

TEST 1

PAPER 1 Reading and Use of English

▶▶ PART 1

govern (v) to control the actions or behaviour of a person, a system, an organisation, etc.

stimulus (n) something that makes someone or something move or react

fluctuation (n) the process of varying irregularly

impose (v) to force someone or something to behave or react in the way that you want them to

at will (phr) whenever and in whatever way you want

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pursuit (n) an activity such as a sport or hobby

sow the seeds of (phr) to do something that will cause a bad situation in the future

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endeavour (n) an attempt to do something, especially something new or difficult

habitat (n) the place where a particular type of animal normally lives

sanctuary (n) a place where wild animals are protected

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etching (n) a picture formed by cutting lines on a metal plate, piece of glass, stone, etc.

depict (v) to paint; to draw

on a variety of counts (phr) in several ways

sheer (adj) used to emphasise that something is very large, good, etc.

staggering (adj) extremely great or surprising

hold your own (phr) to perform satisfactorily

epoch (n) a period of history

albeit (conjunction) even though; despite

inadvertently (adv) not on purpose; unintentionally

cordon off (phr v) to enclose an area

intimidating (adj) frightening

show up (phr v) to become visible

convey (v) to communicate or make known

preliminary (n) a preparation for an event

rigid (adj) very unwilling to change ideas or behaviour

tentatively (adv) provisionally

aesthetic (adj) concerned with beauty and art

vulnerable (adj) exposed; unprotected

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feasible (adj) possible to do

manned (adj) a vehicle with people working in it

wipe out (phr v) to destroy

precipitate (v) to lead to something to start happening

engulf (v) to surround or cover something completely

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batch (n) a group of things

verdict (n) someone's opinion about something

naive (adj) believing only good things will happen

take off (phr v) to increase or succeed quickly

figure out (phr v) to solve; to understand

budding (adj) (someone who is) starting to do an activity and (will) probably (be) successful at it in the future

down (v) to drink or eat something quickly and finish it off

soundbite (n) a short, quotable statement

asset (n) something or someone that is useful

status quo (n) the way things are now

fiendishly (adv) extremely

preach (v) to give someone advice in a way that they think is boring or annoying

falling-out (n) a quarrel

preservative (n) a chemical that keeps food from going bad

unadulterated (adj) not containing unwanted substances

dash (n) a small amount of something

quirky (adj) unusual, especially in an interesting way

complementary (adj) complementary things go well together, although they are usually different

bust-up (n) a serious quarrel

munch (v) to chew strongly on something

stumbling block (n) an obstacle, something that causes problems and stops you from doing what you want to do

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misconception (n) an idea based on the wrong information or a wrong understanding

coolness (n) glamour or attractiveness for other people

rating (n) measurement of how good something is

immerse (v) become completely involved in

adrenalin (n) substance produced when you are excited

do a degree (n) the qualification of a university course

brief (n) duties and responsibilities in a job

at first hand (phr) experiencing something yourself

blunder (n) mistake

flair (n) natural talent

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shovel (n) a tool, similar to a spade, with a long handle and a metal plate used for moving earth, snow, etc.

buried (adj) hidden under the ground

feature (n) aspects of a person, place or thing that are important or typical

trial (n) a process of testing something to see if it works

dwelling (n) a house or other building where people live

infallible (n) never wrong; never making mistakes

disclose (n) give information that was previously secret

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all told (phr) in total

insight (n) an understanding of something

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engraver (n) someone who carves, cuts or etches a text, design or picture into a block or surface used for printing

dissect (v) to cut apart or separate

mount (v) to place or fix something on or in a support or setting for display or study

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bewitch (v) to charm; to captivate

ball (n) large, formal party

wand (n) magic stick

convey (n) carry

smitten (adj) very attracted to, or in love

amid (preposition) in or into the middle of; surrounded by

stock (adj) commonly used

spirit (n) a mental disposition characterised by firmness or assertiveness

enduring (adj) lasting; surviving

shortcoming (n) a fault; a deficiency

sibling (n) a person with the same parents as someone else; a brother or sister

show backbone (phr) show that you are a strong character

enlightened (adj) freed from ignorance and misinformation

villain (n) a bad person, especially a criminal

empathise (v) to understand another's feelings, etc.

protagonist (n) main character in a story

make concessions (phr) allow or change something to make a situation less difficult

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linguist (n) a person who knows several languages and their structure; someone who carries out research into languages

conversely (adv) the opposite or reverse of something

forge ahead (phr) to proceed with strength and speed despite problems or difficulties

periodically (adv) fairly often and on a regular basis

the point of no return (phr) a time when it is impossible to go back to an earlier situation

tonic (n) a medicinal liquid that gives energy

rub (n) a medicinal lotion or cream that is rubbed on the skin

potion (n) a strong liquid medicine

blunt (adj) frank

a lost cause (phr) something that cannot succeed

expectant (adj) pregnant

score (n) twenty

competent (adj) having the ability to do something well

consummate (adj) perfect

wary (adj) concerned about danger; cautious

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enhance (v) to improve; to add to

engage (v) to take part

venture (n) an undertaking involving chance, risk or danger; a speculative business enterprise

impulsive (adj) without thinking carefully

apprehension (n) fear that something bad might happen

break (n) a piece of good luck

dabble (v) to work superficially or intermittently, especially in a secondary activity or interest

downside (n) a disadvantageous aspect

budding (adj) young and promising

down the line (phr) at a point in the future

lucrative (adj) producing a lot of money; profitable

from scratch (phr) from the beginning

avid (adj) enthusiastic; eager

the ropes (phr) knowledge about a job or situation

take the plunge (phr) decide to do something difficult

TEST 3

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ladybug (n) American English / **ladybird** (n) British English a small flying insect, usually red with black spots

habitat (n) an area where an animal normally lives

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DIY (n) Do It Yourself

reclamation material (n) useful materials or items that come from old buildings

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stem (v) result from

deem (v) regard or consider

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nurture (n) care and encouragement given to someone while they are growing

backlash (n) a strong negative reaction by a large number of people to something that has changed in society

neuroscience (n) the study of the human nervous system

decode (v) find out how something works

buzz word (n) word that is very fashionable

run out of steam (phr) lose energy

anecdote (n) personal story

formulaic (adj) following a formula and unoriginal

angle (v) to try to get a particular response

gender (n) being male or female

array (n) range

meticulous (adj) very careful

go for the hard sell (phr) argue in very strong terms

trait (n) feature or characteristic

pendulum (n) a weight in an old clock that swings from one side to the other; used as an image to express the idea that ideas go in and out of fashion

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surmise (v) to make a reasonable guess

perch (n) a resting place or vantage point

hail (v) to greet, especially with enthusiasm

swashbuckling (adj) flamboyantly adventurous

carbon dating (n) chemical analysis used to determine the age of materials

fire (v) to fill with passion or enthusiasm

tantalise (v) to offer but not satisfy; to tempt

loot (v) to rob, especially on a large scale and usually by violence

pore over (phr v) to study carefully

wry (adj) humorous, ironic or dry in manner

aqueduct (n) a waterway made of stone blocks

intricate (adj) having many complex interrelating parts or elements

toil (v) to work hard with little reward or relief

blunder (v) to move unsteadily or confusedly

annals (n pl) a written record or collection of historical events, discoveries, etc., on a certain subject

undeterred (adj) refusing to be prevented from acting

rugged (adj) hilly; (land that is) difficult to travel over

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stint (n) period of time doing something

joint (n) place where two bones join like a knee or a shoulder

treadmill (n) running machine in a gym

heel (n) the back end of the foot

ball of the foot (n) part of the bottom of the foot near the toes

wind up (phr v) find yourself in a particular situation

novice (n) someone who is new to something

resentment (n) feeling of anger that something is unfair

have a head start (phr) start in front of other people

funded (n) receives financial support

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instigate (v) to make something happen

ingrained (adj) firmly established and therefore difficult to change

quirky (adj) unusual

gimmick (n) a clever or unusual method or object used to attract attention

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counterpart (n) a person or thing that has the same position or function as someone or something in a different place or situation

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foundation (n) good reason

element of exaggeration (phr) a small amount of exaggeration

venom (n) a liquid poison produced by animals such as snakes, spiders or scorpions when they bite or sting

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slump (v) sit in a position which is not upright

posture (n) the position in which you hold your body when standing or sitting

vague (adj) not clearly defined, grasped or understood

hunched (adj) formed into a hump

osteopath (n) a person who treats physical problems by pressing and moving the bones and muscles

slouch (v) to walk, stand or sit in a lazy way, with shoulders and head bent forward

with hindsight (phr) looking back

off the mark (phr) wrong; mistaken

pilates (n) a system of exercise that increases flexibility

tilt (v) to move upwards or to the side

misalignment (n) having something in the wrong position

orator (n) someone who is good at making speeches and persuading people

reluctant (adj) unwilling

sceptical (adj) having doubts about whether something is true

debilitating (adj) describing something that makes you weak and unable to function well

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Velcro (n) a material used to fasten clothes, consisting of two pieces of material which stick to each other when you press them together

plunder (v) to steal; to take others' property by force and in large quantity

random (adj) happening at any time; unplanned

revenue (n) income

donor (n) a person or organisation that gives something, often money

hands-off (adj) separate; detached

on tap (phr) available on demand

ornithologist (n) a person who studies birds

win-win (adj) a win-win situation is one that will end well for everyone involved in it

spur (v) to encourage someone to do something

concerted (adj) strong; intense

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put someone off (phr v) make someone lose interest or enthusiasm for something

pepper (v) include a lot of examples of something

get to grips with an idea (phr) understand an idea

glimpse (n) a brief view of something

trilogy (n) a set of three of something – books, films, etc.

atomise (v) break something up into small particles

bounce (v) jump like a ball

anecdote (n) personal story

assertiveness (n) being self-confident

diffidence (n) not wanting to talk about yourself

glut (n) a large number of something, more than is needed

gloomy (adj) sad, unhappy

sceptical (adj) full of doubt

woe (n) problem

array (n) wide range

prolific (adj) very productive

wit (n) humour

antidote (n) something that takes away an unpleasant thing; e.g. an antidote to a poison

strive (v) try very hard to achieve something

swell (v) get bigger

facile (adj) produced without effort or careful thought

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foolhardy (adj) reckless; rash

stretcher (n) something used to carry an injured person

borne (past participle) from 'bear'; responsible for

limb (n) an arm or a leg

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eloquence (n) the ability to use language and express opinions in a fluent effective way

call into question (phr) to cast doubt upon something

mainstream (n) accepted or including most people in society

bypass (v) to avoid

distort (v) to report an event in a way that is not true

verify (v) to confirm; to say that something is true

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draw to a close (phr) to come to an end

roam (v) to go freely over a large area; to wander

glacier (n) a large mass of ice which moves slowly down a mountain valley

submerge (v) to cover something with water

deluge (n) a flood

lush (adj) having thick, healthy growth

verdant (adj) green with vegetation growth

harpoon (n) a weapon used for hunting

mammoth (n) an animal like a hairy elephant which lived thousands of years ago and is now extinct

tusk (n) a long front tooth, such as of elephants, etc.

vessel (n) a boat

deploy (n) use

ledge (n) a piece of rock on the side of a mountain

pinpoint (v) to locate exactly

shipwreck (n) a ship that has been destroyed at sea

scathing (adj) very severe (criticism)

maritime (adj) related to the sea

aggregate (n) mineral materials, used in making concrete

quarry (v) to dig stone or sand from a quarry

dredge (v) to dig up sand and debris from a river, etc.

outraged (adj) feeling great anger

perception (n) the way a person sees something

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field work (n) study that is done out of the classroom

patch (n) a small area

teem (v) full of living things moving around

stilts (n) wooden posts that keep a building above the ground or water

biodiversity (n) a variety of animals or plants

crawl (v) move very slowly

to be transfixed (v) to be unable to move because something has all your attention

footage (n) part of a film

germinate (v) when a seed grows and becomes a plant

adrenaline (n) a substance produced in the body when you are excited

sprout (v) grow in large numbers

nocturnal (adj) night-time

cacophony (n) mixture of loud, unpleasant sounds

lethal (adj) something that can cause a lot of harm

anti-venom (n) a medicine used to combat poison

venom (n) the poison from a snake

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rehearse (v) practice in advance of something

interpersonal (adj) between people

babble (v) to talk without making sense

get carried away (phr) to do too much of something

go off at a tangent (phr) to leave the main point; to digress

evasive (adj) not direct, clear or frank

pedantic (adj) paying too much attention to rules and details

come across (phr v) to seem to have particular qualities

insincere (adj) not showing true feelings

prospective (adj) possible in the future

blurt out (phr v) to speak suddenly

component (n) one of several parts of a machine

swollen-headed (adj) arrogant

complacent (adj) pleased with a situation

at fault (phr) responsible for something bad

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misconception (n) a mistaken idea about something

span (n) a period (of time)

plague (n) an epidemic disease causing a high death rate

appalling (adj) shocking; deeply offensive

feudal (adj) relating to a political and social system in which a king and the people of the upper classes owned the land and people of the lower classes worked it

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exceed (v) to be greater than something; to go beyond the limits of something

foolproof (adj) well-designed and easy to use so that it cannot go wrong

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withdraw (v) to remove

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hitherto (adv) up to this time

anatomical (adj) relating to the structure of a body

instrumental (adj) helpful; causing something to happen

by-product (n) something that happens as a result of something else

outperform (v) to do better than others

on a par with (phr) as good as

ligament (n) a strong, flexible band of tissue holding bones or other body parts in place

tissue (n) a mass of cells

skull (n) the bone structure of a head

spine (n) long vertical bone running down the centre of the back

pitch (v) roll

primate (n) any animal that belongs to the group of mammals that includes human beings, apes and monkeys

tendon (n) tough, fibrous tissue connecting muscles to bones or to other muscles

calf (n) the back part of the lower leg

hypothesis (n) theory

carnivore (n) meat eater

confer (v) to give

scavenger (n) an animal that feeds on dead or decaying matter

predator (n) an animal that kills other animals to eat them

carcass (n) a dead body

vulture (n) a type of bird that eats dead animals

locomotion (n) the ability to move from place to place

contentious (adj) involving a lot of disagreement and argument

dispel (n) make something, especially a belief, disappear

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glaze (v) to cover or fit with glass

ventilation (n) a system of providing fresh air

stale (adj) not fresh

outsize (adj) very large

conservatory (n) a greenhouse for growing or displaying plants

guzzle (v) consume very quickly

emission (n) gas that is sent out into the air

trim (v) to free of excess matter by cutting

tumble (v) to decline suddenly and sharply

flashy (adj) expensive and designed to attract attention

duct (n) a tube or passage in buildings, especially for air

momentum (n) strength or force gained by motion or through the development of events

lobby (n) a group of people trying to influence politicians

break (n) a deduction that is granted in order to encourage a particular type of commercial activity

dim (v) to lower the force of, especially a light

leak (v) escape

synergy (n) the extra energy, power or capability produced by combining two or more agents, operations or processes

outlook (n) a prediction for the future

come to grips with (phr) to confront squarely and attempt to deal decisively with something

tap (v) to make use of a source of energy that already exists

at the forefront (phr) the most advanced part

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branch out (phr v) start to do an activity you have not done before

stray (v) move away from the place where you should be

outlay (n) money spent for something

worth your salt (phr) deserving respect because you do your job well

landscape gardening (n) the art or profession of improving the ground around a building with trees, plants, etc.

cut-throat (adj) relentless or merciless in competition

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pollinate (v) to transfer pollen into a flower so that it produces seeds

hummingbird (n) a very small, brightly coloured bird that lives in warm climates

pod (n) a long narrow structure that grows on various plants like peas and beans, and contains seeds

fragrance (n) a pleasant smell

cure (v) to preserve food, tobacco, etc. by drying it, hanging it in smoke or covering it with salt

harvest (v) to gather a crop from the field or plantation

treat (v) to put a substance on something or use a chemical process in order to protect, clean or preserve it

exploitation (n) the use of something for profit

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flourish (v) become popular and successful

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zest (n) intense interest and enjoyment

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blunt (adj) not sharp

talon (n) a bird's claw, especially of predators

wingspan (n) the distance from the tip of one of a pair of wings to that of the other

soar (v) to fly high through the air with no difficulty

flap (v) move up and down

diversity (n) variety

yield (v) supply, provide

incubate (v) to sit on an egg so as to hatch it by the warmth of the body

bicker (v) to argue about little things

rear (v) to help children or young animals to grow

saunter (v) to walk without hurrying

perish (v) die

antifreeze (n) a liquid used in engine radiators to lower their freezing point

coyote (n) a kind of wolf similar to a medium-sized dog found mainly in western North and Central America

shard (n) a small piece of broken glass or metal

perforate (v) to make a hole through something

carrion (n) the flesh and bones of a dead animal that is unfit for human food

juvenile (n) a youth or child; a young animal

pen (n) a small area of land surrounded by a fence and used to keep animals in

mentor (n) a teacher and friend

glide (v) to fly through the air without power

extinction (n) when a species of animal or plant completely dies out

ingest (v) consume

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amenity (n) a facility that adds to people's comfort, convenience and pleasure

boast (v) to be proud of something

following (n) a group of admirers or followers

gig (n) a performance by musicians or comedians

clutch (v) hold tightly

petrified (adj) very frightened

kid (v) to make jokes

snort (n) the act of forcing air violently through the nose with a rough harsh sound

hone (v) to improve

prodigy (n) a highly talented child

flautist (n) someone who plays the flute

abrupt (adj) sudden

audition (v) give a short performance to see whether you are suitable for an orchestra, play, film, etc

abrasive (adj) rough; making people feel bad

thin-skinned (adj) touchy; sensitive to criticism

yearn (v) to have a strong desire for something; to long for something

demanding (adj) requiring high performance

clientele (n) a group of customers

daunt (v) to make afraid; to discourage

thriving (adj) successful

bare your soul (v) show your deepest most intimate feelings

precarious (adj) dependent on chance, unknown conditions or uncertain developments

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draw a parallel (phr) point out similarities

breakthrough (n) an important new development of discovery

tedious (adj) boring

misconception (n) idea based on false information or a wrong understanding

reconciliation (n) end to a disagreement

erroneous (adj) mistaken

faint-hearted (adj) lacking confidence

mute (adj) silent

bystander (n) a person who sees something happening but is not involved

deference (n) behaviour that shows you respect someone or something

overheads (n) costs involved in running a business

fiddly (adj) difficult to do because of small details

plod (n) very slow speed

side-track (v) make someone do something that is different from the main thing they are supposed to be doing

afflict (v) affect someone in a harmful way

adolescence (n) teenage years; the time in life when a person changes from being a child to being an adult

trigger (n) stimulus; something that causes a change to take place

flask (n) a bottle used to store chemicals in scientific work

fluorescence (n) special light created by radiation

spectrum (n) range of coloured lights

buzz (n) excitement

yearn (v) have a strong desire for

brainstorming session (n) when a group of people all think about something at the same time to produce ideas

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plain (adj) ordinary, not special in any way

dietician (n) an expert on healthy eating

fibre (n) a part of food which keeps food moving through the body; an important part of a healthy diet

intake (n) what you consume by eating and drinking

stew (n) a dish of vegetables (often with meat) that is cooked slowly in water; similar to a thick soup

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constitution (n) the set of laws and principles that govern a country or organisation

revenue (n) the money that a business or organisation receives over a period of time

valid (adj) a valid document is legally or officially acceptable

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conduct (v) to carry out a particular activity or process

devise (v) to invent a way of doing something

merchant (n) someone who buys and sells goods for profit

intricate (adj) elaborate; having many complex elements

issue (v) to circulate or publish; to make available

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rope someone in (phr v) persuade someone to join an activity or to help someone, even though they may not want to do this

warren (n) a collection of buildings with many narrow passages

rack (n) a piece of furniture, usually made of metal or wooden bars, where you keep things such as bottles, tools and plates

pitch (n) how high or low a sound is

sample (n) a small amount or an example of something which you try or test to see what it is like

blaring (adj) describing a loud and unpleasant noise

brass (n) musical instruments made of metal such as trumpets and horns

mingle (v) mix

thud (n) a low sound when a heavy object hits something else

predator (n) an animal that kills and eats other animals

enigmatic (adj) mysterious and difficult to understand

olfactory (adj) relating to the sense of smell

cell (n) the smallest unit of a living substance; all animals and plants are made up of cells
anesthetise (v) give a person or an animal an anaesthetic so that they do not feel any pain
clunk (v) put something down in a heavy, awkward way
physiological (adj) the way a living thing functions
odour (n) a smell
suppress (v) control or reduce
phenomenon (n) something that happens in nature
alert (v) give a warning
musky (adj) with a strong smell
toffee (n) a hard sticky sweet made by heating sugar, butter and water together
aroma (n) a smell, usually used for a pleasant smell
reservation (n) a feeling of doubt about an idea
reluctant (adj) unwilling
implication (n) possible consequence
forthcoming (adj) going to happen in the future, probably soon

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temple (n) a building used for religious worship
strip (n) a long, narrow piece of something
lap (v) gently touch
peppered (v) if a place is peppered with something it has many examples of this thing on it
complex (n) a group of buildings
superlative (n) a word praising something
unearth (v) discover
Neolithic (adj) from the New Stone Age, from about 10,000BC to 2,000 BC
acre (n) a unit used to measure land – about 4050 square metres
vibrant (adj) lively
tomb (n) a large grave; some kind of building above or below the ground to house someone who has died
underpin (v) lie behind or support
dwarf (v) to be much bigger or greater than something else
precarious (adj) not safe or certain
discard (v) throw away
pottery (n) pots, dishes, cups and so on that are made by hand with clay
coalesce (v) come together to form one larger group
acknowledge (v) give recognition to
World Heritage status (n) an official recognition by UNESCO that a place has a special cultural, historical or physical importance and because of this should be protected

UNESCO (n) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
stumble upon (phr v) find by chance
settler (n) a person who goes to live in a new place
excavate (v) to dig in the ground to look for old objects
perplex (v) confuse or puzzle
settlement (n) a place where people make their homes, especially where few or no people lived before
fate (n) the things that have happened or will happen
abrupt (adj) sudden
draw (v) attract
scrutinise (v) study carefully
eclipse (v) make something else seem unimportant
further afield (phr) further away from home
confound (v) prove something wrong
carving (n) a pattern, often artistic, made by cutting away material from something
pinpoint (v) find the exact position of something
artifact (n) something made by humans
intact (adj) in one piece, not broken up
outhouse (n) a small building outside a main building
groove (v) a narrow cut in the surface of something

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indifferent (adj) having no or little interest in something
universality (n) something that is true all over the world
representational (n) showing something real
stretch (n) an area of land or water; for example, a river
grid (n) a pattern of straight lines crossing each other
lavender (n) a pale purple colour; a plant with purple flowers and a sweet smell
composition (n) the way something is assembled
flap (v) move quickly up and down
cobblestone (n) small, round stones used to make the surface of a road, especially in the past
twinge (n) a sudden, short feeling of pain
haystack (n) a large pile of dried grass in a field
grim (adj) looking unattractive and depressing
ubiquitous (adj) found everywhere
pithead (n) the entrance to a mine
pylon (n) a tall metal structure used for carrying electricity wires high above the ground
supple (adj) flexible
clasp (v) hold tightly
perspective (n) a way of looking at something