

C1 Wordlist Unit 2

Navigate

Here is a list of useful or new words from Unit 2 of Navigate C1 Coursebook. You can insert your own translation.
Words marked with a key (🔑) all appear in the *Oxford 3000*.

adj = adjective
adv = adverb

conj = conjunction
n = noun

phr v = phrasal verb
pl = plural

phr = phrase
prep = preposition

pron = pronoun
v = verb

accomplish *v* /ə'kʌmplɪʃ/ _____

How does it accomplish this amazing feat?

action point *n* /'ækʃn ,pɔɪnt/ _____

I always highlight the action points on the agenda.

agenda *n* /ə'dʒendə/ _____

Agendas are used at meetings in Spain, but they are often abandoned.

cacophony *n* /kə'kɒfəni/ _____

Whether you are at work or in the home, you are surrounded by a cacophony of sounds.

catastrophic *adj* /,kætə'strɒfɪk/ _____

The consequences of losing his job were catastrophic for him.

catch sight *v* /kætʃ 'saɪt/ _____

As we went round the corner, I caught sight of him in the distance.

catching up *n* /'kætʃɪŋ ʌp/ _____

I really had a lot of catching up to do for my exams.

chatter *n* /'tʃætə(r)/ _____

You can hear the chatter of people engaging in conversation.

colony *n* /'kɒləni/ _____

Vast colonies of millions of monarch butterflies form to hibernate.

come up with *phr v* /kʌm 'ʌp wɪð/ _____

How did you come up with this idea?

compass *n* /'kʌmpəs/ _____

You decide you want to walk due south without a compass. Could you do it?

contestant *n* /kən'testənt/ _____

Now on to our final contestant in this first round, Lucy.

coping strategy *phr* /'kəʊpɪŋ ,strætədʒi/ _____

Coping strategies are essential to help people get through life-changing scenarios.

critically important *adv* /'krɪtɪkli
ɪm'pɔ:tnt/ _____

Humans have a critically important advantage, which is that we can run for long distances.

cut out 🔑 *phr v* /'kʌt aʊt/ _____

When we're at a party, we can cut out music or other background noise.

encounter difficulties 🔑 *phr* /ɪn'kaʊntə(r)
'dɪfɪkəltɪz/ _____

Understandably, numerous difficulties were encountered during its construction.

encounter problems 🔑 *phr* /ɪn'kaʊntə(r)
'prɒbləmz/ _____

I encountered a lot of problems when I started my new job.

engage in conversation 🔑 *phr* /ɪn'geɪdʒ
ɪn ,kɒnvə'seɪʃn/ _____

Everyone was already engaged in conversation when I arrived at the party.

enhance 🔑 *v* /ɪn'hɑ:ns/ _____

The eventual aim is to design better products that will improve and enhance communication.

entail an effort *phr* /ɪn'teɪl æn 'efət/ _____

The construction of the ancient city of Teotihuacan in Mexico entailed a massive physical effort.

entail difficulties *phr* /ɪn'teɪl 'dɪfɪkəltɪz/ _____

Building the cathedral in the 14th century entailed a lot of difficulties.

eventual *adj* /ɪ'ventʃuəl/ _____

Our eventual aim is to design better products.

exceedingly impressive *adv* /ɪk'si:diŋli
ɪm'presɪv/ _____

The nest is an exceedingly impressive piece of work.

exponentially *adv* /,ekspə'nenʃəli/ _____

This website offers advice if you want to grow your business exponentially.

feat *n* /fi:t/ _____

One of the most amazing feats of the human brain is that of hearing and listening.

fiddle *v* /'fɪdl/ _____

Eric, could you stop fiddling with your phone, please?

hibernate *v* /'haɪbəneɪt/ _____

How do they know that these trees are the right ones to hibernate in?

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highly sophisticated Om <i>adv</i> /'haɪli sə'fɪstɪkətɪd/	_____	The termite's nest involves highly sophisticated systems.
hopelessly <i>adv</i> /'həʊpləsli/	_____	Humans are hopelessly slow at running and swimming.
house <i>v</i> /haʊs/	_____	The termite's nest has a special room that houses the queen.
huddle <i>v</i> /'hʌdl/	_____	Millions of monarch butterflies huddle together for warmth when they hibernate.
incentive Om <i>n</i> /ɪn'sentɪv/	_____	I was determined to get into university, so I suppose that gave me the incentive.
inefficient <i>adj</i> /,ɪnɪ'fɪʃnt/	_____	Transporting goods was extremely inefficient until the invention of the wheel.
intriguing <i>adj</i> /ɪn'trɪːɡɪŋ/	_____	Last night's nature programme included an intriguing sequence about killer whales.
just around the corner <i>phr</i> /dʒʌst ə'raʊnd ðə 'kɔːnə(r)/	_____	I suddenly realized that exams were just around the corner.
launch Om <i>v</i> /lɔːntʃ/	_____	No rocket is powerful enough to launch the completed space station in one go.
line up <i>phr v</i> /laɪn 'ʌp/	_____	Here is a brief introduction to the talks we have lined up for you this weekend.
matter Om <i>n</i> /'mætə(r)/	_____	Nanotechnology is the engineering of matter at the level of molecules.
mechanism Om <i>n</i> /'mekənɪzəm/	_____	There are many animals who have much superior hearing mechanisms to humans.
nest Om <i>n</i> /nest/	_____	A termite's nest is utterly astonishing.
not least <i>phr</i> /nɒt liːst/	_____	There are many advantages to living by the sea. Not least, the fantastic fresh fish in the shops.
numerous Om <i>adj</i> /'njuːmərəs/	_____	Karapetyan received numerous awards for his underwater rescue.
obstacle <i>n</i> /'ɒbstəkl/	_____	The Rockford Peaches overcame obstacles and got to the top of the All American Girls Baseball League.
organ Om <i>n</i> /'ɔːɡən/	_____	The human ear is a complex and wonderful organ.
outset <i>n</i> /'aʊtset/	_____	We need to provide support for people with depression from the outset.
outstanding achievement Om <i>phr</i> /aʊt'stændɪŋ ə'tʃiːvmənt/	_____	The construction of the Great Pyramid of Giza was an outstanding achievement.
outstanding effort Om <i>phr</i> /aʊt'stændɪŋ 'efət/	_____	My students have all made an outstanding effort to pass their exams.
overcome difficulties Om <i>phr</i> /,əʊvə'kʌm 'dɪfɪkəltɪz/	_____	We had to overcome many difficulties when my father lost his job.
overcome obstacles <i>phr</i> /,əʊvə'kʌm 'ɒbstəklz/	_____	The engineers had to overcome many obstacles.
part and parcel <i>phr</i> /pɑːt ænd 'pɑːsl/	_____	Life events such as starting a new job are part and parcel of human existence.
particularly interested Om <i>phr</i> /pə'tɪkjələli 'ɪntrəstɪd/	_____	I'm particularly interested in how long animals can travel at the fastest speeds.
party-goer <i>n</i> /'pɑːti ,gəʊə(r)/	_____	Some party-goers were making a noise outside my window.
perceive Om <i>v</i> /pə'siːv/	_____	They are trying to find out how the human brain perceives different sounds in a noisy environment.
perceptive observation <i>phr</i> /pə'septɪv ,ɒbzə'veɪʃn/	_____	My best friend often makes perceptive observations about my relationship with my boyfriend.

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pose a problem Om <i>phr</i> /pəʊz ə 'prɒbləm/	_____	The construction of the Channel Tunnel posed numerous technical problems.
pose a question Om <i>phr</i> /pəʊz ə 'kwɛstʃən/	_____	This issue poses the question, should we really have started the project?
present challenges <i>phr</i> /prəz,ent 'tʃælɪndʒɪz/	_____	The aging population presents challenges in caring for the elderly.
present difficulties <i>phr</i> /prə,zent 'dɪfɪkəltɪz/	_____	Teaching students who don't understand your language presents particular difficulties.
prone <i>adj</i> /prəʊn/	_____	My brother is prone to depression when things aren't going well for him.
radically different <i>adv</i> /'rædɪkli 'dɪfrənt/	_____	Humans have a radically different body structure from other animals.
reality check <i>phr</i> /rɪ'æləti tʃek/	_____	Failing my exams gave me a reality check.
realize a dream <i>phr</i> /'rɪəlaɪz ə dri:m/	_____	It took them two and a half decades to realize their dream.
realize an ambition <i>phr</i> /'rɪəlaɪz ən æm'bɪʃn/	_____	I'm sure I'll realize my ambition of learning Chinese one day.
reconstruct <i>v</i> /,ri:kən'strʌkt/	_____	If you take notes during a lecture, can you reconstruct the lecture afterwards?
recreate <i>v</i> /,ri:kri'eɪt/	_____	The Large Hadron Collider recreates the conditions that existed just after the Big Bang.
regardless <i>adv</i> /rɪ'gɑ:dləs/	_____	My legs were hurting, but I continued running regardless.
remarkably complex Om <i>phr</i> /rɪ'mɑ:kəbli 'kɒmpleks/	_____	A bird's nest is remarkably complex and beautiful.
resilience <i>n</i> /rɪ'zɪliəns/	_____	Feats such as running a marathon require a lot of physical and mental resilience.
roar <i>n</i> /rɔ:(r)/	_____	The lion has a roar which can be heard eight kilometres away.
seriously loud Om <i>phr</i> /'sɪəriəsli laʊd/	_____	My neighbour's dogs have a seriously loud bark.
signal <i>v</i> /'sɪgnəl/	_____	The best lecturers really signal the direction their talk is going.
slack off <i>phr v</i> /slæk 'ɒf/	_____	I was a good student in my early teens, but then I kind of slacked off.
snap <i>n</i> /snæp/	_____	The snapping shrimp makes an astonishingly loud snap that lasts for just one millisecond.
soldier on <i>phr</i> /'səʊldʒə(r) 'ɒn/	_____	We shouldn't expect people to simply soldier on if they are having emotional problems.
superior Om <i>adj</i> /su:'prɪəriə(r)/	_____	Dogs have a superior sense of smell to humans.
sustain Om <i>v</i> /sə'steɪn/	_____	Some birds are extraordinarily fast over a short distance, but they can't sustain the speed.
tackle a problem Om <i>phr</i> /,tækəl ə 'prɒbləm/	_____	I organized myself, tackled the problem and got the grades I needed.
tackle difficulties Om <i>phr</i> /,tækəl 'dɪfɪkəltɪz/	_____	Your boss can help you to tackle any difficulties that you're having.
tell the difference <i>phr</i> /,tel ðə 'dɪfrəns/	_____	Can you tell the difference between a violin and a cello?
topical <i>adj</i> /'tɒpɪkl/	_____	In this show, contestants have forty-five seconds to present their answer to a topical question.
twenty-twenty vision <i>phr</i> /,twenti ,twenti 'vɪʒn/	_____	I don't need glasses – I have twenty-twenty vision.
underestimate <i>v</i> /,ʌndə'restɪmeɪt/	_____	The stress of situations such as moving house is often underestimated.
underlying Om <i>adj</i> /,ʌndə'laɪɪŋ/	_____	Being overweight was the underlying cause of his health problems.

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utterly astonishing *phr* /ˌʌtəli ə'stɒnɪʃɪŋ/ _____

The way that animals migrate is utterly astonishing.

ventilation *n* /ˌventɪˈleɪʃn/ _____

The environment inside a termite's nest is temperature-controlled with special ventilation.

widespread *adj* /'waɪdspred/ _____

The use of electricity became widespread at the end of the 19th century.

wind (somebody) up *phr v*
/ˌwɪnd ˌsʌmbədi 'ʌp/ _____

The sound of traffic in the street really winds me up.

zero in *phr v* /'ziərəʊ ɪn/ _____

When we are in a noisy environment, we can zero in on particular sounds.