**Semester(352) 001/Skills/Unit 1: Important Vocabulary**

Note**: *After the colon(:) comes the examples; additional (=) means another meaning.***

**extreme**(n.)= the [largest](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/large) [possible](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/possible) [amount](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/amount) or [degree](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/degree) of something: The coach took [our](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/our) [training](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/training) to

extremes (= made us [train](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/train_1) [very](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/extremely) hard).

(adj.)= the most [unusual](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/unusual) or most [serious](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/serious) [possible](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/possible): extreme [weather](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/weather_1) [conditions](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/condition_1)

**blizzard**= a [storm](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/storm_1) with [strong](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/strong) [winds](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/wind_1) and [snow](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/snow_1)

**drought**= a [long](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/long_1) [period](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/period) when there is no [rain](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/rain_1) and [people](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/people) do not have enough [water](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/water_1)*: A* [*severe*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/severe)

*drought* [*ruined*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/ruin_1) *the* [*crops*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/crop_1)*.*

**hurricane**= a [violent](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/violent) [wind](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/wind_1) that has a [circular](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/circular) [movement](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/movement), [especially](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/especially) in the [West](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/west) Atlantic Ocean: *The*

[*state*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/state) *of Florida was* [*hit*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/hit) *by a hurricane that did* [*serious*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/serious)[*damage*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/damage)*.*

**storm**= very [bad](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/bad) [weather](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/weather_1) with a lot of [rain](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/rain_1), [snow](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/snow_1), [wind](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/wind_1), [etc](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/etc): *a* [*snow*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/snow_1)*/*[*thunder*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/thunder_1) *storm*

**global warming**= an [increase](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/increase_1) in the [temperature](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/temperature) of the [air](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/air_1) around the [world](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/world_1) because of [pollution](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/pollution)

**coast**= the [land](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/land) next to or [close](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/close) to the [sea](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/sea):

**currently**= [happening](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/happening) or [existing](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/existing) now: *The* [*factory*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/factory) *currently* [*employs*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/employ) *750* [*people*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/people).

**army**= a [military](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/military_1) [force](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/force_1) that [fights](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/fight_1) [wars](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/war) on the [ground](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/ground_1): *the British Army*

= a [group](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/group_1) of [people](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/people) that is [organized](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/organized) to do the same [job](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/job): *an army of* [*cleaners*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/cleaner)*/*[*helpers*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/helper)

**countryside**= [land](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/land) not in [towns](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/town), [cities](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/city), or [industrial](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/industrial) [areas](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/area), that is either used for [farming](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/farming) or [left](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/left) in

[its](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/its) [natural](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/natural) [condition](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/condition): *The countryside around there is* [*beautiful*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/beautiful)*.*

**rescue**=an [occasion](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/occasion) when someone is [saved](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/save_1) from a [dangerous](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/dangerous) or [unpleasant](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/unpleasant) [situation](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/situation): *an*

[*unsuccessful*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/unsuccessful) *rescue* [*attempt*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/attempt_1)

**lightning***=*a [sudden](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/sudden) [flash](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/flash_1) of [light](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/light_1) in the [sky](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/sky) during a [storm](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/storm_1): He was [struck](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/struck) by lightning and [killed](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/kill_1).

**chill**= to ([cause](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/cause_1) to) [become](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/become) [cold](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/cold) but not [freeze](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/freeze): *I've put the* [*water*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/beer) *in the* [*fridge*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/fridge) *to chill.*

**documentary**= a [film](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/film_1) or [television](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/television) [programme](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/programme_1) that gives [facts](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/fact) about a [real](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/real_1) [situation](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/situation) or [real](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/real_1) [people](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/people):

*a TV documentary about the* [*Russian*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/russia) *Economy*

**Celsius**= a [measurement](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/measurement) of [temperature](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/temperature) in which [water](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/water_1) [freezes](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/freeze_1) at 0° and [boils](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/boil_1) at 100°

**bright**= having a [strong](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/strong), [light](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/light_1) [colour](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/colour_1): *bright* [*yellow*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/yellow)*/*[*blue*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/blue_1)

= [full](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/full_1) of [light](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/light_1) or [shining](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/shine_1) [strongly](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/strongly)*: bright* [*sunshine*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/sunshine)

= [intelligent](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/intelligent): *He's a bright* [*boy*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/boy_1).

**gloves**= a [piece](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/piece) of [clothing](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/clothing) that [covers](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/covers) [your](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/your) [fingers](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/finger_1) and [hand](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/hand_1): *a* [*pair*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/pair) *of gloves*

**ice-skating**= the activity of [moving](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/move) [across](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/across) [ice](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/ice) using [ice](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/ice) [skates](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/skate)

**foggy**= with [fog](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/fog): *a* [*cold*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/cold)*, foggy* [*day*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/day)

**benefit**= something that [helps](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/help_1) you or gives you an [advantage](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/advantage): *I've had the benefit of a* [*happy*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/happy)

[*childhood*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/childhood)*.*

**advert**= [advertisement](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/advertisement)= a [picture](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/picture_1), [short](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/short_1) [film](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/film_1), [song](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/song), [etc](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/etc)., that [tries](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/try_1) to [persuade](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/persuade) [people](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/people) to [buy](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/buy_1) a

[product](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/product) or [service](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/service_1)

**adventure** = an [exciting](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/exciting) and sometimes [dangerous](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/dangerous) [experience](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/experience_1)

**mountain biking**= the [activity](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/sport) of [riding](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/ride_1) a bike on [hills](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/hill) and [rough](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/rough_1) [ground](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/ground_1)

**extremely**= very, or much more than [usual](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/usual): *extremely* [*beautiful*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/beautiful)

**scuba diving**= the [sport](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/sport) of [swimming](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/swim) [underwater](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/underwater) with [special](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/special) [breathing](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/breathing) [equipment](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/equipment)

**trekking**= the [activity](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/activity) of [walking](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/walking) [long](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/long_2) [distances](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/distance) on [foot](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/foot) for [pleasure](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/pleasure): *We* [*want*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/want) *to go trekking in the*

*Himalayas.*

**skiing**=the sport of moving over [snow](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/snow_1) [wearing](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/wearing) skis

**cruise**= a [holiday](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/holiday_1) on a [ship](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/ship_1), [sailing](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/sailing) from [place](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/place_1) to [place](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/place_1)

**snorkeling**=using a [tube](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/tube) to [help](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/help_1) you [breathe](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/breathe) if you are [swimming](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/swim_1) with [your](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/your) [face](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/face_1) under [water](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/water_1)

sea **kayaking**= the [activity](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/activity) of [travelling](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/travelling) in a [kayak](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/kayak)(=a [light](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/light_1), [narrow](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/narrow_1) [boat](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/boat), usually for one [person](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/person),

which you [move](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/move_1) using a [paddle](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/paddle_1) (= [stick](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/stick_1) with a [wide](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/wide_1), [flat](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/flat_1) [part](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/part_1))

**rafting**= the use of a [rubber](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/rubber) [raft](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/raft)(=a [small](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/small) wood, [rubber](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/rubber) or [plastic](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/plastic) [boat](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/boat)) to [travel](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/travel) with the [current](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/current)

of a [river](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/river), [esp](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/esp_1). as a [sport](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/sport)

**snowboarding**= the [activity](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/activity) or [sport](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/sport) of [moving](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/moving) over [snow](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/snow) using a [snowboard](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/snowboard)

**wildlife** = [animals](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/animal) that [live](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/live_1) [independently](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/independent) of [people](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/people), in [natural](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/natural) [conditions](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/conditions)

**damp**= [slightly](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/slightly) [wet](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/wet_1), usually in an [unpleasant](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/unpleasant) way

**souvenir**= something you [keep](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/keep) or give to [remember](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/remember) a [special](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/special) [visit](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/visit) or [event](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/event)*: I’ll* [*keep*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/keep) *this as a*

*souvenir of my* [*trip*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/trip) *to New York.*

**crowds**= a [large](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/large) [group](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/group) of [people](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/people) who have [gathered](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/gather) together: *Crowds of* [*people*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/people)[*watched*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/watch) *the*

[*fireworks*](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/fireworks)*.*

**brochure**= a [type](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/type) of [small](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/small) [magazine](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/magazine) that [contains](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/contain) [pictures](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/picture) and [information](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/information) on a [product](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/product) or a

[company](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/company): [travel](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/american-english/travel) brochures