Chapter 19 Setting Accounts

**traffic**1 S1 W2 [uncountable]

**1**TTR the vehicles moving along a road or street: *The traffic noise kept me awake.*

*They must have got caught in* ***rush-hour traffic****.*

*We were stuck in* ***heavy traffic*** (=a large amount of traffic) *for more than an hour.*

*plans to help ease* ***traffic congestion*** *in the city*

*We believe that the plans will increase* ***the volume of traffic*** (=the amount of traffic)*.*

**2**TT the movement of aircraft, ships, or trains from one place to another:

*the problems of* ***air traffic*** *congestion in Europe*

**3** *formal*TT the movement of people or goods by aircraft, ships, or trains

**traffic of** *Most long-distance traffic of heavy goods is done by ships.*

**4**BBTSCC the secret buying and selling of illegal goods: *drugs traffic*

**traffic in** *traffic in firearms*

**bubble**2 [intransitive]

**1** to produce bubbles: *Heat the cheese until it bubbles.*

**bubble up** *The cola bubbled up when I unscrewed the lid.*

**2**C to make the sound that water makes when it boils

**bubble away** *The water was bubbling away on the stove.*

**3** *also* **bubble over** to be excited

**bubble with** *Mary was bubbling over with excitement.*

**4** *also* **bubble away/up** if a feeling or activity bubbles, it continues to exist:

*Resentment was still bubbling inside her.*

**reach out to somebody** *phrasal verb*

to show people that you are interested in them and want to listen to them:

*So far, his administration has failed to reach out to hardline Republicans.*

**cross**1 S2 W2

**1** **go from one side to another**

[intransitive and transitive] to go or stretch from one side of something such as a road, river, room etc to the other

**cross to** *He crossed to the window.*

**cross (over) the road/street/river etc** *It's easy to have an accident just crossing the road.*

**cross the Atlantic/the Channel etc** *the first steamship to cross the Atlantic*

**cross over** *She crossed over to sit beside Dot.*

**2** **cross a line etc** [transitive] if you cross a line, track etc you go over and beyond it:

*He raised his arms in triumph as he crossed the line for his 100-metres win.*

**3** **two roads/lines etc**[intransitive and transitive] if two or more roads, lines, etc cross, or if one crosses another, they go across each other:

*The by-pass crosses Wilton Lane shortly after a roundabout.*

**4** **legs/arms/ankles** [transitive]HBH if you cross your legs, arms, or ankles, you put one on top of the other: *She was sitting on the floor with her legs crossed.*

**5** **cross somebody's mind** [usually in negatives] if you say that an idea, thought etc never crossed your mind, you mean that you did not think of it [= occur to somebody]:

***It didn't cross*** *her* ***mind that*** *she might be doing something illegal.*

**the thought has (never) crossed my mind** (=used to tell someone you have thought of the thing they are suggesting, or have never thought of it)

**6** **cross somebody's face** *written* if an expression crosses someone's face, it appears on their face:

*A look of surprise crossed her face.*

**7** **cross your fingers** used to say that you hope something will happen in the way you want:

*She hung the washing out, then crossed her fingers for a dry day.*

**11** **cross my heart (and hope to die)** *spoken informal* used to say that you promise that you will do something, or that what you are saying is true

**12** **make somebody angry** [transitive] to make someone angry by opposing their plans or orders:

*He hated anyone who crossed him.*

**silencer** [countable]

**1** *British English*TTC a piece of equipment that is connected to the exhaust of a vehicle to make its engine quieter [= **muffler** *American English*]

**2**PMW a thing that is put on the end of a gun so that it makes less noise when it is fired

**deliberate**1

**1** intended or planned [≠ unintentional; = intentional]: *a* ***deliberate attempt*** *to humiliate her*

**2** deliberate speech, thought, or movement is slow and careful:

*He approached her with slow, deliberate steps.*

**—deliberateness** *noun* [uncountable]

**deliberate**2 [intransitive]

to think about something very carefully:

*The jury deliberated for four days before acquitting him.*

**deliberate on/about/over** *There was silence while she deliberated on his words.*

**phut** [fʌt] *Informal* *n*

a representation of a muffled explosive sound

**go phut** *British English informal* if a machine goes phut, it stops working completely:

*The microwave's gone phut.*

**upset**2 S2 *past tense and past participle* **upset***, present participle* **upsetting** [transitive]

**1** **make somebody unhappy** to make someone feel unhappy or worried:

*Don't do anything that would upset him.*

**2** **change something** to change a plan or situation in a way that causes problems:

*The chemicals* ***upset the balance of*** *the environment.*

**3** **make something fall** to push something over without intending to:

*He upset a bowl of soup.*

**4** **defeat**to defeat an opponent who is considered to be much better than you:

*Jones upset the 40th-ranked American, Cunningham.*

**5** **upset the apple cart** *informal* to completely spoil someone's plans

**landing**

**1** [uncountable and countable] the action of bringing an aircraft down to the ground after being in the air [≠ take-off]: *take-off and landing procedures*

**crash/emergency landing** (=a sudden landing caused by a problem with the engine etc)

*the Apollo* ***moon landings***

**2**DHTBB [countable] the floor at the top of a set of stairs or between two sets of stairs:

*the first-floor landing*

**3** [countable] the action of bringing soldiers onto land that is controlled by the enemy:

*the first landings of American Marines at Da Nang*

**lick**1 S3

**1** **tongue** [transitive]HB to move your tongue across the surface of something in order to eat it, wet it, clean it etc: *The dog jumped up and licked her face.*

**lick something ↔ up** *A cat licked up the drops spilt on the floor.*

**lick something off something** *He licked the drops off his upper lip.*

**2** **sport** [transitive] *informal* to defeat an opponent:

*I bet we could lick the best teams in Georgia.*

**3** **flames/waves** [intransitive and transitive] *literary* if flames or waves lick something, they touch it again and again with quick movements

**lick at/against** *Soon the flames were licking at the curtains.*

**4** **have (got) something licked** *informal* to have succeeded in dealing with a difficult problem:

*Just when you think you've got it licked, it comes back.*

**5** **lick your lips** *also* **lick your chops** *American English* to feel eager and excited because you are expecting to get something good: *Scottish rugby fans are licking their lips in anticipation.*

**6** **lick your wounds** to quietly think about the defeat or disappointment you have just suffered

**7** **lick somebody's boots** to obey someone completely because you are afraid of them or want to please them

**fire extinguisher** [countable]

TD a metal container with water or chemicals in it, used for stopping small fires

**burst into flames/flame** to suddenly start to burn very strongly:

*Their car crashed and burst into flames.*

**fire engine** [countable]

TTC a special large vehicle that carries equipment and the people that stop fires burning, especially the equipment that shoots water at a fire [= **fire truck** *American English*]