

# I get the message 7

## Words and phrases

### Reading

#### 7.01 at your fingertips

/ət jɔ: 'fɪŋgətɪps/ (idm)  
easy to reach, use ◆ *When you're on the Internet you have all the information you need at your fingertips.*

#### 7.02 rescue /'reskju:/ (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 /pə'tenʃl/ (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 /ɪ'fektɪv/ (adj)

having a good result ◆ *TV adverts are very effective because so many people see them.* ► effect (n), effectively (adv)

#### 7.05 clearing /'klɪərɪŋ/ (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

/,wɜ:d əv 'kɔ:ʃn/ (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)

notice, see ◆ *We spotted a car parking space right outside the shop.*

#### 7.10 gunfire /'gʌnfaɪə(r)/ (n)

sound of guns firing ◆ *We heard gunfire in the bank and hid behind the car.*

#### 7.11 pattern /'pætn/ (n)

regular arrangement of lines, shapes, colours, etc. ◆ *I love the flower pattern on your dress. It's really pretty.*

#### 7.12 life-raft /'laɪf ,ra:ft/ (n)

small boat carried for use in emergencies

#### 7.13 fold /fəʊld/ (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 /sə'fiʃnt/ (adj)

enough ◆ *I didn't spend sufficient time on this project and I could have done better.* ► sufficiency (n), sufficiently (adv)

#### 7.15 convey /kən'vee/ (v)

pass information from one person to another ◆ *Please convey my thanks to your mother for a lovely evening last Friday.* ① formal

#### 7.16 widespread

/'wɪdəspreɪd/ (adj)  
over a large area, not limited ◆ *The effect of the computer virus was widespread.*

### Vocabulary

#### 7.17 hayfever /'heɪ,fi:və(r)/ (n)

illness 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)

stealing 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 /,neɪʃn'waɪd/ (adj)

happening all over the country  
◆ *There has been a nationwide search for the men who robbed the train.*

#### 7.20 crackdown /'krækdaʊn/ (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 /blɒk/ (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 /'netwɜ:k/ (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** /'hændset/ (n)  
mobile phone ◆ *The company provided all its employees with the latest handsets.*

**7.24 police custody**  
/pə'li:s 'kʌstədi/ (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** /kən'vikt/ (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** /'pəʊstma:k/ (n)  
mark on an envelope that shows when and where it was posted.

**7.28 collide with** /kə'laid wið/ (v)  
accidentally hit ◆ *Tina collided with the teacher as they were leaving the classroom.* ► collision (n)

**7.29 ransom** /'rænsəm/ (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)

## Listening

**7.30 demonstration**  
/demən'streʃn/ (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**  
/bi: ət ə 'lu:s 'end/ (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**  
/ə 'bait tu 'i: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** /'swɒləʊ/ (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** /sweə(r)/ (v)  
be very sure ◆ *I swear I left my bag in the car. Someone must have taken it.* ► swearing (n)  
❶ irregular: swore, sworn

## Use of English

**7.35 forward** /'fɔ:wəd/ (v)  
send on goods or information to sb else ◆ *I forwarded Helen's reply to everyone in the office.*

**7.36 stinging** /'stɪŋɪŋ/ (adj)  
severe and strongly expressed ◆ *The journalist got a stinging response to his question about the politician's private life.*

**7.37 resulting** /rɪ'zʌltɪŋ/ (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** /pʌb'lɪsəti/ (n unc)  
attention give 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)

## Writing

**7.39 up to date** /,ʌp tə 'deɪt/ (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

## Review

**7.41 connection** /kə'nekʃn/ (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** /'grævəti/ (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**  
/ə'prəksimətli/ (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 /'peɪtənt/ (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 /'kɒmbæt/ (v)

fight ◆ *You have to combat tiredness when you work long hours.* ► combat (n), combatant (n)

### 7.47 disability /'dɪsə'bɪləti/ (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

/'prɪntɪŋ ,presa/ (n)  
machine that copies pages for books and newspapers

### 7.49 time-consuming /'taɪm

kən,sju:mɪŋ/ (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 /ɪn'fɪərɪə(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 /'weɪdʒɪz/ (n pl)

salary paid every week, often in cash

### 7.52 institution /ɪn'stɪ'tju:ʃn/ (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 /kəʊd/ (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 /'bætlfi:ld/ (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 /tu:l/ (n)

instrument used to build or mend things ◆ *I'm afraid I can't repair this machine without the right tools.*

### 7.57 portrait /'pɔ:tret/ (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 /'pæʃn/ (n)

strong desire ◆ *Barbara has a passion for chocolates! She can't leave them alone!* ► passionate (adj)

### 7.59 telegraph wire

/'telɪgra:f ,waiə(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 /ɪn'sɜ:kl/ (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 /'əʊnəʃɪp/ (n)

fact of owning sth ◆ *Who has ownership of this property? You or the company?* ► owner (n), own (adj, v)

## Vocabulary

### 7.62 deputy /'depjʊti/ (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

/'klɪk jo: 'fɪŋgəz/ (phr)  
rub a finger and thumb together hard to make a short 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 /'ʃɪvə(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 /skript/ (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 /'eɪnʃnt/ (adj)

extremely old ◆ *Winchester is an ancient town and used to be the capital of England.*

## 7.72 monument /'mɒnjumənt/ (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 /dɪ'saifə(r)/ (v)

read and understand sth that is difficult ◆ *Sometimes it's hard to decipher the doctor's handwriting.*

## 7.74 mussel /'mʌsl/ (n)

edible shellfish with a smooth black shell

## 7.75 dinosaur /'daɪnəsɔ:(r)/ (n)

very large animal that used to live on the land millions of years ago

## 7.76 impact /'ɪmpækt/ (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 /klo:/ (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 /hu:f/ (n)

hard part of the foot of a horse, cow, etc.

## 7.80 charge /tʃa:dʒ/ (v)

ask money for a service ◆ *How much did they charge you to check the car's brakes?* ► charge (n)

## 7.81 purchase /'pɜ:tʃəs/ (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 /sen'seʃənl/ (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 /'sensləs/ (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 /səb'trækt/ (v)

take one number away from another ◆ *Subtract two from five and you've got three.* ► subtraction (n)

## 7.85 divide /dɪ'veɪd/ (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 /klu:/ (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 /əd'miʃn/ (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)