

C1 Wordlist Unit 3

Here is a list of useful or new words from Unit 3 of Navigate C1 Coursebook. You can insert your own translation. Words marked with a key (O) 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

at a loss <i>phr</i> /æt ə 'lɒs/	_____	The company was at a loss as to the reason for the delay.
at random <i>phr</i> /æt 'rændəm/	_____	It looks like everything was chosen at random but she says she had a definite plan.
at the very least <i>phr</i> /æt ðə 'veri li:st/	_____	The road repairs will take a year at the very least.
at times <i>phr</i> /ət taɪmz/	_____	At times I get really fed up with his behaviour.
bankrupt <i>adj</i> /'bæŋkrʌpt/	_____	The company that supplies those handbags has gone bankrupt.
big picture <i>phr</i> /bɪg 'pɪktʃə(r)/	_____	A 'big-picture' person is someone who focuses on long-term outcomes.
boost morale <i>phr</i> /bu:st mə'reɪl/	_____	She's the kind of manager who can boost the morale of the team.
brainstorm <i>v</i> /'breɪnstɔ:m/	_____	Let's brainstorm first, then choose the best ideas from the list.
breakdown <i>n</i> /'breɪkdaʊn/	_____	There was a breakdown in training schemes due to lack of money.
centre of attention <i>n</i> /,sentə(r) əv ə'tenʃn/	_____	I always loved being the centre of attention when I was a small child.
characterize <i>v</i> /'kærəktəraɪz/	_____	Whereas animals live in the moment, humans are characterized by their ambitions.
collaborative <i>adj</i> /kə'læbərətɪv/	_____	This is a collaborative task, so you'll have to work together closely.
come (off) <i>v</i> /kʌm ɒf/	_____	Some people think plans for a new league could come off in the foreseeable future.
commission (O) <i>v</i> /kə'mɪʃn/	_____	The proposal was commissioned by the CEO of the company.
consider (O) <i>v</i> /kən'sɪdə(r)/	_____	85% of employees considered communication in the company to be poor.
daft <i>adj</i> /dɑ:ft/	_____	Supporting the same football team year after year seems a bit daft.
dependable <i>adj</i> /dɪ'pendəbl/	_____	He's really dependable – if he says he'll do something, he will.
deteriorate <i>v</i> /dɪ'tɪəriəreɪt/	_____	Communication within the company has deteriorated over the last five years.
discernible <i>adj</i> /dɪ'sɜ:nəbl/	_____	To me, there was no discernible difference between any of the candidates.
fall flat <i>v</i> /,fɔ:l 'flæt/	_____	A men's team even tried to recruit Dottie, but that fell flat.
feed <i>n</i> /fi:d/	_____	One idea to improve communication would be an in-house social media feed.
flexible (O) <i>adj</i> /'fleksəbl/	_____	This type of person is flexible and open to new ideas.
flop <i>n</i> /flɒp/	_____	There was a real possibility that the whole scheme would be a flop.
for the most part <i>phr</i> /fɔ:(r) ðə 'məʊst ,pɑ:t/	_____	I find my job, for the most part, really interesting.
from now on <i>phr</i> /frəm 'naʊ ,ɒn/	_____	We'd like you to take care of the Miller account from now on.
fund (O) <i>v</i> /fʌnd/	_____	The company could fund social events out of the day-to-day budget.
get rid of (somebody) (O) <i>phr</i> /,get 'rɪd əv ,sʌmbədi/	_____	The company had to get rid of him because he was a troublemaker.

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get to the top Om <i>phr</i> /get tə ðə tɒp/	_____	He's really ambitious and is desperate to get to the top.
get your hands dirty <i>phr</i> /get jɔ:(r) 'hændz ,dɜ:ti/	_____	This type of person is willing to get their hands dirty.
give in <i>phr v</i> /gɪv 'ɪn/	_____	There was a lot of pressure, but the women couldn't give in.
give off <i>phr v</i> /gɪv 'ɒf/	_____	Each bacterium gives off a chemical that can be read only by members of the same species.
high expectations Om <i>phr</i> /haɪ ,ekspek'teɪfɪnz/	_____	It's important to have high expectations of your colleagues.
hold on <i>phr</i> /həʊld 'ɒn/	_____	Hold on, what did you mean by that?
host Om <i>adj</i> /həʊst/	_____	The bacteria shine a light that allows the host animal to hunt at night.
in two minds <i>phr</i> /ɪn ,tu: 'maɪndz/	_____	I'm in two minds. What do you think?
incompetent <i>adj</i> /ɪn'kɒmpɪtənt/	_____	I thought the new CEO looked a bit incompetent.
insight Om <i>n</i> /'ɪnsaɪt/	_____	We need to give all staff an insight into the thinking of different sections of the company.
irrational <i>adj</i> /ɪ'ræʃənl/	_____	The psychology of supporting a particular group or team seems mysterious and irrational.
job rotation <i>n</i> /,dʒɒb rəʊ'teɪʃn/	_____	I think job rotation's a great idea.
live in the moment <i>phr</i> /lɪv ɪn ðə 'mɒmənt/	_____	I always live in the moment. Why worry about the future?
make (it) <i>v</i> /meɪk ɪt/	_____	She's my role model because she made it to the top in her industry.
mass Om <i>adj</i> /mæs/	_____	Thanks to mass production and low cost, just about everyone has owned a bicycle.
move on <i>phr v</i> /mu:v 'ɒn/	_____	Now we're going to move on to have a quick look at the work of business expert Glenn Parker.
much as <i>phr</i> /'mʌtʃ ez/	_____	Much as I adore killer whales, the programme demonstrated a ruthless side to their character.
multiply Om <i>v</i> /'mʌltɪplaɪ/	_____	The remaining bacteria multiply during the day.
obligatory <i>adj</i> /ə'bɪgətəri/	_____	The management say it's not obligatory for them to inform people about changes.
on the ball <i>phr</i> /,ɒn ðə 'bɔ:l/	_____	I like the new CEO – she seems really on the ball.
open to new ideas <i>phr</i> /'əʊpən tə nju: aɪ'dɪəz/	_____	I like working with Sam because she's always open to new ideas.
organism Om <i>n</i> /'ɔ:gə,nɪzəm/	_____	How do these single-celled organisms manage such important functions?
out of the question <i>phr</i> /,aʊt ɒv ðə 'kwɛstʃən/	_____	I'm afraid twenty-four days' leave is out of the question.
outcome Om <i>n</i> /'aʊtkʌm/	_____	This type of person is focused on the long-term outcomes.
outweigh <i>v</i> /,aʊt'weɪ/	_____	We feel this expense would easily be outweighed by the potential benefits.
overwhelmingly <i>adv</i> /,əʊvə'welmɪŋli/	_____	The results of the questionnaire were overwhelmingly negative.
pain in the neck <i>phr</i> /,peɪn ɪn ðə 'nek/	_____	Rather than just being a pain in the neck, they do play a crucial part in the team.
pay (off) <i>v</i> /peɪ 'ɒf/	_____	The gamble paid off – women's baseball turned out to be really popular.
pick out <i>phr v</i> /pɪk 'aʊt/	_____	We are always pleased when our project team is picked out for special recognition.
possess Om <i>v</i> /pə'zes/	_____	This type of person possesses excellent communication skills.

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prey O <i>n</i> /preɪ/	_____	Once their prey was in the water, it was only a matter of time before lunch was served.
prosper <i>v</i> /'prɒspə(r)/	_____	We all want our children to prosper in life.
punctual <i>adj</i> /'pʌŋktʃuəl/	_____	This type of person is usually very dependable and punctual.
rectify <i>v</i> /'rektɪfaɪ/	_____	It is clear that steps must be taken to rectify the situation.
rephrase <i>v</i> /,ri:'freɪz/	_____	Let me rephrase that. What I meant was that not everybody would enjoy that sort of thing.
restrict O <i>v</i> /rɪ'strɪkt/	_____	We suggest setting up a Facebook or LinkedIn page restricted to staff.
ruthless <i>adj</i> /'ru:θləs/	_____	Killer whales are ruthless and efficient killers.
seemingly <i>adv</i> /'si:mɪŋli/	_____	There is seemingly no discernible difference between the teams.
sequence O <i>n</i> /'si:kwəns/	_____	The best sequence featured an insect that lived in a hole in the ground.
set people off against each other <i>phr</i> /set ,pi:pl ɒf ə'geɪnst ɪ:tʃ ,ʌðə(r)/	_____	I think he's trying to set people off against each other – not nice.
sit on the fence <i>phr</i> /,sɪt ɒn ðə 'fens/	_____	He tends to sit on the fence in meetings.
spotlight <i>n</i> /'spɒtlaɪt/	_____	You get the feeling that he can't stand it when the spotlight is on somebody else.
swerve <i>v</i> /swɜ:v/	_____	Without warning, a dog ran into the road and I had to swerve.
switch allegiance <i>phr</i> /swɪtʃ ə'li:dʒəns/	_____	I've tried switching my allegiance to a more successful team.
synthesize <i>v</i> /'sɪnθəsaɪz/	_____	Some bacteria are helpful – they synthesize our vitamins.
thereby <i>adv</i> /,ðeə'baɪ/	_____	We work to achieve long-term goals, thereby giving our life meaning.
title <i>n</i> /'taɪtl/	_____	They've won the league title in their country over twenty times.
triumph O <i>n</i> /'traɪʌmf/	_____	It was a triumph, and in its best season the league had almost a million fans.
troublemaker <i>n</i> /'trʌblmeɪkə(r)/	_____	She was a troublemaker, so we had to move her to another team.
turn (out) <i>v</i> /tɜ:n 'aʊt/	_____	Women's football turned out to be a great success.
value O <i>v</i> /'vælju:/	_____	What do you think is the value of such activities?
visionary <i>n</i> /'vɪʒənri/	_____	This person is very much the visionary – they focus on the long-term outcomes.
work out <i>phr v</i> /wɜ:k 'aʊt/	_____	Unfortunately, things didn't work out so well for the league.
worth your weight in gold <i>phr</i> /,wɜ:θ jɔ:(r) ,weɪt ɪn 'gəʊld/	_____	We can't afford to lose Emil from the team – he's worth his weight in gold.