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# Vocabulary trainer

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## NOUNS AND NOUN PHRASES

<b>cityscape</b>	an urban landscape	Stadtbild
<b>contingency plan</b>	a backup plan, in case your original plan doesn't work	Alternativ-, Ausweichplan
<b>dispenser</b>	a device for distributing things	Ausgabegerät, -automat
<b>guinea pig</b>	a rodent bigger than a hamster; in a figurative sense, a person used for testing a product or idea	Meerschweinchen; Versuchskaninchen
<b>landlord</b>	a person who rents a property to someone else	Vermieter
<b>loan shark</b>	a person who lends money at extremely high interest rates	Kredithai
<b>stand-up meeting</b>	a short meeting during which participants stand rather than sit	kurze Zusammenkunft im Stehen
<b>waterfront</b>	an area next to a harbour	Hafenviertel

## VERBS

<b>charm sb.</b>	to make someone like you	jmdn. für sich einnehmen
<b>despise sb./sth.</b>	to dislike someone or something very strongly	jmdn./etw. verachten
<b>extort sth. (from sb.)</b>	to threaten someone with the aim of making them give you something (often money)	etw. (von jmdm.) erpressen
<b>harass sb.</b>	to bother someone or to molest them sexually	jmdn. belästigen
<b>outsell sth.</b>	to have higher sales figures than something else does	höhere Verkaufszahlen als etw. haben
<b>repeal sth.</b>	to reverse something, for example a law	etw. aufheben
<b>revive sth.</b>	to start using something again	etw. wiederaufleben lassen

## ADJECTIVES

<b>collaborative</b>	done by people working together	gemeinschaftlich, teamorientiert
<b>dilapidated</b>	in very bad condition	heruntergekommen
<b>indispensable</b>	essential	unentbehrlich
<b>iterative</b>	repeated many times	sich wiederholend
<b>robust</b>	strong and sound	solide
<b>scented</b>	having a pleasant smell	parfümiert
<b>seasoned</b>	with different kinds of herbs and spices added	gewürzt

## IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

<b>attract the limelight</b>	to draw attention to oneself	die Aufmerksamkeit auf sich ziehen
<b>be at sb.'s mercy</b>	to be completely dependent on someone	jmdm. ausgeliefert sein
<b>do a reading</b>	to predict what someone's future will be	(jmdm.) die Zukunft vorhersagen
<b>get sb. up to speed on sth. ifml.</b>	update someone on the latest situation	jmdn. auf den neuesten Stand von etw. bringen
<b>go haywire ifml.</b>	to stop working properly, for example a machine; to go crazy	verrückt spielen
<b>hone one's talents</b>	to perfect one's skills	seine Fähigkeiten vervollkommen
<b>make a point</b>	give a reason (for something)	ein Argument vorbringen