**UNIT 1**

**“Your masterpiece - yourself”**

1. **Corruption (n):** uncountable

**Definition:** [dishonest](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/dishonest), [illegal](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/illegal), or [immoral](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/immoral) [behaviour](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/behaviour" \o "Definition of behaviour), especially from someone with power officials charged with bribery and corruption

*The investigation uncovered widespread corruption within the police force.*

**Word Forms:**

Corrupt (adj):  immoral  / dishonest/ not [pure](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/pure) or has been [damaged](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/damage) or partly [ruined](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/ruin)

*Corrupt judges have taken millions of dollars in bribes*

**Collocations:**

**adj / noun + corruption verb + corruption**

political/financial/ moral fight/tackle

widespread root out

alleged stamp out

government/police expose/uncover

**Example sentence:**

* *The*[*society*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/society)*had become so*[*perverted*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/pervert)*by power and corruption that*[*honest*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/honest)*people were considered to be*[*stupid*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/stupid)*.*
* *The*[*administration*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/administration)*has frequently been*[*accused*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/accuse)*of corruption and*[*abuse*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/abuse)*of power.*
* *He criticized the government for failing to fight corruption in high places.*
* *Some people see television as a cause of moral corruption in young people.*

1. **Dimensional (adj)** countable

**Definition:** Relating to measurements or dimensions.

*‘technicians check dimensional accuracy using coordinate measuring machines’*

**Word Forms:**

**Dimension (n)** a part of a situation or a quality involved in it

**Collocations:**

political/social/economic etc dimension

add/give/bring a new etc dimension to something

have a new/social etc dimension

take on a new/extra etc dimension

a new/different dimension

a social/political/cultural dimension

a moral/ethical dimension

**Example sentence:**

* *The political dimensions of the*[*incident*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/incident)*are clear.*
* *Digital cameras have added a new dimension to photography.*
* *It is important to keep in mind the historical dimension to these issues.*

1. **Distribution (n)** countable, uncountable

**Definition:** the way in which something [exists](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/exist) in different amounts in different parts of an area or group population

*distribution of the highly unequal distribution of economic power*

**Word Forms:**

distribute (v)

**Collocations:**

Adj+distribution distribution +prep

Fair/unfair of

Even/uneven between

Equal/unequal among

Free

Random

**Example sentence:**

* *The*[*conference*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/conference)*called for a more*[*equitable*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/equitable)*distribution of* [*wealth*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/wealth)*and power among nations.*
* *This*[*map*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/map)*shows the*[*population*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/population)*distribution of*[*Canada*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/canada)*.*
* *The*[*holiday*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/holiday)*is also*[*celebrated*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/celebrate)*with small*[*gifts*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/gift)*for children and the distribution of*[*meat*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/meat)*to the*[*needy*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/needy)*.*

1. **Elite (adj)**

**Definition:** an [elite](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/elite) group [contains](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/contain) the best, most skilled, or most experienced people or members of a larger group

*an elite group of artists elite universities*

*The*[*competition*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/competition)*is only open to an elite group of*[*athletes*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/athlete)*.*

**Word Forms:**

Elite(adj): a group of people who have a lot of power and [influence](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/influence) because they have money, [knowledge](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/knowledge), or special [skills](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/skill)

*the domination of power by a small political elite a struggle for power within*

*the ruling elite*

**Collocations:**

political/social/economic elite

**Example sentence:**

* *Because Anna is quite wealthy, she sends her children to the area’s most elite school.*
* *Only the smartest students are accepted into the elite medical school.*
* *The*[*President*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/president)*has been*[*accused*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/accuse)*of developing*[*policies*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/policy)*in* [*favor*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/favor)*of a small elite.*
* *Only a small elite can*[*afford*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/afford)*to send their children to this school*

1. **Impact (n)** countable

**Definition:** the [effect](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/effect) or [influence](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/influence) that an [event](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/event), [situation](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/situation) etc has on someone or something

*Industry has a huge impact on the environment we live in.*

**Word Forms:**

Impact (verb) intransitive, transitive: to have an [important](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/important) or [noticeable](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/noticeable) effect on someone or something

* *How is the*[*growth*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/growth)*of*[*e-commerce*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/e-commerce)[*likely*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/likely)*to impact the*[*retail*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/retail) *sector?*
* *It is*[*essential*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/essential)*that everyone is kept*[*informed*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/inform)*about what is involved and just how the new*[*system*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/system)*will impact upon them.*

**Collocations:**

impact on/upon

impact of

big /great/ huge/ enormous/ massive/ small/ minimal/ negligible/ positive/ negative/damaging/ disastrous/ a major/significant/ a profound/ an adverse/ a real/ a lasting/ long-term/a short-term/immediate/ an emotional/psychological/ an economic/ the potential/likely

have an impact/make an impact/feel the impact of something/ reduce/lessen/soften the impact of something/ lose impact

**Example sentence:**

* *The*[*manager*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/manager)*should be involved in all*[*discussions*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/discussion)*which have an impact on the*[*workload*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/workload)[*levels*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/level)*in*[*patient*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/patient)*areas.*
* *The change in government had a minimal impact in the rural areas of the country.*
* *His leg injury had a disastrous impact on his career as a footballer.*

1. **Inequality (noun)** (**plural: inequalities**) countable, uncountable

**Definition:** an [unfair](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/unfair) situation, in which some groups in [society](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/society) have more money, [opportunities](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/opportunity), power etc than others

*There are inequalities in wealth distribution.*

**Word Forms:**

equality X inequality (n)

equal X unequal (adj)

**Collocations:**

inequality of/in

inequality between

social/ gender/ racial etc inequality

great/ social/ racial/ economic/ gender/ class/ growing/ increasing inequality

create/ cause/ result in inequality

**Example Sentence:**

* *Great inequality exists between the rich and the poor.*
* *Education can play a large part in reducing social inequality.*
* *There has been an increase in economic inequality between nations.*
* *The study shows that large inequalities still*[*exist*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/exist)*between men and women.*

1. **Motive (n)** countable

**Definition**: the [reason](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/reason) that makes someone do something, especially when this reason is

kept [hidden](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/hide)

* *What do you suppose the killer’s motive was?*
* *The motives behind the decision remain obscure.*
* *The violence was clearly prompted by political motives.*
* *Who might have had a motive for killing him?*

**Collocations:**

Motive for doing sth

Motive behind sth

**Adj + motive verb +motive**

strong motive have a motive

main motive question/suspect somebody’s motive

primary motive find/establish a motive

clear motive

a hidden motive

real/true motive

**Example Sentence:**

* *Morris said that police have not*[*determined*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/determine)*a motive in the* [*attack*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/attack)*.*
* *There is an*[*obvious*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/obvious)*social motive*[*behind*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/behind#behind__12)[*explanations*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/explanation)*with a*[*sharing*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/share)[*function*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/function)*.*
* *Police believe the motive for the murder was*[*jealousy*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/jealousy)

1. **Norm (n)** countable

**Definition:** generally [accepted](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/accept) [standards](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/standard) of social [behaviour](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/behaviour" \o "Definition of behaviour)

*terrorists who violate the norms of civilized society*

*social/cultural etc norms*

**Collocations:**

social/cultural etc norms

**Example Sentence:**

* [*Traditional*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/traditional)[*sexual*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/sexual)*norms have been called into question.*
* *In conformity situations, people follow implicit social norms.*

1. **Turbulent (adj):**

**Definition:** a [turbulent](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/turbulent) situation or period of time is one in which there are a lot of [sudden](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/sudden) changes

*the turbulent times of the French Revolution*

*a turbulent*[*relationship*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/relationship)

*the turbulent white*[*sea*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/sea)

**Example Sentence:**

* *He has had a turbulent political career.*
* *The recession is going to cause turbulent times for families who are already struggling to pay their bills.*
* *After my parent’s turbulent marriage came to an end, we finally had peace in our house.*