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Geographical features

bay (n) C	/beɪ/	baia	Her hotel was located in the middle of the bay .
canal (n) C	/kə'næl/	canale	A canal is a man-made waterway.
cape (n) C	/keɪp/	capo	Zheng He's fleet rounded the Cape of Good Hope and set course westwards across the Atlantic.
desert (n) C	/dezət/	deserto	Animals in the desert have to go without water for long lengths of time.
falls (n) pl	/fɔ:lz/	cascate	Iguacu Falls are really exciting to visit.
gulf (n) C	/gʌlf/	golfo	A gulf is a large area of sea almost surrounded by land.
mount (n) C	/maʊnt/	monte	My friend was really proud because she'd managed to walk to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro.
ocean (n) C	/əʊʃn/	oceano	The evidence supports claims that Zheng He sailed across the Indian Ocean .
peninsula (n) C	/pə'nɪnsjələ/	penisola	Some people say that Cornwall is technically a peninsula .
strait (n) C	/streɪt/	stretto	The fleets sailed south along the coast of Argentina before navigating the Straits of Magellan.

Binomials

bits and pieces	/bɪts ən 'pi:si:z/	cosette	I selected the basic map and then added a couple of bits and pieces .
black and white	/blæk ən 'waɪt/	netto	I prefer black and white explanations – I don't like ambiguity.
born and bred	/bɔ:n ən 'bred/	nato e cresciuto	I was born and bred in this country.
down and out	/daʊn ən 'aʊt/	in bolletta	Someone who is down and out has no money or nowhere to live.
flesh and blood	/fleʃ ən 'blʌd/	figli	I always put my own flesh and blood before my friends.
forgive and forget	/fə'gɪv ən fə'get/	perdonare e dimenticare	Some people find it difficult to forgive and forget .
here and now	/hɪə ən 'naʊ/	immediatamente	It's better to deal with problems here and now rather than putting things off.
long and hard	/lɒŋ ən 'hɑ:d/	molto attentamente	Think long and hard before you make a decision.
pick and choose	/pɪk ən 'tʃu:z/	scegliere con cura	You select the basic map and then pick and choose the places that are important to you.
short and sweet	/ʃɔ:t ən 'swi:t/	di breve durata	She's coming home for a week or so – short and sweet but better than nothing.
sick and tired	/sɪk ən 'taɪəd/	stufo	I'm sick and tired of telling you to see a doctor.

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to and fro	/tu: ən 'frəʊ/	avanti e indietro	She's doing a lot of travelling – to and fro between New York and Washington every couple of days.
tried and tested	/traɪd ən 'testɪd/	sperimentato a lungo	It's better to buy things that are tried and tested .

Describing landscape

a bare rocky ridge	/ə ,beə ,rɒki 'rɪdʒ/	una spoglia cresta rocciosa	The Grand Canyon in Arizona is full of bare rocky ridges .
a deep narrow gorge	/ə ,di:p ,nærəʊ 'gɔ:dʒ/	una gola profonda e stretta	Photo B shows a deep narrow gorge .
a fertile wooded valley	/ə ,fɜ:ttaɪl ,wɒdəd 'væli/	una fertile valle boscosa	Photo A shows a fertile wooded valley .
gentle rolling hills	/dʒentl ,rəʊlɪŋ 'hɪlz/	colline dolcemente ondulate	You find a lot of gentle rolling hills in the south of England.
a jagged snowy peak	/ə ,dʒæɡəd ,snəʊi 'pi:k/	una cima innevata e frastagliata	Photo C shows a jagged snowy peak .
a sheltered sandy cove	/ə ,ʃeltəd ,sændi 'kəʊv/	un'insenatura sabbiosa e nascosta	It's a sheltered sandy cove , ideal for sunbathing.
a tall steep cliff	/ə ,tɔ:l ,sti:p 'klɪf/	una scogliera alta e ripida	Photo D shows a tall steep cliff .

Other words & phrases

adamant (adj)	/ædəmənt/	fermamente convinto	Menzies and his followers are adamant that Zheng He's fleet circumnavigated the globe.
affluent (adj)	/æflʊənt/	ricco	Although we are much more affluent it seems we are not any happier than before.
artefact (n) C	/ɑ:tɪfækt/	manufatto	Chinese artefacts and computer simulations support their theory.
a tall order (n) U	/ə tɔ:l 'ɔ:də/	una cosa impossibile	That sounds like a tall order .
Aussie (n) C	/ɒzi/	australiano	There's this great website, 'mapping the world', it's got loads of really interesting stuff, just about every map that was ever drawn, from the Romans to the Aussies!
breed (v) C	/bri:d/	riprodurre	Animals for breeding were carried on the ships.
buzz (n) C / (v)	/bʌz/	mormorio (n), essere chiassoso (v)	I really enjoyed the buzz of it all. When the <i>Star Wars</i> producers first found it, it was a quiet little place – now it's a buzzing tourist resort.
by and large	/baɪ ən 'la:dʒ/	in linea di massima	By and large there is usually a correlation between a nation's wealth and the happiness of its people.

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circumnavigate (v)	/sɜ:kəm'nævɪgeɪt/	circumnavigare	Menzies and his followers are adamant that Zheng He's fleet circumnavigated the globe.
colony (n) C	/kələni/	colonia	They took everything they thought they would need to start new colonies .
controversial (adj)	/kɒntrə'vɜ:fl/	controverso	Why do you think this book is so controversial ?
correlation (n) C	/kɒrə'leɪʃn/	correlazione	By and large there is usually a correlation between a nation's wealth and the happiness of its people.
counterpart (n) C	/kauntə'pɑ:t/	controparte	His fleet not only sailed to America but also circumnavigated the globe almost one hundred years before their European counterparts .
crawling (adj)	/kro:liŋ/	brulicante	It's a perfect beach but it's crawling with tourists in the summer.
crucial (adj)	/kru:ʃl/	cruciale	For politicians, understanding what makes people happy is crucial .
Dane (n) C	/deɪn/	danese	Among the richer nations, some, like the Danes and the Swiss, are much happier than others.
deter (v)	/di'tɜ:/	scoraggiare	The lack of historical evidence does not deter Menzies and his followers.
dispute (v)	/dɪspju:t/	discutere	Nobody disputes the Chinese fleets' capacity for long sea voyages at that time.
down under (n) U	/daʊn 'ʌndə/	Australia	He got sick and tired of them going on about how he came from " down under ".
dragon (n) C	/dræɡən/	drago	Zheng He's dragon ships travelled on more than one occasion from China to the east coast of Africa.
epic (n) C	/epɪk/	impresa	The big budget adaptation of Gulliver's Travels is going to be an epic .
estuary (n) C	/estjuəri/	estuario	An estuary is the part of a river where it becomes wide and joins the sea.
euphoric (adj)	/ju:'fɔ:ɪk/	euforico	Advertisements often show pictures of smiling faces, pretty resorts and euphoric carnivals.
fjord (n) C	/fjɔ:d/	fiordo	Have you ever visited the fjords of Norway?
fleet (n) C	/fli:t/	flotta	They are adamant that Zheng He's fleet circumnavigated the globe.
flood (v)	/flʌd/	inondare	Parts of the ship could be flooded to create giant fish tanks.
footage (n) U	/fʊtɪdʒ/	ripresa cinematografica	I get as much footage as I can of the locations I'm interested in.
glossy (adj)	/glɒsi/	patinato	Advertisements on TV and in glossy magazines sell the idea of happiness.
itinerary (n) C	/aɪ'tɪnərəri/	itinerario	I really enjoyed the itinerary you put together for the trip.
league table (n) C	/li:g ,teɪbl/	classifica	A new survey gives information, in the form of league tables , about people's perceptions of happiness.
magnify (v)	/mæɡnɪ'faɪ/	ingrandire	You choose the places that are most important to you on the map and then you magnify them.

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mainland (adj)	/meɪn,lænd/	continentale	Enjoy open sea sailing across Atlantic from San Miguel to mainland Europe.
maze (n) C	/meɪz/	dedalo	Cappadocia is an amazing place – a maze of narrow valleys.
navigate (v)	/nævɪ,geɪt/	navigare	Menzies claims they navigated the Straits of Magellan almost 100 years before Magellan did.
ocean-going (adj)	/əʊʃn'gəʊɪŋ/	d'alto mare	Long sea voyages were now seen as an unnecessary luxury and the building of ocean-going vessels had become a crime punishable by death.
out of the way (adj)	/aʊt əv ðə weɪ/	fuori mano	It was a perfect location, so out of the way , so untouched by the modern world.
paramount (adj)	/pærəmaʊnt/	sommo, massimo	Happiness can suffer in societies where material possessions are of paramount importance.
pending (adj)	/pendɪŋ/	imminente	I have no other projects pending so I'm going to do a bit of travelling.
perception (n) C	/pə'sepʃn/	percezione	A new survey gives information, in the form of league tables, about people's perceptions of happiness.
pipedream (n) C	/paɪp,dri:m/	sogno irrealizzabile	'Why is New Zealand highlighted?' 'Ah, that's a pipedream – I've always wanted to go there.'
plain (n) C	/pleɪn/	pianura	A plain is a large, flat area of land.
plot (v)	/plɒt/	tracciare	Menzies used reconstructions of 15 th century night skies to plot Zheng He's course.
Pom (n) C	/pɒm/	"inglese"	' Pom ' is a slightly insulting Australian word for someone who comes from the UK.
populate (v)	/pɒpjʊ,leɪt/	popolare	There were interpreters in seventeen different languages, skilled craftsmen and hundreds of women to populate the new settlements.
repulse (v)	/rɪ'pʌls/	disgustare	They were repulsed by some of his strange habits.
round (v)	/raʊnd/	doppiare	His fleet rounded the Cape of Good Hope, set course westwards across the Atlantic and reached the coast of Brazil sometime in December 1421.
rural (adj)	/rʊərəl/	rurale	Only 150 years ago the San Fernando Valley was a rural farming area.
satire (n) C	/sætəɪə/	satira	It's a brilliant satire of Britain at the beginning of last century.
set sail (v)	/,set 'seɪl/	salpare	History books tell how his ships set sail from Nanjing on the river Yangtze.
setting (n) C	/setɪŋ/	ambientazione	The location could be a street, a building, a historic setting or a particular kind of landscape.
settlement (n) C	/setlmənt/	insediamento	Chinese artefacts and settlements in Sri Lanka support claims that he sailed across the Indian Ocean.

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sizeable (adj)	/saɪzəbl/	di discreta dimensione	It's best if the location is within reach of a sizeable town.
skilled (adj)	/skɪld/	specializzato	There were interpreters and skilled craftsmen on the ships.
spice (n) C	/spaɪs/	interesse	To add a bit of spice the studio has asked for the locations all to be within easy reach of each other.
step back (v)	/step bæk/	farsi da parte	It'll be time for me to step back and let the location manager take over from there ... and good luck to her!
submarine (n) C	/sʌbmə'ri:n/	sottomarino	Gavin Menzies is a retired British submarine commander.
supply (v)	/sə'plaɪ/	fornire	That company supplies ink for photocopiers.
temporary (adj)	/'tempərəri/	temporaneo	Going on holiday for two weeks is only a temporary solution.
unspoilt (adj)	/ʌn'spɔɪld/	incontaminato	Enter through the straits of Gibraltar, with incredible views of Rif mountains in Morocco on one side and the unspoilt beaches of western Andalusia on the other.
upside down (adv)	/ʌpsaɪd 'daʊn/	capovolto	'It's based on an Australian map.' 'Yeah, I can see ... it's upside down .'
vessel (n) C	/vesl/	vascello	The building of ocean-going vessels had become a crime punishable by death.
veteran (adj)	/'vet(ə)rən/	veterano	Sophie's a veteran location scout and she's going to tell us some of the secrets of location hunting.
wash away (v)	/wɒʃ ə'weɪ/	portar via	In fact, it rained so much that thousands of dollars of equipment were washed away in the water.
well-earned (adj)	/'wel'ɜ:nd/	ben meritato	Dock at Gibraltar for a few days of well-earned rest before continuing to Balearic Islands.
workshop (n) C	/'wɜ:kʃɒp/	gruppo di studio, seminario	The workshop failed to reach any practical conclusions.