



Outcomes Upper Intermediate Vocabulary Builder

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background /'bækgraʊnd/ Noun

if an object is *in the background*, it is behind the main thing you are looking at. Sounds you can hear but are not listening to are *in the background*

Collocates: background music | background noise | in the background

the TV was on in the background | you could see it in the background | the dance music continued in the background



ban /bæn/ Verb

if someone in authority *bans* something, they do not allow it. If they *ban* someone from doing something, they do not allow them to do it

Collocates: ban someone from doing something

my parents banned me from playing video games |

he was permanently banned from visiting his ex-wife |

all flights have been banned in the volcano region |

tobacco advertising was banned years ago

Noun: *ban* | Adjective: *banned*

the public smoking ban was introduced in 2007 |

he received a lifetime ban from baseball for drug abuse |

he was charged with possession of banned publications



big-budget /bɪg 'bʌdʒɪt/ Adjective

a *budget* is the amount of money you have available or that you plan to spend on things. A *big-budget* film is one that costs a lot of money to make

Collocates: a big-budget movie/film/production

we've made big-budget dramas and we've also made little half-hour shows | she co-starred with Brad Pitt in the big-budget film "Troy" | the first big-budget jazz film

Opposite – Adjective: *low-budget*

Collocates: a low-budget movie/film/production

I worked on low-budget films that nobody saw | both movies were low-budget, and were never released in Britain

what are other
words for
big-budget?



dear, extravagant, expensive,
costly, pricey, high-cost,
high-priced, highly priced,
overpriced, exorbitant



commercial /kə'mɜ:(r)j(ə)/ Adjective

commerce is business. If something is *commercial* it is related to business or making money. When you say music or a film is *commercial*, you're suggesting that it isn't very good because it was only made in order to make money and quality was not a major consideration

a commercial TV channel (run as a business, not paid for by a government) | the film had good reviews but wasn't a commercial success (people thought it was good, but it didn't make money) | a commercial product | the property is not for commercial use

Adverb: *commercially*

the film was a flop commercially | the restaurant isn't commercially viable (able to make a profit)



weird [wɪəd] 1. adjective

suggesting something supernatural; unearthly weird, inhuman sounds, very strange;

Collocates: a weird dream | the weird creatures

She's a really weird girl.

He's got some weird ideas.

He was awakened by a weird and unearthly moaning.

Syn: supernatural , preternatural , unearthly

2. verb [with obj.] (weird someone out) induce (ВЫЗЫВАТЬ) a sense of disbelief or alienation in someone



Naked mole rat

catchy /'kætʃi/ Adjective

a *catchy* tune, slogan, phrase etc. is one that is very easy to remember

it's an easy tune to remember – so catchy | a great song with a catchy chorus | a catchy slogan

gripping /'grɪpɪŋ/ Adjective

if something is *gripping*, it is extremely exciting

Collocates: a *gripping* tale/story/drama/novel

the film was absolutely gripping | a really gripping ending | a gripping account of how the battle was fought | it's his best and most emotionally gripping story yet

Verb: *grip* | Adjective: *gripped*

the story really grips you from the very start | we were all gripped by the TV reports



disturbing /dɪ'stɜ:(r)biŋ/ Adjective

something that is *disturbing* makes you feel worried or upset

Collocates: find something disturbing

the news was deeply disturbing | *viewers may find some scenes disturbing* | *a disturbing thought struck Melissa* | *a disturbing trend towards long-term unemployment*

Verb: *disturb* | Adjective: *disturbed*

Collocates: be disturbed by/about/at something

nothing ever seemed to disturb him | *his father was disturbed at the lack of progress he was making at school*

(беспокоящий, волнующий, тревожащий)



Dancer in the Dark 2000

DIRECTOR: Lars Von Trier STARS: Björk, Catherine Deneuve

control /kən'trəʊl/ Verb

if you *control* something or *control* how much someone can do something, you check and limit the amount or level of it

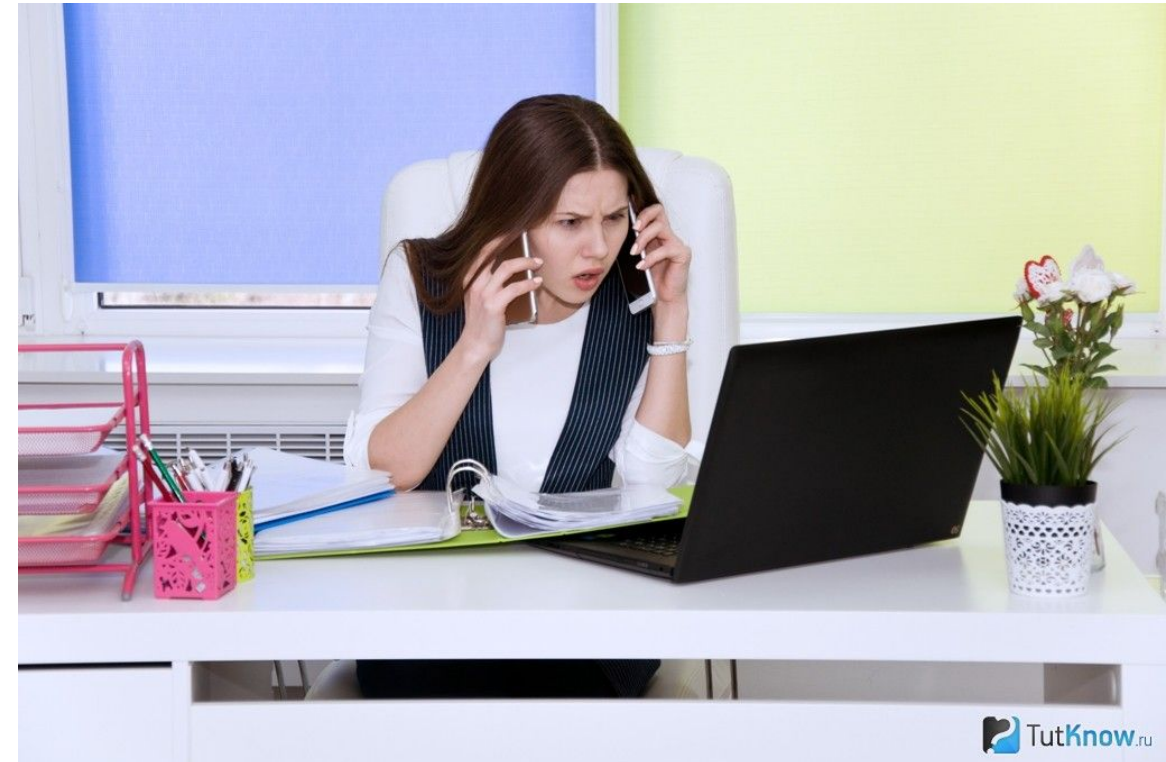
my parents control how much time I spend on Minecraft

he's trying to control his diet | you should control how much you eat | it's not possible for governments to control the Internet

Noun: *control*

Collocates: keep control of something | something is under control

the control of inflation | you need to keep control of your spending



glued /glu:d/ Verb

glue is something you use to stick things together so they can't move. If you say that your headphones *are glued* to your ears, you mean that they are always there and don't move. Or if you say you *are glued* to the TV or your seat, you mean that you don't move because what you're watching is so exciting

Collocates: be glued to something

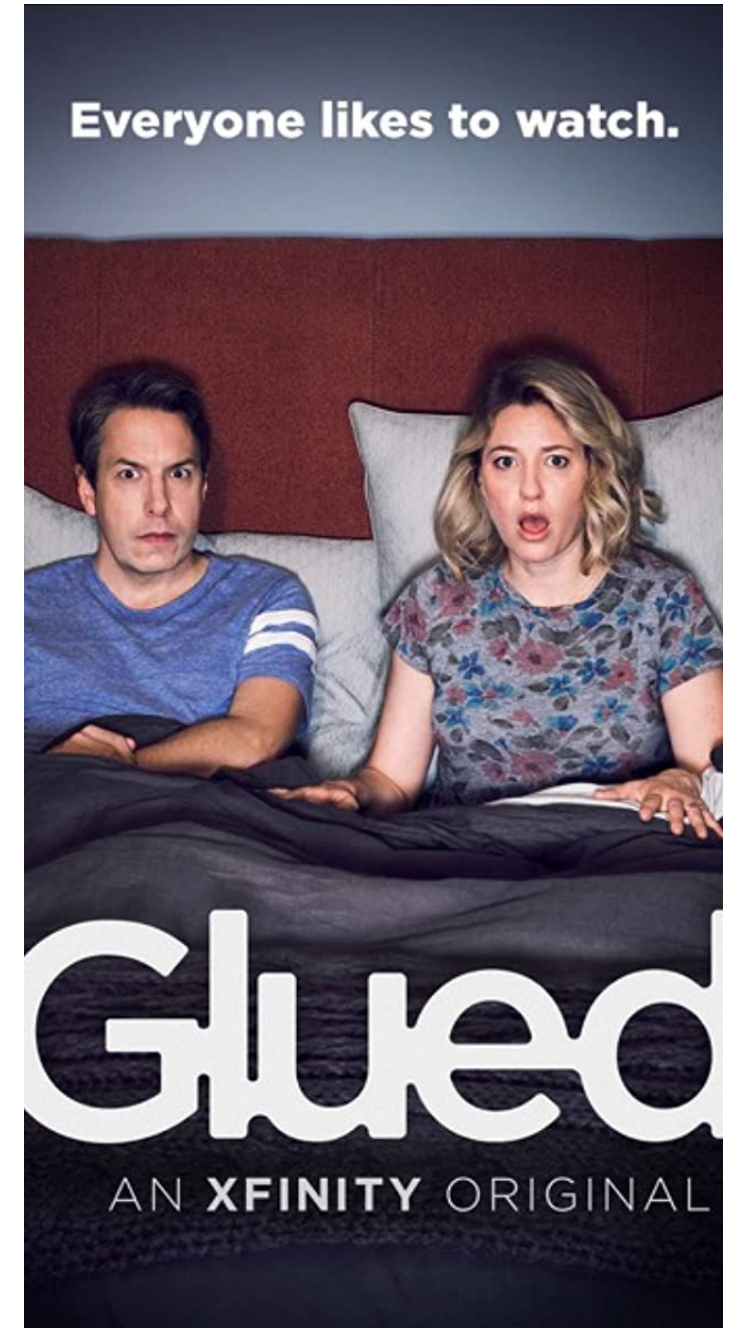
he's been glued to his desk all day | I was glued to the radio and Internet news reports | we were glued to the screen | Charlie sat glued to the bar stool | the pages were cut and then glued together

Noun: *glue*

Collocates: strong/thick glue

a jar of glue | use colourless glue if you can

A six-episode short-form series about a married couple whose relationship evolves as they get hooked on a hit TV show.



hilarious /hɪ'leəriəs/ Adjective

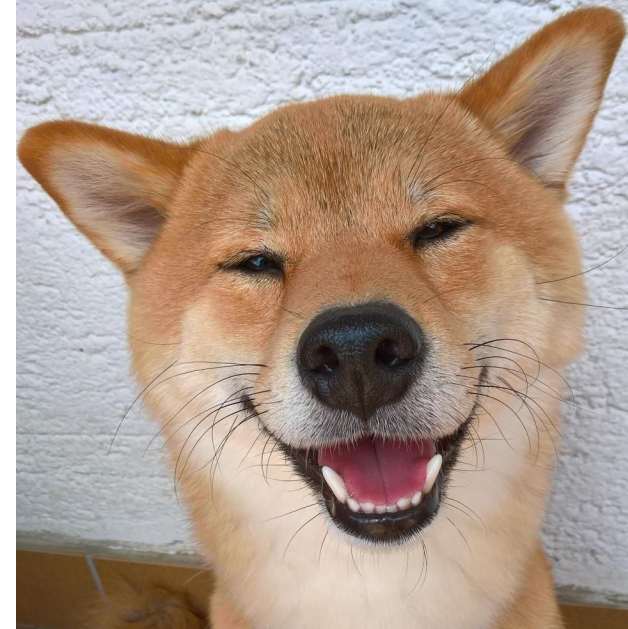
something that is *hilarious* is extremely funny

the film was hilarious | hilarious YouTube clips | the entire speech was hilarious, from start to finish | a hilarious joke

Adverb: *hilariously* | Noun: *hilarity*

it was hilariously funny | the woman laughed hilariously and gave him a kiss on the cheek | his accent was the cause of much hilarity

If something is hilarious, it is extremely funny and makes you laugh a lot.



uplifting /ʌp'ɪftɪŋ/ Adjective

something that is *uplifting* makes you feel happy and full of hope

it's a really inspiring story, really uplifting | a joyful and uplifting occasion | an uplifting experience | energetic and uplifting music | it was uplifting to see the results of all her hard work

Adjective: *uplifted*

I felt totally uplifted by the end of the film



inspiring /ɪnˈspaɪərɪŋ/ Adjective

something or someone that is *inspiring* makes you excited and strongly interested and enthusiastic

an inspiring teacher | his inspiring leadership was directly responsible for the company's success | one of the most inspiring speeches I have ever heard | a ship under full sail is a glorious and inspiring sight | an inspiring message of hope for the future

Verb: *inspire* | Adjective: *inspired*

her passion inspires both students and other teachers | this inspired me to live a better life | the coloured envelopes were an inspired idea | it was an inspired performance by the goalkeeper



on demand /ɒn dɪ'mɑːnd/ Phrase

if you *demand* something you ask for it and want it immediately. So if a service is *on demand* you can ask for and get it immediately

I tend to watch films on demand at home | our programmes are available online and on demand | sporting content that you can watch on demand

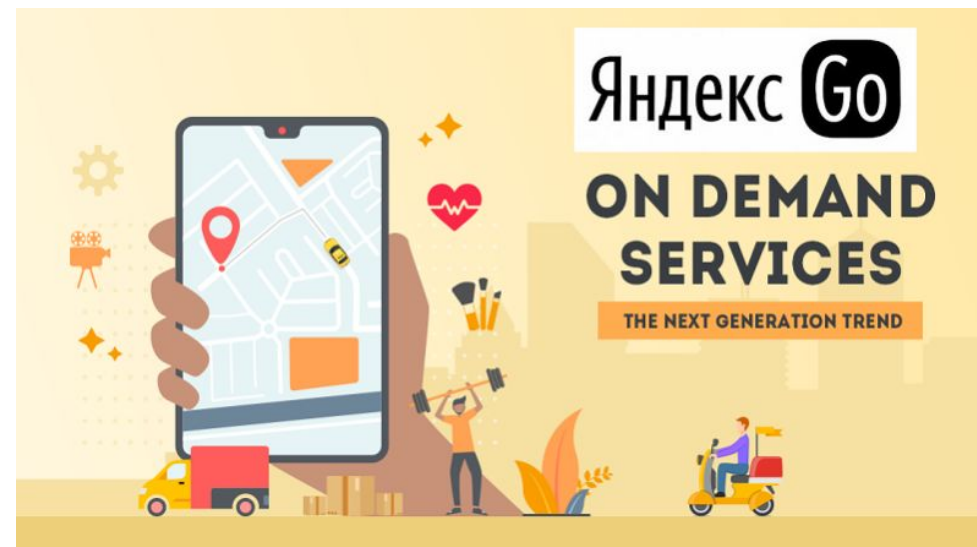
over-the-top /,əʊvə(r) ðə 'tɒp/ Adjective

if something is *over-the-top*, it is so extreme that it seems silly. You can also use just the initials and say that something is *OTT*

it was completely over-the-top | I think that's a bit over-the-top | The film has loads of fight scenes and over-the-top acting | his reaction was really over-the-top | it was very funny, without being OTT

adj. чрезмерный, непомерный, излишний

n. перебор



remake /ˈriːmeɪk/ Noun

if a film is a *remake*, it has the same story and usually the same title as a film that already exists

a remake of "The Italian Job" | a television remake was produced in 2006 | a 1983 remake starring Al Pacino | the remake was a total flop (nobody came to see it and it failed to make any money)

Verb: *remake*

the show has been remade several times



stuff /stʌf/ Noun uncount

you can use *stuff* to refer to things such as a substance, a collection of things, events, ideas, or the contents of something in a general way without mentioning the thing itself by name

the Beatles? That's the kind of stuff my dad listens to
| we played games like Monopoly and stuff like that |
I hate opera and that kind of stuff | we need to buy some stuff for the house |
just dump your stuff in the corner, we'll show you your room later

материал, состав, вещество (из чего что-л. состоит),
всё такое прочее



tear /tɪə(r)/ Noun

tears are small drops of liquid which come from your eyes when you cry. If someone is *in tears*, they are crying because they are upset or because something is sad

Collocates: be in tears | be close to tears | burst into tears

she had tears running down her face | *the ending of the film had me in tears (made me cry because it was so sad)* | *as soon as he was alone, Fergus burst into tears (suddenly started to cry)*

Adjective: *tearful* | Adverb: *tearfully*

Elizabeth looked tearful as she watched her parents leave | *her tearful face was turned toward Alice* | *the girl tearfully shook her head*

