

Unit 2

Cheery (adj): cheerful; bright and happy. Cheeriness (n); Cheerily (adv)

E.g. He gave us a cheery wave as we drove past.

Whisk (v): to take sth or sb somewhere else suddenly and quickly

E.g. Her husband whisked her off to Egypt for her birthday.

Toast (n): slice bread that has been browned on both sides with heat

E.g. I am having beans on toast for supper.

Eccentric (adj): strange or unusual, sometimes in a humorous way

Impenetrable (adj): impossible to see through or go through

E.g. Outside, the fog was thick and impenetrable.

Fig leaf: sth that hides sth else, esp sth that is dishonest or embarrassing

E.g. The spokesperson said the information campaign was a fig leaf to hide the most regressive tax in history.

Graceful (adj): elegant and beautiful

Spiral (v): to move in a spiral

Prolific (adj): producing a great number or amount of sth; productive

E.g. He was probably the most prolific songwriter of his generation.

Writer's block (n): the condition of being unable to create a piece of written work because sth in your mind prevent you from doing it

Meticulous (adj): extremely careful and precise

E.g. Many hours of meticulous preparation have gone into writing the book.

Gloomy (adj): unhappy and without hope

Touching (adj): making you feel sadness, sympathy, etc.

E.g. The way she looked after her little sister was really touching.

Scrabble (v): scratch at sth

E.g. The cat was scrabbling at the door.

Unsteady (adj): likely to fall

Top-notch (adj): excellent

Unconventional (adj): different from what is regarded as normal or standard

Dispirited (adj): not feeling hopeful about a particular situation or problem

Childlike (adj): having good qualities of a child such as trusting people, being honest and enthusiastic