I get the message

Words and phrases

Reading

7.01 at your fingertips
/at jɔ: 'fɪŋtɪps/ (idm)
easy to reach, use • When you’re on the Internet you have all the information you need at your fingertips.

7.02 rescue /rɪˈskjuː/ (v)
save from a dangerous situation • A man on the beach rescued my sister when she swam out too far and couldn’t get back. ► rescue (n), rescuer (n)

7.03 potential /pəˈtenʃl/ (adj)
possible in the future • I’m meeting a potential client this afternoon. I’m pretty sure he wants to hire us. ► potential (n)

7.04 effective /ɪˈfektɪv/ (adj)
having a good result • TV adverts are very effective because so many people see them. ► effect (n), effectively (adv)

7.05 clearing /ˈklɛərɪŋ/ (n)
small area of land with nothing on it • We put up our tents in a clearing in the forest. ► clear (adj, v)

7.06 soak /səʊk/ (v)
make completely wet • You need to soak that shirt for a couple of hours to get the mark out. ► soaking (adj)

7.07 flash /flæʃ/ (n)
quick bright light • I saw a flash of light between the trees for a second but then it was dark again. ► flash (v), flashing (adj)

7.08 word of caution /ˌwɜːd əv ˈkɔːʃn/ (phr)
short warning • A word of caution – hold onto your bag at all times because of thieves. ► cautious (adj), caution (v)

7.09 spot /spɒt/ (v)
otice, see • We spotted a car parking space right outside the shop.

7.10 gunfire /ˈgənfaɪə(r)/ (n)
sound of guns firing • We heard gunfire in the bank and hid behind the car.

7.11 pattern /ˈpætn/ (n)
regular arrangement of lines, shapes, colours, etc. • I love the flower pattern on your dress. It’s really pretty.

7.12 life-raft /ˈlaɪfˌrɑːft/ (n)
small boat carried for use in emergencies

7.13 fold /fɔːld/ (v)
bend sth to make it smaller or change its shape • I folded the newspaper and put it into my bag. ► fold (n), folding (adj)

7.14 sufficient /səˈfɪʃnt/ (adj)
enough • I didn’t spend sufficient time on this project and I could have done better. ► sufficiency (n), sufficiently (adv)

7.15 convey /ˈkənvɪə/ (v)
pass information from one person to another • Please convey my thanks to your mother for a lovely evening last Friday. ◆ formal

7.16 widespread /ˈwɜːspred/ (adj)
over a large area, not limited • The effect of the computer virus was widespread.

Vocabulary

7.17 hayfever /ˈheɪfiːvə(r)/ (n)
ilness that affects the nose, eyes and throat caused by certain plants and flowers • I always get hayfever in August. My eyes go red and I sneeze all the time.

7.18 theft /θeft/ (n)
steeing of an item • Fred Pearce was sent to prison for theft. He stole two diamond rings from a jeweller’s. ► thief (n),

7.19 nationwide /ˈneɪʃnˈweɪd/ (adj)
happening all over the country • There has been a nationwide search for the men who robbed the train.

7.20 crackdown /ˈkraʊkdaʊn/ (n)
severe action taken to stop a crime or rule breaking • There’s been a crackdown on lateness at our college this term. If we’re late we have to have a very good reason.

7.21 block /bloc/ (v)
stop something moving through a pipe, passage, road, etc. • I lost my phone and the company has blocked it so no one can use it now. ► blockage (n)

7.22 network /ˈnetwɜːk/ (n)
system of roads, lines, tubes, etc. that are all connected • The computers all use the same network so they can communicate.
7.23 handset /ˈhændset/ (n) mobile phone • The company provided all its employees with the latest handsets.

7.24 police custody /ˈpɔːliːstʃəri/ (n unc) the state of being held in a police station • He’s been in police custody for ten hours now. They’ll release him soon. ▶ custodial (adj)

7.25 convict /ˈkənvɪkt/ (v) find guilty • The police think he did the crime but they can’t prove it so he’ll never be convicted. ▶ convict (n), convicted (adj), conviction (n)

7.26 fine /fain/ (v) make sb pay money as a punishment • He didn’t go to prison. He was fined instead. ▶ fine (n)

7.27 postmark /ˈpəʊstmɑːk/ (n) mark on an envelope that shows when and where it was posted.

7.28 collide with /kəˈlaɪd wɪð/ (v) accidentally hit • Tina collided with the teacher as they were leaving the classroom. ▶ collision (n)

7.29 ransom /ˈrænsəm/ (n) money demanded by sb to set free a person who is being held illegally • The police advised the businessman’s family not to pay the ransom. ▶ ransom (v)

Use of English

7.30 demonstration /ˌdɪmənˈstreɪʃn/ (n) showing others how sth works • In our swimming class today we watched a demonstration of life-saving. ▶ demonstrate (v), demonstrative (adj)

7.31 be at a loose end /biː əˈluːs ˈend/ (idm) having nothing special to do • I’m at a loose end. I’ll help you clean the car if you like.

7.32 a bite to eat /əˈbaɪt tu ˈi:t/ (phr) small meal • Why don’t we go for a bite to eat after the cinema. You know you’ll be hungry by then.

7.33 swallow /ˈswɒləʊ/ (v) Here: cover up, hide • He walked away from me and was quickly swallowed up by the darkness. Usually: take into your stomach from your mouth ▶ swallow (n)

7.34 swear /swɛə(r)/ (v) be very sure • I swear I left my bag in the car. Someone must have taken it. ▶ swearing (n) ④ irregular: swore, sworn

7.35 forward /ˌfɔːwəd/ (v) send on goods or information to sb else • I forwarded Helen’s reply to everyone in the office.

7.36 stinging /ˈstɪŋɪŋ/ (adj) severe and strongly expressed • The journalist got a stinging response to his question about the politician’s private life.

7.37 resulting /rɪˈzʌltɪŋ/ (adj) happening because of • Irina Ivanova gave a superb performance at the opera house. The resulting fame made the singer a big celebrity all over the world. ▶ result (n)

7.38 publicity /ˈpʌblɪsɪti/ (n unc) attention given to sb/sth by the media • There was a lot of publicity about the young boy who disappeared but no one gave the police any positive information. ▶ public (adj), publicise (v), publicist (n)

7.39 up to date /ˌʌp təˈdeɪt/ (adj) modern, fashionable, having the most recent information • I’m quite up to date with the latest technology because my brother gets a lot of computer magazines. ▶ out of date

7.40 mate /meɪt/ (n) friend • Bob was my best mate at school but now we never see each other! informal

7.41 connection /ˈkənˈnektʃən/ (n) a train, bus or plane that is timed to take you on another part of a journey quite soon after the first • I hope this train isn’t delayed because my connection leaves in half an hour. ▶ connect (v)

7.42 gravity /ˈɡrævəti/ (n unc) force that holds things on the earth • There is no gravity in space and astronauts float through the air inside their spaceships!

7.43 approximately /əˈprɒksmətli/ (adv) about, not exactly • Gemma lives approximately five kilometres outside town but I’m not sure of the exact distance. ▶ approximate (adj, v), approximation (n)
Workbook

Reading

7.44 patent /ˈpeɪtənt/ (n) official right to make, use or sell a product or an invention • The company didn’t have the patent for that type of machine so they had to pay a lot of money to use the design. ▶ patent (v), patently (adv)

7.45 rights /raɪts/ (n pl) legal ownership of sth • Who has the rights to this song – the person who wrote the lyrics or the music? ▶ right (adj), rightly (adv), righteous (adj)

7.46 combat /ˈkɒmbɪt/ (v) fight • You have to combat tiredness when you work long hours. ▶ combat (n), combatant (n)

7.47 disability /ˌdɪsəˈblɪtɪ/ (n) sth wrong with your body that makes you unable to do certain things • Because of his disability he wasn’t allowed to work with machines. ▶ disabled (adj), disable (v)

7.48 printing press /ˈprɪntɪŋ ˈprɛs/ (n) machine that copies pages for books and newspapers

7.49 time-consuming /ˈtɛm kənˈʃən(ə)rɪŋ/ (adj) taking a long time • This translation has been very time-consuming because I’ve had to check so many words in the dictionary.

7.50 inferior /ɪnˈfɪəriə(r)/ (adj) not as good as • The engine in these cars is inferior to their previous model and won’t last as long. ▶ inferiority (n)

7.51 wages /ˈweɪdʒz/ (n pl) salary paid every week, often in cash

7.52 institution /ˌɪnstrɪˈtʃuːn/ (n) Here: building for people with special needs • A long time ago children with no parents had to live their whole lives in an institution. Today most are looked after by caring families. Usually: large important organisation that has a particular purpose, e.g. a university or a bank ▶ institute (n, v), institutionalise (v)

7.53 code /kaʊd/ (n) special series of letters, numbers or symbols that represent a message or record information secretly or in a shorter form • In the war they used codes to send information so that the enemy couldn’t understand. ▶ decode (v)

7.54 battlefield /ˈbætflɪflɪld/ (n) where soldiers fight in a war

7.55 dot /dɒt/ (n) small round mark, especially one that is printed • Magazine pictures are made up of thousands of tiny dots. ▶ dot (v), dotted (adj),

7.56 tool /ˈtjuːl/ (n) instrument used to build or mend things • I’m afraid I can’t repair this machine without the right tools.

7.57 portrait /ˈpɔːtrɪt/ (n) painting, drawing or photograph of a person, especially just of the head and shoulders • Jackie’s parents have a portrait of her grandmother in the hall.

7.58 passion /ˈpæʃən/ (n) strong desire • Barbara has a passion for chocolates! She can’t leave them alone! ▶ passionate (adj)

7.59 telegraph wire /ˈtelɪɡrɑːfˌwaɪə(r)/ (n) the first phone messages travelled through this • You used to be able to see telegraph wires stretching across the countryside from tall poles.

7.60 encircle /ɪnˈsɜːkl/ (v) go completely around • A high wall encircled the celebrity’s house so that no one could see in. ▶ circle (n, v), circular (adj)

7.61 ownership /ˈɔʊnəʃɪp/ (n) fact of owning sth • Who has ownership of this property? You or the company? ▶ owner (n), own (adj, v)

Vocabulary

7.62 deputy /ˈdepuːti/ (n) person who is the next most important person after the leader, manager, etc. •

7.63 blink /blɪŋk/ (v) automatically close and open your eyes very quickly • It’s very difficult not to blink for over ten seconds. ▶ blink (n)

7.64 click your fingers /ˈklaɪk dʒiː ˈfɪŋəz/ (phr) rub a finger and thumb together hard to make a sharp sound • It’s very rude to click your fingers when you want to attract the attention of a waiter.

7.65 duck /dʌk/ (v) bend quickly to avoid sth • My brother threw a stone at me but I ducked and it hit the wall.

7.66 shiver /ˈʃɪvə(r)/ (v) shake a little because you are cold or frightened • When Sandy opened the window I shivered because there was a cold rush of air. ▶ shiver (n)

7.67 sigh /saɪ/ (v) breathe out heavily because you are bored, tired or annoyed • When Rita saw the amount of work she had to do she sighed. ▶ sigh (n)

7.68 stamp /stæmp/ (v) hit the ground loudly with one foot • My little brother sometimes stamps his feet if he can’t get what he wants. ▶ stamp (n)
Grammar

7.69 fort /fɔ:t/ (n)
strongly built, military building to protect soldiers against the enemy
◆ The soldiers attacked the fort but they couldn’t get inside.

7.70 script /ˈskrɪpt/ (n)
Here: set of letters in which a language is written • In Russia they use a completely different script to us. Usually: written text of a play or film ► script (v), scripted (adj)

7.71 ancient /ˈæn(ʃ)ənt/ (adj)
extremely old • Winchester is an ancient town and used to be the capital of England.

7.72 monument /ˈmɒn(j)umənt/ (n)
building, statue etc. built to remember an event or a person, a building of special historical importance • The monument in Trafalgar Square in London was built to remember Lord Nelson, who won the battle of Trafalgar. ► monumental (adj)

7.73 decipher /ˈdɪsəf(ə)r/ (v)
read and understand sth that is difficult • Sometimes it’s hard to decipher the doctor’s handwriting.

7.74 mussel /ˈmʌsl/ (n)
edible shellfish with a smooth black shell

7.75 dinosaur /ˈdərnəsə(r)/ (n)
very large animal that used to live on the land millions of years ago

7.76 impact /ˈɪmpəkt/ (n)
effect sth or sb has on sb/sth else • When the car hit us the impact threw me forward in my seat.

Listening

7.77 swap /swɒp/ (v)
exchange • I met some really nice people on holiday and we swapped phone numbers. I think we’ll keep in touch. ► swap (n)

Use of English

7.78 claw /kləʊ/ (n)
long, sharp nail of an animal like a cat or dog • The cat’s claws have torn our new sofa! ► claw (v)

7.79 hoof /huːf/ (n)
hard part of the foot of a horse, cow, etc.

7.80 charge /tʃɑːdʒ/ (v)
ask money for a service • How much did they charge you to check the car’s brakes? ► charge (n)

7.81 purchase /ˈpɜːʃ(ə)r/ (v)
buy • We purchased this TV from you two months ago for £600 and it’s gone wrong already. ► purchase (n), purchaser (n) ① formal

7.82 sensational /ˈsenʃənl/ (adj)
causing great surprise, excitement or interest • The improvement in the England football team has been sensational over the last six months! They’re winning every match these days. ► sensation (n)

7.83 senseless /ˈsensləs/ (adj)
having no reason, ridiculous • Jack and Katy had a senseless argument over who was going to cook the dinner. ► sense (n)

7.84 subtract /səbˈtrækt/ (v)
take one number away from another • Subtract two from five and you’ve got three. ► subtraction (n)

7.85 divide /drˈvɑːd/ (v)
find how many times one number can go into another • Nine divided by three is three. ► division (n), divisible (by) (adj)

7.86 clue /kluː/ (n)
sth that helps you find an answer or solve a problem • I don’t know the answer. Give me a clue!

7.87 admission /ədˈmɪʃn/ (n)
entry into a concert, club or cinema, etc. • Admission to the museum is free for students. ► admit (v)

7.88 prove /pru:v/ (v)
use facts to show that sth happened • The teacher can’t prove that Andy cheated in the exam, but she thinks he did. ► proof (n)