**Unit 2 Stories**

**StB p.15**

1. action-packed – *full of exciting events and activity*
2. heart-warming – *positive and good, causing feelings of pleasure and happiness*
3. quick-witted – *intelligent, able to think quickly*
4. cool-headed – *calm, able to make sensible decisions in difficult situations*
5. run-down – *in very bad condition; tired and not healthy, esp. because of working too much*
6. hair-raising – *that makes you very frightened*
7. narrow-minded – *not willing to listen to new ideas or to the opinions of other people*
8. self-assured - *confident*
9. thirst-quenching (drink) – *stops you feeling thirsty*
10. tongue-tied – *not saying anything because you are shy or nervous*
11. eye-catching – *attracting your attention immediately because it is interesting, bright or pretty*
12. light-hearted – *happy and without problems*
13. cut-price – *sold at a reduced price*
14. shoe-string budget – *having very little funding*
15. opening sequence – *the first scene in a film*
16. road movie – *a movie in which the main characters undertake a journey*
17. film buff – *an expert on cinema*
18. a heart-throb – *a famous actor who a lot of women find attractive*

**WB p.11**

1. broad-minded- *will to accept behavior that is difficult from your own*
2. thin-skinned – *oversensitive to criticism or insults*
3. cold-blooded – *showing no feeling or pity for other people*

**StB p.16**

1. subsequent – *coming after or later*
2. escapism – *an activity or a form of entertainment that helps you avoid or forget unpleasant or* *boring things*
3. slushy – *things of little importance*
4. to unwind – *to relax esp. after working hard*

**WB p.12**

1. hooked – *enjoying sth very much*
2. gripping – *exciting, holding your attention*
3. edgy *– nervous or worried*

**StB p. 17**

1. prosperity – *being successful and earning money*
2. irrespective (of) – *not affected by*
3. fall foul of sb/sth – *to get in trouble because you have done sth wrong*
4. ruthless – *hard and cruel, showing no pity to others*
5. to overturn – *to decide officially that a decision is wrong and change it*
6. to covet – *to want to have sth very much*
7. remedy – *sth that makes you better when you’re ill or in pain*

**WB p.13**

1. to undermine – *to make sth weaker*
2. protagonist – *the main character in a film, play or book*
3. to take over – *to get control of sth or responsibility for sth*
4. to exonerate – *to say officially that sb was not responsible for sth bad that happened*
5. deceit – *dishonest behavior*
6. integrity – *the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles*
7. livelihood – *work that provides the money you need to live*
8. reiterated – *repeated and emphasized*

**StB p. 18-19**

1. to be marooned – *left I n a place from which you cannot escape*
2. to fling – *to throw suddenly and carelessly*
3. to duck away – *to try to avoid sth difficult*
4. timidity – *feeling shy and nervous*
5. shrill – *high and unpleasant (about the sound)*
6. exhilaration – *feeling very excited and happy*
7. bolting – *like a flash of lightning*
8. to crouch – *to bend your legs and body so that you are close to the ground*
9. malevolent – *causing or wanting to cause harm or evil*
10. to thrust – *to move quickly and suddenly in a particular direction*
11. to mutter – *to speak in a low, quiet and often angry voice that is difficult to hear*
12. to gyrate – *to turn around and around on a fixed point; to dance*
13. opaque – *not transparent, difficult to understand*
14. to assert *– to behave in a determined and confident way*
15. chieftain – *the leader of a tribe*
16. indefinable – *difficult or impossible to describe*

**WB p.14-15**

1. dismal – *miserable*
2. vicious – *dangerous*
3. to wail – *to cry or complain*
4. to scramble – *to climb quickly up or over sth using your hands to help you*
5. ungracious – *ill-mannered and unfriendly*
6. to Smudge – *to become untidy, without a clean line around it; to make sth dirty*
7. to twitch – *to make a quick sudden movement, often one that you cannot control*
8. to stumble upon – *to meet or find sth by chance*
9. conch – *a large spiral shell*
10. to summon – *to order a person to come to a place*
11. to perceive – *to understand or think of ths in a particular way*
12. to revel – *to enjoy sth very much*
13. to overlook – *to see sth wrong but decide to forget it*
14. to confront – *to stand in front of sb because you want to fight them*
15. frenzy – *a state of great emotion or activity that is not under control*
16. re-enacting – *trying to make sth happen again in exactly the same way*
17. to lurk – *to wait somewhere secretly esp. in order to do sth bad or illegal*
18. to dwindle – *to become smaller or weaker*
19. stronghold – *the position that is strongly defended*
20. to ensue – *to happen after sth else*
21. to lure – *to persuade or trick sb to go somewhere or do sth, usually by offering them sth nice*
22. abrupt – *sudden and unexpected*
23. composure – *the state of being calm and having your feelings under control*

**StB p.20**

1. to despise – *to hate very much*
2. to underestimate *– to think that sb/sth is not as good as it really is*
3. to wander – *to walk somewhere slowly with no particular purpose*
4. to overtake – *to go past another person/car because you are moving faster*

**WB p.16**

1. vigilant – *careful and looking out for danger*
2. fleece – *the wool coat of a sheep*
3. to shear – *to cut the wool off a sheep*
4. to sneak up – *to go near sb very quietly esp. so that you can surprise them*
5. to graze – *to eat grass*
6. to pounce on – *to attack sb by jumping suddenly on them*
7. to slaughter – *to kill an animal, usually for food*

**StB p.21**

1. to get sb down – *to depress*
2. to hang around – *to stay in a place*
3. to get into sth – *to start taking (eg. drugs)*
4. to walk out – *to leave suddenly*
5. to kick sb out – *to make sb leave*
6. to hang out with – *to spend time with*
7. loose change – *the coins that you have in your pocket or purse*
8. to feed one’s drug habit – *to supply with drugs*
9. to kick one’s drug habit – *to stop taking drugs*
10. to sleep rough – *to sleep outside because you have no home or no money*

**StB p.22-23**

1. screenplay – *the words of a film and the way they are spoken*
2. lukewarm – *not showing much interest or desire*
3. predecessor – *a thing that has been followed by sth else*
4. enigmatic – *difficult to understand*
5. come-uppance – *a person’s bad luck that is considered to be a deserved punishment for* *sth bad that they have done*
6. state-of-the-art – *using the most modern or advanced methods*
7. convoluted – *very twisted; unreasonably long and difficult to understand*
8. far-fetched – *not easy to believe*
9. to unravel – *to become clear*
10. to unfold – *to become known a little at a time*
11. to miscast – *to choose someone act in a film or play in a role for which they are* *unsuitable*
12. gross – *total amount*
13. below average – *poor*
14. twists and turns – *changes*
15. nail-biting – *making you feel tense and excited*
16. finale – *the last part of a show*
17. sequel – *a book (film) that continues the story of the one before*
18. highly-acclaimed – *often praised*
19. flawed – *with a mistake that makes it not good enough*
20. wacky – *amusing or funny in a slightly crazy way*
21. epic – *very long and exciting*
22. X-rated – *containing very rude language*
23. subtle – *very clever and using indirect methods to achieve it*
24. aversion – *a strong feeling of not liking sth*
25. hardcore – *the members of a group who are the most active*
26. art-house – *a film of high quality but may not be extremely popular or successful*
27. to mar *– to spoil sth by making it less good or less enjoyable*
28. hype – *advertisements that tell you how good and important a new film is*
29. dazzling – *impressive*

**WB p.18**

1. precocious (often in a critical way) – *having developed certain abilities and ways of* *behavior at a much younger age that usual*
2. to atone for – *to act in a way that shows regret for what you have done*
3. futility - *pointlessness*
4. utterly – *completely, totally*
5. perspective – *point of view*
6. well-observed – *recognizable from real life*
7. a real page-turner – *a very exciting book*

**StB p. 24-25**

1. to contemplate – *to think carefully*

**StB p.26**

1. slump – *a sudden large fall in sales*
2. taint – *the effect of sth bad or unpleasant that spoils the quality of sb/sth*
3. to allege – *to say that sb has done sth wrong but without having any proof that this is* *true*
4. flop – *failure*
5. to burrow – *to dig a hole in the ground*
6. to pad – *to fill with*

**WB p.19**

1. to relish – *to enjoy sth very much*
2. larva (larvae) – *an insect that has just come out of its egg and has a short fat soft body* *with no legs*
3. yield – *the amount that is produced*
4. hefty – *big and strong or heavy*
5. bristle – *a short thick hair*
6. to shun – *to avoid; to keep away from sb/sth*