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NOUNS	beacon	a light that warns of danger, for example at an airfield	Lichtsignal, Blinklicht
	omission	failure to do something or to include somebody or something that should have been included	Versäumnis
	operating theatre UK	a room in a hospital where surgery is performed	Operationssaal
	stampede	a situation in which a lot of people suddenly start to do or acquire something at the same time	Ansturm, Run
	vintage car	a classic old car, especially one that was constructed between 1919 and 1930	Oldtimer
VERBS	bag sth. (up)	to pack items in bags or sacks	etw. in Tüten/Säcke verpacken
	doze off	to fall asleep, especially during the day	einnicken
	espouse sth.	to express and/or support an opinion strongly	etw. verfechten
	perch on sth.	to sit on top or near the edge of something	auf etw. hocken
	squat	to live in a house that is not yours and without the owner's permission	ein Haus besetzen
ADJECTIVES	appreciative	showing that you are grateful for something	anerkennend
	puzzling	confusing	verwirrend
	rigorous	careful, thorough	gründlich
	scaled-down	reduced to a smaller size	verkleinert
	unperturbed	determined, not hesitating	unbeirrt
EXPRESSIONS	be key to sth.	to be essential for something	für etw. wesentlich sein
	One size does not fit all. ifml.	there is no standard approach to dealing with a particular issue	Es gibt keine Einheitslösung.
	put sb. on the spot ifml.	to force someone to make a difficult decision or answer a difficult question	jmdn. in Zugzwang bringen
	run the figures	to check the numbers in a calculation	die Zahlen durchgehen
	withstand the test of time	to function for a long time, even if problems arise	die Zeiten überdauern

KEN'S CORNER

Run the figures

MEDIUM

When working with numbers and calculations, it is important to check that everything is correct. You might then "run the figures", meaning "check them": ▶ "I ran the figures twice to check that I had not made any mistakes."

On its own, the verb "run" can mean "to be in control of something": ▶ "He's been running his own business for many years."

"Run" is also used in many other expressions:
1. If you "run out of something", you no longer have it: ▶ "They ran out of the product today."



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clockwork
▶ Uhr-, Räderwerk

rampant
[ˈræmpənt]
▶ wild, zügellos

rumour [ˈru:mə]
▶ Gerücht

- If something "runs like clockwork", it works perfectly: ▶ "The event planning is running like clockwork."
- If you "run something past someone", you explain an idea to them to get their opinion: ▶ "He ran his idea for the new company structure past me."
- If something "runs rampant", it grows rapidly out of control: ▶ "Rumours about the company ran rampant on the internet. There was nothing we could do about it."