

6 ACCOMMODATION

STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 52–53

muddy /ˈmʌdi/ Adjective

if something is *muddy*, it is covered in mud

the camp site was really muddy | muddy boots | the floor was all muddy

Noun: *mud*

- *fangós*

filthy /ˈfɪlθi/ Adjective

if something is *filthy*, it is extremely dirty

the whole place was muddy and everything got filthy | a filthy T-shirt | his clothes looked filthy

Noun: *filth*

everything was covered in filth

- *repugnant*

unbearably /ʌnˈbeərəb(ə)li/ Adverb

unbearably means in a way that is extremely unpleasant

the weather was unbearably hot | he was unbearably arrogant

Adjective: *unbearable*

- *insuportable*

overlook /ˌəʊvə(r)ˈlʊk/ Verb

if something *overlooks* a place, it is above the place and has a view over it

the hotel room overlooked a building site | I sat by a window overlooking the river

- *tenir vistes a / donar a*

overwhelming /ˌəʊvə(r)ˈwelmiŋ/ Adjective

if something is *overwhelming*, it has such a strong effect on your feelings that it is difficult for you to describe exactly how you feel

the people were so kind, it was quite overwhelming | I found the experience absolutely overwhelming

Verb: *overwhelm* | Adverb: *overwhelmingly*

I was overwhelmed by a feeling of sadness

- *aclaparador*

dump /dʌmp/ Noun

if you refer to a place as a *dump*, you mean it is very dirty, untidy, or in a bad condition

his flat was a real dump | what a dump! | a rubbish dump (where rubbish is taken and left)

Verb: *dump*

he'd dumped all his dirty washing on the bed

- *lloc molt desordenat i brut*

isolated /ˈaɪsəˌleɪtɪd/ Adjective

an *isolated* place does not have other houses, towns, or cities nearby

the camp site was quite isolated | living in an isolated rural area | Hawk has explored some of the most remote and isolated places in the world

Noun: *isolation*

their culture survived, because they lived in isolation

- *aïllat*

deserted /dɪˈzɜː(r)tɪd/ Adjective

if a place is *deserted*, there is no one there at all

the beach was deserted so we had it to ourselves | the town looked completely deserted | walking through the deserted streets

- *desert*

camp /kæmp/ Verb

if you *camp* somewhere, you stay there for a short time and sleep in a tent that you put up

we camped on the festival site | we didn't have enough money for hotels so we camped | the farmer let us camp in one of his fields

Noun: *camp* | Noun: *camping*

Collocates: *pitch/set up camp | go camping*

they spent a pleasant evening around the camp fire | we used to go camping every weekend in the summer

- *acampar*

flood /flʌd/ Verb

if an area *floods*, large amounts of water pour in, for example after there has been a lot of very heavy rain or if a water pipe bursts

the whole area was flooded | fears that the river could flood | the river broke its banks and flooded the village

Noun: *flood* | Noun: *flooding*

the village was cut off by floods | flooding caused extensive damage to the school

- *inundar-se*

soaked /səʊkt/ Adjective

if you get *soaked*, you become extremely wet

Collocates: *soaked through | soaked to the skin*

the whole place was flooded and we got absolutely soaked | after an hour in the rain I was soaked through

Verb: *soak* | Adverb: *soaking* | Noun: *soaking*

Collocates: *soaking wet*

the rain soaked everyone to the skin | my shirt was soaking wet | I forgot my umbrella and got a soaking

- *empapat*

sunset /ˈsʌn, set/ Noun

sunset is the time of day when the sun goes out of sight and the sky changes colour as it grows dark

Collocates: a spectacular/stunning/glorious sunset

we went for a walk on the beach at sunset | there was a spectacular sunset that evening

- posta de sol

run /rʌn/ Verb

when buses or trains *run*, they follow their usual route from one place to another

how often do the buses run? | a regular train service to Birmingham runs every 20 minutes | we run two buses an hour in each direction

- fer un trajecte

tourist trap /ˈtʊərɪst ˌtræp/ Noun

a *tourist trap* is a place which attracts lots of tourists, is usually very crowded, and charges people more than less popular places

it was a bit of a tourist trap | try and avoid the tourist traps on the south coast of the island

- ganxo per a turistes

welcoming /ˈwelkəmɪŋ/ Adjective

if someone you do not know is *welcoming*, they are very friendly to you when you arrive somewhere

she gave a welcoming smile | a hotel with a welcoming atmosphere | the staff are very friendly and welcoming

Verb: *welcome* | Adjective: *welcome*

Collocates: make someone welcome

the staff made us welcome after our long journey

- acollidor

gorgeous /ˈɡɔː(r)dʒəs/ Adjective

someone or something that is *gorgeous* is extremely enjoyable, beautiful, or attractive

Collocates: absolutely/utterly gorgeous | drop dead gorgeous

those flowers are gorgeous | you look gorgeous in that dress

Adverb: *gorgeously*

- magnífic

STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 54–55**reservation** /ˌrezə(r)ˈveɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

if you make a *reservation*, you ask a hotel to keep a room for you, a restaurant to keep a table for you, etc.

Collocates: make a reservation | cancel a reservation | confirm a reservation

I'd like to make a reservation | a reservation in the name of Smith

Verb: *reserve* | Adjective: *reserved*

I'd like to reserve a table for tomorrow evening | I'm sorry, this seat is reserved

- reserva

confirmation /ˌkɒnfə(r)ˈmeɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a *confirmation* is a letter or email which states officially that something you reserved by phone will be kept for you

did you receive a confirmation by email or text? |

a confirmation of the booking

Verb: *confirm* | Adjective: *confirmed*

we will confirm the reservation in writing

- confirmació

procedure /prəˈsiːdʒə(r)/ Noun

a *procedure* is a set of actions that you regularly do in the same way in order to do something correctly

Collocates: follow a procedure | adopt a procedure | normal/usual/standard procedure

our normal procedure is to confirm bookings by email | you didn't follow the correct procedure

- procediment

centrally /ˈsentrəli/ Adverb

if something is controlled or managed *centrally*, all its different parts are operated from one place

the air-conditioning is controlled centrally | 50% of the country's economy is centrally planned

Adjective: *central* | Noun: *centre*

the regional administrative centre

- des de la central

full /fʊl/ Adverb

if a machine is on *full*, it is working at its maximum capability

the air-conditioning is on full

Phrase: *full blast*

they played music at full blast all night

- al màxim

state /steɪt/ Noun

the *state* of something is the condition that it is in

look at the state of the place. It's filthy! | the kitchen was in a terrible state

- estat

combination /ˌkɒmbɪˈneɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a *combination* of things is a number of different things all mixed together

the doctor recommended a combination of drugs for her condition | a rare combination of elegance, comfort, and beauty

Verb: *combine*

a busy city which combines the ancient and the modern

- combinació

add up /æd 'ʌp/ Phrasal verb

if amounts *add up*, they make one large amount when they are all put together

they're not a lot individually, but they all add up | with drinks and service the meal added up to over £100

- sumar

boiler /'bɔɪlə(r)/ Noun

a *boiler* is a device that burns coal, gas, or oil in order to provide heat and hot water for a building

the boiler has stopped working again | the landlord still hasn't replaced our boiler

- escalfador

put off /pʊt 'ɒf/ Phrasal verb

to *put something off* means to delay it until a later time

Collocates: *put off doing something*

they promised to fix it, but they keep putting it off | I couldn't put the decision off any longer

- ajornar

suffocate /'sʌfəkeɪt/ Verb

if someone *suffocates*, they die because they are unable to breathe

you could've suffocated while you were sleeping | he nearly suffocated

Noun: *suffocation*

she died from suffocation

- ofegar-se

poisoning /'pɔɪz(ə)nɪŋ/ Noun

poisoning is illness or death caused by someone eating, drinking, or breathing something poisonous

there was a risk of carbon monoxide poisoning | rotten mushrooms can cause food poisoning

Verb: *poison* | Noun: *poison* | Adjective: *poisonous*

we were worried that we had been poisoned | he was accused of giving them poison | a poisonous snake

- enverinament

bear /beə(r)/ Verb

if something doesn't *bear* thinking about, it is so horrible or shocking that you don't want to think about it

don't remind me of how he died; it doesn't bear thinking about | suppose we'd got on that plane? It doesn't bear thinking about

- valer la pena / merèixer

sarcastic /sɑ:(r)'kæstɪk/ Adjective

if someone is *sarcastic*, they say something that is the opposite of what they mean in order to mock someone or to be funny

I think he's being sarcastic | he made a sarcastic comment

Noun: *sarcasm* | Adverb: *sarcastically*

"how generous," he said, with heavy sarcasm

- sarcàstic

heating /'hi:tn/ Noun

heating is the process of providing warmth to a building

we pay £40 a month for the heating | a central heating system

Verb: *heat*

how much does it cost to heat this place?

- calefacció

landlord /'lænd(d),lɔ:(r)d/ Noun

a *landlord* is a man who owns a house or flat that other people pay to live in

the landlord wanted to put up the rent | her landlord owned several houses in the same street

- arrendatari

react /ri'ækt/ Verb

when you *react*, you do something because of something else that has just happened

he reacted to the insult by punching Mike in the face | customers reacted negatively to the price rises

Noun: *reaction*

his reaction to the news was to burst into tears

- reaccionar

STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 56–57**find your feet** /,faɪnd jɔ:(r) 'fi:t/ Phrase

if you *find your feet*, you gradually get to know about things in a new situation

I've arrived in Hong Kong and I'm gradually finding my feet | Sophie eventually found her feet after a difficult first week at university

- familiaritzar-se

take the mickey /,teɪk ðə 'mɪki/ Phrase

if someone says you are *taking the mickey*, they are accusing you of making fun of them by deceiving them or telling lies

Collocates: *take the mickey out of someone*

they took the mickey out of him because of his accent | what did you say? Are you taking the mickey?

- fer burla d'algu

gaze /geɪz/ Verb

if you *gaze* at something, you look at it for a long time

I sat there gazing out of the window | she was gazing into space | he gazed thoughtfully at the painting

Noun: *gaze*

my gaze was fixed on the letter

- mirar fixament / contemplar

LOOKING AND GAZING

English has lots of verbs to describe the way people look / see and move. For example, *gaze at the stars*; *dash up the stairs*

look / see: *stare* at me (hard / long); *frown* at me smoking (disapproving); *glare* at each other (angrily); *glance* at the headlines (quickly); *peer* over my shoulder / *peer* through the mist (with difficulty); *spot* him in the crowd (see after looking); *glimpse* something in the bushes (see briefly)

go: *crawl* into bed / *crawl* along (slowly, tiredly); *creep* out / *sneak* up behind someone (slowly, quietly, unseen); *jog* down the street (run slowly); *limp* home (injured); *rush* to work (fast, late, urgent); *stroll* through the park (relaxed); *march* up to me and demand ... (with purpose); *pace* up and down (nervous); *scramble* down the hill (with difficulty); *stagger* out of the pub (uncontrolled, almost falling).

hang /hæŋ/ Verb

if you say that someone's mouth was *hanging open*, you mean the look on their face showed that they were extremely surprised or impressed by something
the sisters were looking at me, their mouths hanging open | *her mouth hung open in amazement*

• quedar-se bocabadat

get over /,get 'əʊvə(r)/ Phrasal verb

if you *get over* an illness or other problem, you become better again and things are back to normal
it took a few days to get over my jet lag | *he hasn't got over the shock yet* | *I had flu, but I've got over the worst of it now*

• superar

slave /sleɪv/ Verb

if you *slave* or *slave away*, you work very hard for a long time
Collocates: *slave away at something* | *slave over something*
I've been slaving away at my desk | *slaving over a hot cooker*

• matar-se treballant / treballar com un ase

party /'pɑː(r)ti/ Verb

to *party* means to have a good time by being with friends, and doing things like drinking or dancing or talking. If you *party* the night away, you spend a whole evening and night doing this

I spent most of my time meeting new people and partying | *we partied the night away* | *let's party!*

Noun: *party*

Collocates: *throw a party* | *a dinner party*
there was plenty to eat at the party | *he had his ninth birthday party last week*

• fer una festa / sortir

wild /waɪld/ Adjective

if things are *wild*, or if you have a *wild* time, you do a lot of enjoyable and exciting things in a way that is uncontrolled
it's been a wild few weeks | *the party was wild*

• increïble

smoothly /'smuːðli/ Adverb

if something happens *smoothly*, everything works well and successfully and there are no problems

Collocates: *go/run smoothly*

all the arrangements went very smoothly | *the process did not always run smoothly*

Adjective: *smooth*

she made a smooth transition from school to university

• sense problemes

sound /saʊnd/ Verb

to *sound* an instrument means to make it produce its usual noise

drivers are constantly sounding their horns in the street | *he sounded his trumpet to announce the president's arrival*

• tocar

horn /hɔː(r)n/ Noun

a *horn* is a device that makes a loud noise as a warning, for example in a car

all cabins contain radios and alarm horns | *passing drivers honked their horns in support when they saw our banners*

• botzina

straight /streɪt/ Adjective

a *straight* answer is a clear and honest reply to a serious question

I couldn't get a straight answer out of anyone | *what we need from our politicians is some straight answers*

Adverb: *straight*

I'll tell you straight: I don't want to work for you

• directe

moan /məʊn/ Noun

a *moan* is a complaint about something

Collocates: *have a moan*

we meet up and have a moan about things | *I don't want to listen to your moans!*

Verb: *moan*

she's always moaning about the buses

• queixa

frustration /frʌ'streɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

frustration is the feeling you have when there are problems which you cannot solve because you cannot control events
we have a moan and share our frustrations | he screamed out loud in pure frustration

Verb: *frustrate* | Adjective: *frustrating* | Adjective: *frustrated*
the application process was highly frustrating

- **frustració**

bear /beə(r)/ Verb

if you *can't bear* something, you dislike it very much and do not want it to continue any more

I'm thinking of leaving. I just can't bear it here | they couldn't bear the idea of being separated

- **suportar**

laundry /'lɔ:ndri/ Noun singular

laundry is clothes, sheets, towels, etc. that have been used and need to be washed, or that have just been washed

Collocates: *do the laundry*

I have my laundry done once a week | leave your dirty laundry in the bathroom

Verb: *launder*

launder your work clothes separately from your bedding

- **bugada**

maid /meɪd/ Noun

a *maid* is a woman who works for a hotel or for a private family, doing jobs like cleaning and washing clothes

a maid comes in to sort out my flat every day | the hotel employed 15 cooks and 25 maids

- **cambrera d'hotel, criada**

pride /praɪd/ Noun uncount

pride is a feeling of pleasure and satisfaction you get when you do something well

Collocates: *take pride in (doing) something*

she showed us her award with great pride | she could see the pride in her parents' faces

Verb: *pride yourself* | Adjective: *proud* | Adverb: *proudly*

he prides himself on the quality of his work

- **orgull**

dash /dæʃ/ Verb

if you *dash* somewhere, you go there in a hurry because you do not want to be late and you do not have much time to get there

I must dash. I have a lesson in ten minutes | he dashed upstairs to get his watch

Noun: *dash*

Collocates: *make a dash (for somewhere)*

the cat made a dash past us and disappeared upstairs

- **afanyar-se**

undergo /ˌʌndə(r)'ɡəʊ/ Verb

if you *undergo* something, you experience it

the building has undergone some renovations | you may need to undergo surgery | she underwent an emergency operation

- **experimental**

highlight /'haɪlaɪt/ Verb

if you *highlight* something, you talk or write about it in a way that draws special attention to it because you think it is an important part of what you are saying

Collocates: *highlight issues/concerns/areas*

the report highlights four key trends in youth crime | the minister was right to highlight the issue | she also highlighted concerns about late-night traffic noise

- **destacar**

distinct /dɪ'stɪŋkt/ Adjective

something that is *distinct* is clearly different from other things of the same sort

the country has four distinct geographical regions | it is quite distinct from any other European language | the two colonies remained distinct

Adverb: *distinctly*

- **diferent**

phase /feɪz/ Noun

a *phase* is one stage in the development of something

there are four distinct phases that everyone goes through | the second phase of the building work

Verb: *phase*

Collocates: *phase something in | phase something out*

new systems will be phased in early next year (gradually introduced)

- **fase**

joy /dʒɔɪ/ Noun uncount

joy is great happiness

I never feel joy about anything any more | come and experience the joy of singing in a choir

Adjective: *joyful* | Adverb: *joyfully* | Adjective: *joyous*

staying there was a unique and joyful experience | we chatted joyfully all evening | it was a joyous occasion

- **alegria**

resistance /rɪ'zɪst(ə)ns/ Noun uncount

resistance to something is a refusal to accept it willingly

Collocates: *resistance to something*

they put up quite a bit of resistance | strong resistance to change still remains

Adjective: *resistant* | Verb: *resist*

Collocates: *be resistant to something*

Alan remained resistant to the idea

- **resistència**

routine /ru:'ti:n/ Noun

a *routine* is a set pattern of actions that happen regularly and often in the same order

Collocates: a daily routine

the walk home from the station was his favourite time in the daily routine | a good bedtime routine can help you fall asleep quicker

Adjective: *routine* | Adverb: *regularly*

a routine inspection (one that happens regularly)

• **rutina**

transformation /,trænsfə(r)'meɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a *transformation* is a complete change

Collocates: the transformation of something (into something) | a complete/total transformation | undergo a transformation

she proposed a radical transformation of the health service | the building's transformation from a school to a community centre

Verb: *transform*

• **transformació**

swing /swɪŋ/ Verb

if you or your opinions *swing*, you change your ideas about something

some people swing from one extreme to the other | her mood could swing from joy to despair within a matter of minutes

Noun: *swing*

a big swing in public opinion

• **canviar**

existence /ɪg'zɪst(ə)ns/ Noun

the *existence* of something is the fact that it exists in the world and is a real thing. A person's *existence* is their life, especially when talking about what sort of life they have

Collocates: be in existence

she simply ignored my existence | the club was founded in 1895 and is still in existence

Verb: *exist* | Adjective: *existing*

for weeks we existed on baked beans and bread | changing the existing system is difficult

• **existència**

mix /mɪks/ Verb

to *mix* with people means to meet them socially and talk to them

you might refuse to mix with people you used to know | teachers mixed with students at the end-of-year party | Jenny was very shy and didn't mix easily

Noun: *mixer*

Jack was a good mixer and put everyone at their ease

• **barrejar-se**

integration /,ɪntɪ'greɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun uncount

integration is the process in which people gradually become part of a new society or group

Collocates: integration into something

the country's integration into the EU took years | policies that encourage social integration

Verb: *integrate*

they've integrated very well

• **integració**

acknowledge /ək'nɒlɪdʒ/ Verb

to *acknowledge* something means to accept that it is true

Collocates: acknowledge that

our cultural differences were acknowledged and accepted | I do acknowledge the need for some changes

Noun: *acknowledgement*

I want an acknowledgement that mistakes were made

• **reconèixer**

heritage /'herɪtɪdʒ/ Noun uncount

a country's *heritage* is its cultural traditions that have developed over a long time, its important and historical buildings, and its sense of its own history

Collocates: a rich heritage | a national/cultural heritage | preserve/protect one's heritage

people should appreciate their own heritage | buildings that are part of our heritage

• **patrimoni**

cycle /saɪk(ə)l/ Noun

a *cycle* is a complete set of activities that are repeated regularly in the same order

the human life cycle (being born, being alive, dying) | each lunar cycle takes about 29.5 days

• **cicle**

root /ru:t/ Noun

the *roots* of a plant are the parts under the ground that send food up to the plant above the ground. A person's *roots* are the place, culture, and family that they come from

Collocates: go back/return to your roots

an art form that has deep roots in Spanish history | he wanted to return to his Irish roots

Adjective: *rooted*

these ceremonies are rooted in centuries-old tradition

• **arrel**
