆ She has a fresh
 approach that completely breaks the mould.
 ❖ uscire dagli schemi
- 3.28 right (n) /raɪt/
 the expectation to be treated fairly and to have
 the things that are necessary in life In many
 cases, women still have to fight for their rights.

 ❖ diritto
- 3.29 to sb's surprise (expr) /tə 'sʌmbədiz sə'praɪz/
 in a way that sb didn't expect I thought he
 wouldn't like my idea, but, to my surprise, he
 loved it. ❖ con sorpresa
- 3.30 recover (v) /rɪˈkʌvə(r)/
 become well again after an injury or illness It
 took him more than a week to recover from his
 injury. ➤ recovery (n) ❖ riprendersi
- 3.31 surgery (n) /'s3:'dʒəri/
 medical operation that involves cutting open a
 person's body The doctor said I will probably
 need surgery on my left knee. ❖ chirurgia

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- 3.32 cope (v) /kəʊp/
 deal successfully with sth difficult / don't
 know how you manage to cope with two jobs
 and a young child. ❖ affrontare
- 3.33 overcome (v) /,əʊvə'kʌm/
 deal with (a problem) successfully You need
 to overcome your fear of flying or you'll never
 be able to travel far away. ❖ superare
- 3.34 gossip (n) /'gosɪp/
 conversation about other people's private
 lives, usually unkind or untrue I've heard
 the gossip about his new girlfriend, but I don't
 believe any of it. ➤ gossip (v) ❖ pettegolezzo
- a story or piece of news, good or bad, that quickly spreads from person to person I heard a rumour that he was going to quit, but I know it's not true. ❖ voce
- 3.36 split up (with sb) (phr v) /splɪt ʌp (wɪð 'sʌmbədi)/
 end a relationship or a marriage with sb

 He split up with his girlfriend last weekend.

 ❖ lasciarsi, separarsi
- disgrace (n) /dɪsˈgreɪs/
 the loss of people's respect because of
 unacceptable behaviour He brought disgrace
 on his whole family when he was sent to
 prison. ➤ disgrace (v) ❖ disgrazia
- 3.38 scandal (n) /'skændl/
 an action that causes the public to feel shock
 The accusations that the bank manager had stolen the money caused a scandal.
 ❖ scandalo
- 3.39 breakthrough (n) /'breɪkθruː/
 an important discovery that helps solve
 a problem The new drug is a major
 breakthrough in the fight against cancer.
 ❖ svolta
- 3.40 comeback (n) /ˈkʌmbæk/
 the return to fame or power of sb who was
 famous or powerful in the past The actor
 attempted a comeback with a new film after
 almost ten years. ❖ ritorno
- 3.41 follow in (sb's) footsteps (expr) /ˈfɒləʊ ɪn (ˈsʌmbədi's) ˈfʊtsteps/
 do the same thing in your life as sb else (especially sb in your family) did before She decided to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a journalist. ❖ seguire le orme
- 3.42 out of nowhere (expr) /aʊt əv 'nəʊwe(r)/
 suddenly and surprisingly As soon as I
 entered the room, a man appeared out of
 nowhere and asked how he could help me.
 ❖ dal nulla

- 3.43 seize the opportunity (expr) /'si:z ði ˌɒpə'tʃuːnəti/
 make use of a chance to do sth as soon as it
 appears As soon as he saw I was available,
 he seized the opportunity to come and talk to
 me. ❖ cogliere l'opportunità
- 3.44 the secret of (sb's) success (expr) /ðə 'si:krət əv ('sʌmbədi's) sʌ'kses/ the way in which sb has achieved success
 The secret of Harry's success is that he always made the right choices. ❖ il segreto del successo
- 3.45 open doors for (sb) (expr) /ˈəʊpən dɔ:z fə (ˈsʌmbədi)/
 provide opportunities for sb to do sth His marriage to the film director certainly opened doors for the young actor. ❖ aprire le porte a
- 3.46 claim to fame (expr) /kleɪm tə feɪm/
 the reason why sb might say they are famous
 My only claim to fame is that I went to school
 with the President's daughter. ❖ pretesa di
 fama
- 3.47 never get anywhere (expr) /'nevə get 'eniweə(r)/ make no progress or have no success She kept trying to get a part in a film but she never got anywhere. ❖ non arrivare da nessuna parte
- 3.48 household name (expr) /ˌhaʊshəʊld 'neɪm/
 a famous person that almost everyone knows

 He never became a household name but he
 was definitely a very good actor. ❖ nome noto
- ambitious (adj) /æmˈbɪʃəs/
 having a strong wish to be successful I'm
 sure you'll become a great film director one
 day. You're so ambitious! ➤ ambition (n)

 ambizioso
- 3.50 determined (adj) /dr'tɜːmɪnd/ with a strong desire to do what you plan even if there are difficulties He was determined to find out the truth, no matter how long it took. ➤ determine (v), determination (n)
 ❖ determinato
- 3.51 influence (n) /'ɪnfluəns/ have an effect on sb ● Fashion didn't have any influence over her – she had her own personal style. ➤ influence (v), influencer (n), influential (adj) ❖ influenza
- influencer (n) / 'ɪnfluənsə(r)/
 sb who is paid to show the products of a
 company on their own social media so as
 to influence people to buy them A lot of
 companies use influencers to promote their
 products instead of traditional advertising.
 influencer
- 3.53 influential (adj) /ɪnflu'enʃl/
 having a lot of influence, able to make others
 behave in a particular way She's a very
 influential artist; a lot of younger artists follow
 her example. ➤ influence (v, n), influencer (n)
 influente

- 3.54 reality (n) /ri'æləti/
 the way things truly are He looked very
 young, but in reality he was over fifty. ➤ real
 (adj), realistic (adj) ❖ realtà
- 3.55 realistic (adj) /,rrəˈlɪstɪk/
 accepting what is actually possible to do in a specific situation It isn't realistic to expect to finish the job in just two days! ➤ reality (n), real (adj) ❖ realistico
- 3.56 sponsor (n) /'sponsə(r)/
 a person, organisation or company that agrees
 to give money to sb so that they complete
 an activity The main sponsor of the festival
 is the Ministry of Tourism. ➤ sponsor (v),
 sponsorship (n) ❖ sponsor
- 3.57 sponsorship (n) /'sponsəʃɪp/
 money that is given to a person or organisation
 so that they can complete an activity The
 festival received 50,000 in sponsorship from
 banks. ➤ sponsor (v, n) ❖ sponsorizzazione
- 3.58 for the sake of (expr) /'fə ðə seɪk əv/
 in order to get or keep sth She decided to quit smoking for the sake of her health.
 ❖ per il bene di
- aim (v) /eɪm/
 plan, have as a purpose *I'm aiming to finish*the job by Friday. ❖ puntare
- an activity or hobby that you are extremely interested in *I like all sports, but my passion is rugby.* > passionate (adj) ❖ passione
- 3.61 concrete (adj) /koŋkriːt/
 clear and certain A general idea will not do;
 we have to be concrete and specific.
 ❖ concreto
- in exchange (phr) /In Iks't∫eIndʒ/
 in return I can help you with your homework
 if you wash the dishes in exchange.

 ❖ in cambio
- 3.63 follower (n) /ˈfɒləʊə(r)/
 sb that chooses to regularly see/receive
 sb else's posts on social media Some
 celebrities have millions of followers on their
 social media ❖ follower
- 3.64 build (sth) up (phr v) /bɪld ('sʌmθɪŋ) ʌp/
 make sth higher or stronger than before

 I do exercises every morning to build up
 my strength. ❖ acquisire
- 3.65 keep going (phr v) /ki:p gəʊɪŋ/
 continue to do sth in spite of difficulties I
 know it's difficult but keep going and you will
 succeed in the end. ❖ continuare

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- 3.66 contestant (n) /kən'testənt/
 sb who takes part in a competition The show
 features ten contestants from ten different
 countries. ➤ contest (n) ❖ concorrente
- announce (v) /əˈnaʊns/
 make sth known to the public The presenter
 announced the winner of the competition.

 > announcement (n), announcer (n)

 annunciare
- 3.68 single (adj) /'sɪŋgl/ one only • He told me every single detail of

what had happened. • ogni minimo

- 3.69 bench (n) /bentʃ/
 a long, hard seat for two or more people found
 in a public place There was an old bench
 in the park, but it's been removed.
 ❖ panchina
- autograph (n) /ˈɔːtəgrɑːf/
 sb's signature, usually a celebrity's
 The singer gave me his autograph.

autografo

- 3.71 run out (phr v) /r∧n aʊt/
 be finished completely so that none is left
 The salt is running out; we have to get some. ❖ esaurirsi
- 3.72 escape (v) /r'skeɪp/
 get away from a place where you were not
 allowed to leave Three prisoners were
 caught while they were trying to escape.
 > escape (n) ❖ scappare
- 3.73 skydive (v) /'skaɪdaɪv/
 jump from an aircraft with a parachute

 I skydive every weekend, so I'm not afraid of heights. >> skydiving (n) ❖ fare paracadutismo
- 3.74 volunteer (v) /,volən'trə(r)/
 offer to do sth that you don't have to do
 My friends and I volunteered to help clean up the beaches in our area. >> voluntary (adj), volunteer (n), volunteering (n) ❖ offrirsi volontario
- a piece of equipment made of thin cloth that you open when you are dropped from an aircraft so that you can fall slowly and safely She seemed to fall very fast at first but slowed down as soon as she opened her parachute. ❖ paracadute
- 3.76 key (adj) /kiː/
 very important The key issue here is how
 much this will cost. ❖ importante
- 3.77 capsule (n) /ˈkæpsjuːl/
 the part of a spacecraft where the astronauts
 travel Conditions in a space capsule are
 cramped. ❖ capsula
- 3.78 spacecraft (n) /'speɪskrɑːft/
 a vehicle that travels in space NASA is
 planning to send another spacecraft to the
 moon. ❖ navicella spaziale

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- a person you admire very much because they have done sth great He fought bravely in the war and became a national hero.

 ➤ heroic (adj) ❖ eroe
- **3.80 get into** (phr v) /get 'ɪntə/ become interested in sth • *I first got into music* when *I was a child.* ❖ appassionarsi
- 3.81 kind of (expr) /kaɪnd əv/
 informal expression used to explain or talk
 about sth without being exact I kind of said I
 was sorry and then I changed the subject.
 ❖ in un certo senso
- 3.82 fall in love (expr) /fɔ:l ɪn lʌv/
 start to love I fell in love with opera when I
 first heard Maria Callas. ❖ innamorarsi
- 3.83 brilliant (adj) /'brɪljənt/
 extremely skilled or clever That's a brilliant
 idea! I agree completely! ➤ brilliantly (adv)
 ❖ brillante
- 3.84 look forward to (phr v) /lok 'fɔːwəd tə/ think with pleasure about sth that is going to happen It's been a difficult week and I'm really looking forward to the weekend.
 ❖ aspettare con impazienza, non vedere l'ora di
- 3.85 flat (adj) /flæt/
 without emotion or excitement After the
 excitement of the last few days, I'm feeling a
 little flat now. ❖ piatto
- 3.86 scan (v) /skæn/
 look through (a text) in order to find information

 I scanned the list quickly for my name but couldn't find it. ❖ scansionare
- a short passage taken from a longer text
 The magazine published an extract from his latest novel. > extract (v) ❖ estratto
- 3.88 shy (adj) /ʃaɪ/
 nervous and uncomfortable around people you
 don't know The little boy was very shy and
 just hid behind his mother. ➤ shyness (n)
 ♦ timido
- 3.89 sense of humour (n) /sens əv 'hjuːmə(r)/
 the ability to understand sth that is funny
 Adam's got no sense of humour, so don't
 play jokes on him. ❖ senso dell'umorismo
- 3.90 work (sth) out (phr v) /w₃:k ('sʌmθɪŋ) aʊt/
 find or calculate the answer to sth You can
 take your time to work out the solution to the
 problem. ❖ escogitare

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- 3.91 similarity (n) /ˌsɪmɪˈlærəti/
 the fact that people, things, places, etc. look
 or are the same There are some similarities
 between surfing and windsurfing. ➤ similar
 (adj), similarly (adv) ❖ similarità
- theme (adj) /θiːm/
 the main subject or topic He gave a talk on the theme of violence in modern music.
 tema
- 3.93 follow-up (adj) /ˈfɒləʊʌp/
 done after a related activity We can examine
 our options now and make final decisions in a
 follow-up meeting on Friday. ❖ successivo
- 3.94 in contrast (phr) /ɪn 'kɒntrɑːst/ on the other hand ● I hated his new song. My sister, in contrast, loved it. ❖ al contrario
- 3.95 have in common (expr) /hæv ɪn 'kɒmən/ share sth with sb; have sth the same as sb else The two men have a lot in common: they're both young, married and work in banks.
 ❖ avere in comune
- 3.96 whereas (conj) /weər'æz/
 but, while The reviewer claimed the film was amazing, whereas I thought it was terrible.

 ❖ mentre

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- 3.97 award (n) /ə'wɔːd/ a prize (for example, money) that you are given for a special achievement ● The winner will receive a cash award of 10,000 pounds. >> award (v) ❖ premio
- **3.98 exhausted** (adj) /ɪgˈzɔːstɪd/ very tired • *I'm too exhausted to do anything; I think I'll just go to bed.* ➤ exhaust (v), exhaustion (n), exhausting (adj) ❖ esaurito
- 3.99 check-in desk (n) /'t∫ekɪn ˌdesk/
 the place at the airport where you show your
 ticket and they tell you where to go and where
 to sit on the plane I forgot to check in online,
 so I had to wait for half an hour at the check-in
 desk. ❖ banco del check-in
- 3.100 take off (phr v) /teɪk pf/
 leave the ground and begin to fly Hurry up!
 Our plane takes off in 20 minutes.
 ❖ decollare
- 3.101 sanctuary (n) /'sæŋktʃʊəri/
 a place where birds and animals can live
 and be protected The small island has
 been a wildlife sanctuary since the 1970s.
 ❖ riserva

- 3.102 crash (v) /kræʃ/
 hit violently and cause damage The car went
 out of control and crashed into the back of a
 bus. ➤ crash (n) ❖ schiantarsi
- 3.103 bad (adj) /bæd/
 painful He has a bad leg. He can't climb all
 those stairs. ❖ dolorante, malmesso
- 3.104 rescue (v) /'reskju:/
 save from a dangerous situation The
 lifeguard managed to rescue the young man
 from drowning. ➤ rescue (n) ❖ salvare
- 3.105 promote (v) /prə'məʊt/ encourage people to buy or support sth • They are promoting their new products through internet advertising. ➤ promotion (n) • promuovere
- 3.106 conservation (n) /ˌkɒnsə'veɪʃn/
 the protection of the natural environment from
 harmful human activities I love animals
 and fully support this wildlife conservation
 programme. ❖ conservazione
- 3.107 turn out (phr v) /t3:n aut/ prove to be • I thought he wasn't very clever, but he turned out to be brilliant. ❖ rivelarsi
- 3.108 performer (n) /pəˈfɔːmə(r)/
 sb who entertains an audience She's
 not only a good singer, but also a brilliant
 performer. ➤ perform (v), performance (n)
 intrattenitore
- 3.109 tangled (adj) /'tæŋgld/
 twisted together in an untidy way My hair
 was a tangled mess when I woke up this
 morning. ❖ aggrovigliato
- 3.110 fishing line (n) /ˈfɪʃɪŋ ˌlaɪn/ a piece of strong plastic string you use with a fishing rod to catch fish ● You have to hold the fishing line firmly if you want to catch anything. ★ traguardo

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- 3.111 get away with (phr v) /get əˈweɪ wɪð/
 do sth wrong and avoid being punished or
 criticised He thought he would get away with
 cheating in the exam but he was caught and
 punished. ❖ farla franca
- 3.112 live up to (phr v) /lɪv ʌp tə/
 achieve what you or other people expect you
 will He studied very hard in order to live up to
 his parents' expectations. ❖ essere all'altezza
- 3.113 catch up on (phr v) /kæt∫ ∧p pn/
 spend extra time doing sth which you didn't
 complete when you should I thing I'm going
 to stay in tonight to catch up on my reading.

 ❖ mettersi in pari, recuperare

- 3.114 come up with (phr v) /kʌm ʌp wɪð/ suggest or think of a plan or idea ● She came up with a great idea for promoting the party. ❖ inventare, farsi venire in mente
- 3.115 deserve (v) /dr'z₃:v/
 rightly get sth because of the way you behave
 or act I work very hard and I deserve all the
 money I get. ❖ meritare
- 3.116 miss out on (phr v) /mis aut pn/
 fail to do sth useful or enjoyable Of course
 I'm coming to the party. I wouldn't want to miss
 out on all the fun. ❖ perdere
- 3.117 look down on (phr v) /luk daun pn/ feel or behave like you are better than sb else
 He looks down on people who haven't been to college. ❖ guardare dall'alto al basso
- 3.118 make up for (phr v) /meɪk ∧p fə(r)/
 do sth to correct sth that was wrong or was
 missing We started late, so we need to work
 really fast to make up for lost time.

 ❖ recuperare
- 3.119 draw attention to (expr) /drɔ: ə'tenʃən tə/
 make people notice sth She was very quiet,
 as she didn't want to draw attention to herself.
 ❖ attirare l'attenzione su
- 3.120 lead the way (expr) /lixd ðə weɪ/
 make more progress than others in sth
 This new company is already leading the way in space travel. ❖ fare da guida
- 3.121 lose your passion for (expr) /lʊz jɔ: 'pæʃən fə(r)/
 stop being interested in sth that you liked very
 much The teacher criticised me so much that
 I soon lost my passion for music.

 ❖ perdere interesse
- 3.122 see the funny side (expr) /si: ðə 'fʌni saɪd/ appreciate the pleasant or funny aspects of an unpleasant situation Fortunately, the teacher saw the funny side of what we had done and didn't punish us. ❖ vedere il lato comico
- 3.123 set a good example (expr) /set ə gʊd
 ɪgˈzɑːmpl/
 behave in a way that other people should copy

 You should be setting a good example for
 your younger sister instead of behaving like a
 spoilt child yourself. ❖ dare il buon esempio
- 3.124 come over (phr v) /kʌm ˈəʊvə(r)/
 visit sb in their home My parents are coming
 over for dinner tonight. ❖ venire
- 3.125 head (v) /hed/ go in a particular direction ● *I think it's time for us* to head back home. ❖ dirigersi

Phrasal verbs

build up get into miss out on live up to call for point out catch up on look down on split up take off come over look for come up with look up to turn out get away with make up for work out

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- 3.126 convention (n) /kən'ven∫ən/
 a commonly accepted way of doing sth
 For most people, it is not easy to break with social conventions. ➤ conventional (adj)
 convenzione
- 3.127 prompt (n) /prompt/
 words that tell you what you should write or
 talk about You can start talking when she
 gives you the prompt. ❖ avviso, imbeccata
- 3.128 fiction (n) /ˈfɪkʃən/
 a story about imaginary characters and events,
 not real ones This is a work of fiction, none
 of the people described are real. ➤ fictional
 (adj) ❖ finzione
- 3.129 in advance (phr) /ɪn əd'vɑːns/
 before a specific time or thing *l'd like to*thank you in advance. Your help really means
 a lot to me. ❖ fin da ora
- 3.130 leap (v) /liːp/ jump very high, a long way or very quickly
 As soon as I stood up, the cat leaped onto my chair. > leap (n) ❖ saltare
- 3.131 submit (v) /səb'mɪt/
 send a document to an organisation so that
 they can make a decision I submitted my job
 application last week and am now hoping to be
 invited for an interview. ➤ submission (n)
 ❖ inviare, presentare
- 3.132 congratulate (v) /kənˈgrætʃəleɪt/
 express your approval or pleasure for
 sb's achievement All his friends called
 to congratulate him on passing his exam.
 > congratulations (n pl) ❖ complimentare,
 congratulare
- 3.133 can't believe my ears (expr) /kænt br'liːv maɪ ɪərz/
 be so surprised by sth you hear that you think you are imagining it Alex couldn't believe his ears when Wendy asked him to marry her.
 ❖ non credere alle proprie orecchie
- 3.134 desperately (adv) /'despərətli/
 extremely He desperately tried to become a model, but he never managed to achieve his ambition. ❖ disperatamente

3.135 bitterly (adv) /'bɪtəli/ extremely and unpleasantly ● I was bitterly disappointed when I didn't get the job. ❖ amaramente

- 3.136 flash (n) /flæʃ/
 a sudden bright light that immediately disappears Suddenly, there was a flash of lightning so we all headed indoors.
 ❖ lampo
- 3.137 beam (n) /bi:m/
 a line of light coming from a bright object
 I could barely see the trail in the beam of my torch. ❖ raggio
- at long last (expr) /æt long la:st/
 finally, after waiting for a long time It had
 been months since I wrote to him. At long last,
 he replied. ❖ alla fine
- 3.139 not in my wildest dreams (expr) /not in mai 'waildist dri:mz/ not even in your imagination I never thought we'd win, not even in my wildest dreams.
 ❖ neanche per sogno
- 3.140 out of the blue (expr) /aʊt əv ðə blu:/
 suddenly and unexpectedly I hadn't seen him
 in years and then, out of the blue, he turned up
 on my doorstep. ❖ dal nulla
- 3.141 to make matters worse (expr) /tə meɪk mætəz wɜ:s/
 to make the situation even more difficult
 His behaviour was terrible and, to make matters worse, he refused to apologise.
- 3.142 stunned (adj) /stʌnd/ shocked and surprised ● When she told me the terrible news, I was so stunned that I couldn't speak. ❖ sbalordito

peggiorare la situazione

- at the same time as sth else is happening I'll pack the suitcases. Meanwhile, you can wash the dishes. ❖ nel frattempo
- 3.144 warning (n) /ˈwɔːnɪŋ/
 a statement or sign that tells you sth bad may
 happen unless you try to avoid it It's his fault.
 I gave him a word of warning, but he decided
 to ignore it. ❖ avvertimento

Expressions

a household name
claim to fame
draw attention to
follow in sb's footsteps
for the sake of
keep going
never get anywhere
not in my wildest dreams

open doors for sb out of nowhere out of the blue the secret of sb's success see the funny side seize the opportunity set a good example to make matters worse

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- 3.145 management (n) /ˈmænɪdʒmənt/
 the way you organise sth so as to get good
 results Good management of time and
 money is important in business. ➤ manage (v),
 manager (n) ❖ gestione
- 3.146 procrastination (n) /prəˌkræstɪ'neɪʃn/
 the act of not doing sth that must be done
 now and leaving it for later ◆ After days of
 procrastination, she finally decided to complete
 the report. ➤ procrastinate (v) ❖ indugio
- 3.147 feed (n) /fi:d/
 a web page that changes often and
 automatically to show the latest information
 You can check your Twitter feed on your
 phone or on your computer. ❖ feed
- 3.148 challenge (n) /'tʃælɪndʒ/
 an invitation to complete a task or beat sb
 in a game I've just reached level 7 and
 completed today's challenge. ➤ challenge (v)

 ❖ sfida
- 3.149 urgently (adv) /ˈɜːdʒəntli/
 in a way that needs immediate attention
 Vaccines against the new virus are urgently needed. ➤ urgent (adj) ❖ urgentemente
- 3.150 sort (v) /sɔːt/
 separate a number of things into groups The
 students were sorted into three groups: more
 advanced, average and less advanced.
 ❖ dividere
- 3.151 according to (prep) /əˈkɔːdɪŋ ˌtə/
 in a way that agrees with sth *I organised the books on the shelf according to their topic.*❖ in base a
- 3.152 waste (n) /weist/ an unnecessary or wrong use of sth ● You don't need a new phone – it would be a waste of money. ➤ waste (v) ❖ spreco
- 3.153 guilty (adj) /'gɪlti/
 feeling bad about sth you did or sth you didn't
 do ◆ She felt guilty about not going to his party.

 > guilt (n) ❖ colpevole
- 3.154 put (sth) off (phr v) /pot ('sʌmθɪŋ) pf/
 delay sth until a later time They have put off
 the meeting for a week; it will take place next
 Tuesday. ❖ rimandare
- 3.155 report back (phr v) /rr'pɔːt bæk/
 present information that you have been asked
 to find out See how much you can find out
 about the new plan and report back next week.
 ❖ relazionare

- 3.156 cut down on (phr v) /kʌt daʊn ɒn/
 use less of sth or do sth less than before I'm
 trying to cut down on coffee so I only have one
 cup a day now. ❖ ridurre, tagliare
- 3.157 mean (to do sth) (v) /mi:n (tə du: 'sʌmθɪŋ)/ intend to do sth *I didn't mean to be rude. I'm sorry.* ❖ avere intenzione di
- 3.158 get round to (phr v) /get raund tə/ find the time to do sth that you wanted or needed to do for a long time A week later, I finally got round to answering his email.
 ❖ trovare il tempo per