

F2 Conversation

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Topic 1 **Food**

1. **Vocabulary** (The *MP3* is available online)

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| 1. Nation | N <u>a</u> tion | 6. Associated | As s <u>o</u> ci a ted |
| 2. Obese | O b <u>e</u> se | 7. Fed up | F <u>e</u> d up |
| 3. Adolescent | Ad o l <u>e</u> s cent | 8. Sue | S <u>u</u> e |
| 4. Rare | R <u>a</u> re | 9. Joints | J <u>o</u> ints |
| 5. Preventable | Pre v <u>e</u> n ta ble | 10. Frivolous | Friv <u>o</u> lous |

	Word	Form	Definition	Example	Usage Tips	Parts of Speech
1	Nation	<i>n.</i>	A community of people composed of one or more nationalities and possessing a more or less defined territory and government.	It's one of the richest <u>nations</u> in the world.	Similar to <i>country</i> , <i>sovereignty</i>	Na tion al i ty <i>n</i> Na tion al <i>n</i>
2	Obese	<i>adj.</i>	Having excessive body fat.	This department provides medical treatment for <u>obese</u> patients.	Can be used as <i>morbidly obese</i> – dangerously overweight...could cause death.	O be si ty <i>n</i>
3	Adolescent	<i>n.</i>	One who is in the period of life from puberty to maturity terminating legally at the age of majority.	Their children are now <u>adolescents</u> .	Similar to <i>young</i> , <i>immature</i> , <i>youthful</i> . Opposite is <i>adult</i> , <i>mature</i> , <i>grown-up</i> .	Ad o les cence <i>n</i>
4	Rare	<i>adj.</i>	Seldom occurring or found.	Meeting someone while hiking in Ireland is <u>rare</u> .	Similar to <i>unusual</i> , <i>uncommon</i> , <i>seldom</i> .	Rare <i>adj</i> (cooking)

5	Preventable	<i>adj.</i>	Something that can be kept from happening or existing.	The death could have been preventable , if the driver had been wearing a seatbelt.		Pre vent <i>v</i> Pre ven ta bil i ty <i>n</i> Pre ven ter <i>n</i>
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	Word	Form	Definition	Example	Usage Tips	Parts of Speech
6	Associated	<i>v.</i>	To bring together or into relationship in any of various intangible ways (as in memory or imagination)	I no longer wish to be associated <i>with</i> people like him.		As so ci ate <i>n</i>
7	Fed up	<i>adj.</i>	Tired, or disgusted beyond endurance	We've had one delay after another, and I'm starting to feel pretty fed up .	Similar to <i>bored, weary, sick and tired, jaded.</i>	
8	Sue	<i>v.</i>	To seek justice or right from (a person) by legal process; <i>specifically:</i> to bring an action against	He is suing the doctor who performed the unnecessary surgery.	We can use: <i>take action against, or bring someone to court over something.</i>	Su er <i>n</i>
9	Joints	<i>n.</i>	Shabby or disreputable places of entertainment	I'm not going down to that joint again. The last time I was there they ripped me off.		Joint <i>n</i>
10	Frivolous	<i>adj.</i>	Having no <i>sound</i> (real) basis (as in fact or law) <a <i>frivolous</i> lawsuit>	Judges are getting sick of people bringing frivolous lawsuits.	Similar to <i>foolish, inconsequential, unimportant.</i>	Friv o lous ly <i>adv</i> Friv o lous ness <i>n</i>

2. **Reading and Video** - *Super Size Me* ([Video Link](#) is available online)

Morgan:

Everything's bigger in America! We've got the biggest cars, the biggest houses, the biggest companies, the biggest food, and, finally, the biggest people. America has now become the fattest [nation](#) in the world. Congratulations! Nearly 100 million Americans are today either overweight or [obese](#). That's more than 60% of all U.S. adults. Since 1980 the total number of overweight and obese Americans has doubled, with twice as many overweight children and three times as many overweight [adolescents](#). The fattest state in America? Mississippi - where one in four people are obese. I grew up in West Virginia, currently the third-fattest state in America. When I was growing up, my mother cooked dinner every single day. Almost all my memories of her are in the kitchen. And we never ate out, only on those few, [rare](#) special occasions. Today, families do it all the time, and they're paying for it - not only with their wallets, but with their waistlines. Obesity is now second only to smoking as a major cause of [preventable](#) death in America, with more than 400,000 deaths per year [associated](#) with related illnesses. In 2002 a few Americans got [fed up](#) with being overweight and did what we do best. They [sued](#) the bastards, taking aim at the fast-food companies and blaming them for their obesity and illnesses, a lawsuit was filed in New York on behalf of two teenage girls. One who was 14 years old, 4' 10", and 170 pounds, the other, 19 years old, 5' 6", and 270 pounds.

The unthinkable had suddenly become reality. People were suing the golden arches for selling them food that most of us know isn't good for you to begin with yet each day, one in four Americans visits a fast-food restaurant. And this hunger for fast food isn't just in America. It's happening on a global basis. McDonald's alone operates more than 30,000 [joints](#) in over 100 countries on 6 continents and feeds more than 46 million people worldwide every day. That's more than the entire population of Spain. In the United States alone, McDonald's accounts for 43% of the total fast-food market. They're everywhere -- Walmarts, airports, rest stops, gas stations, train stations, shopping malls, department stores, amusement parks, even hospitals. That's right -- hospitals. At least you're close when the coronary kicks in. Lawyers

for McDonald's called the suits "[frivolous](#)", stating that the dangers of its food are universally known and that these kids can't show that their weight problems and health woes were caused solely by their McDiets. The judge states, however, that if lawyers for the teens can show that McDonald's intends for people to eat its food for every meal of every day and that doing so would be unreasonably dangerous, they may be able to state a claim. Are the food companies solely to blame for this epidemic? Where does personal responsibility stop and corporate responsibility begin? Is fast food really that bad for you? I mean, what would happen if I ate nothing but McDonalds for 30 days straight? Would I suddenly be on the fast track to becoming an obese American? Would it be unreasonably dangerous? Let's find out. I'm ready. Super-size me!

3. Conversation Strategies

Asking someone for their opinion about a topic– **Opinion Questions**

<p style="text-align: center;">Yes/No Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Do you believe in ...?</i>• <i>Do you think we should ...?</i>• <i>Do you think everybody should ...?</i>• <i>Do you think that ...?</i>• <i>Would you consider ...?</i>• <i>Would you ever consider ...?</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">OR Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Are you for or against ...?</i>• <i>Would you prefer ...?</i>• <i>Would you rather ...?</i>• <i>What is better: - ... or ...?</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">WH Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What do you think of ...?</i>• <i>What do you think is the problem between ... and ...?</i>• <i>What do you think is the problem with ...?</i>• <i>What do you think are the causes of ...?</i>• <i>What are the advantages and disadvantages?</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Negative Yes/No Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Don't they ...?</i>• <i>Don't you think it's better to ...?</i>• <i>Don't you understand that ...?</i>• <i>Don't you see that ...?</i>• <i>Can't you see that ...?</i>• <i>Wouldn't it be better to ...?</i>• <i>Wouldn't it be wiser to ...?</i>• <i>Wouldn't you agree that ...?</i>• <i>Why shouldn't they?</i>

4. Phrasal Verbs

These *Phrasal Verbs* are very common in relation to **Food**.

Phrase	Meaning	Collocation	Example
Keep *down*	Not to get sick	Food	I'm feeling a little better today. I had a little food earlier and I managed to <u>keep it down</u> .
Clog *up*	To block	Arteries	Too many fatty foods will <u>clog up</u> your arteries , requiring you to have surgery.
Cut down on*	Reduce your intake of a substance or reduce an activity.	Sugar Coffee	I need to <u>cut down on</u> coffee . I am drinking too much of it nowadays.
Wolf *down*	Eat food quickly.	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	He <u>wolfed down</u> his breakfast as he was late for school.
Eat *up*	Finish all the food on your plate (normally a polite request or order by the host).	Dinner	<u>Eat up!</u> Don't let it go cold!

5. Idioms

These Idioms are very common and they are connected to **Food**.

Idiom	Meaning	Situation	Example
Can't stomach (someone or something)	To dislike or hate someone or something	This is used quite strongly when we want to say we hate or dislike someone/something.	I <u>cannot stomach</u> the idea of meeting my old girlfriend.
Make one's mouth water	To make someone hungry, to make someone want to eat or drink something		The restaurant is wonderful and when I see the menu it <u>makes my mouth water.</u>
Have a sweet tooth	To have a desire to eat sweet foods		I <u>have a sweet tooth</u> and I love chocolate.
Have a lot on one's plate	To have a lot of things to do or deal with		I <u>have a lot on my plate</u> this week and I am very busy.
Either a feast or a famine	Either too much or not enough of something		I usually have too much free time or too little free time. It is <u>either a feast or a famine.</u>

Topic 2 **Travel**

1. **Vocabulary** (The **MP3** is available online)

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|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1. recommends | re com m<u>en</u>ds | 6. prescription | pre scrip tions |
| 2. active | ac t<u>ive</u> | 7. health | he<u>al</u>th |
| 3. effective | ef f<u>e</u>c t<u>ive</u> | 8. results | re s<u>ul</u>ts |
| 4. compared | com p<u>ar</u>ed | 9. exercise | ex er c<u>is</u>e |
| 5. themselves | them s<u>el</u>ves | 10. option | op t<u>ion</u> |

	Word	Form	Definition	Example	Synonym	Parts of Speech
1	recommends	<i>v</i>	to suggest that someone do (something)	It is strongly recommended that you change the oil in your car every 5,000 miles.	advocate suggest propose	rec om mend able <i>adj</i> rec om men da to ry <i>adj</i> rec om mend er <i>n</i>
2	active	<i>adj</i>	doing things that require physical movement and energy	We stay active during the cold winter months by hiking Apsan.	alive effective operating movable	active <i>n</i> ac tive ly <i>adv</i> ac tive ness <i>n</i>
3	effective	<i>adj</i>	producing a result that is wanted : having an intended effect	He gave an effective speech.	compelling competent efficient powerful	ef fec tive <i>adj</i> ef ec tive ness <i>n</i> ef fec tiv i ty <i>n</i>
4	compared	<i>v</i>	to look at (two or more things) closely to see what is similar or different about them or to decide which one is better	We each did the homework assignment, then compared answers.	correlate study match measure	com par i son <i>n</i>

5	themselves	<i>prn</i> <i>pl</i>	used for emphasis to refer again to people, animals, or things that have already been mentioned	Research shows that women are more prone to blaming themselves while men blame others.		
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	Word	Form	Definition	Example	Synonym	Parts of Speech
6	prescriptions	<i>n</i>	a written message from a doctor that officially tells someone to use a medicine, therapy, etc.	The drug is only sold with a prescription . (The opposite is... <i>an over the counter drug</i>)	medicine / drug formula remedy recipe	pre scribe <i>v</i>
7	health	<i>n</i>	the overall condition of someone's body or mind	He is concerned about his sister's mental health.	fitness well-being strength energy	healthy <i>adj</i> health i ly <i>adv</i> health i ness <i>n</i>
8	results	<i>n</i>	the final score or a description of who won and lost in a game, election, etc.	The investigation continued without result .	conclusion outcome decision	re sult <i>v</i> re sult ful <i>adj</i> re sult less <i>adj</i>
9	exercise	<i>n</i>	physical activity that is done in order to become stronger and healthier	Swimming is my favorite kind of exercise .	activity training workout action	ex er cise <i>v</i> ex er cis able <i>adj</i>
10	option	<i>n</i>	something that can be chosen : a choice or possibility	You have the option of staying home or coming with us.	choice preference right	op tion <i>v</i>

2. **Listening & Reading** (The *MP3* is available online)

Listen to and read an article about **Travel**.

Have you heard of ecotherapy? The treatment recommends people to go outside and be active in a green environment. Supporters believe it is a more effective treatment against depression. Perhaps someday, doctors would suggest ecotherapy in addition to drugs.

The University of Essex compared people who walked thirty minutes in a country park with people who walked for thirty minutes in a shopping mall. Seventy-one percent of the people who walked in the park said they felt happier. Ninety percent said they felt better about themselves too. On the other hand, only 45% of the people who walked in the mall felt happier. Even worse, 22% actually felt more depressed.

Recent statistics point to a huge rise in people who take anti-depressant medication.

Doctors wrote more than 31 million prescriptions last year, which is a 6% increase. Many experts are worried about the mental health of the UK.

Another study showed even more positive results. Nature and exercise helped 90% of people. Therefore, doctors need to understand that ecotherapy is an option or better mental health.

3. Conversation Strategies

Delaying your Response, maybe to avoid giving an answer.

Delaying Strategies	Asking someone information
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>I can't answer that directly.</i>• <i>I'll need time to think about that.</i>• <i>That's a very interesting question, because...</i>• <i>That's a difficult question to answer, because...</i>• <i>That's a tough question to answer, because...</i>• <i>To be honest, that's a difficult question, because ...</i>• <i>That's a very good question. The reality is that ...</i>• <i>What do you mean by that?</i>• <i>What do you mean by ...?</i>• <i>Well, it depends on what you mean...</i>• <i>Well, if you ask me, it all depends on your circumstances...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>I'd like to know</i>• <i>I'm interested in</i>• <i>Could you tell me..?</i>• <i>Could I ask about ...?</i>• <i>Do you know if...?</i>• <i>Do you know what....is?</i>• <i>Do you happen to know whether or not...?</i>• <i>Do you happen to know what.... Is?</i>

4. Phrasal Verbs

These **Phrasal Verbs** are very common in relation to **Travel**.

Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Collocation	Example
Break down	to stop working	car	Sometimes the heating system simply breaks down . Talks between the two countries broke down .
Turn back	to stop one's journey and return.		We turned back from the amusement park so we could go home and get the tickets we had forgotten. We turned back at the last minute.
Hold *up*	to delay someone or something		Traffic was held up for several hours by the accident. Sorry to hold you up , but my train was late.
Speed *up*	to go faster.		Please speed up . We are late.
Drop *off*	to give someone or a group a ride to some place		Can I drop you off somewhere in town? I dropped off the kids at the party.

5. Idioms

These *idioms* are very common and they are connected to **Travel**.

Idiom	Meaning	Example
sail through	If you <i>sail through something</i> , for example an exam, you succeed in doing it without difficulty.	The English test was no problem for Pedro. He sailed through it.
fifth wheel	This refers to a person who find themselves in a situation where their presence is unnecessary and as a result they feel useless.	Everyone seemed to have a specific role except me. I felt like a fifth wheel .
middle of the road	This term refers to anything moderate, unadventurous or inoffensive that avoids extremes and appeals to the majority of people.	He's a successful middle-of-the-road entertainer. My mother wouldn't miss a show!
take for a ride	To cheat or deceive someone.	He charged me too much. He really took me for a ride !
train of thought	A sequence of connected ideas is called a train of thought.	I lost my train of thought . Hold on a minute. Where was I? Ah yes, now I remember. He said that he would not be able to go because...

Topic 3 **Music**

1. **Vocabulary** (The **MP3** is available online)

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| 1. Tactic | Tac tic | 6. Former | For mer |
| 2. Merchant | Mer chant | 7. Charity | Char i ty |
| 3. Can't stand | Can't stand | 8. Reprive | Re prieve |
| 4. Scare | Scare | 9. Campaign | Cam paign |
| 5. Torture | Tor ture | 10. Ban | Ban |

	Word	Form	Definition	Example	Synonyms	Parts of Speech
1	Tactic	<i>n</i>	an action or method that is planned and used to achieve a particular goal	We may need to change tactics to win the game.	Ploy Gambit Stratagem	Tac ti cian <i>n</i>
2	Merchant	<i>adj</i>	someone who buys and sells goods especially in large amounts	The merchant navy traveled hundreds of miles transporting goods from one country to the next.	Retailer Seller Broker Trader	Mer chant <i>n</i> Mer chan dise <i>n</i> Mer can tile <i>adj</i>
3	Can't stand	<i>id</i>	[to be] unable to tolerate someone or something; disliking them/it extremely	I can't stand the sight of poor kids begging on the streets. It pulls at my heart strings so much.	Abhor Despise Hate Detest	
4	Scare	<i>v</i>	to cause (someone) to become afraid	You scared me. I didn't see you there.	Alarm Panic Shock	Scar er <i>n</i>
5	Torture	<i>n</i>	something that causes mental or physical suffering : a very painful or unpleasant experience	Listening to him can be torture .	Persecution Suffering Misery agony torment	Tor tu rer <i>n</i>

	Word	Form	Definition	Example	Synonyms	Parts of Speech
6	Former	<i>adj</i>	used to say what someone or something was in the past	The coach is a former professional baseball player	Old Ex- Past Onetime	
7	Charity	<i>n</i>	an organization that helps people who are poor, sick, etc.	She runs a local charity that gives books to children.	Aid Fund Donation Philanthropy Endowment	Char i tes <i>n pl</i> Char i ta ble <i>adj</i>
8	Reprive	<i>v</i>	to delay the punishment of (someone, such as a prisoner who is sentenced to death)	He was sentenced to death but then reprived .	Remission Pardon Deferment Postponement	Re prive <i>n</i>
9	Campaign	<i>n</i>	a series of activities designed to produce a particular result	The group launched a campaign to protect the area from commercial development.	Crusade Drive Fight Movement Push	Cam paign <i>v</i> Cam paign er <i>n</i>
10	Ban	<i>v</i>	to forbid people from using (something) : to say that something cannot be used or done	The city has banned smoking in all public buildings.	Boycott Condemn Disallow Stop	Ban <i>n</i>

2. **Listening & Reading** (The *MP3* is available online)

Listen to and read an article about **Music**.

Ship captains in the Indian Ocean are using a new **tactic** to keep pirates away – songs sung by U.S. pop star Britney Spears. An officer with Britain's **merchant** navy, Rachel Owens, said Britney Spears' songs did a good job against Somali pirates. Ms Owens, 34, said: "[Britney's] songs were chosen by the security team because they thought the pirates would hate them most. These guys **can't stand** Western culture or music, making Britney's hits perfect." A spokesman for a security company said playing loud pop music was an effective way of stopping attacks on ships. He said not all shipping companies choose Britney Spears' music. He added: "Each security company will have its own music choice."

This is not the first time loud music has been used to **scare** people. It has even been used as a form of **torture**. Prison guards at Guantanamo Bay started using music in 2003 to keep prisoners awake. In 2008, prisoners had to listen to very loud music for weeks and months. A **former** Guantanamo prisoner, Ruhul Ahmed, explained that the loud music played in his cell for weeks at a time was worse than being beaten up. He said: "It makes you feel like you are going mad." Many people think prisons must stop playing loud music to someone for days or weeks at a time. A human rights **charity** called **Reprieve** has started a **campaign** to end it. It wants rock stars to **ban** prisons from using their music for torture.

3. Conversation Strategies

Presenting arguments, giving your own opinion and developing this opinion.

<p>Presenting the most important point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The main thing is...</i>• <i>The most important thing is...</i>• <i>Primarily</i>• <i>Most importantly,</i>	<p>Presenting a number of arguments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>First of all, ...</i>• <i>Firstly, ...</i>• <i>Well, firstly ...</i>• <i>To begin with, ...</i>• <i>I'd start by ...</i>• <i>For a start, ...</i>• <i>There're two points here. Firstly, ...</i>• <i>Secondly, ...</i>• <i>There are two problems here....</i>• <i>Moreover...</i>• <i>You also have to consider</i>
<p>Adding an argument</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Also,</i>• <i>Again, that depends on ...</i>• <i>In addition, ... What's more, ...</i>• <i>I might add that...</i>• <i>Perhaps I should also mention...</i>• <i>Not to mention the fact that ...</i>• <i>Plus the fact that...</i>• <i>Not only that, but...</i>	

4. Phrasal Verbs

These **Phrasal Verbs** are very common in relation to **Music**.

Phrase	Meaning	Collocation	Example
Be into	To like something	Music	William is really into modern jazz music.
Sell out	No more tickets available		Ricky and the band have been playing to sold out audiences across the country.
Pack out	The ability to fill all the concert seats		He's a very popular artist. Last year he was able to pack out London's Albert Hall.
Grow out of	To finish liking something and move on to something else		I grew out of pop music when I was 15. I then got into heavy rock music.
Storm into	To successfully and quickly enter somewhere	Charts	She stormed into the Top Ten charts last summer with her debut single When I Lost You.

5. Idioms

These *Idioms* are very common and they are connected to **Music**.

Idiom	Meaning	Example
Change your tune	If someone changes their ideas or the way they talk about them, they change their tune.	He was against the idea to start with, but he soon <u>changed his tune</u> when he realized how much money he'd get.
Ring a bell	If something rings a bell, it sounds familiar, but you don't remember the exact details.	John Bentley? The name <u>rings a bell</u> but I don't remember him.
Clean as a whistle	Something as clean as a whistle is extremely clean. ... also mean that a person's criminal record is clean.	Bob spent the afternoon washing and shining his car until it was <i>as</i> <u>clean as a whistle</u> .
It takes two to tango	This idiom suggests that when things go wrong, both sides are involved and neither side is completely innocent.	A. 'She blames Tracy for stealing her husband.' B. 'Well, it takes <u>two to tango</u> .'
Music to one's ears	To say that something is music to your ears means that the information you receive makes you feel very happy.	His compliments were <u>music to my ears</u> .

Topic 4 **Movies**

1. **Vocabulary** (The **MP3** is available online)

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|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Ever | <u>E</u> v er | 6. Duo | D <u>u</u> o |
| 2. Team up | Team <u>u</u> p | 7. Worldwide | W <u>o</u> rl d wide |
| 3. Expecting | Ex <u>p</u> ect ing | 8. Brought together | Brought to <u>g</u> eth er |
| 4. Give away | Give a <u>w</u> ay | 9. Beyond | Be <u>y</u> ond |
| 5. Script | Script | 10. Worried | W <u>o</u> r ried |

	Word	Form	Definition	Example	Synonym	Parts of Speech
1	Ever	<i>adv</i>	at any time	She's doing fine and is as pretty as ever .	Always Consistently Constantly	
2	Team up	<i>pv</i>	Come together as a team to achieve a common goal	He teamed up <u>with</u> the band to produce the album.	Ally Combine Join	
3	Expecting	<i>v</i>	to think that something will probably or certainly happen	I'm expecting a phone call.	Predict Await Foresee Hope	Ex pect able <i>adj</i> Ex pect ably <i>adv</i> Ex pect ed ly <i>adv</i> Ex pect ed ness <i>n</i>
4	Give away	<i>pv</i>	to disclose/tell some secret information	The teacher gave away the answers to the test in exchange for bribes.	Reveal Disclose Divulge	
5	Script	<i>n</i>	the written text of a movie, stage play, screenplay, or broadcast	The actors were asked by the director to follow the script closely.	Writing Manuscript	Script <i>v</i>

	Word	Form	Definition	Example	Synonym	Parts of Speech
6	Duo	<i>n</i>	two people who perform together, are usually seen together, or are associated with each other	The comedy duo will perform tonight.	Pair Couple Doublet	
7	Worldwide	<i>adv</i>	throughout the world	Psy is popular worldwide .	International Global Extensive	World wide <i>adj</i>
8	Brought together	<i>pv</i>	to create a situation in which people meet and do something together, especially when they would not usually do so	The event brought together politicians, business leaders, and academics.	Gather Amass Collect Accrue	
9	Beyond	<i>pre</i>	outside the limits or range of (something) : more than (something)	We cannot see all the planets beyond our solar system.	Out of reach Out of range Farther	Be yond <i>adv</i> Be yond <i>n</i>
10	Worried	<i>v</i>	to think about problems or fears : to feel or show fear and concern because you think that something bad has happened or could happen	When they didn't call after two hours, we began to worry .	Anxious Troubled Concerned Distressed	Wor ry <i>n</i> Wor ried ly <i>adv</i> Wor ri er <i>n</i> Wor ry ing ly <i>adv</i>

2. **Listening & Reading** (The **MP3** is available online)

Listen to and read an article about **Movies**.

Superman and Batman will be in the same film together for the first time **ever**. The movie will be in cinemas in the summer of 2015. Zack Snyder, the director of the latest Superman movie "Man Of Steel," told reporters the news on Saturday. He said many fans of the two superheroes would be happy that the two characters are going to **team up**. Henry Cavill, who starred in "Man Of Steel," will play Superman again in the new film. The producers don't yet know which actor will play Batman. Moviegoers are **expecting** an action-packed adventure that will be like no other superhero film. Mr Snyder said he could not **give away** any secrets about the story because the **script** hasn't been written yet. The movie company Warner Bros. hopes the Superman-Batman **duo** will be as successful as the 2012 film "The Avengers". That movie made \$1.5 billion **worldwide** and successfully **brought together** the main characters owned by Marvel Comics. Warner Bros. and DC Comics (the owners of Superman and Batman) have spent many years trying to agree to the new film. Snyder told reporters just how great he thought the new movie would be, saying: "Let's face it, it's **beyond** mythological to have Superman and our new Batman facing off, since they are the greatest superheroes in the world." However, some fans are **worried** about the new movie. They think the story needs to be extra-special to be successful.

3. Conversation Strategies

Giving your opinion about a topic

<p style="text-align: center;">Expressing a strong opinion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>In my opinion, ...</i>• <i>In my view, ...</i>• <i>In my reckoning, ...</i>• <i>I strongly believe in ...</i>• <i>I definitely think that ...</i>• <i>Well, if you ask me, ...</i>• <i>Well, I think ...</i>• <i>I believe</i>• <i>I strongly believe</i>• <i>I have a reason to believe</i>• <i>I'm sure that...</i>• <i>I'm pretty sure that...</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Expressing a strong value (It's/ They're + value adjective)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>It's a nonsense to ...</i>• <i>... It's a scandal, because ...</i>• <i>It's perfect for ...</i>• <i>It's wrong... Likewise, ...</i>• <i>They're ideal ...</i>		
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4. Phrasal Verbs

These **Phrasal Verbs** are very common in relation to **Movies**.

Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Collocation	Example
Walked out	To leave suddenly, often as a signal of disapproval.	Movie Theatre Cinema	I walked out after 20 minutes. The movie was so boring.
Packed out	Fill a venue	Theater Venue Gig	The movie theater was packed out last night.
Let *down*	To fail to meet the expectations of; disappoint.		That movie really let me down . I thought it would've been better.
Rise above	to be better than other things of the same type		This film clearly risers above his last attempt.
Come out	To be issued or brought out:	Movie Book	The movie is going to come out next month. I hope it's good.

5. Idioms

These *idioms* are very common and they are connected to **Movies**.

Idiom	Meaning	Example
Bomb	a movie that is not popular and makes little money	Even though the studio spent \$50 million on that movie, it was a bomb .
Flick	a movie	Do you want to catch a flick tonight?
(give st) Two thumbs up	to show that you thought a movie was excellent	A: Did you enjoy the movie Inception? B: For sure! I gave it two thumbs up . A: Okay, maybe I'll go see it then.
Mind-blowing	overwhelmingly amazing or impressive	Going to that museum was a mind-blowing experience.
Gripping	very interesting	The last book I read was so gripping that I couldn't put it down.

Topic 5 **Fashion**

1. **Vocabulary** (The **MP3** is available online)

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| 1. Banned | B <u>an</u> ned | 6. Barring | Bar <u>ri</u> ng |
| 2. Catwalk | C <u>a</u> t walk | 7. Determining | De <u>te</u> r min ing |
| 3. Ensure | En <u>s</u> ure | 8. Vomit | V <u>o</u> m it |
| 4. In | <u>I</u> n | 9. Rigorous | R <u>i</u> g or ous |
| 5. Copy | C <u>o</u> py | 10. Attesting | At <u>te</u> st ing |

	Word	Form	Definition	Example	Usage Tips	Parts of Speech
1	Banned	<i>v.</i>	To prohibit especially by legal means < <i>ban</i> discrimination>; <i>also</i> : to prohibit the use, performance, or distribution of < <i>ban</i> a book> < <i>ban</i> a pesticide>	The school banned that book for many years.	Synonyms would be... <i>forbid, bar, interdict, outlaw.</i> Antonyms would be - <i>allow, let, permit</i>	Ban <i>n</i>
2	Catwalk	<i>n.</i>	The raised structure that models walk along in a fashion show.	It must have been very embarrassing and painful when Naomi Campbell fell on the catwalk (<i>runway</i>). Naomi Campbell Fall	Can also be used for... a narrow structure for people to walk on along a bridge or high up on the side of a building	
3	Ensure	<i>v.</i>	To make sure, certain, or safe (Guarantee)	The airline company took steps to ensure the safety of the passengers.	<i>Insure, assure</i> can be used interchangeably with <i>ensure</i> .	
4	In	<i>Adj.</i>	Extremely fashionable	It seems black tights and sports shoes are	<i>In vogue, in season, in</i>	

				the in things to wear now.	<i>fashion</i>	
5	Copy	v.	To model oneself on	She not only copied her clothes, but also her walk. It was a bit odd.	Synonym would be <i>imitate, mimic.</i>	Co py n

	Word	Form	Definition	Example	Usage Tips	Parts of Speech
6	Barring	v.	To interpose legal objection to or to the claim of	He was barred from the pub because he started a fight there last weekend.	<p>Synonymous with <i>ban, forbid, interdict...</i></p> <p>Another usage means excluding by exception - No one, barring the magician himself, knows how the trick is done.</p>	<p>Bar n</p> <p>Set the bar <i>id</i></p> <p>Pass the bar <i>id</i></p>
7	Determining	v.	To find out or come to a decision about by investigation, reasoning, or calculation < <i>determine</i> the answer to the problem> < <i>determine</i> a position at sea>	They are determining if the suspect should be sentenced or not.	Similar to <i>judge, decide, adjudicate.</i>	

8	Vomit	v.	An act or instance of disgorging the contents of the stomach through the mouth, to spew up/ forth.	The dog vomited on the floor.	Synonyms would be <i>barf, gag, heave, hurl, puke, retch, spew, spit up, throw up, chuck...</i>	Vom it <i>n</i> Vom it er <i>n</i>
9	Rigorous	Adj.	Scrupulously accurate	We subjected the data to a rigorous analysis.	Synonyms would be <i>severe, harsh, rigid...</i>	Rig or ous ly <i>adv</i> Rig or ous ness <i>n</i>
10	Attesting	v.	To authenticate officially	The certificate attests the authenticity of the painting.	Similar to <i>testify, vouch for, avouch...</i>	At tes ta tion <i>n</i> At test er <i>n</i>

2. **Listening & Reading** (The **MP3** is available online)

Read the passage to review the vocabulary you have learned.

Models under the age of 16 will be **banned** from London's Fashion Week. In addition, all models may soon have to show a health certificate before they are allowed to walk down the **catwalk**. These are the decisions of the Model Health Inquiry that was set up in March by the British Fashion Council to **ensure** models eat healthily. One major concern was how skinny models have become. Super-thin is **in** and experts fear that models are risking their health due to a variety of eating disorders. An unwanted side effect is that teenagers and young women in their twenties and thirties **copy** the looks and shape of size-zero models and put their health at risk. The inquiry is in response to the deaths of two Uruguayan models Luisel Ramos, 22, and her sister, Eliana, 18, who died last year because of poor diets.

The Model Health Inquiry did not recommend **barring** models based on their body mass index (BMI). It said that the BMI - the ratio of weight to height - was "not an accurate method of **determining** health".

The inquiry said models could easily make themselves **vomit** to try and beat the tests and get on the

catwalk. Other countries have barred models with a BMI of less than 18. The World Health Organization says a BMI of 18.5 is a minimum healthy standard. The report made 14 recommendations, which include random drug tests and a "[rigorous](#) scientific study" into the extent of eating disorders within the industry. The report also said that from September 2008, models "should provide a medical certificate [attesting](#) their good health from doctors with expertise in recognizing eating disorders."

3. Conversation Strategies

Agreeing or Disagreeing about an Statement

<p>Agreeing Expressing complete agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Exactly!</i> . <i>Precisely!</i> . <i>Totally!</i> . <i>Absolutely!</i> . <i>That's right!</i> . <i>Correct!</i> . <i>You're right!</i> . <i>You're so right!</i> . <i>That's so true!</i> . <i>I couldn't agree with you more!</i> . <i>I'm with you on that</i> . <i>That's just what I was thinking!</i> . <i>That's exactly what I think.</i> . <i>That's a good point.</i> . <i>That's just how I see it.</i> . <i>My feelings exactly.</i> . <i>I'll say!</i> . <i>You can say that again!</i> 	<p>Disagreeing Expressing complete disagreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>I don't think so!</i> . <i>I disagree</i> . <i>I disagree entirely.</i> . <i>I'm afraid I can't agree.</i> . <i>I'm afraid you're wrong</i> . <i>On the contrary!</i> . <i>Definitely not!</i> . <i>Rubbish!</i> . <i>Nonsense!</i> . <i>That's ridiculous!</i> . <i>Never in a million years!</i>
<p>Agreeing in part</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Yes, perhaps, however ...</i> . <i>Well, yes, but ...</i> . <i>Yes, in a way, however ...</i> . <i>Hmm, possibly, but ...</i> . <i>Yes, I agree up to a point, however ...</i> . <i>Well, you have a point there, but ...</i> . <i>There's something there, I suppose, however...</i> . <i>I guess you could be right, but ...</i> . <i>Yes, I suppose so, however ...</i> . <i>That's worth thinking about, but ...</i> 	<p>Using irony to express disagreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Come off it!</i> . <i>Come on!</i> . <i>Do you really think so?</i> . <i>What!</i> . <i>You can't actually mean that!</i> . <i>You can't be serious!</i> . <i>Are you pulling my leg?</i> . <i>Are you kidding?</i> . <i>You must be kidding!</i> <p>Dismissing an argument as irrelevant or improbable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>That isn't the point.</i> . <i>That's highly debatable.</i> . <i>That's highly unlikely.</i>
<p>Expressing conditional agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>I'd agree with you if ...</i> . <i>I'd certainly agree if you're thinking of</i> ... 	<p>Disagreeing diplomatically (through doubt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>I wonder whether that's the case.</i> . <i>Hmmm, I'm not sure about that..</i> . <i>I'm not sure (that) it works like that.</i> . <i>I'm not so sure about that.</i> . <i>I'm not so certain</i> . <i>Well, I'm not sure whether you can really...</i> . <i>Well, I don't know...</i> . <i>Well, it depends...</i> . <i>I'm inclined to disagree with that...</i> <p>Disagreeing in part (appeal to logic)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Not necessarily</i> . <i>That doesn't necessarily follow.</i> . <i>That's not necessarily true</i> . <i>That isn't strictly true.</i>

4. Phrasal Verbs

These *Phrasal Verbs* are very common in relation to **Fashion**.

Phrase	Meaning	Collocation	Example
Catch on	To become popular		His designs caught on very quickly. Now everyone is wearing his shoes.
Grow into	To grow big enough to fit clothes that were larger than your size	Pants Shoes	It was a little big on him at first, but he soon grew into it and the more he wore it, the more he liked it
Throw on	To put on an item of clothing quickly and without thought.	Jacket Coat	She was in such a hurry she just threw on a few clothes before she left the house.
Go with	To match, suit	Tie/shirt Shoes/dress Blouse/dress	Do you think these shoes go with this dress? I'm not sure.
Doll up	To dress up for an event, to put on make-up and clothes that you would not normally wear to go out, to look more attractive.	We can use an idiom here: dolled up/dressed up to the nines = dressed perfectly/smartly	She is all dolled up like Marilyn Monroe in her new white halter dress and bright red dress.

5. Idioms

These *Idioms* are very common and they are connected to **Fashion**.

Idiom	Meaning	Example
Fashion victim	An impolite way of saying that someone buys too many fashionable clothes	She's a total <u>fashion victim</u> . That's the third pair of shoes she's bought this week.
Like it's going out of fashion	If you use something like it's going out of fashion, you use large amounts of it very quickly	Jane spends money <u>like it's going out of fashion</u> .
Buckle down	To make a big effort to do something, to give one's complete attention or effort to do something	Seanan told me to <u>buckle down</u> and get on with my work the other day.
Below the belt	To behave in an unfair and cowardly way.	He told me I was fat yesterday. That was a bit <u>below the belt</u> .
Keep one's shirt on	To keep from losing one's temper or from getting excited, to be calm or patient	<u>Keep your shirt on</u> , it's only a date, it's not like you're getting married or anything.

The End