

LESSON PREPARATION

ADVANCED UNIT TWELVE

VOCABULARY AND EXPRESSION BUILDERS

After-hours Vocabulary

A few scratches Mild injury
I got a few scratches surfing last month.

Career aspiration Career hopes
I have great career aspirations.

Super charge To move along fast
I want to super charge my career with an MBA.

Into top gear To get something into top shape
The board decided to put the project into top gear by nominating a new president.

You bet Absolutely
Do you think they will win the trophy. You bet.

To be ranked To be among the best
He is a ranked chess player.

Low and behold it appears suddenly
Low and behold they got the contract.

A shaker influential
He is a shaker.

It is not what you know but whom Contacts and connection
After the networking meeting they realized it is not what you know but whom.

Serendipity It is luck
I thought the situation was serendipitous. They met.

Convergence meeting of ideas or the junctions of fate
The convergence at the group was impressive.

SPEAKING ENGLISH

Sentences

I should be in top gear considering my career aspirations.

To be ranked you have to be in top gear.

And lo and behold the shaker arrived to influence the meeting.

Some people think it is serendipity but really it is not what you know but whom.

You bet there was a convergence of ideas at the conference.

TECHNIQUE BUILDERS (UK versus USA English)

A hang out a place you go to regularly.

I will meet you at the hangout.

Cram To do last minute.

He crammed for the exam.

Dough Money.

He has a lot of dough.

Grub Simple food

Let's pick up some grub.

Guts To be brave.

He has guts.

Geek To like technology

He is a geek. He works with computers.



WRITING ENGLISH BUILDERS

Expressions

To dust off To deal with something old.

We had better dust off the contracts. I think there is going to be a law suit.

To take for a ride To deceive someone

He really took the client for a ride. He made a lot of money.