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# **NOUNS AND NOUN PHRASES**

air rage	aggressive behaviour on board an aircraft	aggressives Verhalten im Flugzeug
cameo appearance	a brief appearance of a famous person in a film or TV programme	Gastauftritt
condemnation	strong disapproval	Verurteilung
exhaustion	the state of being extremely tired	Erschöpfung
mediocrity	the state of being average, not of very good quality	Mittelmaß, Mittelmäßigkeit
pique	a feeling of anger and bitterness	Groll
prominence	the state of being important	Bedeutung, Wichtigkeit
retaliation	an action taken as revenge for something	Vergeltung(smaßnahme)

# **VERBS AND VERB PHRASES**

escalate sth.	to pass something to a higher level	etw. (an eine höhere Stelle) weiterleiten
overhear sth.	to hear something by accident that was not meant to be heard	zufällig etw. hören
shun sth.	to avoid something	etw. vermeiden
<b>snoop on sb.</b> ifml.	to find out personal things about someone that they do not want to reveal	jmdn. ausspionieren
thrive at sth.	to be very successful at something	in etw. erfolgreich sein
thwart sb.	to prevent someone from doing something	jmdn. ausbremsen
toss sth.	to throw something casually	etw. werfen, (weg)schmeißen

#### **ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS**

bearable	capable of being accepted or endured	erträglich
catchy	easily remembered, especially of music or advertisements	eingängig
daunting	frightening, intimidating	beängstigend
overly	too much	übermäßig
pushy	insistent	aufdringlich, penetrant
smugly	in a self-satisfied and self-complacent manner	süffisant, selbstgefällig
<b>yummy</b> ifml.	delicious	lecker

# **IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS**

be conditional on sth.	to depend on something	von etw. abhängig sein
be second nature to sb.	(of a habit or skill) to be so familiar to someone that it is automatic or instinctive	jmdm. zur zweiten Natur geworden sein, in Fleisch und Blut übergegangen sein
blow the whistle on sb./sth.	to make (someone's) wrongdoing public	über jmdn./etw. auspacken
cut sb. some slack ifml.	not to judge someone as severely as you usually would	mit jmdm. nachsichtig sein
make a killing ifml.	to make a lot of money easily	einen Reibach machen
take pride in sth.	to be proud of something	auf etw. stolz sein
the jury is still out	it's too early to say what the general opinion is	das letzte Wort ist noch nicht gesprochen

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