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Vocab Sheet

## Dead air 2.1 Solid British copper

**Keep up with (phr v)** – to maintain the original speed, to understand something, to continue doing something, for example “Patrick, I don't know about you but I couldn't keep up with that lecture on chocolate prophylactics, didn't understand it at all!”

**Give up (phr v)** – to stop doing something, most people 'give something up' voluntarily for lent, which is explained in this [episode](#)

**Above and beyond the call of duty (exp)** – to do or perform something in addition of what is required, to do more than is expected of you

**Heartfelt (adj)** – to be sincere, to be genuine, to really mean something that you say or do

**Handy (adj)** – synonym for useful, it can also refer to a person that is capable with their hands, in terms of fixing, repairing and building things

**Hint (n/v)** – to reveal a part of something, to give some information that partly reveals the answer or helps an individual in understanding something

**Cockerel (n)** – a male chicken the one that wakes up the farm

**Spouting nonsense (exp)** – to spout means to expel something, usually liquid, at speed. This expression means a person is talking quite a lot of rubbish (nonsense) and in the podcast is falsely directed at Ben

**Rooster (n)** – see cockerel

**Omen (n)** – a sign that something bad is going to happen, also a terrifying [film](#) in which a child is suspected to be the Devil.

**Collate (v)** – bring things together, specifically data or experience

**Kick off (phr v/n)** – to start something, the beginning of something

**Pearls of wisdom (exp)** – the knowledge and experience of an individual collated over years and transformed into dense, well presented phrases and advice

**Unstitching (v)** – to stitch means to connect things using [thread](#) with the negative prefix this means to disconnect or unattach something, in this context Merrick refers to the 'unstitching' of the advice he had planned to present

**Post-it (n)** – little (typically yellow) pieces of paper used to write things like 'BUY MILK' and attach to the fridge to be ignored, in Scotland they are used to cover the walls

**Rapidfire (adj/exp)** – to do something very quickly

**Penpal (n)** – a person that lives in another country that you write to, often to practice a second language. Before the internet this was how people dated

**Ties into (phr v)** – when two pieces of information share a connection, to intentionally bring information together

**Bury your nose in (exp)** – to become very involved in something, specifically study, or literature for example “Patrick, I just couldn't put that book you lent me down, I've had my nose buried in 'Dog's in Victorian tunics' since last week!”

**Stumbling blocks (n)** – synonym – obstacles, things that get in your way,



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objects, distractions and so on that prevent an easy start to something  
**Ring a/any bell(s) (exp)** – to remind someone of something, to have a familiarity

**Earnest (adj)** – synonym – honest, sincere

**Chap (n)** – synonym – man, specifically a gentleman

**Run out of steam (exp)** – to have no more energy, to not be able to continue

**The senses (n)** – there are five basic senses – smell, touch, taste, sight, hearing and [the sixth sense](#)

**Sniff (v)** – synonym – to smell something, to breath in through the nose once in an effort to smell something, or because you have a cold

**Nigella Lawson (n)** – [a very naughty chef](#), the Goddess of the kitchen, the pounder of beef, moulder of dumplings and purveyor of puddings

**Parlour (n)** – not so common nowadays, but the part of a kitchen, usually a small separate room where certain foods are kept cool

**Pull 'things' together (exp)** – see 'tie into'

**A 'get-together' (n)** – synonym – party, gathering

**Nosh (n)** – synonym – food, use with 'top' for a delightfully Southern colloquial expression – TOP NOSH

**(A) bellyfull (of) (n)** – to be full of food or drink, connect with a noun as an intensifier for example “Patrick, I can hardly move, I've had a bellyfull of Nigella's cream tarts”. Can also be used as a n expression to say that you are tired of someone and their complaints. “I've had a bellyful of your complaining!”

**Steak and kidney pie (n)** – a typically English dish, consisting of steak and kidney. [Pie's](#) really are great though

**(To feel/be) stuffed (adj)** – see 'a bellyfull'

**Groan/grunt (n/v)** – a short sound usually made when in distress, the sound a zombie might make

**(Winter) fare (n)** – synonym – food, this is a very old word, however, Merrick hasn't upgraded his vocabulary since the 80's

**Billy and his blue ball (n)** – a reference to a series of children's books

**(To be) put off (phr v)** – to have your opinion changed so that you are no longer interested in it, to change your mind about something

**(As) clear as mud (exp)** – when something is not clear at all, something is not easy to understand

**Podgy (adj)** – synonym – chubby, fat, fond of the doughnut tray

**Squeak (n/v)** – a small, high-pitched sound, often associated with a mouse or confused Scottish women

**Different strokes for different folks (exp)** – different people do things in different ways, have different preferences

**Lose heart (exp)** – to lose enthusiasm for something

**Overlord (n)** – a ruler, usually evil

**Copper (n)** – a type of cheap [metal](#)

**(The) tip of the iceberg (exp)** – when there is a lot more to something than



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is known or visible, the enemy of the Titanic