



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

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

busker	someone who plays music in a public place and is given money for it by passers-by	Straßenmusikant(in)
exhibitor	someone who shows something to the public, for example works of art	Aussteller(in)
face value	the value shown on something, such as a coin, stamp or bond	Nenn-, Nominalwert
gist	the main point of an article, book or speech	Kernaussage
household name	a famous person whose name is known by (nearly) everyone	allseits bekannter Name
legal tender	something that is accepted as a means of payment	gesetzliches Zahlungsmittel
patron	someone who supports an organization's activities, normally charitable ones	Schirmherr(in)
payroll	a list of employees paid a salary by an organization	Gehaltsliste

VERBS AND VERB PHRASES

deprive sb. of sth.	to take away something from someone	jmdn. einer Sache berauben
entrust sth. to sb.	to ask someone to take care of something	etw. in jmds. Hände geben
escort sb.	to accompany someone	jmdn. begleiten
put sb. off sth.	to keep someone from doing something	jmdn. von etw. abhalten
soak sth.	to make something wet through and through	etw. durchnässen
tap into sth.	to make use of something successfully	sich etw. zunutze machen
toil	to work very hard over a long period of time	hart arbeiten, sich abrackern
wane	to become gradually weaker, to diminish	schwinden

ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

arduous	requiring much effort and energy	mühsam
carcinogenic	causing cancer	krebserregend
detrimental	harmful and/or disadvantageous	schädlich, nachteilig
incumbent	having an official position	amtierend
prematurely	too soon or before scheduled	vorzeitig
quaint	peculiar, old-fashioned	kurios, altmodisch
streamlined	made more efficient, usually to save money	gestrafft, optimiert
wacky <i>ifml.</i>	unusual and a bit silly	verrückt, ausgefallen

IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

at my end	as far as I'm concerned, for my part	was mich betrifft, meinerseits
be equal to sth.	to be able to cope with something	etw. gewachsen sein
be out and about	to go to many places, often as part of your job	unterwegs sein
be spoilt for choice <small>UK</small>	to have too many options to choose from	die Qual der Wahl haben
dance to sb.'s tune	to do what someone else wants you to do	nach jmds. Pfeife tanzen
drop the ball <small>US ifml.</small>	to make a mistake	einen Fehler machen
fall between the cracks	to be overlooked in a complex situation as a result of a lack of organization	durch das Raster fallen