**UNIT 1 TEXT 2**

**extend**verb

to make sth longer or larger

Ex: to **extend** a deadline/visa

The show has been **extended** for another six weeks.

Careful maintenance can **extend** the life of your car.

ADV.

**greatly, significantly**

*Next year we will greatly extend the range of goods that we sell.*

PREP.

**from, to**

*The repayment period will be extended from 20 years to 25 years.*

**ailment**noun

an illness that is not very serious

ADJ.

**common, minor, trivial | chronic, serious | childhood | physical | chest, heart, stomach**

VERB + AILMENT

**be afflicted with, get, have, suffer from**

*the likelihood that the patient is afflicted with an ailment*

*I got all the usual childhood ailments.*

**| cure, treat | cause**

**controversial**adj.

causing a lot of angry public discussion and disagreement

Ex: a highly **controversial** topic

A **controversial** plan to build a new road

VERBS

**be, prove | become | remain**

ADV.

**extremely, highly, very**

*a highly controversial subject*

**| rather, somewhat | politically**

**boost**verb

to make sth increase, or become better or more successful

Ex: to **boost** exports/profits

The movie helped **boost** her screen career.

To **boost** smb’s confidence/morale

Getting that job did a lot to **boost** his ego (= make him feel more confident)

ADV.

**considerably, greatly, substantially**

VERB + BOOST

**help (to)**

*The new service helped boost pre-tax profits by 10%.*

PREP.

**to**

*The total was boosted to nearly*£*200 by donations from parents.*

**legitimate**adj

1. for which there is a fair and acceptable reason; valid; justifiable
2. allowed and acceptable according to the law

Ex: a **legitimate** grievance

Politicians are **legitimate** targets for satire.

The **legitimate** government of the country

Is his business strictly **legitimate**?

VERBS

**be, seem | consider sth, deem sth, regard sth as, see sth as**

ADV.

**entirely, perfectly, quite | apparently**

**limb**noun

an arm or a leg; a similar part of an animal, such as a wing

Ex: an **artificial** limb

For a while, she lost the use of her **limbs**.

ADJ.

**long | thin | silken | powerful | bare, naked | broken, injured | stiff**

*I eased my stiff limbs into the hot bath.*

**| weary | amputated | artificial, prosthetic | lower, upper | hind**

*The animal is able to stand up on its hind limbs.*

VERB + LIMB

**amputate**

LIMB + NOUN

**development, growth**

**euphoria**noun

an extremely strong feeling of happiness and excitement that usually lasts only a short time

Ex: I was in a state of **euphoria** all day.

**Euphoria** soon gave way to despair.

The government’s current **euphoria** over the exchange rate is unlikely to last.

ADJ.

**early, initial**

*after the initial euphoria*

**| general**

QUANT.

**wave**

*The news sparked a wave of euphoria across the country.*

VERB + EUPHORIA

**feel**

*the euphoria we all felt when they were finally defeated*

EUPHORIA + VERB

**evaporate, fade**

PREP.

**~ about**

*All the euphoria about the ‘new methods’ soon faded.*

**| ~ over**

*By then, the euphoria over the fall of the Berlin Wall had evaporated.*

PHRASES

**a feeling of euphoria, a state of euphoria**

**contentious**adj.

1. likely to cause disagreement between people
2. liking to argue; involving a lot of arguing

Ex: a **contentious** issue/topic/subject

Both views are highly **contentious**.

A **contentious** meeting

VERBS

**be, prove | become | remain**

ADV.

**highly, very**

*Abortion is a highly contentious issue.*

**| rather, somewhat | politically**

**blur**verb

1. if the shape or outline of sth blurs, or if sth blurs it, it becomes less clear and sharp
2. if sth blurs your eyes or vision, or your eyes or vision blur, you cannot see things clearly
3. to become or make sth become difficult to distinguish clearly

Ex: The mist **blurred** the edges of the buildings.

Tears **blurred** her eyes.

The differences between art and life seem to have **blurred.**

She tends to **blur** the distinction between her friends and her colleagues.

**lucrative**adj.

producing a large amount of money; making a large profit

Ex: a **lucrative** business/contract/market

If the plan had worked, it would have proved highly **lucrative**.

VERBS

**be, prove**

ADV.

**extremely, highly, very | fairly, quite, rather | potentially | commercially**

*a commercially lucrative venture*

**disparity**noun

a difference, especially one connected with unfair treatment

Ex: the wide **disparity** between rich and poor

growing regional **disparities** in economic prosperity

ADJ.

**considerable, enormous, great, gross, wide | growing | clear, glaring, obvious**

PREP.

**~ between**

*The great disparity between the teams did not make for an entertaining game.*

**| ~ in**

*the disparity in their salaries*

**| ~ of**

*a disparity of resources*

**transplant**verb

1. to take an organ, skin, etc. from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another
2. to move smb(sth to a different place or environment

Ex: Surgeons have successfully **transplanted** a liver into a four-year-old boy.

Patients often reject **transplanted** organs.

Japanese production methods have been **transplanted** into some British factories.

ADV.

**Successfully**

PREP.

**from, into**

*Organs are transplanted from donors into patients who need them.*

**| to**

*The Dutch successfully transplanted trees to the East Indies.*