Chapter 18 Big Fish: Deep Waters

**fish**1 S2 W1 *plural* **fish** *or* **fishes**

**1** [countable]HBF an animal that lives in water, and uses its fins and tail to swim:

*Ronny* ***caught*** *three huge* ***fish*** *this afternoon.*

**freshwater/saltwater/tropical fish**

**a shoal/school of fish** (=a large group of fish swimming together)

**2** [uncountable]DFF the flesh of a fish used as food: *One usually drinks white wine with fish.*

**3** **(be/feel) like a fish out of water** to feel uncomfortable because you feel you do not belong in a place or situation: *I felt like a fish out of water in my new school.*

**4** **there are plenty more fish in the sea** used to tell someone whose relationship has ended that there are other people they can have a relationship with

**5** **neither fish nor fowl** neither one thing nor another

**6** **have other/bigger fish to fry** *informal* to have other things to do, especially more important things

**7** **odd fish/queer fish** *British English old-fashioned* someone who is slightly strange or crazy

**8** **cold fish** an unfriendly person who seems to have no strong feelings

**9** **a big fish in a little/small pond** someone who is important in or who has influence over a very small area

**3** **waters** [plural] a large area of water, especially an ocean that is near or belongs to a particular country: *the* ***coastal waters*** *of Alaska*

**Korean/Mexican/Pacific etc waters**

*The ship drifted into Turkish* ***territorial waters****.*

*a species found in* ***inland waters*** (=not the sea, but rivers, lakes etc)

**be in deep water**

to be in trouble or in a difficult or serious situation:

*The company is in deep water over their refusal to reduce prices.*

**corridor** S2 W3 [countable]

**1**TBB a long narrow passage on a train or between rooms in a building, with doors leading off it

**in the corridor**

*We had to wait outside in the corridor until our names were called.*

**down/along the corridor** *She hurried down the corridor.*

**2**SG a narrow area of land between cities or countries that has different qualities or features from the land around it: *the industrial corridor that connects Queretaro with Mexico City*

**3** **corridors of power** the places where important government decisions are made

**semi-**

**1**XX exactly half: *a semicircle*

**2** partly but not completely: *in the semi-darkness*; *semi-literate people*

**3**XX happening, appearing etc twice in a particular period: *a semi-weekly visit*

**draw a breath**

**23** **breathe** [intransitive and transitive] to take air or smoke into your lungs:

*She* ***drew a deep breath.***

*Ruth paused to* ***draw breath****, her voice barely hiding her excitement.*

*He lit his pipe and drew deeply.*

**24** **draw breath** to find time to have a rest when you are busy:

*I've hardly had a moment to draw breath.*

**edge**1 S2 W2

**1** **outside part** [countable] the part of an object that is furthest from its centre:

*Put the lamb in the centre of the dish, with the vegetables and herbs around the edge.*

**the edge of something** *the right hand edge of the page*

**2** **blade**TZ [countable] the thin sharp part of a blade or tool that cuts:

*a knife with a sharp edge*

**3** **advantage**[singular, uncountable] something that gives you an advantage over others:

*Companies are employing more research teams to get an edge.*

**4** **on edge** nervous, especially because you are expecting something unpleasant to happen:

*Paul felt on edge about meeting Lisa.*

**5** **voice** [singular] a quality in someone's voice that makes it sound slightly angry or impatient:

*There was an edge of hostility in Jack's voice.*

**6** **slope** [countable] an area beside a very steep slope:

*She walked almost to the edge of the cliff.*

**7** **on the edge of something**

close to the point at which something different, especially something bad, will happen:

*Their economy is on the edge of collapse.*

**8** **quality** [singular] a special quality of excitement or danger:

*The school's campaign has been given an extra edge by being filmed for television.*

**9** **take the edge off something** to make something less bad, good, strong etc:

*Pascoe was drinking whisky to take the edge off the pain.*

**10** **on the edge of your seat** giving all your attention to something exciting:

*The film's ending had me on the edge of my seat.*

**11** **be on the edge** *informal* to be behaving in a way that makes it seem as if you are going crazy