**UNIT 2**

**“Online Identities”**

**Academic words from the NAWL list in “Online Identities”**

**aspect (n)** countable

**Definition:** one part of a situation, idea, plan etc that has many parts

*Dealing with people is the most important aspect of my work.*

*Alcoholism affects all aspects of family life.*

**Collocations:**

**adj + aspect verb + aspect**

an important/significant aspect deal with an aspect

a key aspect  look at/consider/examine an aspect

a positive/negative aspect discuss/concentrate/focus on an aspect

a worrying/disturbing aspect cover all aspects of something

the technical/practical/financial etc aspects

**Example Sentence:**

* International banks have departments to deal with this aspect of trade.
* Managers were asked to look at every aspect of their work.
* Accountants often concentrate on one aspect of accounting.
* The training course covers all aspects of business.
* There have been changes in five key aspects of education.

**contrary to (phrase)**

**Definition:** conflicting with or running counter to.

Contrary to his expectations, he found the atmosphere exciting.

**Word Forms:**

Contrary (adj) : Opposite in nature, direction, or meaning

[contrary](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/contrary) ideas/ [opinions](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/opinion)/ actions/ a popular belief

I find it hard to understand the contrary position, but I would not argue against it

And they want the option to go out and get more information, or to seek a contrary point of view

**Example Sentence:**

* The government’s actions are contrary to the public interest.
* [Unemployment](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/unemployment), however, has brought about a [simultaneous](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/simultaneous) and contrary [downward](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/downward) social [movement](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/movement).
* This, he thought, was contrary to [republican](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/republican) [principles](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/principle).
* The results of my attempts to do this are interesting and run contrary to much popular belief
* Over the last decade, however, they have become known for a role contrary to their original intent

**cue (n)** countable

**Definition:** an action or [event](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/event) that is a [signal](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/signal) for something else to happen

*Our success was the cue for other companies to press ahead with new investment.*

*I think that’s my cue to explain why I’m here.*

**Collocations:**

somebody’s cue to do something

take/miss/give + cue

**Example Sentence:**

* The woman takes her cue from the [guy](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/guy) eventually.
* He was irritated when a [cue](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/cue) to speak interrupted his imagining.
* It was hard to tell whether Greene was giving cues to the [crowd](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/crowd) or taking them from it.

**illusion (n)** countable

**Definition:** something that seems to be different from the way it really is

*They are trying to maintain the illusion that the company is in good shape.*

**Collocations:**

illusion of/ about

be under/ give /create/maintain/ break an illusion

**Example Sentence:**

* Credit creates the illusion that you can own things without paying for them.
* It's a small room, but the [mirrors](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/mirror) [create](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/create) an illusion of [space](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/space).
* She isn't particularly [tall](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/tall), but her [upright](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/upright) [posture](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/posture) gives an illusion of [height](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/height).
* She thought he loved her but it was just an illusion.

**interact (v)** intransitive

**Definition:** if people [interact](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/interact) with each other, they talk to each other, work [together](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/together#together__11) etc

*Lucy interacts well with other children in the class.*

**Word Forms:**

Interaction (n)

**Example Sentence:**

* Playing a [game](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/game) is a way for a family to interact.
* [Desks](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/desk) are [arranged](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/arrange) in a U-shape, so the [teacher](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/teacher) can interact easily with the [students](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/student).
* This circle can be very small, including just your kin and those you interact with on a daily basis

**manipulate (v)** transitive

**Definition:**  to make someone think and [behave](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/behave) exactly as you want them to, by skilfully [deceiving](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/deceive) or [influencing](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/influence) them

*He was one of those men who manipulated people.*

*The thought that any parent would manipulate their child into seeking fame just appalled me.*

**Word Forms:**

Manipulation (n)

**Collocations:**

manipulate somebody into (doing) something

successfully / skilfully / deliberately / systematically + manipulate

try to/ attempt to/ know how to + manipulate

**Example Sentence:**

* This we might call the [experimental](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/experimental) activity, with the [teacher](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/teacher) acting as [observer](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/observer) manipulating the [techniques](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/technique) [concerned](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/concern).
* Students were [outraged](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/outrage) that someone could use their [newspaper](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/newspaper) to manipulate them.
* They believe that voters can be easily manipulated.

**mediate (v)** intransitive, transitive

**Definition:** to change the effect or [influence](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/influence) of something, especially to make the effect less bad

*Exercise may mediate the effects of a bad diet.*

**Word Forms:**

mediation (n)

**Example Sentence:**

* The [insulin](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/insulin) like [growth](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/growth) [factors](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/factor) are thought to mediate some of the effects of growth [hormone](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/hormone) on [tissues](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/tissue).

**Verbal (adj)**

**Definition:** [relating](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/relate) to words or using words

*Her boss failed to stop the other workers from verbally abusing her.*

**Word Forms:**

Non-verbal (adj) X Verbal

Verbally (adv)

**Collocations:**

verbal agreement / instructions / skills / abuse

**Example Sentence:**

* Music may have meaning, but it is an imprecise language, a language of suggestion and imagery rather than verbal description
* Perhaps indirect rather than direct verbal strategies and nonverbal communication would be preferable in some relationships
* I don't like the way he talks to his children; in fact, I think he is verbally abusive.