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Unit 1. TECHNOLOGY

Lesson 1 Early Adopters Fall Into a Costly Trap

Word	PoS	English Definition
bluntly	adv.	briefly and directly
collect dust	idiom	to remain unused
defective	adj.	not working properly
depreciate	v.	to become lower in value
doomed	adj.	facing certain failure or death
dubious	adj.	of doubtful worth or quality
erode	v.	to diminish or destroy gradually
gadget	n.	a device; a useful machine
implication	n.	a possible future effect or result
mature	v.	to become fully developed
neutral	adj.	not engaged on either side
obsolete	v.	outdated and no longer in use
option	n.	something that may be chosen
take a gamble	idiom	to take a risk
tension	n.	a state in which people, groups, countries, etc., disagree with and feel anger toward each other
trailblazer	n.	someone who does something new that others follow; a pioneer
uncharted	adj.	unknown; not recorded or plotted on a map, chart, or plan
underestimate	v.	to estimate as being less than the actual size, quantity, or number

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Lesson 2 The Fun of Being an Early Adopter

Word	PoS	English Definition
crave	v.	to want or desire something
consult	v.	to ask the advice or opinion of
defensible	adj.	able to be supported during an argument
expertise	n.	a high level of knowledge or skill
forthcoming	adj.	being about to appear or to be produced or made available
forum	n.	a place, meeting, or medium where ideas and views can be exchanged
frontier	n.	a new area of study or activity
guinea pig	n.	a person or thing used as a subject for experiment
justly	adv.	deserved; rightly
majority	n.	the greater quantity or share
occupation	n.	a person's main job in life
pioneer	n.	a person who opens up a new line of thought or activity; a trailblazer
relevant	adj.	relating to something in an appropriate way
savvy	adj.	clever; knowledgeable about something
select	adj.	of special value or excellence
voluntary	adj.	having the power of free choice
whiz	n.	a person who is very clever or skillful
wield	v.	to have and use

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Unit 2. EDUCATION

Lesson 1 The Benefits of a Creative Education

Word	PoS	English Definition
availability	n.	the extent to which something can be bought, used, reached, or found
contribute	v.	to give something, such as money, goods, or time to help a person, group, cause, or organization
cooperation	n.	a situation in which people work together to do something
culture	n.	music, art, theater, literature, etc.
curriculum	n.	(pl. curricula) the subjects studied in a school, college, etc., and what each subject includes
didactic	adj.	taught in a way that is one-sided, fixed, and unwilling to change
elective	adj.	chosen rather than required
evoke	v.	to bring to mind or recollection
module	n.	one of the units that together make a complete course, taught especially at a college or university
illogical	adj.	not reasonable, wise, or practical, usually because it is due to emotions rather than by careful thought
impractical	adj.	not useful; not easily put into practice
oriented	adj.	directed towards or interested in something
parameter	n.	any of a set of physical properties whose values determine the characteristics or behavior of something
prescribed	adj.	advised or recommended
prohibitively	adv.	in a way that stops something because it is too much; restrictive
tangibly	adv.	in a real way that you can touch, feel, see, experience, etc.

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Unit 2. Education

Lesson 2 Aiming High

Word	PoS	English Definition
accountable	adj.	responsible for providing an explanation or justification, especially for one's own actions
acquisition	n.	the act of getting or gaining something
administrator	n.	one who looks after business, school, or governmental affairs
align	v.	to change something to make it match another thing
assurance	n.	the state of being sure; confidence of mind or manner
competency	n.	a skill or ability
commend	v.	to praise or give credit
credit	v.	to identify someone or something as responsible, usually for something positive
field research	n.	the collecting of information outside of a school, laboratory, or work setting
index	n.	a system of numbers used for comparing values of things that change according to each other or a fixed standard
localized	adj.	confined to a particular place or area
prosperity	n.	the state of being wealthy or successful
pursuit	n.	the act of trying to achieve a plan, activity, or situation, usually over a long period of time
reform	n.	an action, rule, or plan that is meant to improve something
regime	n.	a particular way of operating or organizing a business, etc.
standardized	adj.	made to conform to a standard--i.e., to be similar and consistent
shortage	n.	an amount that is less than what is needed; the state of not having enough
undergo	v.	to go through; experience

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Unit 3. CAREERS

Lesson 1 Kicking the Nine-to-Five

Word	PoS	English Definition
alertness	n.	the state of being mentally aware and able to think clearly
assumption	n.	a fact or statement taken for granted
early bird	n.	a person who likes to get up early
energetic	adj.	having or involving a lot of energy
fired up	idiom	excited about or impatient to do something
fledgling	adj.	newly formed and still developing
follow suit	idiom	to do the same as
found	v.	to bring something into existence
justify	v.	to give or to be a good reason for
locus	n.	a central place; a site where something happens
night owl	n.	a person who likes to stay up late
qualitative	adj.	relating to how good or bad something is
running on empty	idiom	out of energy or resources
sizable	adj.	fairly large
specify	v.	to name or state explicitly or in particular
trigger	v.	to initiate or set something off
ubiquitous	adj.	found everywhere; very common
whereby	conj.	by, through, or in accordance with which

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Lesson 2 The Great Resignation

Word	PoS	English Definition
adaptability	n.	an ability or willingness to change in order to suit different conditions
core	n.	the basic and most important part of something
display	v.	the act of showing a feeling or quality by what you say or do
eviction	n.	the act of forcing a tenant to leave a property, usually by a legal process
exodus	n.	a mass departure of people
furlough	v.	to temporarily lay someone off from a job
hierarchy	n.	a system in which people or things are arranged according to their importance
mandated	adj.	officially demanded or required
moratorium	n.	a time when a particular activity is not allowed
potentially	adv.	possibly
precedence	n.	the condition of being dealt with before other things or of being considered more important than other things
resignation	n.	the act of formally giving up a job or position
reject	v.	to refuse to accept, use, or believe in something or someone
understaffed	adj.	not having enough workers
vacancy	n.	an unfilled position or job
version	n.	a particular form of something that is slightly different from other forms of the same thing

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Unit 4. ENGINEERING

Lesson 1 Nanomaterials: Tiny Revolutions

Word	PoS	English Definition
bulk	n.	large size or mass
coating	n.	a layer of a particular substance that covers a surface
conductive	adj.	allowing heat or electricity to travel through it
device	n.	an object or machine that has been invented for a particular purpose
dimension	n.	a measurement of something in a particular direction, especially its height, length, or width
electron	n.	a subatomic particle with a negative electrical charge
emit	v.	to send out
external	adj.	of, on, for, or coming from the outside
hexagonal	adj.	having a shape with six straight sides
honeycomb	n.	a wax structure containing many small holes, made by bees to store their honey
infinite	adj.	without limits; extremely large or great
in the pipeline	idiom	being planned or developed for the future
mollusk	n.	one of a group of animals with a soft body and no spine, often covered with a shell
particle	n.	an extremely small piece of matter
recreate	v.	to make something exist or happen again; to reproduce
restructure	v.	to change the makeup, organization, or pattern of
vehicle	n.	a machine that is used to carry people or goods from one place to another

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Unit 4. ENGINEERING

Lesson 2 Where Are Our Autonomous Cars?

Word	PoS	English Definition
approximately	adv.	close to a particular number or time although not exactly that number or time
autonomously	adv.	separately; independently
choreograph	v.	to design or arrange the movements of a dance
confine	v.	to limit an activity, person, or problem in some way
equation	n.	a complex of variable factors that can only be understood if all the different influences are considered
fender-bender	n.	a minor car accident
futurist	n.	a person who tries to predict what the future will be like
highlight	v.	to throw a strong light on
negligent	adj.	failing to take proper or normal care of something or someone
parallel park	v.	to park a vehicle so that its long side is parallel to the side of the road
plummet	v.	to decrease suddenly
prototype	n.	an original or first model of something from which other forms are copied or developed
realm	n.	an area of interest, activity, or knowledge
suspend	v.	to cause to stop temporarily
theme	n.	a subject or topic of discourse
theoretically	adv.	used to say what is possible, although it may not actually happen
vision	n.	something that you imagine; a picture that you see in your mind

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Unit 5. CRIME

Lesson 1 Making the Right Connections

Word	PoS	English Definition
anonymously	adv.	without the name of someone being known or made public
cerebral	adj.	demanding or involving careful thinking and mental effort
con artist	n.	a person who deceives others to make them give money away
convincing	adj.	having power to convince of the truth, rightness, or reality of something; plausible
correspond	v.	to communicate with a person by exchange of letters, emails, or texts
defraud	v.	to take someone's money or goods illegally by deception
incidence	n.	an event
induce	v.	to cause someone or something to do something
initiate	v.	to cause the beginning of something; to start or begin something
reputable	adj.	held in high esteem; thought of favorably
respondent	n.	someone who responds to a question or offer
scheme	n.	a plan or program of action, especially a crafty or secret one
suave	adj.	very polite, pleasant, and usually attractive, often in a way that is false
unsolicited	adj.	not asked for
virtually	adv.	almost

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Unit 5. CRIME

Lesson 2 Prime Targets

Word	PoS	English Definition
amateur	adj.	engaging in something as a pastime rather than a profession
con	n.	an instance of deceiving or tricking someone
currency	n.	something, such as coins or banknotes, that is in circulation as a medium of exchange
estate	n.	the assets, including money or property, owned by a person at the end of their life
exploit	v.	to make use of meanly or unfairly for one's own advantage
extract	v.	to obtain; to take out
file	v.	to initiate something, such as a legal action, through proper formal procedure
humiliating	adj.	extremely embarrassing
navigate	v.	to find your way around or through
newfound	adj.	recently discovered or established
participate	v.	to take part, join in, or help
period	n.	a length of time during which a series of events or an action takes place
phony	adj.	not genuine; not real
predicament	n.	an unpleasant situation that is difficult to get out of
prime	adj.	the main or best
scam	n.	a dishonest scheme; a fraud
solace	n.	comfort or consolation when feeling sad or distressed
trustworthy	adj.	able to be relied on as honest or truthful

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Unit 6. PSYCHOLOGY

Lesson 1 Understanding Memory Power

Word	PoS	English Definition
anatomy	n.	the structural or interior workings of something
assign	v.	to give (someone) a particular job or piece of work
auditory	adj.	of or about hearing
clarify	v.	to make understandable
colleague	n.	a person who works with you
deteriorate	v.	to become worse
imagery	n.	mental images
murky	adj.	not fully explained; not clear
network	n.	an interconnected or interrelated chain, group, or system
neuroscientist	n.	a scientist who studies the nervous system and the brain
painstaking	adj.	extremely careful and correct and involving a lot of effort
posit	v.	to assume as a fact; to put forward as a basis of an argument
region	n.	any of the major subdivisions into which the body or one of its parts can be divided
summary	n.	a short, clear description that gives the main facts or ideas about something
temporal lobe	n.	an area of the brain near each ear that processes sound, memory, and emotion
utterly	adv.	completely or extremely
volume	n.	the amount of space that is contained within an object or solid shape

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Unit 6. PSYCHOLOGY

Lesson 2 Everyday Tips for Better Memory

Word	PoS	English Definition
ailment	n.	a sickness, illness, or disorder
accessibility	n.	the fact of being able to be reached or obtained easily
commitment	n.	the attitude of an individual or group that works very hard to do or support something
consolidate	v.	to join together into a whole; to combine
cram	v.	to study hard at the last minute for a test
impairment	n.	the state or condition of being lesser in strength or ability
intake	n.	the amount of something that is taken in, such as by eating or drinking
journal	n.	a serious magazine or newspaper that is published regularly about a particular subject
make (great) strides	idiom	to advance; to make good progress
minimum	n.	the least quantity possible or suitable
published	adj.	something that has been printed an article in a newspaper or magazine, or made available online
recollection	n.	the act or power of remembering
role	n.	the position or purpose that someone or something has in a situation, organization, society, or relationship
substantial	adj.	significant; great
substitute	n.	a thing or person that is used instead of another thing or person
technique	n.	a way of performing an activity

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Unit 7. ENERGY

Lesson 1 Nuclear Power: A Twentieth-Century Error?

Word	PoS	English Definition
despite	prep.	in spite of
disrupt	v.	to interrupt (an activity or process) by causing a disturbance or problem
embrace	v.	to accept with enthusiasm
environment	n.	the air, water, and land in or on which people, animals, and plants live
generator	n.	a machine that produces electricity
globe	n.	the world
meltdown	n.	the accidental melting of the core of a nuclear reactor
negate	v.	to cause something to not be effective
nuclear	adj.	used in or produced by a nuclear reaction such as fission
offset	v.	to cancel or reduce the effect of something; to create an equal balance between two things
phase out	v.	to gradually discontinue the practice, production, or use of something
radioactive	adj.	containing harmful radiation (energy from a nuclear reaction)
release	v.	to allow a substance to enter the air, water, soil, etc.
renewable	adj.	capable of being naturally replaced when used
solar array	n.	a group of solar cells that are grouped together to make solar panels
turbine	n.	an engine for producing continuous power
vulnerability	n.	the quality of being easy to hurt or attack

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Unit 7. ENERGY

Lesson 2 The French Model

Word	PoS	English Definition
barrel	n.	a round, bulging drum that is taller than its breadth
chapter	n.	a period that is part of a larger amount of time during which something happens
closure	n.	the shutting down or closing of a thing
consign	v.	to give, transfer, or deliver into the hands or control of another
constant	adj.	happening all the time
coverage	n.	material within the scope of a discussion or report
dependence	n.	state of being controlled by something else or needing support from someone else
duration	n.	the time during which something exists or lasts
hydropower	n.	electricity supplied by water power
project	n.	a planned piece of work that has a specific purpose and that usually requires a lot of time
reliance	n.	the state of depending on or trusting in something or someone
occupy	v.	to take up a place or extent in space
scrap heap	n.	the place where useless things are discarded
secure	v.	to get something, sometimes with difficulty
unreliable	adj.	not to be trusted or depended on
wind farm	n.	an area of land with a cluster of wind turbines for producing energy

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Unit 8. PSYCHOLOGY

Lesson 1 Half-Empty and Half-Full

Word	PoS	English Definition
aggregate	v.	to form by adding together two or more amounts
dominant	adj.	more important, powerful, or successful than most or all others
fluctuate	v.	to shift back and forth uncertainly
hemisphere	n.	one of the two halves of the brain; half of any sphere
hypochondriac	n.	a person who continuously worries about their health without having any reason to do so
impulse	n.	a sudden strong wish to do something
indecision	n.	the state of being unable to make a choice
mode	n.	a particular form or variety of something
mutate	v.	to change from one thing into another, usually in a negative way
neural	adj.	involving a nerve or the system of nerves that includes the brain
occur	v.	to happen
optimist	n.	someone who tends to be hopeful and confident about the future
passive	adj.	not acting to influence or change a situation; allowing other people to be in control
pessimist	n.	someone who tends to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen
promote	v.	to encourage or support something, or to help something become successful
subordinate	adj.	less important or powerful than someone or something else

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Unit 8. PSYCHOLOGY

Lesson 2 Hooray for Pessimism!

Word	PoS	English Definition
affect	v.	to act on and cause a change in someone or something
bummer	n.	(informal) a thing that is annoying or disappointing
concrete	adj.	involving specific people, situations, etc., and not ideas or qualities
confer	v.	to give something, such as a degree, award, title, right, etc. to someone or something
cult	n.	a misplaced or excessive admiration for a particular person or thing
deny	v.	to refuse to give
dispositional	adv.	related to the tendency of how one acts or thinks
get/have one's hopes up	idiom	to become hopeful
minor	adj.	inferior in importance, size, or degree; comparatively unimportant
motivation	n.	a force or influence that causes someone to do something
notwithstanding	prep.	despite; regardless
partner	n.	someone's husband or wife or the person someone has sexual relations with
prudent	adj.	careful and sensible
shield	v.	to protect
underrated	adj.	not valued enough
valid	adj.	fair, reasonable, or acceptable

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Unit 9. LIFESTYLES

Lesson 1 Staying Put

Word	PoS	English Definition
abundance	n.	an amount that is more than enough
amalgamation	n.	the combining of separate things to form something new
boomerang	n.	a curved stick that, when thrown in a particular way, comes back to the person who threw it
concurrently	adv.	at the same time
constitute	v.	to make up, form, or compose
denote	v.	to serve as an indication of
disparity	n.	a lack of equality or similarity, especially in a way that is not fair
enable	v.	to make someone or something able to do or to be something
evidently	adv.	in a way that is easy to see
exacerbate	v.	to make something that is already bad even worse
hospitality	n.	the service sector made up of businesses like hotels, bars, and restaurants
initially	adv.	at the beginning
mortgage provider	n.	a business, often a bank, that lends people money to buy a home
recalibrate	v.	to change the way you think about something
so-called	adj.	used to show that you think a word that is used to describe someone or something is not suitable or not correct
transportation	n.	a system for moving passengers or goods from one place to another

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Unit 9. LIFESTYLES

Lesson 2 Multigenerational Homes

Word	PoS	English Definition
accelerate	v.	to cause something to happen more quickly
attach	v.	to associate especially as a property or an attribute
consequence	n.	something that happens as a result of a particular action or set of conditions
crushing	adj.	very bad, harmful, or severe
dismal	adj.	very poor or bad
eliminate	v.	to put an end to or get rid of; remove
equate	v.	to treat, represent, or regard as equal, equivalent, or comparable
isolate	v.	to set apart from others
make ends meet	idiom	to pay for the things that you need to live when you have little money
mission	n.	an important job; work that someone believes that they must do
nonprofit	adj.	not existing or done to make a profit
parasite	n.	a person or thing that survives off someone else without earning its living
priorities	n.	the things that someone cares about and thinks are important
reside	v.	to live, have your home, or stay in a place
segment	n.	one of the parts into which something can be divided
transformation	n.	a complete change in the appearance or character of something or someone, especially so that that thing or person is improved

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Unit 10. EDUCATION

Lesson 1 Is Private Education Worth It?

Word	PoS	English Definition
affiliated	adj.	closely connected with
appreciably	adv.	in a way that is enough to have an important effect
attainment	n.	the act of getting or achieving something
campaign	v.	to take part in a campaign to support or oppose someone or something
extol	v.	to praise someone or something highly
federation	n.	an encompassing political or societal group formed by uniting smaller or more localized groups
intrinsic	adj.	belonging to the essential nature of a thing; occurring as a natural part of something
invoke	v.	to refer to something in support of your ideas
licensed	adj.	having a license (an official document that gives you permission to own, do, or use something)
pillar	n.	a basic fact, idea, or principle of something
reflective	adj.	showing what something or someone is like
skewed	adj.	not true or accurate
solely	adv.	only and not involving anyone or anything else
somewhat	adv.	to some degree; rather
vastly	adv.	to a very great size, amount, or extent

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Unit 10. EDUCATION

Lesson 2 Standardized Tests for a Non-Standardized World?

Word	PoS	English Definition
amend	v.	to change some of the words of a document or text
benefit	n.	something that produces good or helpful results or effects or that promotes well-being
component	n.	a constituent part; ingredient
economically	adv.	in a way that relates to money, income, or one's financial situation
elite	n.	the richest, most powerful, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
fraught	adj.	full of unpleasant things such as problems or dangers
holistic	adj.	dealing with or treating the whole of something or someone and not just a part
identical	adj.	the same
ignore	v.	to refuse to take notice of
inequities	n.	qualities of being unfair, or something that is not fair or equal
prevalence	n.	the fact that something is very common or happens often
prominence	n.	the state of being easily seen or well known
retrieve	v.	to find and bring back something
rote learning	n.	learning something to be able to repeat it from memory rather than to understand it
spotlight	n.	something that directs public attention to a particular issue
topic	n.	a subject or theme that is discussed, written about, or studied
tutelage	n.	help, advice, or teaching about how to do something
variable	n.	a number, amount, or situation that can change

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Unit 11. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Lesson 1 Retail and the Individual

Word	PoS	English Definition
analytics	n.	a process in which a computer examines information to find patterns and the information resulting from this process
assuage	v.	to lessen the intensity of (an unpleasant feeling); to ease
biometric	adj.	measurement of a unique physical or behavioral characteristic that is used to identify an individual, such as a fingerprint or eye scan
cross-reference	v.	to check against another piece of information to find connections or details that match
data silo	n.	a set of data that is isolated and cannot be connected to other data sets
enormously	adv.	to a very great or enormous degree or extent
entity	n.	an organization such as a business or government department that has an identity separate from those of its members
issue	n.	something that people are talking about, thinking about, etc.; an important subject or topic
ministry	n.	a government department presided over by a minister
priceless	adj.	having such high value that a price cannot be calculated
register	v.	to put one's information into an official list or record
repurpose	v.	to adapt for a new purpose
successor	n.	someone or something that comes after another person or thing
survey	n.	an examination of opinions, behavior, etc., made by asking people questions
unified	adj.	brought together, combined, or united

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Unit 11. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Lesson 2 Governmental Privacy Protections

Word	PoS	English Definition
clause	n.	a particular part of a written legal document, such as a law or a contract
coherent	adj.	logical and well-organized; easy to understand
consent	n.	permission or agreement
contention	n.	argument or disagreement
cookie	n.	a small file containing personal information stored on a user's computer, created and read by a server
disconcerting	adj.	worrying; upsetting
erosion	n.	the fact of a good quality or situation being gradually lost or destroyed
hypothetically	adv.	in a way that is imagined or suggested but not necessarily real or true
individual	n.	a single person or thing, especially when compared to the group or set to which they belong
intercept	v.	to stop or take hold of; to interrupt the movement or progress of something
inviolable	adj.	never to be broken or infringed
mindful	adj.	aware of something that may be important
obtain	v.	to get or gain usually by planned action or effort
spy on	phr. v.	to secretly watch or collect information on someone or something
surveillance	n.	the act of carefully watching someone
via	prep.	by way of or by use of

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Unit 12. URBAN PLANNING

Lesson 1 The Future of Cities

Word	PoS	English Definition
adjacent	adj.	close or near; sharing a border, wall, or point
city dweller	n.	a person who lives in a city
commence	v.	to begin
commission	v.	to formally choose or ask someone to do a special piece of work
congestion	n.	a situation in which a place is too blocked or crowded, causing difficulties
convert	v.	to cause something or someone to change in form or character
designer	n.	a person who imagines how something could be made and draws plans for it
intervention	n.	the action of becoming intentionally involved in a difficult situation in order to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
mechanism	n.	a part of a machine, or a set of parts that work together
permeable	adj.	allowing liquids or gases to pass through
pose	v.	to ask a question
rewilding	n.	the process of returning an environment to its natural state
subterranean	adj.	under the ground
urbanist	n.	an expert in city planning, which is often progressive or theoretical
utopian	adj.	relating to or aiming for a perfect society in which everyone is happy
wetland	n.	an area of land that is naturally wet; marshes

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Unit 12. URBAN PLANNING

Lesson 2 The Need for Green Spaces

Word	PoS	English Definition
absenteeism	n.	absence from a place where regular attendance is required, such as work or school
academia	n.	the community, especially universities, concerned with the pursuit of knowledge and study
appreciate	v.	to understand the worth or importance of something or someone; to value something or someone
arboretum	n.	a place where trees are grown for study or display
challenge	n.	something that needs great mental or physical effort in order to be done successfully and therefore tests a person's ability
coincide	v.	to happen at or near the same time
construction	n.	a building or other object that has been built
courtyard	n.	an open space that is surrounded by a building or group of buildings
element	n.	a part of something
greenery	n.	growing plants; vegetation
incorporate	v.	to include something as part of something larger
inventive	adj.	having the ability to think of new ideas and methods
muffle	v.	to make quieter by using a covering of some sort
revolution	n.	a very important change in the way that people do things
section	n.	one of the parts that something is divided into
sewer system	n.	a network of underground pipes that carry off water and waste material
toxin	n.	a poisonous substance
vandalism	n.	a type of crime involving purposeful damage to property