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WORK and CAREER

Productivity	Bonuses	Incentives
Subsidizing	Job satisfaction	Target -related
Output	On the job training	Day release programs
Work / life balance	Performance reviews	Downsize
Motivating	Job prospects	Career progression
Pay increments	Restructures	Outsource
Perks	Superficially	Measurability
Financial reward	Human resource	redundancy

EDUCATION and SCHOOLING

Data gathering	Distance learning	Self -study
To discriminate between sources	To sift information	To marshal facts
An integral part of syllabus	To work/study under supervision	Curriculum
Pedagogical	Syllabus	Formal examination
Continuous assessment	Academic achievement	Further education
Higher education	Group work	Teacher-led lessons

Autonomous learning	Study skills	To synthesize sources
Rote-learning	To supplement	To assimilate knowledge
Guided learning		

CHILDREN and FAMILIES

Adolescence	Truancy	Parental roles
Delinquency	Foster parents	Abduction
Guardians	Peer pressure	Role models
Dual-income	Ground rules	Bread winner
Conventions	Child-minding	Codes of conduct
After-school childcare	Bullying	Viable
Peers	Bonding	Patterns of behavior
Well brought-up		

NATURE, ENVIRONMENT and ENERGY

Regrettable	Pollutant particles	Inadvisable
Run-off	Admirable	The water cycle
Helpful	Aquifers	Invaluable
Filtration	Contamination	Water table
The biosphere	Tainted	Field trips
Emissions	Logging	Soil erosion
Dumping	Drought	Waste processing
Irrigation	Poaching	Catastrophe
Endangered species	Exacerbated	Habitat loss
Food chain	Dwindling numbers	Extinction
famine		

CULTURE, ARTS and TRADITIONS

Preserving	Rituals	Parades
Transmitting social memes	Public duty	Self-sacrifice
Cultural traditions	Mythological	Evokes
Medieval	Ceremonies	Cultural norms

The fabric of society	Conserved	Handed down
Heritage	Legends	Folklore
Cultural inheritance	Forms	Fine art
Handicrafts	Opera	Shanties
Dirges	Linguistic	media

HEALTHCARE, HEALTH and SPORT

Sedentary lifestyle	Obesity	Inadequate development
Symptoms	Impairment	Poor diet
Convenience food	Addiction	Socialize
Interpersonal skills	Underperform	Active lifestyle
Regime	Sports Programmes	Detoxify
Sponsorship	Competitive	Participation
Ameliorating the physical effects	Remedies	Initiative
Raise awareness	Health warnings	Champions
Figureheads	Dependencies	Pursuits

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Challenge	Economic stability	Social unrest
Pressing matters	Joblessness	Economic prospects
Social mobility	Private sector	Demographics
Longevity	Brain drain	Existential threats
Famine	Droughts	Outbreaks
Civil war	Political instability	Corruption
Livelihood	Developed countries	Developing countries
Substantial proportion		

CITIES and INFRASTRUCTURES

Urban	Investment	Funding
Infrastructures	High-capacity public	Congestion

	transport	
Conurbations	Transport hubs	Facilities
Private transport	Overcrowding	Bottlenecks
Hinterland	Overcrowding	Facilities
Transport hubs	Settle	Amenities
Urban sprawl	Public-private partnership	Civic pride
Commute	Tax incentives	Home working
Inner city	Suburbs	Communal car pooling
Outdated	Innovations	burden

COUNTRY SIDE and AGRICULTURE

Rural	Backwater	Rural depopulation
Country dwellers	Scarcity	Rural unemployment
Rural poverty	Material considerations	Wildlife forestry and water bodies
Subsistence	Self-sufficient smallholders	The wider economy
Afflict city dwellers	Animal husbandry	Crop rotation
Irrigation	Remote viewing	Environmental awareness
Far-flung	Farming	Country side
Natural resources		

GOVERNMENT and AUTHOURITIES

Trust worthy	Paramount	Devious
Minutiae	Frictions	Grievance
Sensitivity	Committed	Informants
Evidence	Trails	Convictions
Deterrent	Sentencing	Imprisonment
Fines	Community services	Rehabilitation
Tendencies	Corruption	Bribery
Enforce laws	Law-abiding	Unequitable

Transferable skills	Lateral thinking	Investigate
Transcend	Context	Outweigh
Over-familiarity		

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TV commercial	Promotion of products and services using colour, action, sound and sight. These are memorable and accessible to a large market. They are good to show how something works and can be persuasive.
Newspaper ad	These adverts can either be national or local. They are placed in particular sections in the newspaper. www.ieltsliz.com
Magazine ads	These are aimed at a specific market and interest group. The ads are colourful and eye-catching but can be more expensive than newspaper ads.
Billboards	These are often signs on the road or at sports stadiums. Large billboards can give a message with impact but with limited information.

Direct Mail	Letters and adverts are sent directly to customers. This is a direct approach with a select audience.
Radio advertising	This approach reaches a target audience and relies on them listening to a particular station. However, the message can easily be forgotten. www.ieltsliz.com
Text messages	These promotions reach a target audience in real-time but they have a limited number of characters in the text.
Internet Pop-ups	They can impact a viewer and allow them easy access to the product. However, they can be annoying, intrusive and some even crash the system.
Email Advertising	Direct advertising to the customer. It is cost effective as long as the customer database is up-to-date.
Flyers	Small flyers with printed information handed out to customers face to face. They can be attractive and informative but also costly.

Transit advertising	These are usually posters on trains, buses, taxis and underground railways.
Covert Advertising	This is when a product or brand is incorporated into a movie or TV show. It is not commercial advertising, it is subtle advertising. For example, James Bond drives a BMW.
Sponsorship	A company sponsors an event or entity in return for recognition of the brand or product. For example, companies funding schools or sporting events in return for them using their equipment. www.ieltsliz.com
Telemarketing	This involves promoting and selling over the phone. This offers direct contact with the customer but can be intrusive if it is a "cold-call", which means an unasked for call.
Celebrity Endorsement	A celebrity is paid to promote and market a product through TV ads or event appearances. This can be effective as it is high profile but it does rely on the celebrity image remaining constant and popular.

- acid rain = rain which is polluted by chemicals
- deforestation = rain forests and wooded areas being cut down
- loss of biodiversity = species becoming extinct
- ozone layer depletion = the ozone layer is being destroyed and becoming thinner
- land degradation = soil and land pollution as well as desertification
- resource depletion = lack of natural resources worldwide
- climate change = negative changes to the world weather patterns
- air pollution = air that contains pollutants
- marine pollution = the pollution of our oceans and seas
- over population = the increasing population of the world

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- abduction = taking someone against their will (kidnapping)
 - arson = setting fire to a property
 - assault = a physical attack
 - burglary = illegal entry to a building with an intent to commit a crime
 - child abuse = maltreatment of a child
 - drug trafficking = importing illegal drugs
 - false imprisonment = imprisoning a person against their will
 - fraud = deception for personal or financial gain
 - hacking = unauthorised access to data in a computer system
 - hijacking = illegally getting control of an aircraft or vehicle
 - human trafficking =
 - murder (homicide USA)
 - premeditated murder = murder that is intentional (planned before hand)
 - unpremeditated murder – murder that is not intentional (not planned)
 - manslaughter – unintentional murder (synonym for unpremeditated murder)
 - attempted murder = planning to kill another person
 - patricide = killing one's own father
 - genocide = systematic killing of a race or religious group
 - euthanasia = killing someone for their benefit
 - organised crime = crime by an organised gang or organisation
 - smuggling = illegal import or export
 - terrorism = unlawful violence or threat with political aims
 - white collar crime = financially motivated non-violent crime by a worker

- | pick pocketing = taking from another person's pockets
- | shoplifting = taking products from a shop without paying for them
- | traffic offences = breaking the rules of the road and driving
 - drunk driving = driving whilst under the influence of alcohol
 - jay walking = crossing the road at an undesignated spot
 - running a red light = going through traffic lights when they are red
 - speeding = driving over the speed limit
- | vandalism = deliberate destruction or damage to a building

Types of Punishment Vocabulary

- the death penalty (capital punishment) = punishment of death
- a prison sentence (imprisonment) = imprisonment
 - life in prison
 - 10 years
 - 6 months
- a suspended sentence = delaying of a sentence
- forfeiture = property is taken away (confiscated)
- hospital order = to confine someone to hospital under arrest
- a fine = to pay money as a punishment for an offence
- house arrest = imprisoned in one's own house rather than in prison
- to suspend a license = with holding a person's right to use their driving license for a period of time
- to revoke a license = to take away someone's driving license
- non-custodial sentence = a sentence which is not done in prison
 - community service = punishment by doing community work

- detention = to stay in school after hours for punishment
- to give lines = punishment where a child must write the same sentence again and again
- isolation = to be kept apart from others as a punishment
- grounding = to be unable to go outside home as a punishment
- scolding = an angry reprimand
- corporal punishment = physical punishment from a teacher or headteacher at school

- judge = the person who controls the court proceedings
- jury = a group of independent people who decide whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty
- justice = fairness or court law
- trial = legal proceedings to judge whether someone is guilty of a crime
- court = the place where the trial is held
- defendant = the accused person: the individual or group being accused in court of a crime
- prosecutor = the lawyer against the accused person
- defense = the lawyer protecting the accused person
- witness = a person who sees an event happen
- evidence = facts or information supporting the truth
- proof = evidence supporting a claim
- hearsay = rumour / unsubstantiated information
- guilty = not innocent as judged by a court of law
- innocent = found not guilty of a crime
- to be found guilty = the court decided that the person did commit the crime
- conviction / verdict = formal sentence of a court
- circumstances of the crime = a condition or situation relating to a crime
- extenuating circumstances = a condition that makes the crime or mistake less serious and more understandable
- take into consideration = should be thought about carefully

- maximum / minimum sentence = highest penalty / lowest penalty
- a harsh punishment = hard, strict penalty
- penalty / punishment are synonyms but penalty is often used for both minor offences and major crimes.

- crime is prevalent = there is a lot of crime
- armed police = police who carry guns
- to deter (n = deterrent) = to put someone off from doing something
- discrimination = unjust treatment
- to be soft on crime = not to have harsh or strict punishments
- repeat offender = a person who has committed a crime or offence more than once
- serial criminals = criminals who repeatedly commit the same crime
- diminished responsibility = when someone is not in a state to be considered responsible for their own actions
- rehabilitation = to restore someone through education or therapy
- reintegrate back into society = help someone return into society
- peer pressure = pressure from friends or colleagues
- role models = people whose behaviour should be copied and respected
- mimicking violent behaviour = to copy aggressive actions

- headlines = heading or title appearing at the top of a page or article
- columns = news that is printed in vertical columns rather than taking a whole page
- obituaries = a section in the newspaper about people who have recently died
- horoscope = a section in the newspaper about star signs and zodiac signs which foretell the future
- weather report = a section in the newspaper for weather forecasts
- business section = a section in the newspaper with business news
- international / world news section = a section in the newspaper which focuses on news from abroad
- caption = a explanation or title matching a picture or cartoon
- letter to the editor = a section in the newspaper for people to express their views to the editor of the newspaper
- special feature = a special story
- editorial = a news article containing the editor's opinions
- comic strip = a cartoon series in the newspaper
- advice column = a column in the newspaper where advice is given to people who write in for it
- TV guide = a section in the newspaper with a guide for TV programs for the coming day or week

- circulation = the number of copies a newspaper distributes on an average day (some newspapers have a wider circulation than others)
- edition = a particular version of a text
- layout = the way articles are designed on a page (this can include the position of pictures, the number of columns and the size of headlines)
- attention-grabbing = a news story which draws public attention
- eye-catching = a picture or layout which catches a person's eye
- in-depth = with many details
- sensational news = news which causes public excitement or interest
- black and white = without colour
- direct quotation = words taken directly from what a person has said
- paparazzi = a freelance photographer who follows celebrities
- front page = the first page of a newspaper
- supplementary magazine = a magazine which sometimes is given free with a newspaper
- back issue = an old newspaper edition
- subject matter = the topic dealt with in an article
- proof reader = a person who checks a text for errors
- fact checkers = a person (people) who checks if the newspaper facts and information in an article are correct
- hot off the press = news that has just been printed and is very recent
- readership = the collective readers of a newspaper (some newspapers have a large readership)