LANGUAGE **KEYWORDS**

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NOUNS AND NOUN PHRASES

contagion	the spread of an illness among people
food pairing	recommending a dish that goes well with a specific wine
fraction	a (small) part of something
hopeful	a person likely or hoping to succeed in something, such as a job or a sport
respiratory disease	a medical condition affecting someone's ability to breathe
sewage system	a network of pipes and pumps for the collection and disposal of wastewater
structural fatigue	the weakening of a material over time
workaround solution	an emergency or temporary solution to a problem

VERBS

cling to sth.	to hang on to something	an etw. festhalten
fast-track sth.	to make something happen faster than usual	etw. beschleunigen
glare at sb.	to look at someone in an angry way	jmdn. zornig anstarren
homeschool a child	to teach a child at home instead of them being taught at school	ein Kind zu Hause unterrich
inhibit sth.	to prevent something from happening or make it happen more slowly	etw. hemmen
outweigh sth.	to be more important than something	gegenüber etw. überwieger
settle on sth.	to agree on something	sich auf etw. einigen
talk at sb.	to speak to someone incessantly and insistently	auf jmdn. einreden

ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

affectionate	showing fond feelings or love for someone	liebevoll
bewildering	confusing, puzzling	verwirrend
cross-functional	relating to a system whereby people from different departments collaborate	funktions-, abteilungsübergre
intrusive	very direct and pushy	aufdringlich
personable	pleasant and likeable	sympathisch
ready-made	prepared in such a way that it can be used immediately	gebrauchsfertig
reluctant	unwilling and hesitant	zögerlich
unreservedly	without reservations or restrictions	vorbehaltlos, uneingeschränkt

IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

for weeks at a time	going on over several weeks without interruption	wochenlang
go public	to issue shares in a company on the stock market for the first time	an die Börse gehen
hit a wall	to reach a point where you cannot go further	an seine Grenzen stoßen
keep one's finger on the pulse	to maintain an awareness of current trends	am Puls der Zeit bleiben
make or break sth.	to be decisive for the success or failure of something	für den Erfolg oder Misserfolg von etw. entscheidend sein
take one's eye off the ball	to lose sight of what is fundamental	den Blick auf das Wesentliche verlieren

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Empfehlung einer passenden Speise
Bruchteil
Anwärter(in), Kandidat(in)
Atemwegserkrankung
Abwassersystem
Materialermüdung
Not-, Zwischenlösung

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