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# Vocabulary trainer

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

## NOUNS AND NOUN PHRASES

<b>carry-on case</b>	a bag or suitcase that you can take on to the plane with you	Kabinenkoffer
<b>chopsticks</b>	sticks used for eating, particularly in Asian countries	(Ess-)Stäbchen
<b>circuit board</b>	a board in an electrical device with electrical circuits mounted on it	Platine
<b>go-between</b>	a person who helps two or more parties to exchange information and/or negotiate	Mittler(in)
<b>mic</b> <i>ifml.</i>	short for “microphone”, a device that makes your voice sound louder	Mikro
<b>mint</b>	a production plant where coins are made	Münzprägestalt
<b>tender</b>	an invitation to send in offers for providing goods or services	Ausschreibung
<b>travel bug</b> <i>ifml.</i>	delight in travelling	Reisefieber, -lust

## VERBS AND VERB PHRASES

<b>aspire to sth.</b>	to aim for something	nach etw. streben
<b>beg sb.</b>	to ask someone urgently	jmdn. (inständig) bitten
<b>boss sb.</b> <i>ifml.</i>	to tell someone what to do in a commanding way	jmdn. gängeln
<b>outperform sb.</b>	to achieve better results than someone else	jmdn. (an Leistung) übertreffen
<b>plague sb.</b>	to bother someone intensively	jmdn. plagen
<b>resonate with sb.</b>	to appeal to someone	bei jmdm. Anklang finden
<b>stockpile sth.</b>	to gather and keep something, usually in large quantities	etw. horten, ansammeln
<b>subsidize sth.</b>	to support something with money	etw. subventionieren

## ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

<b>blurry</b>	not clearly visible	verschwommen, unscharf
<b>gloomily</b>	in a sad mood	niedergeschlagen
<b>impaired</b>	damaged or weakened	beeinträchtigt
<b>inevitably</b>	necessarily, unavoidably	zwangsläufig
<b>prudent</b>	careful and trying to avoid risks	umsichtig
<b>reprehensible</b>	morally wrong, not acceptable	verwerflich
<b>risk-averse</b>	unwilling or hesitant to take risks	risikoscheu
<b>seedless</b>	(of fruit) having no seeds or stones	kernlos

## IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

<b>a penny for your thoughts</b>	“What are you thinking?”	ich würde zu gern wissen, was du gerade denkst
<b>be down to sb.</b>	to be caused by someone	an jmdm. liegen
<b>be gone for good</b>	to stop existing or be out of the picture	endgültig verschwunden sein
<b>be self-sustaining</b>	to be financially independent of others	sich selbst tragen
<b>come under fire</b>	to become strongly criticized	unter Beschuss geraten
<b>get one’s way</b>	to have things go/happen as you wish	seinen Willen bekommen