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# Vocabulary trainer

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## NOUNS AND NOUN PHRASES

<b>back pay</b>	the salary that is due to an employee but has not yet been paid	ausstehender Lohn
<b>bio-break</b> <i>ifml.</i>	time allowed for going to the toilet, for example during a meeting	Toilettenpause
<b>bundled solution</b>	a package of measures for solving a specific problem	Paketlösung
<b>carnet ticket</b>	a single ticket from a booklet of tickets	Fahrkarte aus einem Fahrscheinheft
<b>meritocracy</b>	a system in which rewards and advancement are based on performance alone	Leistungsgesellschaft
<b>obesity</b>	the condition of being so fat that your health is at risk	Fettleibigkeit
<b>paralegal</b> <i>US</i>	a person working as a lawyer's assistant in a law firm	Anwaltsgehilfe/-gehilfin
<b>taxi rank</b> <i>UK</i>	the place where taxis wait for passengers	Taxistand

## VERBS

<b>advocate for sth.</b>	to speak in favour of something	für etw. plädieren
<b>back away from sth.</b>	to avoid something that is unpleasant or frightening	vor etw. zurückschrecken
<b>disparage sb.</b>	to talk about someone in a negative way	jmdn. herabwürdigen, verunglimpfen
<b>fancy sth.</b> <i>UK</i>	to feel a liking for something	Lust auf etw. haben
<b>ogle sb.</b>	to look at someone in an offensive, sexual way	jmdn. begaffen
<b>perish</b>	a formal word for "die"	sterben
<b>rip sth.</b>	to make a tear in something or to tear something apart	etw. an-, zerreißen
<b>undersell oneself</b>	to fail to present one's abilities to others	sich unter Wert verkaufen

## ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

<b>credibly</b>	in a believable and convincing way	glaubwürdig
<b>exploitative</b>	treating people unfairly for one's own advantage	ausbeuterisch
<b>fiercely</b>	strongly (and perhaps also aggressively)	erbittert
<b>filling</b>	(of food) making you feel full	sättigend
<b>gifted</b>	exceptionally talented, having a special ability	begabt
<b>mindless</b>	acting without thinking about the consequences	gedankenlos
<b>profoundly</b>	deeply	zutiefst
<b>wistful</b>	nostalgic, having or evoking a feeling of regret or sadness	wehmütig

## IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

<b>be fit for purpose</b>	be well suited for the designated role	seinen Zweck erfüllen
<b>eat at desk</b> <i>ifml.</i>	have lunch or a snack at your desk	(scherzhaft für) am Schreibtisch essen
<b>for residents only</b>	exclusively for people living in a particular place	nur für Anlieger
<b>go over well</b>	to be received positively	gut ankommen
<b>launch a crackdown on sth.</b>	to take hard measures against something	harte Maßnahmen gegen etw. einleiten
<b>make all the difference in the world</b>	to be essential for something	ausschlaggebend sein