

## Upper-intermediate Vocabulary 2

He seemed **remarkably** relaxed about the disastrous results.

remarkably - in a way that is worthy of attention.

The solution **lies** in a return to traditional values.

to lie in - to reside or be found (of something abstract)

The complete **absence** of fire extinguishers and smoke detectors in the building has prompted an immediate investigation.

an absence of - the non-existence or lack of

The occasional accidents in amusement parks were considered to be the only **drawback**.

to be a drawback - a feature that renders something less acceptable; a disadvantage or problem.

In this final match it is now up to all of us to **rise** to the challenge and win.

to rise to the challenge/occasion - to perform better than usual in response to a special situation or event.

You can't imagine the **thrill** of jumping out of an airplane.

the thrill - a sudden feeling of excitement and pleasure.

In some videogames called graphic adventures you can take objects from environment and use them to **solve** puzzles.

to solve – to find an answer to, explanation for, or means of effectively dealing with a problem or mystery

He wanted to touch his head with his foot; to achieve this **aim**, a considerable measure of flexibility was required.

to achieve an aim – to reach an objective

Working with creative, **meaningful** activity such as art can help with recovery from mental illness.

meaningful - serious, important, or worthwhile.

If you would like to **broaden** your knowledge, you could start by expanding the range of your reading interests and by increasing the amount of time that you devote to them.

to broaden– to expand to include more people or things.

The girl had had high **expectations** of guys; she had not only thought that Henry would not actually stomp on her heart and break it, but that he would actually marry her and have lots of children.

high expectations – a guaranteed way for you to make sure that people will consistently disappoint you