LANGUAGE **Key words**

Vocabulary trainer

Use our Key Words list to learn vocabulary from the current Business Spotlight. The definitions will help you understand the words — and build your vocabulary.

NOUNS AND NOUN PHRASES

Listen and learn!

You can download an MP3 file of this Key Words list from our website: www.business-spotlight.de/downloads

≫

A PDF of these key words as well as a complete vocabulary list (English-German) for each magazine is available at www.business-spotlight.de/words

festive season	the period during which people celebrate Christmas	Festtage; Weihnachtszeit
gender bias	prejudice against someone because of their sex	geschlechtsspezifische Voreingenommenheit
headcount	the number of people employed by a company	Mitarbeiterzahl
insomnia	the condition of not being able to sleep	Schlaflosigkeit
mural	a large painting on the wall of a building	Wandgemälde
techie ifml.	someone who is skilled in technical matters and/or enthusiastic about working with technology	Technikfreak
trade tariff	a fee imposed by a government on imports from another country	Handelszoll
xenophobia	a strong dislike or rejection of people from other countries	Fremdenfeindlichkeit

VERBS

disclose sth.	to make public something that has previously been kept secret	etw. offenlegen
fade	to become less bright or to gradually disappear	verblassen, schwinden
hinder sth.	to make something difficult or impossible	etw. behindern, hemmen
infuriate sb.	to make someone very angry	jmdn. wütend machen
rocket	to increase strongly and suddenly	in die Höhe schießen
sell sth. off	to sell something at a low price to get rid of it	etw. abstoßen
sense sth.	to become aware of something intuitively without seeing or hearing it	etw. erspüren
vomit	to eject food from the stomach through the mouth	sich erbrechen

ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

casually	in an informal way	leger
compromising	something that is embarrassing for someone	kompromittierend
divine	connected to God; very pleasing (ifml.)	göttlich
dubious	something that is doubtful or questionable	fragwürdig
immutable	unchanging or unable to be changed	unveränderlich
inevitably	unavoidably	unweigerlich
mindful	very careful and aware of something	achtsam
tax-exempt	not subject to tax	steuerbefreit

IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

be on the tip of one's tongue	to be almost able to remember or say something	einem auf der Zunge liegen
be tied up ifml.	to be prevented from doing something	verhindert sein
give sb. a leg up (on sb.)	to give one person an advantage over another	jmdm. (gegenüber jmdm.) einen Vorsprung verschaffen
have sth. to one's name	to have (done) something that you can be proud of	etw. vorzuweisen haben
jog sb.'s memory	to give someone a clue to help them to remember something	jmds. Gedächtnis auf die Sprünge helfen
off the top of one's head	as a spontaneous reaction, without careful thought or investigation	aus dem Stand heraus