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## **NOUNS AND NOUN PHRASES**

adversity	a difficult or unpleasant situation	Widrigkeit(en), Not
auversity	a unitcuit of unpleasant situation	Widrigkeit(en), Not
bullet point	each of several individual elements in a list, preceded by a dot — or the dot itself	Gliederungspunkt; Aufzählungszeichen
craving	a strong desire	Verlangen
foodie ifml.	a person who enjoys delicious food	Feinschmecker(in)
power pack	a device that stores and supplies electrical energy to a computer or mobile phone	Netzteil
sculptor	a person who makes sculptures, for example from stone or wood	Bildhauer(in)
spoilsport	a person who stops others from having fun	Spielverderber(in)
subject header	the line at the top of a letter or email that refers to the topic	Betreffzeile

## **VERBS AND VERB PHRASES**

bypass sb.	to ignore someone normally involved in a process, so as to get some benefit	jmdn. übergehen
chew on sth. ifml.	to think about something thoroughly	(gründlich) über etw. nachdenken
clock in	to record the time when you start work	einstempeln; zur Arbeit kommen
clock out	to record the time when you finish work	ausstempeln; nach Hause gehen
defer to sb.	to accept someone else's decisions or authority	sich jmdm. fügen
pre-empt sth.	to do something before someone else so that their actions become irrelevant	etw. vorwegnehmen
tamper with sth.	to interfere with something to cause damage to it or make unauthorized alterations	an etw. herumpfuschen, etw. manipulieren
wrap sth. up	to finish something	etw. zum Abschluss bringen

## **ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS**

brutish	cruel and heartless	grausam, gefühllos
edible	suitable for eating	essbar
evasive	indirect, for example in answering a question	ausweichend
flashy	attracting a lot of attention	auffällig
insidious	cunning and deceitful	hinterlistig, perfide
legitimately	in a manner that is lawful, permitted or reasonable	berechtigterweise
nasty	very rude and cruel	fies, gemein
utterly	absolutely	total

## **IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS**

be at each other's throats	to argue or fight with each other fiercely	sich in den Haaren liegen
beat the mad rush	to do something or arrive somewhere in time (before the large crowd)	vor dem großen Andrang da sein
be in decline	to gradually lose importance/power	im Niedergang begriffen sein
come to terms with sth.	to be able to deal with something	mit etw. klarkommen
(go) back to square one ifml.	to go back and start something from the beginning (as in a board game)	zurück zum Anfang
make sb. jump through (the) hoops	to make something extremely difficult for someone	es jmdm. besonders schwer machen

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