### MASTER ENGLISH CONVERSATION 2.0 - Building & Construction - Quick Reference Glossary

Welcome to the vocabulary and phrase Quick Reference Glossary for "Building and Construction"! This feature lists all of the key vocabulary in alphabetical order (by lesson) for easy review. If you find anything else you don't know while learning, please write it down below.:)

Many words and phrases from the Master Class lesson are introduced in earlier lessons, so be sure to review everything from each video. The words and phrases below may also have additional meanings, so just focus on what's written to master the meanings of each as used in the lessons.

#### **Grammar Focus**

**911** – the number that you call in the United States in order to contact the emergency services **actually** – as the truth or facts of a situation

**adverb** – a word or phrase that modifies or qualifies an adjective, verb, or other adverb or a word group, expressing a relation of place, time, circumstance, manner, cause, degree, etc.

**apparently** – according to what seems to be true or what is likely, based on what you know **architect** – a person who designs buildings and in many cases also supervises their construction **as a matter of fact** – a statement that gives more details about what has just been said, or an explanation of it, or something that contrasts with it

**as expected** – used when something is suspected and anticipated to happen or occur **brochure** – a type of small magazine that contains pictures and information on a product or a company **carpentry** – the activity of making things from wood, or repairing things that are made of wood **clinic** – a building, often part of a hospital, to which people can go for medical care or advice **cruise** – travel on large ships for pleasure

**echidna** – a spiny insectivorous egg-laying mammal with a long snout and claws, native to Australia and New Guinea

**fairly** – to quite a large degree

**fortunately** – used to introduce or indicate a statement about an event or situation that is good **frankly** – in an honest, sincere, and truthful way, even when this might make other people uncomfortable **generally** – in general terms; without regard to particulars or exceptions

**generously** – in a way that shows a readiness to give more of something, especially money, than is necessary or expected

**heaps** – a lot of something

**hopefully** – to express what you would like to happen

illegal – not allowed by law

**in actual fact** – used to emphasize a comment, typically one that modifies or contradicts a previous statement

**in general** – used to indicate that you are talking about something as a whole, rather than about part of it **in my opinion** – used to indicate that it is what you think and is not necessarily a fact

**in the end** – used when you are saying what is the final result of a series of events, or what is your final conclusion after considering all the relevant facts

**initially** – means soon after the beginning of a process or situation, rather than in the middle or at the end of it

**interestingly** – in a way that arouses curiosity or interest

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IT – short for Information Technology

line of work – the principal activity in your life that you do to earn money

**luckily for us** – used to indicate that it is good that a particular thing happened or is the case because otherwise the situation would have been difficult or unpleasant

obviously – in a way that is easily perceived or understood

organic – not using artificial chemicals in the production of plants and animals for food

raw - not cooked

rewarding – something that provides satisfaction or gives a profit

**sales report** – a periodical report made by a salesperson to a manager giving details of amounts sold, existing and new accounts, etc.

sentence adverb – used to convey the writer or speaker's opinion about the entire sentence

**Smithsonian** – a group of museums and research centers administered by the Government of the United States

**steep** – rising or falling sharply

straight away - immediately

strangely – in an unusual or surprising way

to affect – to have an influence on someone or something

to applaud – show approval or praise by clapping

to be honest – a statement to indicate that you are telling the truth about your own opinions or feelings

to clean up – phrasal verb meaning to clean

to come out – phrasal verb meaning to be released or published

to donate – to give money or goods or time for a good cause or to charity

to drive over – phrasal verb meaning to drive on top of something

to get a feel for X – to develop a good knowledge or understanding of something

to get along – phrasal verb meaning to have a friendly relationship

to injure – to do physical harm or damage to someone

**to move on** – phrasal verb meaning to leave the place where you are staying and go somewhere else; to continue

to play around – phrasal verb meaning to behave in a casual, foolish, or irresponsible way

to predict – to say that an event or action will happen in the future

to present – to show or offer

to sew – join, fasten, or repair something by making stitches with a needle and thread or a sewing machine

to slip in – phrasal verb meaning to include without warning or in a way that is not obvious

to substitute - to use something new or different instead of what is normally used

to take X on – phrasal verb meaning to start to employ someone

to work on – phrasal verb meaning to spend time producing or improving something

**tool** – a piece of equipment that you use to help you do a job, especially something that you use with your hands to make or repair something

without a doubt – a phrase expressing certainty or agreement

#### **Time Traveling**

arduous – difficult and tiring, or needing a great deal of effort

bidding process – the process of submitting a proposal and price quote with the hopes of being chosen as

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a business vendor or service provider

big guys – a way to refer to the largest companies in an industry

**cash reserve** – money set aside for use in an emergency

competent - having the skills or knowledge to do something well enough to meet a basic standard

competent – to have the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

contact – someone who you know personally and can communicate with

**economic downturn** – a reduction in economic or business activity

**laborious** – requiring a lot of time and effort

marketing campaign – series of activities used in marketing a new or changed product or service

**miraculous** – unusual and mysterious because of being caused by God, or very surprising and unexpected **nerve-racking** – causing stress or anxiety

**obstacle** – something that blocks your way so that movement or progress is prevented or made more difficult

on the verge – if you are on the verge of something, you are very close to experiencing it

ray of hope – a very small sign that something might improve or succeed

**recession** – a period when the economy of a country is not doing well, industrial production and business activity are at a low level, and there are many people unemployed

spike – a sudden increase, often shown on a graph

to acquire – to obtain or begin to have something

to ask around – phrasal verb meaning to talk to several people in order to get or learn something

**to bid** – to offer a certain price for something, especially at an auction

to coordinate – to make various, separate things work together

to do one's homework – to study something so you know a lot about it and can be successful

to fall off – phrasal verb meaning to become less in number, amount, or quality

**to feel the sting** – feel or cause to feel a sharp tingling or burning pain or sensation; you can also use this figuratively if someone is hurting emotionally or financially

to galvanize – to cause someone to suddenly take action

**to honor** – to regard with great respect

to kick off – phrasal verb meaning to start or begin

to launch – to start or to set in motion

to make an impression – to cause someone to notice and admire you

to overcome – to defeat or succeed in controlling or dealing with something

to prolong – to make something last longer

to promote – to encourage people to like, buy, use, do, or support something

to put one's best foot forward – to show oneself in the best or most positive way possible

to recruit – to persuade someone to become a new member of an organization

to shut one's doors – to go out of business

to source – to obtain something from a particular source

to stretch – to go beyond, or almost beyond, the usual limit of something

to struggle – to try very hard to do, achieve, or deal with something that is difficult or that causes problem

truth be told – used when admitting something one might otherwise lie about

**undertaking** – an important or difficult task or project

when all said and done – when everything is finished or resolved

world stage – this means that the whole world is watching

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#### **Phrase Builder**

'bout to – short for "about to"; I am going to do something in the very near future

'spose – short for "suppose"

**a whole new ball of wax/a whole new ball game** – a completely different situation, often one that is difficult or that you know little about

allure – a special, exciting, and attractive quality that someone or something has

app – short for application, a piece of software that is designed to do a particular job

**applicable** – relevant or appropriate

**appropriate** – correct or right for a particular situation or occasion

automatic – done or occurring spontaneously, without conscious thought or intention

**big deal** – something considered important

**block** – the distance along a city street from where one road crosses it to the next road

**coincidence** – an occasion when two or more things happen at the same time, especially in a way that is unexpected or unlikely

**context** – the influences and events related to a particular event or situation

**crooked** – not straight or not even

**Don't push yourself.** –used to tell someone to not try to do so much

easiest thing in the world – a conversational way of saying that something is very easy

ever done this/that? - short for "have you ever done this/that?"

**expression** – the act of writing or saying what you are feeling or thinking

figurative – uses words or expressions with a meaning that is different from the literal interpretation

frustrating – to feel upset or annoyed, typically as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

funna – an informal way of saying more fun

**gangster** – a member of a gang of violent criminals

**gonna** – a contraction of "going" and "to"

**grid** – a network of cables or pipes for distributing power, especially high-voltage transmission lines for electricity

habit – something that you do often and regularly, sometimes without knowing that you are doing it

**headache** – a thing or person that causes worry or trouble

**heartbreaking** – causing overwhelming distress

**horizontal** – parallel to the plane of the horizon; at right angles to the vertical

I got – short for "I have got"

I'd be remiss – careless and not doing a duty well enough; used when saying that if I don't say something, I'll be sorry about that

I'm game/I'm down – used to indicate that the speaker is interested in doing whatever has just been suggested

**incidentally** – used when a person has something more to say, or is about to add a remark unconnected to the current subject

**inconvenience** – an annoying problem or situation, especially one that forces you to make an extra effort to do something

**instrumental** – involved in an important way in making something happen

**It's funny you mention that.** – used when someone unexpectedly said something that you were already thinking or mentioned something that is related to something that happened to you; it's interesting

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**kink** – a sharp twist or bend in something such as a wire or rope; a small problem

**microscope** – a device that makes very small objects look larger, especially so that they can be scientifically examined and studied

**naked eye** – unassisted vision, without a telescope, microscope, or other device

nitty-gritty – the most important aspects or practical details of a subject or situation

**occasional** – occurring, appearing, or done infrequently and irregularly.

perspective – a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view

**plumbing** – the system of pipes and other devices that carry water in a building

**power plant** – an installation where electrical power is generated for distribution

**practical** – involving or relating to real situations and events

**roadblock** – something that blocks progress or prevents accomplishment of an objective

**RV** – RV stands for recreational vehicle. It is a vehicle which is equipped with things such as beds and cooking equipment, so that people can live in it.

snag – something that causes a problem or stops you from making progress

**solid** – characterized by good quality

step in the right direction – an action that increases one's chances of achieving something

Take it easy. – used to tell someone to proceed calmly and in a relaxed manner

tedious – boring and tiring, especially because long or often repeated

**telescope** – a cylindrical device that you look through to make objects that are far away look nearer and bigger

**that's tough** – another way of saying that it's a good question; used if you need some time to think about your answer

theme – the main subject of something such as a book, speech, art exhibit, or discussion

to apply – to put into practical action

to be off the grid – not dependent on public utilities, especially the supply of electricity

to break one's heart – to cause someone great emotional pain

**to come in** – phrasal verb meaning to join or become involved in an enterprise

to come out – phrasal verb meaning to make a public appearance

to come up – phrasal verb meaning to come to attention or consideration

**to connect** – to bring together or into contact

**to deal with** – phrasal verb meaning to take action in order to achieve something or in order to solve a problem

to do X a solid – to do a good thing or a favor for someone

to eat your lunch – to defeat or cause harm

**to go out** – phrasal verb meaning to leave your house and go somewhere, especially to do something enjoyable

**to imply** – to suggest something without saying it directly, or to involve something as a necessary part or condition

to make up – phrasal verb meaning to consist of component parts

to mix up – phrasal verb meaning to put things together without any order or to confuse

to move into – phrasal verb meaning to start living or operating a business in a place

to move out – phrasal verb meaning to leave or cause to leave one's place of residence or work

to pass through – phrasal verb meaning to cause to move through

to pay top dollar – to give the highest amount being paid for a commodity or service

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**to pick up** – phrasal verb meaning to go and meet someone or something that you have arranged to take somewhere in a vehicle

**to prove to be the difference** – used when talking about the key or most important factor in a particular outcome

to regret – to feel sorry or unhappy about something you did or were unable to do

to save the best for last – to do or experience the best thing after everything else is finished

to see how it goes – used to say that you don't know what the final result will be

to slow down – phrasal verb meaning to be less active and relax more

to snap your fingers – very easily, with little effort

to stick with X – phrasal verb meaning to continue doing something; to remember something long-term

to string together – to combine different things into something that is complete

to take your time – to not hurry

to text – to send a text message to someone

to weigh one's options – to think carefully about possibilities or choices

**to work out the kinks in something** – to solve the small problems with something **trailer** – an unpowered vehicle towed by another

**trailer park** – an area with special amenities where trailers are parked and used for recreation or as permanent homes

tricky – requiring care and skill because difficult or awkward

utility – a service that is used by the public, such as an electricity or gas supply

**vertical** – in a direction such that the top is directly above the bottom

victory – an act of defeating an enemy or opponent in a battle, game, or other competition

wanna – a contraction of "want" and "to"

writer's block - the condition of being unable to think of what to write or how to proceed with writing

**X-Y-Z kind of X** – a way of stringing together words when one single word isn't enough

ya know – a casual way of confirming that the other person knows what you are talking about

you been...? – short for "have you been"

#### **Fluency Corner**

accent – in construction, a design element that puts emphasis of a particular feature

**Airstream trailers** – an American brand of trailers which are easily recognized by the distinctive shape of their rounded and polished aluminum coachwork

**apprentice/apprenticeship** –a person who is learning a trade from a skilled employer, having agreed to work for a fixed period at low wages

**auction** – a sale of property to the highest bidder

**blowtorch** – a portable device producing a hot flame that is directed onto a surface, typically to solder metal **blue-collar worker** – employee whose job involves physical labor, such as in a factory or workshop

sabinative the craft of making kitchen sabinate

**cabinetry** – the craft of making kitchen cabinets

**close fit** – tight fit with no loose or open spaces

color scheme – an arrangement of colors, especially as used in interior decoration

**complementary** – combining in such a way as to enhance or emphasize the qualities of each other or another

**contractor grade** – a level of quality appropriate or suitable for contractors

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**cosmetic** – affecting only the appearance of something rather than its substance

**currency** – the money that is used in a particular country at a particular time

demo - an abbreviation of demolition

**demolition** – to completely destroy a building

**economy** – the wealth and resources of a country or region, especially in terms of the production and consumption of goods and services

electrical engineering – branch of engineering that deals with the technology of electricity

equivalency – a person or thing equal to another in value, measure, force, significance

**field** – a particular branch of study, career or activity or interest

**fine detailing** – a small elaborated element of a work of art, craft, building, or design

**finish** – the last covering, such as paint, put onto something

**finishing work** – In construction, this is the final stage of beautifying the building. This could be painting, buffing, laying tiles, etc.

**floorboard** – one of the long, straight pieces of wood used to make a floor

**foundation** – the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level

friction – the resistance that one surface or object encounters when moving over another

**general contractor** – A person or company responsible for providing all of the material, labor, equipment (such as engineering vehicles and tools) and services necessary for the construction of the project. The general contractor hires specialized subcontractors to perform all or portions of the construction work.

**hack** – a strategy or technique to make things easier

**How much will it run me?** – a question used to ask how much will you have to pay for something

**in-house** – work or activities are done by employees of an organization or company, rather than by workers outside the organization or company

insulation – material used to stop heat, sound, or electricity from escaping or entering

**internship** – a temporary job that a student or recent graduate takes in order to get experience in the area they want to work in usually for no pay or very low pay

it's not up to spec – when something is not done to specifications; not up to a given standard

man hour – the average amount of work that one person can complete in an hour

**mechanic** – a person who repairs and maintains machinery

**mid-range** – to describe products or services which are neither the most expensive nor the cheapest of their type

not up to snuff/not up to par – not satisfactory, up to a given standard

one-on-one – happening between only two people

**on-the-job training/OJT** – teaching the skills, knowledge, and competencies that are needed for employees to perform a specific job within the workplace and work environment

**overview** – a general review or summary of a subject

par – an accepted level or standard, such as an average

phases/stages of work – a part in a course, development, or cycle of work

**point** – the significant or essential element of what is intended or being discussed

**point of reference** – information or experience that you already have that helps you to understand or deal with a new situation

**power sander** – a power tool used to smooth surfaces by abrasion with sandpaper

**power source** – something that supplies electrical power

professional grade – a level of quality appropriate or suitable for professional use

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**profit** – money that is earned in trade or business after paying the costs of producing and selling goods and services

protective – capable of or intended to protect someone or something

rapport – agreement or sympathy between people or groups

recap – to describe what has already been done or decided, without repeating the details

**recreational** – something done for enjoyment when one is not working

retail grade – a level of quality appropriate or suitable for retail sales

sealant - material used for sealing something so as to make it airtight or watertight

**self-contained** – a thing that is complete, or having all that is needed, in itself

**shell** – the hard outer covering of something

**shop** – a subject taught in schools that shows students how to use tools and machinery to make or repair things

**sneaky way** – doing things in a secret and/or unfair way

**snug** – very tight or close-fitting

**specification** – a detailed description of the design and materials used to make something

**to abbreviate** – shorten a word, phrase, or text

**to be done to specifications** – if a project is done to specifications, it is completed at an appropriate level of quality

to be into X – to be interested in or enthusiastic about something

to bow – bend into the shape of a bow

to buff – to polish something

to build back up – phrasal verb meaning to rebuild something

to come down – phrasal verb meaning to fall or move to a lower position

**to come together** – phrasal verb meaning to start to be good or effective because different parts are combining well

to come up against X – phrasal verb meaning to make physical contact with something

to consume – to eat or drink; to use up a resource

to cover up – phrasal verb meaning to put or spread something over something to conceal it

to draw up – phrasal verb meaning to prepare a draft or version of something

to eat up X – phrasal verb meaning to take or require a lot of some resource

to exceed expectations – to be much bigger or better than expected

**to figure out** – phrasal verb meaning to finally understand something or someone, or find the solution to a problem after a lot of thought

to fit flush – to fit perfectly

to fit into – phrasal verb meaning to be part of a particular situation or larger structure

to flip something – to buy something and fix it in some way and then sell it again very quickly

to flow through – phrasal verb meaning to smoothly pass through something

to get into – phrasal verb meaning to take up in study or as an occupation

to go back – phrasal verb meaning to return

to go into – phrasal verb meaning to take up in study or as an occupation

to go through – phrasal verb meaning to search through or examine carefully or in sequence

to gut X – to destroy the inside of a structure

to judge – to form an opinion or conclusion about something

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to keep X in – phrasal verb meaning to prevent something from going out

to keep X out – phrasal verb meaning to prevent something from coming in

to lay electrical/power – to install electrical power

to move down – phrasal verb meaning to move to a lower level, grade, or class

to move up – phrasal verb meaning to go to a better job, higher level, etc.

**to outsource** – an arrangement in which work is done by people from outside your company, usually by a company that is expert in that type of work

to polish – make the surface of something smooth and shiny by rubbing it

**to pull into X** – phrasal verb meaning to have something interesting or appealing motivate you to learn more or continue doing something

to pull up – phrasal verb meaning to raise something upwards

to put around X – phrasal verb meaning to place something around a specific area

**to put in** – phrasal verb meaning to spend a particular amount of time doing something, or to make a particular amount of effort in order to do something

to put on – phrasal verb meaning to cover something or to add something

to put X into – phrasal verb meaning to give money or effort to an activity

to rebuild - to build again

to refurbish – renovate and redecorate something, especially a building

to remodel – to alter the structure of; remake

to renovate – to restore to a previous or better condition

to repair – to restore by replacing a part or putting together what is torn or broken

to run power through X – to physically put wires through something so that it has access to electricity

to run water through X – to physically put pipes through something so that it has access to water

to sand – to smoothen the surface of wood by using sand paper

to sand X down – phrasal verb meaning to treat or polish with sandpaper

to scribe – to cut something to fit flush or curve with the available space

to scribe in – phrasal verb meaning to scribe something so that it can fit inside the required space

**to scribe out** – phrasal verb meaning to scribe something by removing material to allow something to fit flush with the surrounding area

**to shave off** – phrasal verb meaning to remove or eliminate something in thin strips or small amounts using a blade

**to take out** – phrasal verb meaning to remove

to take the next step – to further improve or develop something that is already successful

**to turn over** – phrasal verb meaning to turn something such as a page in a book or a sheet of paper so that the other side is towards you

to upgrade – to improve what was old or outdated

to walk around – phrasal verb meaning to walk with no particular destination

**to warp** – to become or cause to become bent or twisted out of shape, typically as a result of the effects of heat or dampness

**to weld** – to join together metal pieces or parts by heating the surfaces to the point of melting using a blowtorch, electric arc, or other means, and uniting them by pressing, hammering, etc.

trade – a skilled job, typically one requiring manual skills and special training

trade school – educational institution that exists to teach skills related to a specific job

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tradesman – someone who works in a trade that needs skill at using your hands

trim – additional decoration, typically along the edges of something and in contrasting color or material

turnaround – the time needed to complete a job, perform a service, etc., as for a customer

**turnover** – the time needed to complete a job, perform a service, etc., as for a customer

**upholstery** – the soft covering on chairs and seats that makes them more comfortable to sit on

vocational school – educational institution that exists to teach skills related to a specific job

weird – very strange and unusual

What do you do for a living? - a question used to ask what kind of job a person has

What field are you in? – a question used to ask what kind of job a person has

What line of work are you in? – a question used to ask what kind of job a person has

**white-collar worker** – refers to employees or professionals whose work is performed in an office, cubicle, or other administrative setting

woodworking – the activity or skill of making things from wood

#### **Master Class**

AC – short for air conditioner

after hours – after normal working or opening hours

**table saw** – a circular saw mounted under a table or bench so that the blade projects up through a slot **apparatus** – technical equipment needed for a particular activity or purpose

**blog** – a regularly updated website or web page, typically one run by an individual or small group, that is written in an informal or conversational style

**C channel** – a structural framing member shaped like a squared-off letter C

caliber – the level of something

**campervan** – a self-propelled vehicle that provides both transport and sleeping accommodation **campground** – an area of land that has space for many people to put up tents and stay while they are travelling or on holiday

**chassis** – the base frame of a motor vehicle or other wheeled conveyance

**chop saw** – a power tool that used to make straight cuts in wood

circular – having the form of a circle; round

**Corian** – brand name for a solid surface material

**Craigslist** – an American classified advertisements website with sections devoted to jobs, housing, personals, for sale, items wanted, services, community, gigs, résumés, and discussion forums

curvature – the fact of being curved or the degree to which something is curved

**debris** – the broken pieces that are left when something large has been destroyed, especially by an explosion, fire, or accident

**demand** – the quantity of a commodity or service wanted at a specified price and time

**disc grinder** – a handheld power tool used for grinding and polishing

drill press – a machine tool for drilling holes, set on a fixed stand

drop-down – something that drops down or unfolds when it is required

ducting – a system of pipes or tubes in a building that carry something such as air or protects wires

facilities management – the maintenance of an organization's buildings and equipment

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**feedback** – comments about how well or how badly someone is doing something, which are intended to help them do it better

**flat topper** – a truck or trailer that has a flat goods-carrying area without sides

**four cylinder car** – a car with a type of engine that is an internal combustion engine that is made out of 4 pistons and cylinder

**furnace** – a large enclosed container in which you burn fuel, used for heating a building or for an industrial process such as making metal liquid

**glue gun** – An electric gun-shaped device that heats up cylindrical canisters of glue, and ejects the hot glue when the trigger is squeezed

**grad stipend** – payments to help students have the time and funds to earn their academic degree **handheld** – designed to be held in the hand

**hands-on** – hands-on experience or training involves you doing something instead of just reading about it or watching other people do it

I figured – an informal expression used to say when something is logical, expected, or reasonable

**ikebana** – the art of Japanese flower arrangement, with formal display according to strict rules

**irrigation** – the supply of water to land or crops to help growth, typically by means of channels

landscaper – someone who arranges features of the landscape or garden attractively

**lead** – something serving as an indication or clue about an available job opportunity

marble – hard, smooth stone that is often used for decoration

market – an area or arena in which commercial dealings are conducted

**Murphy bed** – a bed that's hinged at one end, so it can be folded up and stored vertically against a wall or in a closet

**origami** – the Japanese art of folding paper into decorative shapes and figures

**pocket sliding door** – a sliding door that disappears, when fully open, into a compartment in the adjacent wall

**power converter** – an electrical or electro-mechanical device for converting electrical energy **preferable** – having greater value or desirability

**propane** – a hydrocarbon gas obtained from natural gas or petroleum, used as a fuel for cooking and heating

quality analysis – examination of the quality of a product or service

**reputation** – overall quality or character as seen or judged by people in general

**risky** – full of the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

**RV park** – a place where people with recreational vehicles can stay overnight, or longer, in allotted spaces

**sawdust** – powdery particles of wood produced by sawing

**second best** – a less adequate or less desirable alternative

Shasta – a brand of recreational vehicles originally built between 1941 and 2004

**showroom quality** – something that looks good enough to be displayed in a showroom

**skin** – outer layer of something

**skin and bones** – to reduce something to just the bare minimum

**smudge** – a small messy mark made by a substance such as dirt or ink

**speck** – a very small spot or mark

**spray foam insulation** – an alternative to traditional building insulation such as fiberglass

**subfloor** – the foundation for a floor in a building

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**teardrop camper** – a streamlined, compact, lightweight travel trailer, which gets its name from its teardrop profile

**technique** – a way of carrying out a particular task, especially the execution or performance of an artistic work or a scientific procedure

tinted – darkened glass so that people cannot see in

to accommodate – to fit in with the wishes or needs of someone

**to accomplish** – to succeed in doing something, especially something that you have been trying to do for a period of time

**to bring over** – phrasal verb meaning to take someone or something from one place to the place where someone else is, especially their home

**to clear away** – phrasal verb meaning to remove something that you have finished using or no longer want in order to make a place tidy

to convert – to change the character, appearance, or operation of something

to do the thing – to engage in the kind of behavior typically associated with someone or something

to drain – to let liquid flow away from something

to drain down – phrasal verb meaning to flow or move off of something

to drive off – phrasal verb meaning to move a vehicle away from something

to drive up – phrasal verb meaning to arrive in a vehicle

to engineer – to design and build a machine or structure

**to fix up** – phrasal verb meaning to do work that is necessary in order to make something more suitable or attractive

to flip up – phrasal verb meaning able to be opened by being flipped upwards

to get at – phrasal verb meaning to imply something or to make a point

to get away – phrasal verb meaning to escape

to get down to X – phrasal verb meaning to reduce or lower to a specific point

to get up – phrasal verb meaning to raise from a lower to a higher position

to head back – phrasal verb meaning to start moving back to a particular place

to help out – phrasal verb meaning render assistance to

to hold on – phrasal verb meaning to hold something or someone firmly with your hands or arms

to hone in on – phrasal verb meaning to give all your attention to something

to install – to put a piece of equipment somewhere and make it ready for use

to lift up – phrasal verb meaning to raise from a lower to a higher position

to look around – phrasal verb meaning to walk around a room, building, or place and see what is there

to look into – phrasal verb meaning to try to discover the facts about something such as a problem

to mirror – to copy someone or something to match or express the qualities, features, or feelings

to open up – phrasal verb meaning to start a new business

to peek in – phrasal verb meaning to look quickly

to pioneer – to develop or be the first to use or apply a new method, area of knowledge, or activity

to plug into – phrasal verb meaning be connected to another appliance by a plug inserted in an outlet

to pop – to look strikingly or noticeably good

to pop up – phrasal verb meaning to move up easily or suddenly in an upward direction

to push one's way – to force oneself into something

to put back together – phrasal verb meaning to make something by assembling different parts or people

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to put back up – phrasal verb meaning to raise something to the place where it was before to raise up – phrasal verb meaning to lift or move something or someone to a higher position to redo – to do something again in a different way, especially in order to correct or improve it to reflect – for a surface or body to throw back heat, light, or sound without absorbing it

to rip – to tear something quickly and with a lot of force

to rip out – phrasal verb meaning to tear something out of someone or something

to run off – phrasal verb used to refer to a liquid that flows away from or out of something

to run through – phrasal verb meaning to put something through a machine

to send back – phrasal verb meaning to return something that is not satisfactory

to sit down – phrasal verb meaning to situate something at a low level

to specialize – to concentrate on and become expert in a particular subject or skill

to start from scratch – to begin with the very first and simplest steps; build from the ground

to switch X off – phrasal verb meaning to turn off a light, television, etc. by using a switch

to take in – phrasal verb meaning to bring something to a place to have work done

to tighten down – phrasal verb meaning to make something become tighter, firmer, or less easy to move

to tour – to visit a place or area, especially one during which you look around the place or area

to transport over – phrasal verb meaning to move or carry something from one place to another

to volunteer – to freely offer to do something

to walk through – phrasal verb meaning to slowly walk through an area to inspect it or observe the activities taking place

to work out – phrasal verb meaning to have a good or specified result

**trade organization** – an organization founded and funded by businesses that operate in a specific industry

upfront – speaking or behaving in a way that makes intentions and beliefs clear

vintage – a vintage object or vehicle is old, but is kept in good condition because it is interesting or attractive

Vintage Trailer Masters – a company that specializes in vintage trailer restoration

walkthrough – a tour or demonstration of an area or task

whatnot - other similar things

woodshed - a place, means, or session for administering discipline

**woodshop** – a shop in which woodworking is carried on