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## NOUNS AND NOUN PHRASES

antifreeze	a chemical substance that is put into water to stop it from freezing	Frostschutzmittel
butt	the part of a cigarette that you throw away after you have finished smoking it	(Zigaretten-)Kippe
charging point	a station where you can recharge the battery of an e-car	Ladestation
landfill site	a place where waste material is disposed of (and buried)	Mülldeponie
on-the-job training	the training for a job within the company itself	innerbetriebliche Ausbildung
sleeping policeman UK	the raised section of a street to make cars slow down	Bodenschwelle
sunlounger UK	a comfortable chair used for sunbathing	Liegestuhl
vending machine	a coin-operated machine for selling products such as coffee or sweets	(Münz-)Automat

## VERBS

alienate sb.	to act in an unfriendly way towards someone, making that person feel hostile towards you	jmdn. verprellen
bad-mouth sb. ifml.	to say nasty things about someone behind their back	über jmdn. herziehen
degrade	to fall apart or dissolve	sich zersetzen
divulge sth.	to tell someone something that was supposed to be kept secret	etw. verraten, preisgeben
dodge	to make excuses	ausweichen, Ausflüchte machen
misspell sth.	to write something in an incorrect way	etw. falsch schreiben
prosper	to be very successful, particularly in a financial sense	florieren
snap at sb.	to speak to someone in a very unfriendly way	jmdn. anblaffen

## ADJECTIVES

humble	modest	bescheiden
menial	not skilled, in reference to a job	einfach, niedrig
obese	extremely overweight	fettleibig
poverty-stricken	extremely poor	bitterarm
premature	happening before the expected or usual time	vorzeitig
swift	very quick	rasch
vigilant	alert and very careful to notice any signs of danger	wachsam

## IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

be hard to come by	be difficult to get	schwer aufzutreiben sein
go to pot ifml.	to get worse due to a lack of proper care	den Bach runtergehen
in due course	at an appropriate time in the future	zu gegebener Zeit
in stock	available	auf Lager
lose sight of sth.	to forget about something important	etw. aus den Augen verlieren
on a good note	in harmony or mutual understanding	in gutem Einvernehmen
settle a score	to take revenge on someone for something that they did in the past	eine (alte) Rechnung begleichen
stay ahead of the game	to maintain a competitive advantage over someone	einen Wettbewerbsvorteil haben