**UNIT 4**

**“Kids Today”**

**accelerate (v)**

**Definition:** increase in rate, amount, or extent:

*inflation started to accelerate*

*the key question is whether stress accelerates ageing*

**Word Form:**

accelerated (adj)

accelerated learning / accelerated technological change

**Example Sentence:**

* The future's now coming at the speed of light and change is accelerating at an exponential rate.
* Throughout 2003 the monthly increases in the unemployment rate accelerated and the average number of hours worked declined.
* The shifting of language in communities may in fact be accelerating with increased mobility and technological advances.

**array (n)**

**Definition:** an impressive display or range of a particular type of thing

*There is a vast array of literature on the topic*

*a bewildering array of choices*

**Word Form: accelerated (adj)**

**Collocation:** array of +noun

**Example Sentence:**

* Thanks to modern technology, we have a vast array of lighting choices open to us which may make the project seem confusing.
* An impressive array of data shows that Canadians live longer, healthier lives than we do.
* Yesterday's event saw an impressive array of artists, who displayed a range of activities that will be on offer.
* The children were greatly impressed with the vast array of technology onboard.

**bound (adj)**

**Definition:** [with infinitive] something that is bound to [happen](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/happen) will almost [certainly](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/certainly) [happen](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/happen)

*there is bound to be a change of plan*

**Example Sentence:**

* *If you have*[*problems*](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/problem)*at*[*home*](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/home_1)*, it’s bound to*[*affect*](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/affect_1)*your*[*work*](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/work_1)*.*
* *The*[*kids*](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/kid_1)*are out*[*late*](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/late_1)*, so of*[*course*](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/course_1)*she’s bound to*[*worry*](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/worry_1)*.*
* *She’s bound to find out*[*sooner*](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/sooner)*or*[*later*](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/later_1)*.*

**congruent (adj)**

**Definition:** in agreement or harmony:

The rules may not be congruent with the requirements of the law

**Collocation:** congruent with + noun

**Example Sentence:**

* We will never ignore the president's request, which also is congruent with our objectives and with our goals
* Professional role expectations are not congruent with the feminine role expectations; as a result women with a demanding job, face role overload and conflict.
* They will not try to make every movement congruent with their own attachment to capitalist democracy.

**explicit (adj)**

**Definition:** stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

*the arrangement had not been made explicit*

**Word Form:** explicitly (adv)

**Example Sentence:**

* To ensure consistency, several definitions were made explicit before data entry began
* A narrative is implied, but never made explicit
* Others make more explicit the objectives to which the government should devote itself
* The methodologies employed are not only made explicit, but discussed in some detail, albeit at times anecdotally.

**flip (v)**

**Definition:**  to [quickly](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/quickly) [change](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/change_1) the [channels](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/channel_1) on a [television](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/television)

*Would you*[*stop*](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/stop_1)[*flipping*](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/flipping_1)[*channels*](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/channel_1)*!*

**Example Sentence:**

* My father loves flipping from channel to channel on the TV.
* As children flip from channel to channel, their engagement with the information encountered remains at the surface level.

**metaphor (n)**

**Definition:** a thing regarded as representative or symbolic of something else

*the amounts of money being lost by the company were enough to make it a metaphor for an industry that was teetering*

**Example Sentence:**

* This would be a good metaphor for something, no doubt, if I could only pin it down.
* The title is a metaphor for the need to satisfy cravings that perhaps we do not always fully recognize.
* What kept me reading was how the novel worked as such a creepy metaphor for contemporary America
* In the story, this inability to finish a picture is a metaphor for being reluctant to commit to a relationship
* Throughout the film, the necklace serves as a metaphor for her freedom to live a life of her choosing

**shallow (adj)**

**Definition:** not exhibiting, requiring, or capable of serious thought

*a shallow analysis of contemporary society*

**Example Sentence:**

* The errors are patent and they are explicable by what we say is a rather shallow analysis of the admissible value of those utterances in the record of interview
* People may disagree on how deep / shallow it really is, but the scintillating buzz is pretty undeniable
* This is one reason I described his analysis as shallow.
* But then again, did he truly believe that all women on earth were that shallow

**consumption (n)**

**Definition:**

**Example Sentence:**