### Traces of the past

#### Words and phrases

**Lead in**

7.1 source (of) /ˈsɔːs əv/ (n) thing, place or person that you get sth from • The source of the flood turned out to be a burst water pipe under the floor. ▶ source (sth from somewhere) (v), outsource (v)

7.2 society /səˈsaʊəti/ (n) group of people who join together for a particular purpose • Our local history society meets once a month for lectures and discussion.

7.3 re-enactment /riːˈenəktmənt/ (n) acting out a past event, e.g. a battle (usu. as a leisure activity)

7.4 display /dɪˈsplɛɪ/ (n) act of performing a skill or of showing sth happening, in order to entertain • What the children enjoyed the most at the circus was the spectacular display of acrobatics. ▶ display (v)

7.5 venue /ˈvɛnjuː/ (n) place where people meet for an organised event, for example a concert, sporting event or conference • The jazz band will be performing at ten different venues on their UK tour.

7.6 legion /ˈliːʒən/ (n) large group of soldiers that forms part of an army, especially the one that existed in ancient Rome • legionary (n, adj), legionnaire (n)

7.7 rations /ˈreɪznz/ (n pl) fixed amount of food given regularly to a soldier or to sb who is in a place where there is not much food available

7.8 answer to a name /ˈaːnsə tu ˈneɪm/ (idm) be called sth Our dog answers to the name of ‘Rusty’.

7.9 civilian /səˈvɪliən/ (n) person who is not a member of the armed forces or the police ▶ civil (adj)

7.10 ‘hands-on’ experience /ˌhændz ,on ɪkˈspɛərəns/ (phr) experience from doing sth rather than just talking about it • You can get hands-on experience of teaching if you volunteer as a classroom assistant.

7.11 associate (membership) /ˌɔːsəˈsəʊjət/ (adj) (membership) that gives fewer rights, or is of a lower rank in a particular profession or organisation

7.12 qualification /kwɔlɪˈkeɪʃn/ (n) skill or type of experience that you need for a particular job or activity ▶ qualify (v), qualified (adj)

7.13 species /ˈspiːʃiːz/ (n) group into which animals, plants, etc. that are able to breed with each other are divided • A new species of frog has been discovered in North America. ▶ Species is also the plural.

7.14 hominid /ˈhɒmɪnɪd/ (n) any member of the biological family of Hominidae, including humans, chimpanzees, gorillas, etc.

7.15 hurricane /ˈhʌrɪkən/ (n) violent storm with very strong winds, especially in the western Atlantic Ocean

7.16 retreat /ˈreɪtriːt/ (v) move away or back • When it started to rain, and we could no longer sit outside, we retreated into the house. ▶ Also: move away from a place or an enemy because you are in danger or because you have been defeated. ▶ retreat (n)

7.17 resilient /ˈrɪzəliənt/ (adj) able to feel better quickly after sth unpleasant such as shock, injury, etc. • Heather will get over her parents’ divorce sooner or later; young people are very resilient. ▶ resilience (n), resiliently (adv)

7.18 indestructible /ˌɪndɪˈstrɛktəbl/ (adj) that is very strong and cannot easily be destroyed ▶ destruction (n), destroy (v), destructive (adj), destructively (adv)

7.19 lithe /laɪθ/ (adj) (of a person or their body) moving or bending easily, in a way that is graceful

7.20 plain /ˈpleɪn/ (n) large area of flat land, usually grassland

7.21 margin /ˈmɑːdʒɪn/ (n) extreme edge or limit of a place • The Galapagos Islands are at the eastern margin of the Pacific Ocean.

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**Extract from a novel**

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7.22 curiosity /ˈkjuəri(ə)ˈsæti/ (n) unusual and interesting thing ✴️ This book is full of historical curiosities regarding the Middle Ages. You should read it! ✴️ Also: a strong desire to know about sth. ✴️ curious (adj), curiously (adv)

7.23 plunge (into) /ˈplʌŋdʒ/ (v) move or make sb/sth move suddenly forwards and/or downwards ✴️ He plunged into the deep water and disappeared below the surface. ✴️ plunge (n)

7.24 punishing /ˈpʌniŋ/ (adj) long and difficult and making you become very tired ✴️ The marathon is a really punishing race. You’ll be absolutely exhausted when you finish. ✴️ punishment (n), punish (v)

7.25 defeat /ˈdɛfɪt/ (v) win against sb in a war, competition, sports game, etc. ✴️ In last night’s football match, Olympiakos defeated Werder Bremen by 3 goals to 1. ✴️ defeat (n)

7.26 harsh /ˈhaːʃ/ (adj) (of weather or living conditions) very difficult and unpleasant to live in ✴️ Winters in Canada can be as harsh as in Siberia, with temperatures falling to −70°C. ✴️ Also: cruel, severe and unkind. ✴️ harshness (n), harshly (adv)

7.27 appreciation /əˈprɪʃeɪʃn/ (n) pleasure that you have when you recognise and enjoy the good qualities of sb/sth ✴️ The audience showed their appreciation of the marvellous performance by clapping and cheering warmly. ✴️ appreciate (v), appreciative (adj), appreciatively (adv)

7.28 disbelief /ˌdɪsˈbɪliːf/ (n) feeling of not being able to believe sth ✴️ When I announced that we had won the lottery, my husband looked at me in disbelief. ✴️ belief (n), believe (v), (un)believable (adj), (un)believably (adv)

7.29 genealogy /ˈdʒiːnələdʒi/ (n) study of family history, including the study of who the ancestors of a particular person were ✴️ genealogical (adj)

7.30 trace /treɪs/ (v) find the origin or cause of sth ✴️ I’ve managed to trace my family back to the seventeenth century. ✴️ trace (n)

7.31 deceased /dɪˈsiːst/ (adj) dead ✴️ Formal.

7.32 establish /ɪˈstæblɪʃ/ (v) discover or prove the facts of a situation ✴️ Police are still trying to establish the cause of the accident. ✴️ Also: start or create an organisation, a system, etc. that is meant to last for a long time.

7.33 undertaking /ˌændəˈtekɪŋ/ (n) task or project, especially one that is important and/or difficult ✴️ undertake (v)

7.34 put flesh on /ˈpʊt ˈfleʃˌpʌn/ (idm) give more details to make sth more complete ✴️ The editor asked the reporter to do a little more research to put some flesh on the story.

7.35 circumstances /ˈsɜːskʌmstərs/ (n pl) conditions and facts that are connected with and affect a situation, an event or an action ✴️ Liam’s had a minor leg operation; under the circumstances, he can’t play football for a while.

7.36 descendant /dɪˈsɛndənt/ (n) a person’s descendants are their children, their children’s children, and all the people who live after them who are related to them

7.37 archive /ˈɑːkərv/ (n) collection of historical documents or records of a government, a family, a place or an organisation ✴️ archive (v)

7.38 faith /feθ/ (n) trust in sth or sb ✴️ One of the biggest problems in politics nowadays is that people have lost all faith in politicians. ✴️ faithful (adj), faithfully (adv)

7.39 notorious /ˈnɔːtəriəs/ (adj) well known for being bad ✴️ Jack the Ripper was a notorious criminal who lived in London in the nineteenth century. ✴️ notoriously (adv)

7.40 noteworthy /ˈnəʊtwɜːdi/ (adj) deserving to be noticed or to receive attention because it is unusual, important or interesting ✴️ It is noteworthy that about 90% of teenagers today possess a mobile phone.

7.41 pastime /ˈpɑːstəm/ (n) something that you enjoy doing when you are not working

Vocabulary

7.42 relatively /ˈrelətɪvli/ (adv) to a noticeable degree, esp. in comparison with sth else that is similar ✴️ This year’s history exam was relatively easy compared with last year’s. ✴️ relativity (n), relative (adj)

7.43 at arm’s length /ət ˈɑːmz ˈleŋθ/ (phr) at a distance away from sth that is equivalent to the length of your arm

7.44 solar system /ˈsɔːlər ˈsɪstəm/ (n) the sun and all the planets that move around it ✴️ Also: any groups of planets that orbit round the same star.
Grammar

7.45 identity parade /ˈaiːdentəti əˈreid/ (n) row of people, including one who is suspected of a crime, who are shown to a witness to see if they can recognise the criminal ∗ Also ID parade, identification parade, and line-up (Am Eng).

7.46 triumph /ˈtrʌmfl/ (n) feeling of great satisfaction or joy that you get from a success or victory ▶ triumph (v), triumphant (adj), triumphantly (adv)

7.47 undergo /ˌʌndəˈɡɔːə/ (v) experience sth, often sth unpleasant, or a change ▶ Ann underwent a major heart operation a couple of years ago, but she has recovered well. ∗ Note the irregular forms: past simple = underwent, past participle = undergone.

7.48 toddler /ˈtɒdlə(r)/ (n) young child who has only recently learnt to walk and still walks unsteadily (generally refers to a child between approximately 18–30 months) ▶ toddler (v)

7.49 excessive /ɪkˈsesɪv/ (adj) greater than is appropriate or reasonable (or legal) ▶ excess (n, adj), exceed (v), excessively (adv)

7.50 treaty /ˈtriːtɪ/ (n) formal agreement usu. between two or more countries

7.51 roar /rɔː(r)/ (v) make a very loud, deep sound ▶ roar (n)

7.52 novice /ˈnɒvɪs/ (n) person who is new and has little experience in a skill, job or situation

7.53 big-headed /bɪg ˈhɛdɪd/ (adj) having a very high opinion of how important and clever you are, too proud

7.54 ice floe /ˈaɪs ˈfləʊ/ (n) large area of ice floating in the sea

7.55 setback /ˈsetbæk/ (n) difficulty or problem that delays or prevents sth, or makes a situation worse ▶ set sb back (phr v)

7.56 runway /ˈrænweɪ/ (n) long narrow strip of ground with a hard surface where an aircraft takes off or lands

Listening

7.57 mast /mɑːst/ (n) tall pole on a boat or ship that supports the sails

7.58 litter /ˈlɪtə(r)/ (v) leave things scattered in a place, making it look untidy or ugly ▶ There is so much litter in the High Street. I don’t think anybody’s cleaned it for weeks. ▶ litter (n)

7.59 jut /dʒʌt/ (v) project, stick out further than the surrounding surface, objects, etc. ▶ Suddenly, I noticed an old doorknob jutting out from the wall, as if there was a hidden door there.

7.60 Admiralty /ˈædmərəlti/ (n) (in Britain in the past) the government department controlling the navy

7.61 graveyard /ˈɡrɛvjaːd/ (n) area of land, often near a church, where people are buried

7.62 patrol /ˈpɑːrəl/ (n) group of soldiers, vehicles, etc. that go around an area to check that it is safe and that there is no trouble

7.63 gale /ɡeɪl/ (n) extremely strong wind ▶ The gale blew down hundreds of trees.

7.64 shelter /ˈʃɛltə(r)/ (n) protection from rain, danger or attack ▶ The islanders built simple shelters from tree branches and vegetation to protect themselves from storms. ▶ shelter (v)

7.65 dreaded /ˈdredɪd/ (adj) causing fear ▶ I know the dreaded moment will come one day when I will have to visit the dentist! ▶ dread (n, v), dreadful (adj), dreadfully (adv)

7.66 uncharted /ˌʌnˈtʃɑːtɪd/ (adj) not marked on a map

7.67 shudder /ˈʃʌdə(r)/ (v) (of a vehicle, machine, etc.) shake very hard ▶ The bus shuddered for a second and then its engine stopped running. ▶ shudder (n)

7.68 surf /sɜːf/ (n) large waves in the sea or ocean, and the white foam that they produce as they fall on the shore or on rocks

Speaking

7.69 excavation /ˌɛkskeɪˈveɪʃn/ (n) place where people are digging to look for old buildings or objects ▶ excavator (n), excavate (v)

7.70 evidence /ˈevɪdəns/ (n) facts, signs or objects that make you believe that sth is true ▶ There is no evidence to prove that he was involved in the robbery. ▶ evident (adj), evidently (adv)

7.71 footage /ˈfɒtəʊ/ (n) part of a film showing a particular event ▶ Amateur footage of the 2004 Asian tsunami was shown around the world.

7.72 manuscript /ˈmænjuːskrɪpt/ (n) very old book or document written by hand before printing was invented ∗ Also the text of a book before it has been printed.

Use of English

7.73 extendable /ɪkˈstɛndəbl/ (adj) that can be made longer, or made valid for a longer time ▶ This bus ticket offers unlimited travel for 24 hours, extendable to 48 hours with a supplement of € 2.
7.74 extensively /ɪkˈstensɪvli/ (adv)
very much, to a great degree
df After travelling extensively all over the world, Mark decided to settle down in his hometown.  
◆ extent (n), extensive (adj)

7.75 unskilled /ənˈskɪld/ (adj)
not having or needing special skills or training  
◆ It seems strange, but nowadays there are lots of scientists and not enough unskilled workers.  
◆ skill (n), skilled (adj)

7.76 forgetful /ˈfɜːɡɪfl/ (adj)
often forgetting things  
◆ My grandad is rather forgetful and he’s always losing things.  
◆ forgetfulness (n), forgetfully (adv)

7.77 perception /pəˈsepʃn/ (n)
the way you notice things, especially with the senses, how we believe sth to be  
◆ After years of living completely alone, his perception of reality is very different from ours.  
◆ perceive (v), perceptive (adj), perceptively (adv), (im)perceptible (adj)

7.78 Babylonian /bæbəˈlənɪən/ (adj)
connected with Babylonia/the Babylonians, an ancient empire/civilisation in what is now southern Iraq  
◆ Babylon (n), Babylonia (n)

7.79 vivid /ˈvɪvd/ (adj)
that produces very clear pictures in your mind  
◆ It was such a vivid dream that I wasn’t sure if I’d dreamt it or it had really happened!.  
◆ vividness (n), vividly (adv)

7.80 owing to /ˈəʊɪŋ tə/ (conj)
because of  
◆ We cancelled our expedition owing to unfavourable weather conditions.

7.81 literary /ˈlɪtərəri/ (adj)
connected with literature  
◆ As a literary critic, he reads all the new novels that come out.  
◆ literature (n), literate (adj)

7.82 pen /ˈpɛn/ (v)
write sth  
◆ Oscar Wilde penned a great number of humorous and memorable sayings.  
◆ pen (n)  
◆ Formal.

7.83 moral /ˈmɔrəl/ (adj)
concerned with principles of right and wrong behaviour, following the standards of behaviour considered acceptable and right by most people  
◆ morality (n), moral(s) (n), moralise (v), morally (adv)

7.84 capsule /ˈkæpsjʊəl/ (n)
part of a spacecraft in which people travel and that often separates from the main rocket

7.85 momentous /ˈməʊməntəs/ (adj)
very important or serious, esp. because there may be important results

7.86 chisel /ˈtʃɪzl/ (n)
tool with a long metal blade and a sharp edge used for cutting and shaping wood and stone  
◆ chisel (v)

7.87 onlooker /ˈɒnlʊkər/ (n)
person who watches sth that is happening but is not involved in it  
◆ look on (phr v)

7.88 technique /tɛkˈniːk/ (n)
partial way of doing sth, esp. one developed by science or medicine

7.89 crucial /ˈkruːʃl/ (adj)
extremely important, because it will affect other things  
◆ crux (n), crucially (adv)

7.90 catastrophic /ˌkætəˈstrɒfɪk/ (adj)
involving or causing a sudden disaster  
◆ New Orleans will never be the same after the catastrophic hurricane of 2005.  
◆ catastrophe (n), catastrophically (adv)

7.91 grave /ɡrɛv/ (adj)
very serious or important, giving you a reason to feel worried  
◆ ‘We must leave at once,’ said Van Helsing, ‘for once Dracula awakes, we are all in grave danger.’  
◆ gravity (n), gravely (adv)

7.92 tsunami /tsuːˈnɑːmi/ (n)
extremely large wave caused by an earthquake under the sea

7.93 incident /ɪnˈsaɪdənt/ (n)
serious or violent event, such as a crime, an accident or an attack  
◆ Also: something that happens, esp. sth unusual or unpleasant

7.94 the splitting of the atom /dəˈsplɪtɪŋ əv ˈei tiːˈætəm/ (phr)
division of the atom into two or more parts, causing a nuclear reaction

7.95 bogus /ˈbɒgəs/ (adj)
pretending to be real or genuine  
◆ Never respond to bogus emails that ask for your bank details. They are not sent by the bank and you are likely to lose money.

7.96 convict /kənˈvɪkt/ (v)
decide and state officially in court that sb is guilty of a crime  
◆ A local man has been convicted of murdering his wife, but his children continue to appeal against the verdict.  
◆ convict (n), conviction (n)

7.97 stroke /strəʊk/ (n)
act of hitting a ball with, e.g. a racket or bat

7.98 impending /ɪmˈpɛndɪŋ/ (adj)
about to happen very soon, often used to describe sth unpleasant

Vocabulary

Writing

Review
Workbook

Reading

extract one

7.106 decked /dekt/ (adj) decorated with sth ■ The house was decked with balloons and streamers in preparation for the party.

7.107 corrupt /kəˈræpt/ (adj) dishonest or immoral ▶ corruption (n), corrupt (adj), corruptly (adv)

7.108 racist /ˈrɛisist/ (adj) treating people unfairly because they belong to a different race ▶ racist (n), racism (n), race (n)

7.109 carefree /ˈkeəfrɪ/ (adj) having no worries or responsibilities ▶ Young teenagers ought to be carefree, not burdened with studies and responsibilities.

7.110 submerge /səbˈmɜːdʒ/ (v) go or make sth go under the surface of water or other liquid ▶ The wrecked ship had been submerged at the bottom of the sea for many years. ▶ submersion (n), submerged (adj)

7.111 flood /flʌd/ (n) large amount of water covering an area that is usually dry

7.112 murky /ˈmɜːkɪ/ (adj) not clear, dark or dirty with mud or another substance

7.113 drain /dreɪn/ (v) make sth empty or dry by removing all the liquid from it ▶ There used to be a small pond in the park, but they drained it to turn it into a playground. ▶ drainage (n)

7.114 salvage /ˈsælvɪdʒ/ (v) save sth from being lost completely ▶ When fire crews had put out the blaze, the couple were allowed back into the flat to salvage their few remaining possessions. ▶ salvage (n)

extract two

7.115 chicory /ˈtʃɪkəri/ (n) small pale green plant with bitter leaves that are eaten raw or cooked as a vegetable

7.116 drawl /drɔːl/ (n) way of speaking or saying sth slowly with vowel sounds that are longer than usual ▶ drawl (v)

7.117 high-minded /ˈhætˈmændɪd/ (adj) (of people or ideas) having strong moral principles

7.118 civility /ˌsɪvəˈləti/ (n) polite behaviour ▶ Company staff are expected to treat customers with civility at all times. ▶ civil (adj), civilly (adv)

7.119 gentility /ˈdʒɛnˈtɪləti/ (n) very good manners and behaviour, the fact of belonging to a high social class ▶ Some women spend a fortune on designer clothes because they think they are a sign of gentility.

7.120 slum /slʌm/ (n) area of a city that is very poor and where the houses are dirty and in bad condition

7.121 foundations /ˈfeɪnəʊdɪznz/ (n pl) layer of bricks, concrete, etc. that forms the solid underground base of a building ▶ Often plural but can also be singular.

7.122 trust /trʌst/ (n) organisation or group of people that invests money that is given or lent to it and uses the profits to help a charity ▶ trustee (n)

7.123 bind /bænd/ (v) fasten the pages of a book together and put them inside a cover ▶ This limited edition book was bound by hand. ▶ Usually used in the passive

7.124 mighty /ˈmæti/ (adj) very strong and powerful ▶ King Arthur was a wise king and a mighty warrior.
7.125 keel /ki:l/ (v)  
if a ship or boat keels, it falls over onto its side

7.126 capsise /kæps'zaɪs/ (v)  
if a boat capsizes, it turns over in the water

7.127 relic /'relɪk/ (n)  
object, tradition, etc. that has survived from a period of time that no longer exists  
*The house stands as the last remaining relic of the days of the great plantations.*

7.128 account /ə'kaʊnt/ (n)  
written or spoken description of sth that has happened  
*The young woman gave the police a full account of how the accident happened.*

7.129 ill-fated /ɪl 'feɪtɪd/ (adj)  
not lucky and ending sadly, especially in death or failure

7.130 foreword /'fo:wəd/ (n)  
short introduction at the beginning of a book

7.131 gilt /gɪlt/ (n)  
thin layer of gold, or sth like gold that is used on a surface for decoration

7.132 inlay /'ɪnleɪ/ (n)  
design or pattern on a surface made by setting wood or metal into it; the material that this design is made of

7.133 lacquered /'lækəd/ (adj)  
covered with a liquid that is used on wood or metal to give it a hard shiny surface

7.134 oak /ɔk/ (n)  
large tree that produces small nuts called acorns, often eaten by animals

7.135 donation /ˌdɑːnəˈʃɪn/ (n)  
going that is given to a person or an organization such as a charity, in order to help them  
*The college used a donation of €15,000 to build a small chapel next to the main building.*  
*donate (v)*

7.136 feature /′fɪˈtʃər/ (v)  
include a particular person or thing in a prominent way  
*The film features magnificent performances by both of the leading actors.*  
*feature (n)*

7.137 site /saɪt/ (n)  
place where a building, town, etc. was, is or will be situated

7.138 storey /ˈstɔːri/ (n)  
floor of a building  
*The top storey of the old house was originally used as servants’ lodgings.*

7.139 opulent /′ɒpjʊlənt/ (adj)  
made or decorated using expensive materials  
opulence (n), opulently (adv)

7.140 gridlike /′ɡridlaɪk/ (adj)  
that is in the form of a grid: a pattern of straight lines, usually crossing each other to form squares

7.141 splash out /ˈsplæʃ əut/ (phr v)  
spend a lot of money on sth  
*As I had just been paid I decided to splash out on two new dresses.*  
*informal.

Vocabulary

7.142 bring sth off /′brɪŋ ‚ɒf/ (phr v)  
succeed in doing sth difficult  
*Ruby had been planning the surprise for a long time and she felt sure she could bring it off.*

7.143 show off /′ʃəʊ ‚ɒf/ (phr v)  
try to impress others by talking about your abilities, possessions, etc.  
*My uncle likes to show off about how many expensive cars he owns.*

7.144 call off /′kɔːl ‚ɒf/ (phr v)  
cancel sth, decide that sth will not happen  
*Unfortunately the concert was called off at the last minute because the singer was sick.*

Grammar

7.152 mummy /′mʌmi/ (n)  
body of a human being or animal that has been preserved by treating it in special oils and wrapping it in cloth

7.153 arid /′ærɪd/ (adj)  
(of land or a climate) having little or no rain, very dry  
aridity (n)
Grammar Extra

7.154 vocational /vəˈkɛʃənl/ (adj) connected with the type of work or way of life that you believe is especially suitable for you and helps other people • Nursing can be a vocational profession for people who really want to help others. ▶ vocation (n)

Listening

7.155 librarian /ˈlɪbriərɪən/ (n) person who is in charge of or works in a library

7.156 attic /ˈætɪk/ (n) room or space just below the roof of a house, often used for storing things

7.157 clear out /ˈklɪər ˈaʊt/ (phr v) make sth empty and clean by removing things or throwing things away • We need to clear out this cupboard before we put the new plates and glasses in it.

7.158 upside /ˈʌpsaɪd/ (n) the more positive aspect of a situation that is generally bad • During a bad storm last year our house was flooded. The upside was that the insurance paid for completely new carpets and furniture. ▶ Opposite: downside.

7.159 trunk /trʌŋk/ (n) large strong box with a lid used for storing or transporting clothes, books, etc.

7.160 get round to /ˈɡet ˈraʊntəʊ/ (phr v) find the time to do sth • Sorry, I meant to do the washing up, but I didn’t get round to it.

7.161 clutter /ˈklʌtə(r)/ (n) lot of things in an untidy state, especially unnecessary things • Justin, your bedroom is so full of clutter I can hardly get through the door! ▶ clutter (v)

7.162 pass out /ˈpɑːs ˈaʊt/ (phr v) lose consciousness • My mum passed out when she heard the news that Granny had been taken ill.

7.163 acknowledge /əkˈnɔldʒ/ (v) accept that sth is true • Are you prepared to acknowledge responsibility for the mistake? ▶ acknowledgement (n)

7.164 terracotta /ˈtɛrəkətə/ (n) reddish-brown clay that has been baked, used for making pots, etc.

7.165 clay /kleɪ/ (n) type of heavy, sticky earth that becomes hard when it is baked and is used to make things such as pots and bricks

7.166 tomb /tʌm/ (n) large grave, especially one built of stone above or below the ground • Most tourists in Mycenae come to visit the tomb of Agamemnon.

7.167 peasant /ˈpeznə/ (n) farmer who owns or rents a small piece of land

7.168 reign /reɪn/ (n) period during which a king, queen, emperor, etc. rules • The reign of Queen Victoria lasted for more than 60 years. ▶ reign (v), reigning (adj)

7.169 abuse /əˈbjuːz/ (v) use power or knowledge unfairly or wrongly • Politicians often abuse their position to help their families and friends. ▶ abuse (n), abuser (n), abusive (adj)

7.170 authorise /ˈɔːθəraɪz/ (v) give official permission for sth, or for sb to do sth • The Manager may authorise payments up to €10,000. ▶ authorisation (n)

7.171 doormat /ˈdɔːmæt/ (n) small piece of strong material near a door that people can clean their shoes on

7.172 figure /ˈfɪgə(r)/ (n) the shape of the human body, especially a woman’s body that is attractive • So many of them are far too thin, but that model has a fantastic figure. ▶ Also: the shape of a person seen from a distance or not clearly

7.173 figure of fun /ˈfɪgər ðə ˈfʌn/ (idiom) sb that other people laugh at • Joe liked to make other people laugh, but sometimes he felt he was being treated as just a figure of fun.