

Karine CHOR – IMAC1 S2 - 50 phrases and text

	intérêt	Expression	Exemple	Source
1	link word	On the one hand... on the other hand	On the one hand , the economy might do just fine. On the other hand , maybe it won't.	agriculture.purdue.edu
2	vocabulary	To be more than just...	This was more than just a clash of egos	www.independent.co.uk
3	vocabulary	To hand something to somebody / To hand somebody something	He handed me binoculars.	Text from class
4	vocabulary	To mob	Customers mob the stores on sale days.	Merriam-webster.com
5	vocabulary + tense	To flock	Young people flock to Facebook, in a way I never could have imagined	<i>Life, liberty and GPS: Advances have limits</i> (text from class)
6	vocabulary	Expense (noun)	Despite his expense , the iPhone in Egypt was really popular	<i>Life, liberty and GPS: Advances have limits</i> (text from class)
7	vocabulary	To relent on	To relent on the issues like GPS	<i>Life, liberty and GPS: Advances have limits</i> (text from class)
8	vocabulary	hardly	It was hardly 10 lines of code, but probably the most archaic, weird piece of code I have ever seen.	brokenshard.in/tech/tag/coding-practices/
9	vocabulary	Odds (noun)	The odds of being struck by lightning...	T B G�r�me's quiz
10	vocabulary	To charge	He charges me \$18 which is not the cheapest...	The linguist (podcast)
11	syntax	Which I find + verb ING	Sometimes, he even stops cutting just to talk which I find mildly annoying	The linguist (podcast)
12	syntax	Who he was talking about	I had trouble understanding who he was talking about	The linguist (podcast)
13	grammar / phrase	To be used to + verb ING	People who are not used to Chinese accents	The linguist (podcast)

14	vocabulary	Rewarding (adj.)	It was a rewarding experience	Text from class
15	vocabulary	To set apart (= to make it noticeable)	Characters traits that set her apart .	thefreedictionary.com
16	syntax	benefits to having	There are benefits to having people who have been there for a while, that you're not constantly training new people	<i>Recruiter at Dreamworks animation</i> (my transcript)
17	vocabulary	Painstaking (adj.)	You need to explain to me this painstaking process .	Quentin's transcript about Tim Burton
18	vocabulary	To take for granted (=to assume as true, real, or expected / to value too lightly)	What we take for granted in real life are difficult to do in the computer.	Text from class
19	syntax	When V+ing to (when talking to your friends)	Try it when talking to your friends	Seven Steps to Better Presentations (text from class)
20	vocabulary	Ham-handed (adj.) = maladroit	She is really ham-handed ... and she makes a lot of mistakes when doing it	www.dietinfocare.com
21	vocabulary	Swearing-in (noun) To swear in (verb)	The swearing-in of the first black president...	<i>Obama strives to strike the right inaugural tone</i> (text from class)
22	vocabulary / phrase	To get cold feet	You're with Monica, the wedding is about to start when Monica gets cold feet .	Friends (TV show) Script 706
23	vocabulary / phrase	« My dogs are barking »	My dogs are barking !	How I met your mother (TV Show)
24	vocabulary	Merely (adv.)	New technologies will help set us free and merely give us that illusion.	<i>Life, liberty and GPS: Advances have limits</i> (text from class)
25	vocabulary	Snap (noun)	You can even get a clear snap of places you're not supposed to see	<i>Life, liberty and GPS: Advances have limits</i> (text from class)
26	vocabulary	To get swept up in (= être entraîné dans/par)	It is easy to get swept up in the utopianism embedded in new technologies	<i>Life, liberty and GPS: Advances have limits</i> (text from class)

27	vocabulary	To turn (+ age)	An old man who turned 98...	<i>Ironic</i> , Alanis Morissette (song)
28	vocabulary	Eleven-year-old (adj. created with words)	An eleven-year-old girl	internet
29	vocabulary / phrase	To sit on the fence	He'll lose votes if he takes sides on the zoning issue, but he can't sit on the fence forever.	bartleby.com
30	vocabulary / phrase	To be on an equal footing	They stand on an equal footing with the people of other States.	www.upa.pdx.edu
31	vocabulary	To build on	My objective is to build on my business...	Video Resume
32	vocabulary	To lack something / The lack of something	Why Google Lacks Creativity...	www.mediajunk.com
33	vocabulary	An undergraduate student	I'm an undergraduate student of Business at HK University.	Video Resume
34	vocabulary / phrase	To bear in mind that (= garder à l'esprit)	You have to bear in mind that it is the wedding of both of you.	www.buzzle.com
35	vocabulary	To date back to ...	It dates back to last month.	Former English courses
36	vocabulary / phrase	All the more + adj. + as	I was all the more surprised to see him as we hadn't made an appointment	Former English courses
37	syntax / phrase	Twice as much ... as	He earns twice as much money as I do	Former English courses
38	syntax / phrase	Half as many ...	There were half as many people at the conference	Former English courses
39	vocabulary	Detrimental to (= not beneficial to)	Losing your job may be detrimental to your health	www.vitabeat.com
40	vocabulary	To chair a meeting (= to preside, lead a meeting)	You've been given the task of chairing a meeting but are not sure if you're well prepared	www.business-spotlight.de
41	vocabulary	To address a problem (=to face a	How to address an embarrassing	www.vat19.com

		problem)	problem?	
42	vocabulary	To conjure up images (=to bring up to mind)	The word magic these days might conjure up images of a man pulling rabbits from a top hat or producing cards from under his cuffs.	arevik-wish-you-were-here.blogspot.com
43	vocabulary	To call on somebody to do something (= to ask somebody to do something)	It is easy to call on government to do more.	blog.nj.com
44	vocabulary	To draw a conclusion	It is impossible to draw a conclusion at this time.	wise.cgu.edu
45	syntax / phrase	To be more likely to + Verb (= <i>être plus susceptible de</i>)	The presence of a police squad is more likely to start a riot rather than stop one.	Former English courses
46	vocabulary	... as it is	We've got enough problems as it is!	Former English courses
47	grammar	Living / Alive (adj.)	The biggest living creature is the whale. This creature is alive!	Former English courses
48	tenses	If I am ... I will do If I was ... I would do If I had been ... I would have done	I will do it if I am able to I would do it if I was able to I would have done it if I had been able to	Former English courses
49	vocabulary / phrase	To look forward to + verb ING	I am looking forward to reading your answer.	Former English courses
50	grammar	To wish somebody would + base verbale	I wish you wouldn't talk as if I were a baby.	Former English courses

My trip to Cambodia

We are not used to taking the plane **when travelling**. Actually, it was the first time that my brother ever got on a plane. It was an eleven-hour flight. As it was a Thai airline, all the flight attendants spoke both Thai and English. One of them **handed me** headphones so I can watch the movies in my language. After watching the three movies, we **were looking forward to landing**.

Once we arrived in Siem Reap (a well-known town for its temples), it felt like it was 3 P.M as the weather was sunny and hot. Actually, it was **hardly** 10 A.M.

We visited Angkor wat temple **which I find really amazing**. I was **all the more** surprised by how well kept the temple was as it was built 9 centuries ago.

They **charge tourists \$20** a day just to visit this temple which is pretty expensive whereas it is free for Cambodians. As my father has a Cambodian background we got a permanent visa for this country which means that we can actually be considered as Cambodian and we didn't pay anything to enter the area.

The classical style of Khmer architecture, the **painstaking** work of carving, garlands and narrative scenes... It was **merely** beautiful. I had already seen pictures of the place but it turned out to be **twice as much big as** I thought. At the end of the day, **my dogs were barking!**

Once the visit over, a group of children **mobbed** us to sell us handmade products, cards and drinks. I was surprised by their English skills, they were about 10 or 12 years old and they already spoke very well.

People used to learn and speak French in the 50's because of the French protectorate but now, they all learn English at school in order to be able to communicate with tourists.

We stayed in Siem Reap for about 2 days. Then we took a cab and drove to Phnom Penh which is the capital of Cambodia. It is also the city where my father grew up.

What stroke me the most was the particular Cambodian way of driving. At first, it is rather scary. They don't drive so fast but they don't respect anything on the roads. For example, **if a driver wants** to take a shortcut, **he will** naturally drive the wrong way even if there are cars in front of him! Another thing... Don't expect any cars to stop for you to cross the street... The only way to reach the other sidewalk is to face your fear and go straight hoping the cars will stop while seeing you.

Besides, it is really common to see a bike ridden by a whole family including little children. Once, I took a quick **snap** of five people (3 children and their parents) on only one motorbike!

A few days later, we went to see my father's former house which is located in the center of Phnom Penh right next to *Phsar Thmei* market. It must have **conjured up images to** him of his past and childhood.

Every time we had to haggle over products we **called on my father to** speak with the salesmen.

As Cambodian is my father's mother tongue, the salesman **was more likely to** give him a discount **rather than agree** to low the prices with my brother.

Unfortunately, his English words and European looks were not helping at all to succeed in getting a discount. Plus, he was pretty **ham-handed** ...

This trip **was more than just** a **rewarding** experience. **On the one hand**, I finally got to visit my father's native country and **on the other hand**, I discovered how the Cambodians lived, their culture and their way of life. I even spoke in Cambodian with some of them, it was few basic words but still, it was nice and they welcomed us with smiles.