

Difficult Words

Brilliant 1

Unit 1

P.7

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Arabella /'ærə,belə/ The name of one of the girls in the book.

Note: I can't find this name in the book! In the copy I've got the girl is called Alice /'ælis/ As far as I can see Arabella appears in book 4.

Unit 3

P.23

Octopus /'ɒktə,pəs/ an animal that lives in the sea and has eight legs (tentacles).

Insect /'ɪnsekt/ a small animal that has six legs and often has wings. i.e. a fly, a bee, an ant etc.

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Argentina /,ɑ:dʒən'ti:nə/ A country in South America.

Unit 4

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Greece /gri:s/ A country in southern Europe.

Lily /'lɪli/ The name of the girl in the first picture on page 31.

Unit 6

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Lizzie /'lɪzi/ The name of the girl in the second picture on page 45.

Christina /kri:s'ti:nə/ The name of the girl in the third picture on page 45.

Unit 7

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Mount Everest /maʊnt 'evərɪst/ The highest mountain in the world.

Kri-Kri /kri: kri:/ A type of mountain goat from the Greek island of Crete.

Island /'aɪlənd/ a piece of land that is completely surrounded by water.

Crete /kri:t/ One of the Greek islands.

Brilliant 2

Unit 1

P.11

Rhea /'ri:ə/ A big bird which can't fly (similar to an Ostrich). The Rhea live in South America.

Grouse /graʊs/ A brown bird that lives on the ground.

Penguin /'peŋgwɪn/ A black and white bird that lives around the Antarctica (South Pole). Penguins cannot fly.

Brazil /brə'zɪl/ A country in South America.

Unit 2

P.17

Sphinx /sfɪŋks/ The statue in picture b) is of a Sphinx, which was a creature from Egyptian mythology with a human's head and a lion's body.

Discovolos /dɪ'skɒvələs/ The name of a famous Greek statue shown in picture c)

Egypt /'i:dʒɪpt/ A country in North Africa famous for its pyramids.

Greece /gri:s/ A country in southern Europe.

Thailand /'taɪ.lænd/ A country in South-East Asia.

Unit 3

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France /frɑ:ns/ A country in Europe.

Paris /'pærɪs/ Capital city of France.

New York /nju: jɔ:k/ A large city in the USA.

Manhattan /mæn'hætən/ Part of New York.

England /'ɪŋglənd/ A country in Europe (where English is spoken). Part of Great Britain.

London /'lʌndən/ Capital city of England (and Great Britain).

Unit 5

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Canada /'kænədə/ A country in North America.

Spain /speɪn/ A country in Europe.

Cowboy /'kaʊ,bɔɪ/ A man whose job is to look after cows (usually in the USA).

Unit 6

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Sarah /'seərə/ The name of one of the (cartoon) girls on page 43.

Jacob /'dʒeɪkəb/ The name of the (cartoon) boy on page 43.

Jasmine /'dʒæzmɪn/ The name of one of the (cartoon) girls on page 43.

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Hippety Pippety Pip /'hɪpəti 'pɪpəti pɪp/ Nonsense words in the song on page 44 (the words are meant to express happiness).

Unit 8

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Rio de Janeiro /'ri:əʊ de dʒə'nɪərəʊ/ A big city in Brazil.

Seaworld /'si: wɜ:ld/ A place where animals from the sea are kept for people to come and see (similar to a zoo)

Pyramids /'pɪrəmi:dz/ The pyramids were built in ancient Egypt as tombs. They have a square base and four triangular sides.

Brilliant 3

Unit 1

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Campsite /'kæmp,sait/ A place where people go on holiday and stay in tents or caravans.

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Argentina /,ɑ:dʒən'ti:nə/ A country in South America.

Argentinian /,ɑ:dʒən'tɪniən/ The nationality of a person from Argentina.

Argentine flag /'ɑ:dʒən,tain flæg/ A flag is a piece of material with colours on it used to represent a country. The Argentine flag represents Argentina and is blue & white.

Italy /'ɪtəli/ A country in Europe.

Italian /ɪ'tæliən/ The nationality of a person from Italy.

South America /saʊθ ə'merikə/ One of the continents (includes countries like Brazil and Argentina)

Spain /speɪn/ A country in Europe.

Spanish /'spæniʃ/ The nationality of a person from Spain.

England /'ɪŋɡlənd/ A country in Europe (where English is spoken). Part of Great Britain.

Europe /'jʊərəp/ One of the continents (includes countries like England, Spain, Italy etc)

Carmen /'kɑ:mən/ One of the girls on page 11.

Unit 2

P.17

Tate Gallery /teɪt 'gæləri/ A famous Art Gallery in London where people can see lots of paintings and other pieces of art.

Natural History Museum /'nætʃrəl 'hɪstri mju:zɪəm/ A famous museum in London where people can see the bones of dinosaurs and other things connected to nature.

Unit 3

P.25

Darth Vader /dɑ:θ 'veɪdə/ A character from the movie 'Star Wars'.

Richard Branson /'rɪtʃəd 'brænsən/ A British entrepreneur. The founder of the 'Virgin' empire.

Helmet /'helmit/ a hard hat that people wear to protect their head.
Crown /kraʊn/ A decorated hat worn by kings, queens or emperors.

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Sardines /sɑ:'dizns/ A small silver fish often eaten and usually sold in tins.

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Crisps /krisps/ Thin slices of potato eaten as a cold snack.

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Thailand /'taɪlənd/ A country in South-East Asia.

Unit 5

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France /frɑ:ns/ A country in Europe.

Unit 6

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to be frightened /tu: bi 'fraɪtənd/ A feeling of fear, e.g. When you see lightening or hear thunder you are frightened (or scared).

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America /ə'merɪkə/ The brief form for the USA.

Unit 7

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Biscuits /'bɪskɪts/ Small, dry cakes.

P.53

Tae kwon Do /taɪ kwɒn dəʊ/ A type of martial art (fighting) from Asia.

Unit 8

P.55

Petrol /'petrəl/ A liquid used as a fuel for cars, etc (made from oil).

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Caribbean beach /'kærə,bɪ:ən bi:tʃ/ The islands of Jamaica, Cuba, Barbados, etc are known collectively as the Caribbean. They are famous for their beaches – areas of sand between the land and the sea.

Scotland /'skɒtlənd/ A country in Europe. Scotland is part of Great Britain and is to the North of England.

Playa de los Pocitos /plaiə də lɒs pɒki:tɒs/ The name of a particular beach in Uruguay. *Playa* means beach in Spanish (Spanish is the language spoken in Uruguay.)

Uruguay /'jʊərə,gwai/ A country in South America.

Unit 1

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Roller-blading /'rəʊlə,bleɪdɪŋ/ A 'sport' activity where people wear boots with a row of wheels on the bottom.

to be scary /tu: bi 'skeəri/ When something is scary it frightens us.

P.11

Japan /dʒə'pæn/ A country in Asia.

Kabuki /kæ'bu:ki/ A type of traditional Japanese theatre.

Unit 2

P. 17

Hummingbird /'hʌmɪŋ,bɜ:d/ A very small bird that moves its wings very quickly and therefore making a continuous noise (a hum).

Unit 3

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Measles /'mi:zəls/ A disease where you have red spots all over your body and a very high temperature (quite common with children).

P.23

Leonardo DiCaprio /,li:əʊ'nɑ:dəʊ dɪ'kæpri:əʊ/ American actor who starred in the film 'Titanic'.

Celine Dion /sə'li:n 'di:ɒn/ Canadian singer. Sang the theme song to the film 'Titanic'.

P.25

Bungee jumping /'bʌndʒi: 'dʒʌmpɪŋ/ An extreme sport where people jump from a high place with a rope tied around them.

Abseiling /'æbsaɪlɪŋ/ An extreme sport where people climb down the face of a rock or a building by using a long rope.

Unit 5

P. 39

Australia /ə'streɪlɪə/ A country (and continent) in the Pacific Ocean.

Sydney /'sɪdni/ A large city in Australia.

Unit 7

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Mr Bouncy /'mɪstə 'baʊnsi/ The name of a character on page 48. Bouncy is an adjective describing something which moves when hitting a surface, i.e. *This rubber ball is really bouncy.*

Mr Cuttlebutter /'mɪstə 'kʌtlə,bʌtə/ The name of a character on page 48.

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Iguazi Falls /ɪ'gwɑ:zi fɔ:lz/ A large group of waterfalls on the Brazilian-Argentine border.

Argentina /,ɑ:dʒən'ti:nə/ A country in South America.

Brazil /brə'zɪl/ A country in South America.

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Highwire /'haɪ,waiə/ A long wire or rope stretched high above the ground on which an acrobat walks, usually in a circus.