

UPPER INTERMEDIATE UNIT 2

2.1 Issues

1 Underline the correct alternatives. Then tick the sentences you agree with.

- The news tends to focus on city life. *Rural/Urban* problems are rarely mentioned.
- Environmental issues aren't just a national problem. It's a *domestic/global* issue.
- Any problem which affects voters' lives could be seen as *political/industrial*.
- Crime is not only an *ethical/urban* problem. It occurs in the countryside too.
- The government should concentrate on *domestic/economic* issues, not on problems overseas.
- Factory smoke makes air pollution largely an *industrial/ethical* problem.
- There are *ethical/industrial* questions concerning genetically modified food that need answering.
- Economic/Ethical* problems are increasingly important as the cost of living rises.

2 Match 1–8 with the endings a)–h).

- Hawaii is experiencing its most violent volcanic
 - The rise in obesity
 - A series of minor earthquakes have
 - The river burst its bank and lead to a
 - Residents are asked to be aware of land
 - A new centre will help people with drug
 - While it can go unreported, domestic
 - There's been an increase in homelessness
- a) violence is an important issue.
 b) flood in surrounding fields.
 c) may be linked to the increase in ready meals.
 d) eruption for some years.
 e) among young people.
 f) slides after the recent heavy rain.
 g) abuse problems.
 h) hit California recently.

Verbs/Nouns with the same form

3 Decide if each word in bold is a verb (V) or a noun (N). Then underline the stressed syllable.

- My doctor's lost my vaccination **record**.
- Research** tells us global warming will continue.
- Experts **project** that hunger levels will fall.
- No-one without the required **permit** can enter the building.
- You should **present** your idea to the department head.
- My sister wants to **import** handbags and sell them.
- Farmers in **desert** areas suffer because of droughts.
- Police **suspect** a neighbour carried out the burglary.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.

cure	delay	fine	guess	lie	queue
test	tip				

- I'll revise by looking over one of my old _____ papers.
- I'm not joining that _____, there are far too many people.
- My doctor _____ me of my snoring. Now I sleep like a baby!
- Elena never _____ the waiter, even if the service is great.
- Let's not forget to get a ticket. The parking _____ are really high these days.
- Well, we can't _____ it anymore. Let's start.
- I don't know the answer, but I can have a _____.
- I _____ to my boss yesterday and told her I was sick.

2.2 Surveillance

5 Complete the article with the correct words. The first letter in each word is given.

Can CCTV reduce crime?

The United Kingdom has the most CCTV cameras in operation in the world. Estimates suggest that there is one camera for every eleven people. While many individuals and civil liberties groups are uncomfortable with this level of surveillance, saying it is an ¹i _____ of privacy, the government maintains that CCTV cameras are a ²d _____ to crime, and say that many people feel comforted by the presence of CCTV cameras and their ability to ³m _____ us. They point out that some CCTV systems ⁴s _____ the information they gather indefinitely, and this can allow the ⁵a _____ to convict criminals using CCTV footage, even if the crime was committed years before. However, some people question how big a role CCTV can play in actual crime ⁶p _____. Others question the power governments have to ⁷k _____ track of their citizens in this way or even ⁸a _____ data which is private and personal. One thing is certain though: these electronic eyes will not be closing any time soon.

2.3 Opinion adjectives

6 Complete the conversations with the adjectives in the box.

disturbing illegal irresponsible outrageous
reasonable unethical

- 1 **A:** I saw a very _____ news report last night about child poverty.
B: I saw it too. It's absolutely _____ that this is still an issue in the 21st century.
- 2 **A:** I think it's completely _____ for some large companies to pay so little tax.
B: Me too. Why don't they get into trouble for it? Isn't it _____?
- 3 **A:** Leaving your twelve-year-old at home alone is _____ behaviour, in my view.
B: I think it's _____ if it's not for too long.

Focus on words with the same verb/noun form

7 Complete the spidergram with the words in the box.

access appeal approve benefit challenge
contain display dispose disturb equip
estimate identify insult introduce offer
order pollute process promise remove talk

Same noun form

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____
- 11 _____
- 12 _____

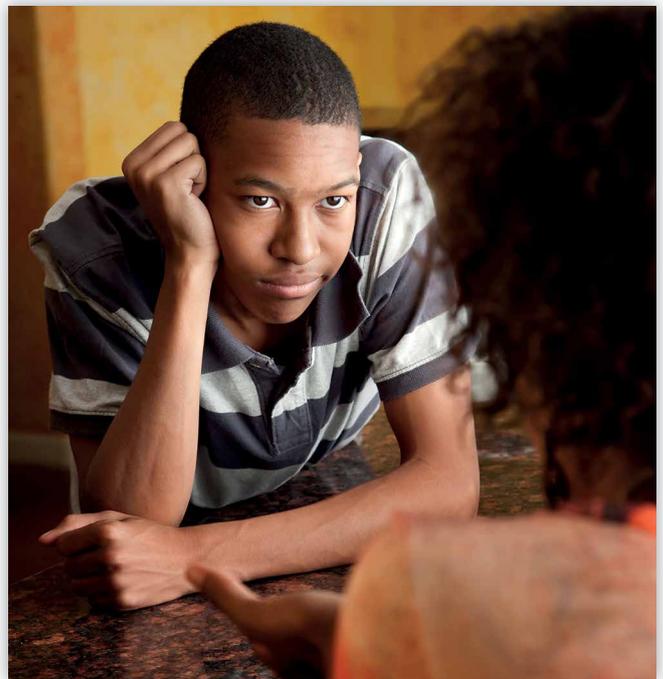
Different noun form

- 13 _____
- 14 _____
- 15 _____
- 16 _____
- 17 _____
- 18 _____
- 19 _____
- 20 _____
- 21 _____

verbs

8 Complete the sentences with words from Exercise 7.

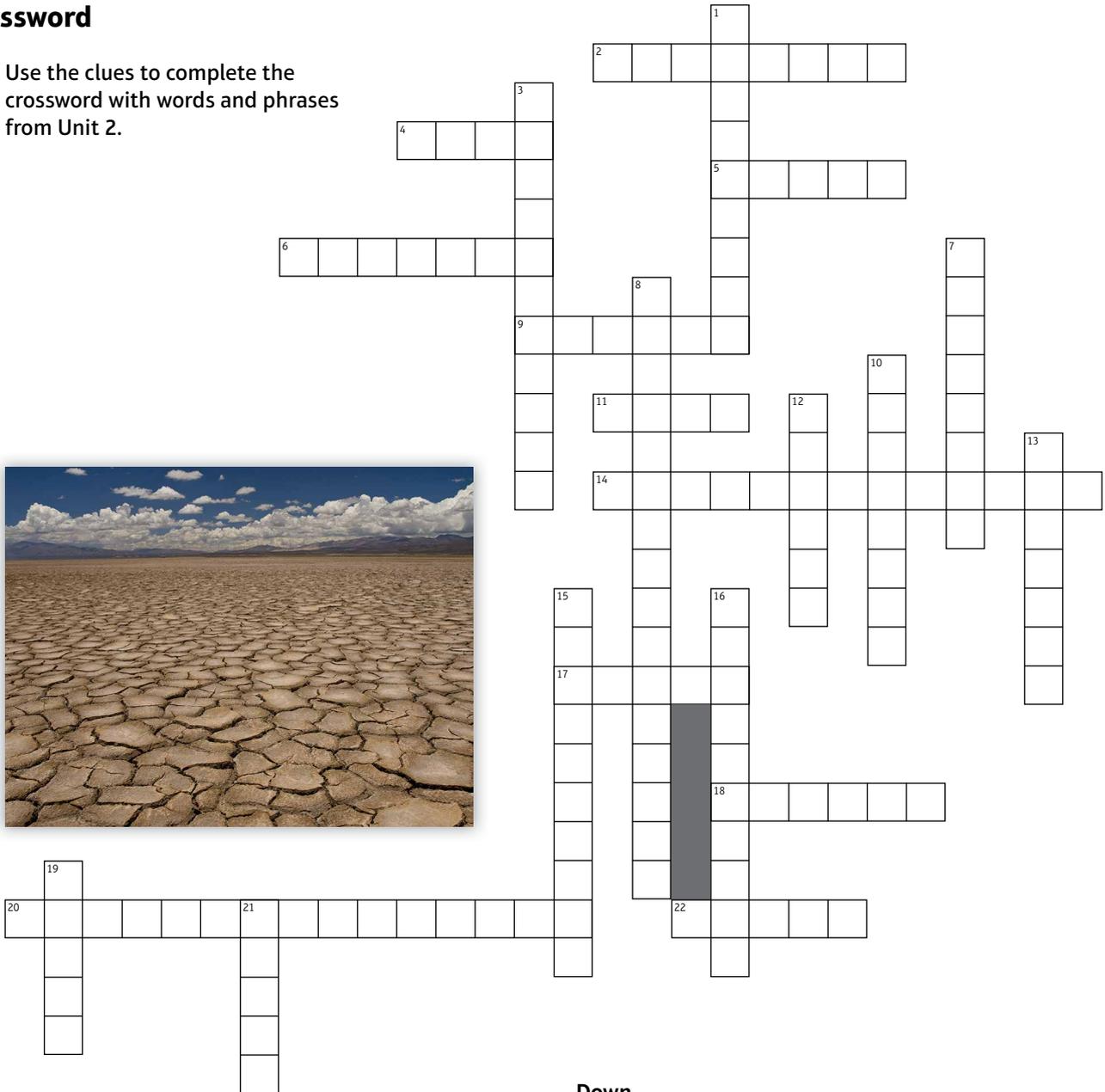
- 1 I'd like to _____ something from the specials menu, please.
- 2 Could you _____ the cost of a new bathroom, please? Just so we have an idea of the price.
- 3 There's a new _____ of 19th-century ceramics at the museum.
- 4 He made a _____ to meet me here next week.
- 5 We'd love to _____ you a place on our course.
- 6 I really _____ from these yoga classes. They make me feel great!
- 7 Applying to university can be a long _____.
- 8 Not eating the food you're offered is an _____ in some cultures.
- 9 Becoming a fluent German speaker's going to be a real _____.
- 10 You have to log in to _____ the full website.
- 11 The police are _____ to witnesses of the robbery to come forward.
- 12 Sandra had a long _____ with her son about his behaviour at school.



9 Decide if each word you wrote in Exercise 8 is a noun (N) or a verb (V).

Crossword

10 Use the clues to complete the crossword with words and phrases from Unit 2.



Across

- 2** relating to money and finance (8)
- 4** a medical solution to a problem (noun) (4)
- 5** to go quickly (verb) (5)
- 6** the long-term absence of rain (7)
- 9** ask for help urgently (verb) (6)
- 11** money owed to another person or institution (4)
- 14** without thought or care, e.g. behaviour (13)
- 17** say something in a loud voice (verb) (5)
- 18** including the world (6)
- 20** stopping illegal activities (5, 10)
- 22** a line of people (noun) (5)

Down

- 1** morally wrong (9)
- 3** monitor all the information you need about something (4, 5, 2)
- 7** related to this country and not other countries (8)
- 8** something that makes people decide not to commit an illegal activity (9, 2, 5)
- 10** recognise (e.g. a person) (8)
- 12** bring in a product from another country to sell (verb) (6)
- 13** against the law (7)
- 15** something which is very upsetting (10)
- 16** very shocking or unreasonable (10)
- 19** relating to towns and cities (5)
- 21** relating to the countryside (5)