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## Geographical features

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

## Binomials

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

### Describing landscape

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

### Other words & phrases

adamant (adj)	/ædəmənt/	fermamente convinto	Menzies and his followers are <b>adamant</b> that Zheng He's fleet circumnavigated the globe.
affluent (adj)	/æfluənt/	ricco	Although we are much more <b>affluent</b> it seems we are not any happier than before.
artefact (n) C	/ɑ:tɪfækt/	manufatto	Chinese <b>artefacts</b> and computer simulations support their theory.
a tall order (n) U	/ə tɔ:l 'ɔ:də/	una cosa impossibile	That sounds like <b>a tall order</b> .
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 <b>Aussies</b> !
breed (v) C	/bri:d/	riprodurre	Animals for <b>breeding</b> were carried on the ships.
buzz (n) C / (v)	/bʌz/	mormorio (n), essere chiassoso (v)	I really enjoyed the <b>buzz</b> of it all.
			When the <i>Star Wars</i> producers first found it, it was a quiet little place – now it's a <b>buzzing</b> tourist resort.
by and large	/baɪ ən 'la:dʒ/	in linea di massima	<b>By and large</b> 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
colony (n) C	/kələni/	colonia
controversial (adj)	/kɒntrə'vɜ:ʃl/	controverso
correlation (n) C	/kɒrə'leɪʃn/	correlazione
counterpart (n) C	/kaʊntə'pɑ:t/	controparte
crawling (adj)	/krɔ:lɪŋ/	brulicante
crucial (adj)	/kru:ʃl/	cruciale
Dane (n) C	/deɪn/	danese
deter (v)	/dɪ'tɜ:/	scoraggiare
dispute (v)	/dɪspju:t/	discutere
down under (n) U	/daʊn 'ʌndə/	Australia
dragon (n) C	/dræɡən/	drago
epic (n) C	/epɪk/	impresa
estuary (n) C	/estjuəri/	estuario
euphoric (adj)	/ju:'fɔ:ɪk/	euforico
fjord (n) C	/fjɔ:d/	fiordo
fleet (n) C	/fli:t/	flotta
flood (v)	/flʌd/	inondare
footage (n) U	/fʊtɪdʒ/	ripresa cinematografica
glossy (adj)	/ɡləsi/	patinato
itinerary (n) C	/aɪ'tɪnərəri/	itinerario
league table (n) C	/li:g 'teɪbl/	classifica
magnify (v)	/mæɡnɪfaɪ/	ingrandire

Menzies and his followers are adamant that Zheng He's fleet

**circumnavigated** the globe.

They took everything they thought they would need to start new **colonies**.

Why do you think this book is so **controversial**?

By and large there is usually a **correlation** between a nation's wealth and the happiness of its people.

His fleet not only sailed to America but also circumnavigated the globe almost one hundred years before their European **counterparts**.

It's a perfect beach but it's **crawling** with tourists in the summer.

For politicians, understanding what makes people happy is **crucial**.

Among the richer nations, some, like the **Danes** and the Swiss, are much happier than others.

The lack of historical evidence does not **deter** Menzies and his followers.

Nobody **disputes** the Chinese fleets' capacity for long sea voyages at that time.

He got sick and tired of them going on about how he came from "**down under**".

Zheng He's **dragon** ships travelled on more than one occasion from China to the east coast of Africa.

The big budget adaptation of Gulliver's Travels is going to be an **epic**.

An **estuary** is the part of a river where it becomes wide and joins the sea.

Advertisements often show pictures of smiling faces, pretty resorts and **euphoric** carnivals.

Have you ever visited the **fjords** of Norway?

They are adamant that Zheng He's **fleet** circumnavigated the globe.

Parts of the ship could be **flooded** to create giant fish tanks.

I get as much **footage** as I can of the locations I'm interested in.

Advertisements on TV and in **glossy** magazines sell the idea of happiness.

I really enjoyed the **itinerary** you put together for the trip.

A new survey gives information, in the form of **league tables**, about people's perceptions of happiness.

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
maze (n) C	/meɪz/	dedalo
navigate (v)	/nævɪ,geɪt/	navigare
ocean-going (adj)	/əʊʃn'gəʊɪŋ/	d'alto mare
out of the way (adj)	/aʊt əv ðə weɪ/	fuori mano
paramount (adj)	/pærəmaʊnt/	sommo, massimo
pending (adj)	/pendɪŋ/	imminente
perception (n) C	/pə'sepʃn/	percezione
pipedream (n) C	/paɪp,dri:m/	sogno irrealizzabile
plain (n) C	/pleɪn/	pianura
plot (v)	/plɒt/	tracciare
Pom (n) C	/pɒm/	“inglese”
populate (v)	/pɒpjʊ,leɪt/	popolare
repulse (v)	/rɪ'pʌls/	disgustare
round (v)	/raʊnd/	doppiare
rural (adj)	/rʊərəl/	rurale
satire (n) C	/sæ'taɪə/	satira
set sail (v)	/set 'seɪl/	salpare
setting (n) C	/setɪŋ/	ambientazione
settlement (n) C	/setlmənt/	insediamento

Enjoy open sea sailing across Atlantic from San Miguel to **mainland** Europe.

Cappadocia is an amazing place – a **maze** of narrow valleys.

Menzies claims they **navigated** the Straits of Magellan almost 100 years before Magellan did.

Long sea voyages were now seen as an unnecessary luxury and the building of **ocean-going** vessels had become a crime punishable by death.

It was a perfect location, so **out of the way**, so untouched by the modern world.

Happiness can suffer in societies where material possessions are of **paramount** importance.

I have no other projects **pending** so I'm going to do a bit of travelling.

A new survey gives information, in the form of league tables, about people's **perceptions** of happiness.

'Why is New Zealand highlighted?' 'Ah, that's a **pipedream** – I've always wanted to go there.'

A **plain** is a large, flat area of land.

Menzies used reconstructions of 15<sup>th</sup> century night skies to **plot** Zheng He's course.

'**Pom**' is a slightly insulting Australian word for someone who comes from the UK.

There were interpreters in seventeen different languages, skilled craftsmen and hundreds of women to **populate** the new settlements.

They were **repulsed** by some of his strange habits.

His fleet **rounded** the Cape of Good Hope, set course westwards across the Atlantic and reached the coast of Brazil sometime in December 1421.

Only 150 years ago the San Fernando Valley was a **rural** farming area.

It's a brilliant **satire** of Britain at the beginning of last century.

History books tell how his ships **set sail** from Nanjing on the river Yangtze.

The location could be a street, a building, a historic **setting** or a particular kind of landscape.

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 <b>sizeable</b> town.
skilled (adj)	/skɪld/	specializzato	There were interpreters and <b>skilled</b> craftsmen on the ships.
spice (n) C	/spaɪs/	interesse	To add a bit of <b>spice</b> 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 <b>step back</b> 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 <b>submarine</b> commander.
supply (v)	/sə'plaɪ/	fornire	That company <b>supplies</b> ink for photocopiers.
temporary (adj)	/tempə'rəri/	temporaneo	Going on holiday for two weeks is only a <b>temporary</b> 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 <b>unspoilt</b> 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 <b>upside down</b> .'
vessel (n) C	/vesl/	vascello	The building of ocean-going <b>vessels</b> had become a crime punishable by death.
veteran (adj)	/vet(ə)rən/	veterano	Sophie's a <b>veteran</b> 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 <b>washed away</b> in the water.
well-earned (adj)	/wel'ɜ:nd/	ben meritato	Dock at Gibraltar for a few days of <b>well-earned</b> rest before continuing to Balearic Islands.
workshop (n) C	/wɜ:kʃɒp/	gruppo di studio, seminario	The <b>workshop</b> failed to reach any practical conclusions.