

# Sufficient

- enough to meet a need or purpose; adequate
- *Discipline is a necessary, but certainly not a sufficient condition for learning to take place.*

## The view on a wealth tax: necessary but not sufficient

- There is a sense that society has been captured by the super-rich, who purchase an education to get their children into the top universities; they exert outsized political influence; and they can shield their cash from taxation. The result is that they can build affluence and power. If left unchecked, differences in economic status across generations become entrenched. The world has in the last two decades experienced war, a global pandemic and an economic boom and bust. A similar episode in history in the interwar years summoned great political and economic changes. The British aristocracy were replaced as the holders of power, wealth and status. Higher taxation played a role in that drama, but so did other policies.

# Acceptable

- Good enough /**satisfactory** and able to be agreed to or **approved** of:
- *There was one restaurant that looked acceptable.*
- How do we reach an **acceptable level** of data security?
- It is not **socially acceptable** for parents to leave children unattended at that age.
- It is **perfectly acceptable** to sample the food before you buy
- Smoking is no longer considered socially **acceptable** by many people.
- One of the more intractable problems was how to dispose of the effluent in an ecologically **acceptable way**.
- Intractable – impossible to control (formal)

## Is it socially acceptable to challenge climate denial?

- While a lot of attention has been given to communicating the **scientific consensus** on climate change and concerns raised about the fact that people consistently underestimate it, the social consensus may be just as important.
- **Amitav Ghosh: 'climate change is like death, no one wants to talk about it'**
- Several **studies** have shown that while most people in the UK are in favour of renewables, they don't think other people are. **Because of the continuing social silence** around climate change and the **space given to contrarian views in the media**, the sense that other people don't care is widespread – even when they do. Emphasising positive social norms is an important way of dispelling misconceptions around others' views, and can help build momentum for a society to move towards lower carbon emissions.

# Adequate / 'æd.ə.kwət/

- just enough in amount or just good enough in quality
- *One in four people are without adequate homes.*
- (perfectly ) adequate **for** our needs
- **more than adequate** to satisfy
- be seen as **adequate** standards.
- *Will future oil supplies be adequate **to** meet world needs?*
- *Our laws must be adequate to protect our citizens.*
- None of his workers received **adequate** safety training.
- Employers must provide **adequate** training opportunities.

# ABC flagship current affair programs didn't cover climate change adequately

- J. Holmes found the coverage lacking but said there was no evidence reporters were under political pressure from management. The report did not assess climate coverage across all the ABC's radio, TV and digital output but did single out ABC online for its excellent, detailed climate change coverage from a number of specialist science, weather and business reporters.
- The survey found that ABC TV's 7.30 broadcast only eight segments out of more than 1,000 that were focused specifically on climate change and its effects. AM was more extensive but still insufficient with 60 specific segments on the morning radio program out of more than 2,500.
- **The ABC must be relevant to all – but that doesn't mean telling people what they want to hear**
- The report concluded that “7.30's coverage was inadequate, bearing in mind the program's role as the ABC's flagship daily television current affairs program and the crucial importance of the issue for all Australians”. AM, the report found, “did better, but its coverage was barely adequate”.

# Satisfactory

- adequate or acceptable
- *We hope very much to find a satisfactory solution to the problem.*
- *Highly satisfactory*
- ***a satisfactory result/solution***
- ***a satisfactory performance/progress***
- ***Not entirely satisfactory***
- This system was far from satisfactory for a number of reasons.
- *The rules allow for the development of television advertising and sponsorship while providing a satisfactory level of consumer protection.*

# The pain of being satisfactory

- When the school I've worked in since 2003 became an academy, the new regime instituted a programme of observations. I'm part of the old guard and saw the school through special measures. On the way, I'd reached the grade of "good". So it was a shock when, following my first observation, I was informed that I was "satisfactory".

The source of my grading was, basically, that I talked too much and that my pupil involvement was not stretching enough. It rankled. Badly. I felt that I had been stitched up. The group I was observed with were a year 7 class I had only taught twice before and in a subject, RE, that I had no qualification in at all. I am a historian and, in my opinion, I should have had my first observation in my principal subject.

- After the feedback my first reaction was to go behind the gym to chain smoke and fill the air with blunt Anglo-Saxon language. But I wasn't the only one of the old guard to suffer the same fate so I proceeded to do as the others were doing, which was to carry on teaching, and I kept my resentment more or less to myself.



# Suitable (B1)

- **acceptable or right for someone or something:**
- *Each room has books, toys, and games that are suitable to that particular age group.*
- *Not suitable for children*
- *may not be suitable for very young children*
- Equally suitable
- Perfectly suitable
- Especially suitable
- Particular suitable

## Where can you find suitable news stories to use in the classroom or at home as a family?

- **The Day** is an online news service for schools, aimed mainly at the secondary age range. They report on daily current affairs across all subjects. You can read certain articles for free but must subscribe to access the full range of stories and materials. A **newsletter** for parents is currently available for free, with a daily round up of news and a current affairs topic to discuss with children. There is also a **weekly news quiz** that you can access for free.
- **Inside Science** is a science news service from the American Institute of Physics. Some stories and language may be too complex for younger pupils. However it is a good source of weird and wonderful science news.
- **News for Kids** publishes daily roundups of current news written for children, including explanations of unfamiliar terms. US-based but includes worldwide stories. Free to access with ads, paid for ad-free subscription available.
- **Reach Out Reporter** is a free online primary science news service. News updates and related teaching resources are published each week. From Imperial College and Tigtag.
- **Space Scoop** is an astronomy news website aimed at children aged 8 and above, with weekly stories from a wide range of international astronomical organisations. There are also **podcasts** available.

# Appropriate

- Right or suitable
- Appropriate for small children
- clothes appropriate for a job interview
- an education system which is more appropriate to the needs of the students
- Appropriate for their needs

What is the appropriate age for parents to talk to their children about alcohol?

- The teenage invasion is a terrible problem for this town. I'm constantly being verbally abused, and they're kids, and not from round here. They get drunk, they make noise and it stops other people from coming to Newquay.
- But where do they get their alcohol from? And how do they have the money to stay in those bunkhouses, some of which charge £40 a night? It must be that parents are giving them alcohol, and money to come here.
- They are dangerous, too. Last year my son, who's 21, was jumped on by a crowd of teenagers and ended up in hospital with concussion. That's how they behave, just for a laugh.

# Relevant (B2)

- **connected** with what is happening or being discussed
- *Education should be relevant **to** the child's needs*
- *The point is highly relevant **to** this discussion.*
- *plans to make schooling more relevant **to** life beyond school*
- *Is monarchy relevant in the modern world or should it be abolished?*
- I don't think your arguments are **relevant** to this discussion
- Children have to understand how school is **relevant to** their lives.
- *Are no longer relevant*

# Natural history collections -- why are they relevant?

- Few people would argue that museums in general are unpopular -- last year there were over 42 million visits to DCMS (Department for Culture Media and Sport) sponsored museums alone. When you factor in the Local Authority museums and independents you're looking at a substantial proportion of the UK's population of 62 million people attending museums.
- But these visitors are mostly seeing the tip of a very large iceberg, since the vast proportion of most museum collections (90-99%) is in storage. But that doesn't mean that the majority of collections aren't used. Far from it. Museum collections are used for all sorts of things, from filling in gaps in family trees and inspiring art (some of which is frankly nomenclistic) to research that is of value to wider culture and science

# To the purpose

- *You need to assure shareholders that their investment is being used to good purpose.*
- *To be to no purpose – to be completely unsuccessful*

# What are universities for?

- Coalition policies have led to a surge of interest in debating the purpose of higher education
- Stephen Anderson, director of the Campaign for Social Science, which is organising the London debate, says "there is a sense of living in a real-time experiment", that while the government has created a market economy in higher education it is not yet clear how that constantly moderated market will work. He suggests that potentially far-reaching changes are being made for reasons of financial expediency, without any thought of what their wider effect will be. "What we are all looking for is a greater vision for what the end product might look like," he says. "What is it we are all trying to work to?"
- For Humboldt, a German philosopher and diplomat, a university was to do with the "whole" community of scholars and students engaged in a common search for truth. For Newman, it was about teaching universal knowledge. For Robbins, an economist commissioned by the government of the time to draw up a report on the future of higher education, universities had four objectives: instruction in skills, promotion of the general powers of the mind, advancement of learning, and transmission of a common culture and common standards of citizenship.



# Fitting

- **Suitable or right for a particular situation or occasion:**
- *It is fitting **that** we should remember those who died (formal)*

# Unsuitable

- Might be unsuitable for children
- Considered unsuitable for women
  
- **unsuitable/not suitable** not having the right qualities for a particular person, purpose, or situation

## **not appropriate/inappropriate**

- Slang is not appropriate in an academic essay.
- Never reward inappropriate behaviour.
- It would not be appropriate for us to comment at this stage.

# Out of place

- **(not before noun]**
- not looking or seeming suitable for that place or situation
- The horse drawn carriage looks a little out of place among the busy traffic.

# Darwin did not cheat Wallace out of his rightful place in history

- While Charles Darwin sat on his revolutionary theory for 20 years, terrified of his conservative contemporaries, Wallace boldly set out to solve the great problem of the origin of species. Not afraid to announce unorthodox views, Wallace published a radically innovative theory of evolution (minus only natural selection) in an 1855 paper.
- The new shelf of sympathetically written books about Wallace tells a pretty consistent story. He is now "forgotten" because he has been unfairly swept under the carpet of history. Why? Because the wealthy and privileged Darwin basks in all the glory of revolutionising our understanding of life on Earth. (Not to mention the back of the £10 note, although Jane Austen is about to boot him off that pedestal).
- Darwin's life and works have been meticulously studied by many scholars for over a century. But while some very able scholars have studied Wallace, he by contrast has remained mostly the preserve of amateurs and enthusiasts.

# incompatible

- two ideas or things that are incompatible cannot exist or be done together. Two people who are incompatible are unlikely to have a successful relationship, because they have very different characters, beliefs etc]
- He considered the role of wife and mother to be incompatible with a career.
- Why do totally incompatible people get married?

# Academia is now incompatible with family life, thanks to casual contracts

- Here is a new idea: let's make science better by supporting the people who conduct it. Let's make rewards and funding to universities dependent on how they treat their staff. Let's make world rankings weighted on how many staff are on permanent contracts. Let's make Athena Swan awards dependent on low levels of fixed-term contracts. Let's reduce the Research Excellence Framework funding for universities for every staff member who is on a temporary contract.
- Because, if anything, the less time and energy a scientist has to spend on searching for the next job, the more time and energy they will have to actually do science. Let's see how much more productive scientists are in making scientific discoveries when they can actually make long-term plans. Let's reward people for the years of education and hard work they have contributed to the university and science with a stable professional and home life

# Inconvenient (B2)

- an inconvenient place or time is not suitable and causes problems for you
- The new station is inconvenient to pedestrians, because it is a long walk from the centre of town.
- Difficult
- *This must be the most inconvenient house ever built.*



# Inconvenient People - Review

- In this lively book, we meet the shy but brilliant tea dealer, Edward Davies, who was victimised by his gold-digging control-freak of a mother, and the often sharp-tongued writer, Lady Rosina Bulwer Lytton, whose husband divorced her and took their children after his career ambitions destroyed their marriage, and talented amateur soprano Georgina Weldon, a tireless campaigner against English lunacy laws. We also read about the Alleged Lunatics' Friend Society, an advocacy group made up of former asylum patients and their supporters. Interestingly, we also get a sense for the public, who not only were strongly suspicious of the motivations of "mad-doctors" during these turbulent times, but often intervened when so-called lunatics were kidnapped off the streets and forcibly detained by these doctors and their asylum attendants.

# An inconvenient peace prize

- While we worry about the far-off effects of climate change, we do nothing to deal with issues facing the planet today. This year, malnutrition will kill almost 4 million people. Three million lives will be lost to HIV/Aids. Two and a half million people will die because of indoor and outdoor air pollution. A lack of micronutrients and clean drinking water will claim two million lives each.
- With attention and money in scarce supply, we should first tackle the problems with the best solutions, thereby doing the most good throughout the century. Focusing on solving today's problems will leave communities strengthened, economies more vibrant, and infrastructures more robust. This will enable us to deal much better with future problems - including global warming - whereas committing to massive cuts in carbon emissions will leave future generations poorer and less able to adapt to challenges.
- To be fair, Gore deserves some form of recognition for his resolute passion. However, the contrast between this year's Nobel winners could not be sharper.