



Vocabulary Sheet

"Dead Air" Remember, remember

Not too bad (exp) – depending on the tone of delivery, this can mean either 'ok' or terrible. British people are notorious for their inability to sensibly communicate their feelings, go here for more [information](#)

Jump straight into it (exp) – get started immediately, to start at the beginning.

Hark! (v) – an informal meaning 'Listen!'

Gunpowder (n) – an explosive powder, that gets its name from its use in guns. Kaboom.

Treason (n) – the name given to the act of betraying one's country by attempting to overthrow the government or sovereign.

Plot (n/v) – synonym – plan.

Torchlight (n) – the light of a torch...in this context, a stick with fire on the end.

Damp (n/adj) – synonym – wet, if something is damp it has been saturated with water.

Flickering (adj/v) – the intermittent light from a light source, a broken light bulb will flicker.

Hung (n/v) – a word of great contention, to some it is the past form of the verb hang, also used as an adjective, but to some empiricists it is a misunderstanding, please call Merrick Wells on the red phone for more details.

Drawn (n/v) – as described in the podcast, the act of pulling a person behind a horse as a form of punishment.

Quartered (n/v/adj) – as described in the podcast, the act of cutting the body into quarters by removing the arms and legs.

V for Vendetta (n) – a [film](#) adaptation of the [comic](#) by Alan Moore, which itself is loosely based on the actual story of Guy Fawkes.

(The) Lowlands (n) – also referred to as the [Low Countries](#), is a coastal region of Western Europe mostly consisting of the Netherlands and Belgium

(The) Dutch (n/adj) – the name given to [people](#) from the Netherlands, obscenely tall, fond of strange sausage and pancakes, they wear wooden shoes and live in [windmills](#).

Coaster (n) – a circular object that your Grandmother demands you place under you drink.



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Margaret Thatcher (person) – also known as the Iron Lady or the Milk Snatcher, she was **Prime Minister** of the United Kingdom from 1979-1990.

Orwellian (adj) – to describe something relating to the fictional futures depicted by George Orwell, with specific emphasis on the Totalitarian society of 1984 and Animal Farm.

Dystopian (adj) – to describe a future society that is dehumanising and unpleasant.

Governing body (adj/n phr) – any group that is in power over a society.

Totalitarianism (n) – a **political system** that shows no limits to its influence in public and private life.

Conduit (n) – something that allows the transfer or passage of another, for example 'Jack is a conduit of the 70's, he only ever listens to the **Shaft theme tune** and wears cordorouy flares.'

Overthrow (v) – when the people bring down a governing body.

Synonymous (adj) – to be directly associated with something, for example 'The British breakfast is synonymous with happiness, curing hangovers and obesity.'

Anonymous (adj/n) – to remain without an identity. Also referring to the internet based, **anti-authoritarian group** that often use the face of Guy Fawkes to maintain their anonymity.

Eponymous (adj) – to be named after a specific thing, for example 'Here is the band 'living in a box' performing their single '**living in a box**' from their eponymous first album....'living in a box.'

Protestant (n) – a form of the **Christian** faith.

Step-Father (n) – the prefix 'step' is given to any relative of a marriage preceeding the first.

Catch on (caught on) (phr v) – meaning that something has become popular, fashionable or accepted as part of popular culture, for example 'I never thought that throwing a **bottle onto a table** would catch on, but here we are, living in such wonderful times.'

Tangent(ing) (n/v) – tangenting simply doesn't exist, but the fun thing about English is that you can invent words whenever you want, by simply adding a suffix. A tangent is when you are taken in an opposing direction from the original topic, location etc. Adding 'ing' implies that it is a gerund. You could also add 'y' to your words to make an adjective



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that is 'of the quality of' the root word, this will impress and confuse your friends in equal measures, for example 'Wow, I really enjoyed the latest episode of Bulldog dead air, Ben is hilarious. They don't stay on topic though, that show is so tangenty. But, mostly *brilliant*.'

Oblique (adj) – not expressed or done in a direct way.

(Tangent) Alley (n) – an alley is a very small street, usually between two buildings in close proximity to each other. In this compound, adding an adjective means that the thing your are describing is absolutely of that adjective, for example 'I visited France at the weekend, oh my God, cheese Alley!'

80 years war (event) – the war between Catholic Spain and the Dutch that did actually last 80 years.

Fit in (phr v) – to successfully become a part of something, for example 'Jack really didn't fit in with the Hell's Angels on account of his moped.'

Taking the Mick (exp) – also - extracting the Michael, making fun of something, having a laugh at the expense of another. Not always to be taken seriously, this can simply mean the friendly exchanges between people that know each other well.

Shriek (v/n) – a loud vocal noise, similar to scream, but high-pitched and short, for example 'Jack shrieked when he trapped himself in his zipper.'

Bump into (phr v) – to walk into something, or to meet a person by chance, for example 'Jack was absolutely delighted when he bumped into his ex in the supermarket and she had gained several kilos.'

Band of merry men (n) – usually a reference to a group, but specifically to the group of men that followed and **supported Robin Hood** in the myths that surround him.

Heinous (adj) – of a bad reputation, terrible, for example 'Jack was a heinous hotdog thief.'

King James First (person) – **King of England**, named James, for the first time.

Puppet government (n) – a government put in place by another power, without any real control and powered by an exterior, additional or secretive organisation.

Spread (v/n) – to distribute, for example 'Jack spread honey on his legs and ran into the supermarket, he was arrested moments later.'

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Frank (answers) (adj) – a common name in Britain, also a synonym for honest or direct.

(put) in charge (of) (phr v) – to be in control of something, to be the boss, like Hugo.

Houses of Parliament (n) – **the place** where politicians talk at the same time and make decisions that in no way affect them.

Cellar (n) – the place below a building used for storing things, sometimes wine, usually old bicycles and half-tins of hard paint.

Crypt (n) – synonym – tomb, the place where we keep the dead.

Ingenius (adj) – of a genius, to be very intelligent.

Blast (n/v) – an explosion, also used as a mild expression of annoyance 'Blast! I forgot my wallet, you'll have to pay I'm afraid.'

Crater (n) – a large hole in the ground, usually caused by an explosion. The moon is covered in craters caused by the impact of meteors and space debris, another explanation is that it is 'that type of cheese.'

Whitehall (n) – a district of **London**.

Trafalgar Square (n) – a **tourist attraction** in London, which contains Nelson's column.

Let alone (exp) – reference to an exception meaning 'not even,' for example 'Jack couldn't eat his potatoes, let alone the brocolli and mountain of other vegetables.'

Look it up (phr v) – search for something, research a specific thing, for example 'If you don't understand a phrasal verb, you should look it up on the internet.'

Blow up (phr v) – synonym – to explode (something).

Don't bother (exp) – don't try, don't put any effort in, for example 'If you haven't seen the new Barry Potter film, don't bother, it's terrible. It's just him making a bowl for three hours!'

Quarrel (v/n) – synonym – to argue, an argument

More than my jobs worth (exp) – something requires more effort than you are willing to apply to it.

Basement (n) – see cellar.

Dodgy (adj) – to describe something that is not authentic, that looks like it might be 'bad,' less than adequate or illegal, for example 'Jack went to the Sunday market every week to buy hundreds of dodgy DVD's for very little money.'



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Diligence (n) – synonym – perseverance, to be careful or consistent.

Pick your nose (exp) – to put your finger up your nose and mine for green gold.

Tower of London (n) – a **tourist attraction** in London, where criminals were taken to be tortured and kept before execution.

Ruckus (n) – synonym – a disturbance, a fight.

What ya doin (exp) – hey, what *are* you doing? Featured prominently in the excellent British comedy series **Spaced**.

Fisticuffs (n) – see ruckus.

Plasticine (n) – a material used to make models.

Turnip (n) – a **vegetable** used to torture children.

Co-conspirator (n) – fellow conspirator, another person part of the conspiracy or 'plan.'

Round up (phr v) – synonym – to gather, to bring together, to collate or collect.

Show trial (n) – a trial in which the decision has already been decided as to 'innocent' or 'guilty' and so the trial itself is purely for show.

Damning (adj) – any evidence that demonstrates quite strongly that the defendant is guilty.

Caught red-handed (exp) – origins relate to murder, if you are caught with blood on your hands. It means to be found in the middle of committing a crime, surrounded by damning evidence.

Brisk (adj) – synonym – short, quick, abrupt.

William Wallace (person) – the **Scottish** Noble depicted as an Australian by the Australian actor Mel Gibson in the Hollywood re-writing of history '**Braveheart**.'

Jump the gun (exp) – to do something before it is time, for example 'Jack really jumped the gun when he bit into Mamma Cass's blueberry pie seconds after it came out the oven.'

Dragged (v) – to be pulled along the ground.

Mind you (exp) – discourse marker to introduce a point in addition, possibly something that has just occurred to the speaker.

Shame (n) – to feel embarrassed or bad about something that you have done, a negative emotion, for **example**.

Rags (n) – pieces of old material, sometimes used to clean things, but also worn by those that do not have access to new clothing.



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Hewn (adj) – cut or shaped with force, for example 'a house built of hewn logs.'

Pseudo (adj) – not genuine, insincere.

Thoroughly (adv) – to perform an action with attention to detail, to do something completely, or to feel something to a complete capacity, for example 'Jack was thoroughly disappointed when he opened his Birthday present and found a Justin Bieber CD.'

Pain in the neck (exp) – to describe something that is irritating or annoying.

Stiff (adj) – synonym – rigid, something that is difficult to bend or manipulate, often used in reference to muscles after a lot of exercise.

Pan (n) – an object used for **cooking**.

Appealing (adj) – synonym – attractive.

Scaffolding (n) – a structure of poles, metal or wood used to support something. Used in building to support work on and around a structure.

Grazed (adj) – a series of small cuts caused by abrasion, not serious enough to cause any real damage, for example 'Jack shrieked as he fell and grazed his knee on the floor covered in hewn rock.'

Untimely (adj) – synonym – premature, to happen at a bad or unsuitable time.

Effigy (n) – a likeness of someone or something.

The one that got away (exp) – to refer to a thing or person that was desired but not received. Fisherman often tell stories of the one big fish that got away.

Perpetuate (v) – to continue, to push something forwards, to continue make something better or worse, for example 'Jack was annoyed that his friends perpetuated the lies that he was a rich Prince, but didn't complain about the attention he was getting that evening in **Wetherspoons**.'

Straw (n) – a material used in the past to build houses, also used to feed animals. It consists of a dry **grass**. Also used to fill **scarecrows**.

Bonfire (n) – a large fire.

Hedgehogs (n) – a **small animal** that is covered in spikes and rolls into a ball when scared.

Roots (n) – the origins of something, also the part of a tree or plant



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that is underground absorbing water, nutrients and allowing it to grow.

Bonze (n) – a colloquial term for the head.

Audacious (adj) – showing a lack of respect or desire to take risks.

Sparklers (n) – a **metal stick** covered in gunpowder that glows and burns when lit.