

Unit 12 / Topic Vocabulary: Chance, 1

word / expression	Translation	Example sentence to illustrate meaning
approximate (v/adj)	sich etwas nähern, nahekommen, angleichen / ungefähr	The copy is astonishing: it really approximates the original. It is said that the faces of a dog and its tenant approximate over time. / The approximate temperature outside is 34 degrees C°.
ascribe	etwas auf etw/jdn. zurückführen, zuschreiben	The outbreak of the disease was ascribed to the lack of hygiene. This piece of work is generally ascribed to Vermeer, even though there are some doubts...
assign (cf. assignment)	jdn etwas zuweisen	He was assigned some extra work.
attribute	etwas auf etwas zurückführen	He attributed the difficulties to his lack of experience.
blow	der Schlag, die Wucht	The blow of the explosion was perceptible from far away. / The collapse of Lehmann Brothers dealt a tremendous blow to the world economy.
cause (v/n)	etwas verursachen/ Ursache	Your exaggerated expectations were the actual cause of your disappointment.
coincidence	Zufall	What a coincidence that we meet here.
curse (v/n)	(ver)fluchen / Fluch	There seems to be a curse on the Bermuda Triangle: so many ships got wrecked.
deliberate	bewusst / absichtlich	He did it in a deliberate manner. That was a deliberate, cruel foul!
determine	sich für etwas entscheiden, etw bestimmen	USA had to determine if they wanted to attack. The teacher determined the materials that were to be studied for the exam.
fate	Schicksal	Meeting you was fate.
fluctuate	schwanken, steigen und fallen	Share prices are strongly fluctuating at the moment.
foresee	etwas vorhersehen	The fortune teller had foreseen the woman's death.
freak (n/adj)	Freak, etwas Aussergewöhnliches, aussergewöhnlich	Rubert is considered a freak, because he acts in a really crazy way. The way she dresses and behaves makes her a freak. / What a freak way of living!
gamble	um einen Einsatz spielen, verspielen	In Las Vegas they gamble. / You should not gamble your life, you only have one.
haphazard(-ly)	planlos, zufällig	He's wandering in the streets haphazardly. The haphazard plan did not work.
(...) hazard	(...)-Gefahr	If you cross the road in Amsterdam, you run a big hazard. / drowning hazard etc.
inadvertent(-ly)	unachtsam, unabsichtlich	With an inadvertent movement of his hands he hit her right in the face.
instrumental	instrumental, dienlich	His opinion was instrumental for our work. It gave us the support we needed.
jinxed	verhext	Jumanji is a jinxed game.

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word / expression	Translation	Example sentence to illustrate meaning
likelihood	Wahrscheinlichkeit	The likelihood of winning is high.
lucky charm	Glücksbringer	You're my lucky charm.
meander	sich schlingeln/winden	The river meanders through the landscape between the hills and mountains.
mishap	das Missgeschick	An embarrassing mishap occurred to me yesterday.
mutate	mutieren	A virus mutated into a more dangerous version of itself.
odds	Die Gewinnchancen	May the odds be in your favor. (Against All Odds: movie, song)
pick	wählen, Die Wahl	Pick a card. It was an odd pick.
(be) pot luck	(ein) Zufallstreffer (sein)	It was just pot luck.
random	zufällig/willkürlich	They chose the participants or the game by random selection.
sign	Zeichen	That must be a sign.
speculate	spekulieren	He speculates on winning.
spontaneous	spontan	She's always so spontaneous.
startle	erschrecken, aufschrecken (intr.)	He startled her. She startled when she heard his voice.
statistics	Statistiken	Statistics can be very useful.
stray	streunen, streunend, streunende ...	The cats stray in the streets of a city. There are lots of stray cats in this town.
superstition	Aberglaube	His superstition is so ridiculous.
superstitious	abergläubisch	He's so superstitious, he is scared of Friday the 13th.
transpire	schwitzen	He was so nervous, he started to transpire.
uncertainty	Unsicherheit	The uncertainty of winning or not is making him incredibly nervous.
wobble	schwabbeln, wackeln	The project of a football stadium in Zurich is more than wobbling. It's not sure at all to ever be realized, even if there are some new ideas around now.

Unit 12 / Topic Vocabulary: Nature

word / expression	Translation	Example sentence to illustrate meaning
agriculture	Landwirtschaft, Agrikultur	Farmers make a living of agriculture.
appreciate	wertschätzen	I appreciate your help.
catastrophe	(Natur-)Katastrophe	The Fukushima accident was a huge catastrophe.
crop (n)	Ernte, Ertrag	This year's crop was very poor.
drought	Dürre, Trockenheit	The drought caused the crop to be poor.
evacuate	räumen, verlassen, evakuieren	In Fukushima they had to evacuate the whole area.
exploit	ausbeuten, ausnutzen	The farmers could not exploit the full potential of their fields.
famine	Hungersnot	In Africa famine causes the death of thousands of people every year.
flood (v)	überfluten, absaufen	The fields were flooded because of the diluvial rains.
flood (n)	Flut	The flood destroyed the crops.
fossil fuels	fossiler Brennstoff	Fossil fuels will soon become rare because we use them for a lot of things.
global warming	Erderwärmung	Global warming keeps increasing. (omg we're all gonna diiiiiiiee – naa, just swim a bit)
greenery	Grün, Laub	You will have plenty of opportunity to enjoy the natural greenery around you in N.Z..
habitat	Lebensraum, Wohnumfeld	Here you can see the lion in its natural habitat.
harvest (n)	Ernte, Ertrag	This year's harvest was very poor.
harvest (v)	(ab-) ernten	Because of the flood the farmers could not harvest the fields.
hurricane	Hurrikan	They're afraid of the hurricane..
instinct	Instinkt	Instinct is essential for survival in nature.
natural disaster	Naturkatastrophe	An earthquake is a natural disaster.
resource	Quelle, Ressource	Our resources of clean water are decreasing fast.
scarce	selten, rar	Snow tigers have become extremely scarce these days.
species	Art, Spezies	Endangered species are types of animals that are threatened by extinction.

Unit 12 / Topic Vocabulary: phrasal verbs part1

word / expression	Translation	Example sentence to illustrate meaning
chance upon	jdn/etw. wirklich unerwartet treffen	while working at my paper I chanced upon a book on my bookshelf that gave me the vital ideas to round off the topic.
come across	zufällig treffen	As I went to the cinema I came across Sebi.
cool down	abkühlen/abregen	I take a shower to cool down after sports.
cut back on	etwas reduzieren; v.a Geldausgaben	I decided to cut back on smoking. Governments often cut back on funding arts or education when they have to save money.
die out	aussterben	Whales die out because of excessive fishing by the Japanese.
dig up	ausgraben;	to dig up gold
dig up	aufwühlen	to dig up an old problem
dry up	austrocknen, versiegen	Water sources in the desert all dry up again very quickly after a shower of rain.
get through	sich durchbeissen	to get through the war
get through	durchkommen	get through the matura
heat up	aufwärmen	You heat up a meal in the microwave oven. Tension is heating up in Switzerland ahead of the referendum about the 1:12 proposal by the young socialists.

Unit 12 / Topic Vocabulary: Phrasal Verbs Part B

word / expression	Translation	Example sentence to illustrate meaning
kill off	abschlachten/ausrotten/vernichten	Something killed off all the dinosaurs.
put down to	etw. auf jdn./etw. zurückführen	I put his bad humor down to his illness.
slip up	ein Fehler begehen	I hope you don't slip up again. Try to be more careful.
spring up	(schnell) aufkommen/entspringen/hervorquellen	We knew it was really spring when all the flowers sprang up.
store up	speichern/aufbewahren	The bears will store up fat for the long winter.
throw out	etw./jdn. loswerden, hinauswerfen	He has to throw out the drunkards when the bar closes.
throw up	aufwerfen/aufwühlen / sich übergeben...	The new law has thrown up a lot of problems. / After 20 beers he threw up...

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word / expression	Translation	Example sentence to illustrate meaning
push your luck	Glück herausfordern	He pushed his luck too far! Now he is dead...
wish sb luck	jem. Glück wünschen	I wished him luck for his exam.
trust to luck	auf gut Glück	Trust to luck that you win the lottery.
bring sb luck	jem. Glück bringen	I always bring him luck.
a stroke/piece of luck	Glückssträhne	What a piece of luck, he won the lottery twice!
in luck	im Glück	He is in luck.
with any luck	mit ein bisschen Glück	With any luck you can do this first time.
completely natural	komplett natürlich	She looks completely natural.
natural causes	natürliche Gründe/Ursachen	There are many natural causes for disaster.
natural ability	angeborene Fähigkeit	Everyone has natural some abilities.
natural resources	natürliche Ressourcen	There are many natural resources for gaining energy.
the nature of	Natur der Sache	It's the nature of human beings to eat meat.
in nature	in der Natur	You can't find this flower in nature any longer.
Mother Nature	Mutter Natur	I love Mother Nature. I love animals in the wild.
human nature	menschliche Natur	It's human nature to live a lazy life.
the odds of doing	die Wahrscheinlichkeit dass	The odds of getting hit by a satellite are very small.
the odds are (that)	alles deutet darauf hin dass	The odds are that we will win this match.
against all the odds	gegen alle Erwartungen	Against all odds she won the trophy.
rain hard/heavily	fest regnen, kräftig regnen	It's raining heavily.
pour with rain	extrem Regnen "Schiffen"	It's pouring with rain! Nobody can leave the house today!
heavy/light rain	starker/leichter Regen	The rain is heavy.
rainbow	Regenbogen	There is a rainbow!
rainwater	Regenwasser	The streets are full of rainwater.

phrases, patterns and collocations
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word / expression	Translation	Example sentence to illustrate meaning
risk sth on	Riskieren etwas durch jm. zu verlieren	I wouldn't risk any money on him.
run the risk of	riskieren, das Risiko eingehen, dass	I run the risk of losing my job
put sth at risk	Etwas aufs Spiel setzen	I put my job at risk when I allow an exception for you here.
sun yourself	sich sonnen	She went to the beach to sun herself on the ocean sands.
sunbath	Sonnenbad	She took a sunbath everyday.
pose a threat (to)	Bedrohung darstellen	The streets pose a real threat to the children, especially in Amsterdam.
face a threat	sich einer Gefahr stellen	The hero was facing the threat stoically and eventually killed the beast.
under threat	unter Androhung	Under threat of violence he told them everything.
bomb threat	Bombendrohung	The germans got bombthreats from Great Brittain
in all weathers	Bei jedem Wetter	He goes hiking in all weathers.
under the weather	sich nicht gut fühlen	She couldn't come to my birthday party because she said that she was feeling a bit under the weather.
weather forecast	Wetterbericht	The weatherforecast says it's going to rain on Sunday.
gust of wind	Windstoss	A gust of wind blew all my papermoney away.
winds of change	Vorboten/Ankündigung des Wechsels	Definition: The "winds of change" predict a change or are a wave of change that is unstoppable.

Unit 12 / Topic Vocabulary: Idioms

word / expression	Translation	Example sentence to illustrate meaning
an act of God	Ein Naturereignis	That earthquake was a real act of God!
come rain or shine	Ob Regen oder Sonne (literal and fig.)	We will go hiking, come rain or shine. / We will continue come rain or shine.
down on your luck	Vom Glück verlassen sein	He got fired again. He really must be down on his luck.
draw the short straw	Den Kürzeren ziehen	Well, he drew the short straw.
have green fingers	Einen grünen Daumen haben	Did you see how those plants thrive in his flat? He has green fingers.
let nature take its course	Der Natur freien Lauf lassen	Everything will be fine, let nature take its course.
no rhyme or reason	Ohne ersichtlichen Grund	She slapped him with no rhyme or reason.
out of the blue	Aus heiterem Himmel	They showed up out of the blue – with no invitation.
the luck of the draw	Das Losglück	I got an easy task, I had the luck of the draw.
touch wood	Dreimal auf Holz geklopft	I never had an accident, touch wood!

word / expression	Translation	Example sentence to illustrate meaning
assess	einschätzen / beurteilen	They will now assess the effectiveness of the reduced team size.
reassess	neu bewerten	Every now and then you should reassess your goals in life.
(re)assessment	Schätzung / Neuschätzung	Progress on the course of affairs is closely monitored by continual assessment.
assessor	Schätzungsexperte / Gutachter	They are advised by an assessor, who is a legally qualified person.
assessed	geschätzt werden (Steuern, Business)	Revenue from income tax is assessed to be 25 billion this year.
cause	Grund	Poverty is still the root cause of all the unhappiness in the world today.
causation	Verursachung, Kausalzusammenhang	Surprisingly, there is no causation between happiness and the number of facebook friends you have.
causal	ursächlich / kausal	There seems to be no causal link between the two phenomena.
causative	ursächlich / kausative	The causative factor of the accident was clearly alcohol.
conservation	Schutz / Erhaltung / Bewahrung	The strict conservation of the original look of the KS Freudenberg's school building is due to its importance as an example of national heritage of the "Bauhaus" style.
conservationist	Umweltschützer	My mother is a conservationist, she wants to save the Earth.
conservatism	konservative Einstellung	He doesn't want anything to change: his attitude is called conservatism.
conservative(ly)	vorsichtig / konservative	My family is very conservative.
ecology	Ökologie	I'm usually not good at geography, except if it's about ecology.
ecologist	Ökologe	My father is an ecologist.
ecological(ly)	ökologisch	This electro car is very ecological.
elude	entkommen / sich entziehen	I hope I can elude the next test. Many sportsmen try to elude doping controls.
elusiveness	Ausweichen	My strength is my elusiveness, when things get rough and responsibility should be
elusive(ly)	ausweichend	When I asked him sth. he reacted quite elusively, which I found highly suspicious.
erode	abtragen / erodieren / schwinden	(Tree) clearing operations cause originally good earth soils to erode with wind and rain. / Moral Uprightness within the society seems to have sadly eroded.
erosion	Abtragung / Schwinden	When you see a very flat stone, you know its shape comes from the erosion.
erupt	ausbrechen / explodieren	This volcano erupted.
eruption	Ausbruch	The eruption of the volcano is absolutely huge.
extinct	ausgestorben / untergegangen	Dinosaur T-Rex is definitely extinct, so most scientists believe.
extinction	Aussterben / Untergang	A lot of animals are endangered, meaning they are at risk for extinction.
favour	dafür sein / Befürwortung	I'm favouring longer holidays
favouritism	Begünstigung	Favouritism is very rare.
favourite	Liebblings-	My favorite food is chocolate
(un)favourable	positiv / zustimmend	His reaction is favourable.
(un)favourably	positiv / wohlwollend	I saw in his eyes that he didn't mean it favourably.
fortune	Vermögen / Schicksal	He lost his fortune.
misfortune	Pech / Unglück	He had a lot of misfortune.
(un)fortunate(ly)	(un)glücklich / zum Glück	Unfortunately he didn't make it on time.
fortuitous(ly)	zufällig	They met again fortuitously after 20 years.

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Unit 12 / Word formation 2

word / expression	Translation	Example sentence to illustrate meaning
instinct	Instinkt	Animals have very good instincts.
instinctive(ly)	instinktiv	I knew instinctively that he was the right one!
to intend	beabsichtigen	I don't intend to do this.
intention	Beabsichtigung, Absicht	I didn't have the intention to insult you.
(un)intended	(un)beabsichtigt	My pregnancy was unintended.
(un)intentional(ly)	absichtlich, bewusst	I didn't slap him intentionally!
to mount	errichten, anbringen, anbauen	No other space agency is actually able to mount such a complex project.
surmount	bewältigen	Napoleons soldiers had to surmount the Alps.
mountain	Berg	Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.
mountaineer(ing)	Bergsteiger (Bergsteigen)	Ueli Steck is a famous mountaineer.
(in)surmountable	(un)überwindbar	This hill is insurmountable for me. / Insurmountable problems between ...
mountainous	gewaltig, gebirgig	Switzerland is mountainous.
mystery	Rätsel	The origin of Stone Henge is a mystery.
to mystify someone	jmd. Irreführen, täuschen, verblüffen	Don't mystify your grandmother.
mystification	Irreführung, Täuschung, Verwunderung	His mystification was written in his face.
mysterious(ly)	geheimnisvoll, rätselhaft	God moves in mysterious ways.
to occur	auftreten, eintreten, vorfallen	An unexpected incident has occurred.
recur	wieder auftreten, sich wiederholen	This dream recurs every night.
occurrence	das Auftreten, Ereignis, Häufigkeit	A tragic occurrence happened to my neighbour. Someone killed his dog.
recurrence	erneutes Auftreten, Rückkehr	The recurrence of cancer was unexpected.
recurring	wiederkehrend	I hate this recurring nightmare!
recurrent	immer wiederkehrend	Taxes are recurrent.
probable	wahrscheinlich	It's quite probable that it will snow this winter.
(im)probability	(Un)Wahrscheinlichkeit	The probability that you die earlier is higher when you smoke.
improbable	unwahrscheinlich	His thesis is quite improbable.
(im)probably	(un)wahrscheinlich	I probably go out this night.
risk	Risiko	No risk, no fun.
risky	riskant	No, I won't do this, it's too risky.
to seem	(er)scheinen, wirken	He seems to tell the truth.
seeming(ly)	scheinbar	He was seemingly dead.
threat	Drohung	There was a bomb threat in the shoppingcenter.
to threaten (sb)	(jemand) drohen	He threatens he would kill me.
threatened	bedroht	Some animals are threatened with extinction.
threatening(ly)	bedrohlich	His behaviour is very threatening.
wild	wild	We're born to be wild.
wilderness	Wildnis	Morthy in the movie Madagascar wants to go back to the wilderness.
wildlife	Tierwelt, Pflanzenwelt	WWF wants to protect the wildlife.
wildness	Verwahrlosung, Verwilderung	You can see the degree of wildness in his messy and dirty apartment.
wildly	wild	She laughed wildly.