Module 4
Target vocabulary

abduction ***n.*** the unlawful or forcible carrying away of a person or animal (U 1)

above and beyond ***idiom*** in excess of the expectations or demands of (U 3)

account for sth ***v.*** to show what happened to (someone or something); know where (something or someone) is (U 4)

adamant ***adj.*** refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind (U 3)

advent ***n.*** the arrival of a notable person or thing (U 3)

adverse ***adj.*** preventing success or development; harmful; unfavourable (U 3)

advisor ***n.*** someone who gives advice (U 5)

advocate ***v.*** to publicly support or suggest an idea, development, or way of doing something (U 4)

arduous ***adj.*** involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring (U 2)

array ***n.*** a range of a particular type of thing (U 2)

ascertain ***v.*** to make certain of something (U 4)

at risk ***n.*** in a state or condition marked by a high level of dander or susceptibility (U 5)

attribute ***n.*** something that sets apart an individual from others of the same kind (U 1)

backdrop ***n.*** the setting or background for a scene, event, or situation (U 3)

be held in custody ***v.*** the state of being kept in prison, especially while waiting to go to court for trial (U 4)

bear (a) burden ***v.*** to endure something distressing, painful, stressful, or emotionally or physically taxing, especially for the sake of others (U 4)

beat up ***v.*** to strike repeatedly (U 5)

belittle ***v.*** to dismiss (someone or something) as unimportant (U 3)

bias ***n.*** an attitude that always favors one way of feeling or acting especially without considering any other possibilities (U 1)

blatant ***adj.*** completely lacking in subtlety; very obvious (U 3)

blunt ***adj.*** a blunt pencil, knife, etc. is not sharp and therefore not able to write or cut, etc. well (U 4)

breakdown ***n.*** a division of something into smaller parts (U 4)

budget ***n.*** the process of calculating how much money you must earn or save during a particular period of time, and of planning how you will spend it (U 4)

cadre ***n.*** a nucleus or core group especially of trained personnel able to assume control and to train others (U 5)

caregiver ***n.*** a person who provides direct care (as for children, elderly people, or the chronically ill) (U 5)

catalyst ***n.*** something that precipitates an event or change (U 2)

cell ***n.*** a small room with not much furniture, especially in a prison or a monastery or convent (U 4)

coercion ***n.*** the use of power to impose one's will on another (U 1)

commonplace ***n.*** a usual or ordinary thing (U 3)

complaint ***n.*** a statement that something is unsatisfactory or unacceptable (U 3)

comprise ***v.*** to have things or people as parts or members; to consist of (U 4)

concern ***n.*** a feeling of worry or care about a person or thing (U 2)

conflict ***n.*** competitive or opposing action of incompatibles**:** antagonistic state or action (as of divergent ideas, interests, or persons) (U 5)

controversial ***adj.*** giving rise or likely to give rise to public disagreement (U 2)

cordon ***n.*** a line of troops or of military posts enclosing an area to prevent passage (U 5)

counterinsurgency ***n.*** the totality of actions aimed at defeating irregular forces (U 2)

counterpart ***n.*** a person or thing that has the same purpose as another one in a different place or organization (U 4)

cross-dress ***v.*** to wear clothing typical of the opposite sex (U 3)

custody ***n.*** the legal right or duty to care for someone or something, especially a child after its parents have separated or died (U 4)

customary ***adj.*** accepted, used, or practiced by most people (U 1)

deception ***n.*** the inclination or practice of misleading others through lies or trickery (U 1)

detail ***v.*** to describe something completely, giving all the facts (U 4)

detainee ***n.*** a person who has been officially ordered to stay in a prison or similar place, especially for political reasons (U 4)

directive ***n.*** a statement of what to do that must be obeyed by those concerned (U 1)

disempowerment ***n.*** deprivation of power, authority, or influence (U 5)

disgruntled ***adj.*** angry or dissatisfied (U 3)

displacement ***n.*** the situation in which people are forced to leave the place where they normally live (U 4)

disproportionate ***adj.*** too large or too small in comparison to something else, or not deserving its importance or influence (U 4)

disseminate ***v.*** to spread or give out something, especially news, information, ideas, etc., to a lot of people (U 4)

distress ***n.*** a feeling of extreme worry, sadness, or pain (U 4)

driving force ***n.*** someone or something that has the power to make things happen (U 3)

endurance ***n.*** the ability to endure an unpleasant or difficult process or situation without giving way (U 3)

engage ***v.*** to participate or become involved in (U 5)

enlist ***v.*** to enrol or be enrolled in the armed services (U 3)

ensure ***v.*** to make something certain to happen (U 4)

entry ***n.*** a door, gate, etc. by which you enter a place (U 4)

equality ***n.*** the state of being equal, especially in status, rights, or opportunities (U 3)

equate ***v.*** to regard or represent as equal or comparable (U 1)

eventually ***adv.*** at an unspecified later time; in the end (U 2)

evolve ***v.*** to develop gradually, or to cause something or someone to develop gradually (U 4)

exacerbate ***v.*** to make something that is already bad even worse (U 4)

excel ***v.*** to be exceptionally good at or proficient in an activity or subject (U 3)

exempt ***adj.*** free from an obligation or liability imposed on others (U 3)

extended ***adj.*** long or longer than usual; fully stretched out (U 4)

facility ***n.*** a place, especially including buildings, where a particular activity happens (U 4)

factsheet ***n.*** a written document containing information for the public (U 4)

fighter ***n.*** one that fights, such as warrior or soldier (U 5)

firefight ***n.*** an intense exchange of fire (U 2)

flee (**flee-fled-fled**) ***v.*** to escape by running away, especially because of danger or fear (U 4)

foster ***v.*** to help the growth or development of (U 1)

framework ***n.*** the arrangement of parts that gives something its basic form (U 1)

gap ***n.*** a break in a barrier (such as a wall, hedge, or line of military defense) (U 5)

gathering ***n.*** a body of people come together in one place (U 1)

gendered ***adv***. reflecting the experience, prejudices, or orientations of one sex more than the other (U 5)

glaring ***adj.*** having a fixed look of hostility, fierceness, or anger (U 4)

grim ***adj.*** worrying, without hope (U 4)

harassment ***n.*** behaviour that annoys or upsets someone (U 3)

helm ***n.*** a position of leadership (U 3)

highlight ***v.*** to throw a strong light on (U 4)

ill-fitting ***adj.*** (of clothing) of the wrong size or shape for the person wearing it (U 2)

imperative ***adj.*** extremely important or urgent (U 4)

impetus ***n.*** something that arouses action or activity (U 1)

impracticality ***n.*** something unwise to implement or maintain in practice (U 2)

impunity ***n.*** freedom from punishment, harm, or loss (U 1)

inmate ***n.*** a person who is kept in a prison or a hospital for people who are mentally ill (U 4)

integral ***adj.*** necessary to make a whole complete; essential or fundamental (U 2)

intelligence ***n.*** the collection of information of military or political value (U 2)

intend ***v.*** to have as a plan or purpose (U 4)

mainstream ***v.*** to incorporate in the mainstream (U 1)

mentor ***v.*** to help and give advice to a younger or less experienced person, especially in a job or at school (U 4)

microaggression ***n.*** indirect, subtle, or unintentional discrimination against members of a marginalized group (U 3)

mistreat ***v.*** to treat (a person or animal) badly, cruelly, or unfairly (U 3)

morph ***v.*** to undergo or cause to undergo a gradual process of transformation (U 3)

myriad ***n.*** a very large number of something (U 4)

nonetheless ***adv.*** in spite of what has just been said (U 5)

non-linear ***adj.*** not arranged sequentially; random (U 2)

onset ***n.*** the beginning of something, especially something unpleasant (U 2)

outline ***v.*** to draw the main shape or edge of something (U 4)

outperform ***v.*** to perform better than (U 3)

overcome ***v.*** to succeed in dealing with (a problem or difficulty) (U 3)

overlook ***v.*** to pass over (someone) in favour of another (U 3)

paradigm ***n.*** a typical example or pattern of something; a model (U 2)

pass through ***v.*** to make a passage or journey from one place to another (U 4)

peer ***n.*** a person of the same age, status, or ability as another specified person (U 3)

perpetuate ***v.*** to make perpetual or cause to last indefinitely (U 1)

persevere ***v.*** to continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty or with little or no indication of success (U 3)

pervasive ***adj.*** (especially of an unwelcome influence or physical effect) spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people (U 3)

pioneering *adj.* involving new ideas or methods (U 3)

policy *n.* a plan or course of action of a government (U 2)

policymaker *n.* a person responsible for or involved in formulating policies, especially in politics (U 3)

pool *n.* a group of people available for some purpose (U 1)

prevail *v.* to gain ascendancy through strength or superiority (U 1)

prior *adv.* existing or coming before in time, order, or importance (U 2)

profound *adj.* (of a state, quality, or emotion) very great or intense (U 2)

prosecutor *n.* a legal official who accuses someone of committing a crime, especially in a law court (U 4)

qualified *adj.* officially recognized as being fit for a particular job; certified (U 2)

rape *n.* unlawful sexual activity and usually sexual intercourse carried out forcibly or under threat of injury against a person's will (U 5)

readiness *n.* the state of being fully prepared for something (U 2)

rebuttal *n.* an instance of denying evidence or an accusation (U 3)

recommendation *n.* a suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job (U 4)

recruit *v.* to fill up the number of with new members OR to enlist as a member of an armed service (U 5)

resilience *n.* the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness (U 3)

resource *n.* a useful or valuable possession or quality of a country, organization, or person (U 4)

restriction *n.* a limiting condition or measure, especially a legal one (U 3)

retain *v.* to keep or continue to have something (U 4)

revealing *adj.* showing something that was not previously known or seen (U 4)

revise *v.* to re-examine and make alterations to (U 2)

rhetoric *n.* language designed to have a persuasive or impressive effect, but which is often regarded as lacking in sincerity or meaningful content (U 3)

roles *n.* a socially expected behavior pattern usually determined by an individual's status in a particular society (U 5)

root *v.* to have as an origin or cause (U 3)

scrutiny *n.* critical observation or examination (U 3)

sentiment *n.* a view of or attitude toward a situation or event; an opinion (U 2)

setting *n.* the time, place, and circumstances in which something occurs or develops (U 1)

sexism *n.* prejudice, stereotyping, or discrimination, typically against women, on the basis of sex (U 3)

shelter *n.* something that covers or affords protection (U 4)

shortcoming *n.* a fault or failure to meet a certain standard (U 2)

slander *n.* the action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation (U 3)

standard *n.* something used as a measure, norm, or model in comparative (U 2)

stark *adj.* sharply or harshly distinct (U 2)

stereotype *n.* a widely held but fixed and oversimplified image or idea of a particular type of person or thing (U 3)

stigma *n.* a mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person (U 3)

string *n.* a series of things arranged in or as if in a line (U 2)

substantively ***adv.*** considerable in amount or numbers (U 1)

survey ***v.*** to look at or examine all of something, especially carefully (U 4)

tandem ***n.*** a bicycle made for two people who sit one behind the other; **in tandem** (phrasal v.) to do something with someone else (U 4)

thriving ***adj.*** characterized by success or prosperity (U 1)

tirelessly ***adv***. in an energetic and continuous way (U 4)

tolerate ***v.*** allow the existence, occurrence, or practice of (something that one dislikes or disagrees with) without interference (U 3)

toxic ***adj.*** very harmful or unpleasant in a pervasive or insidious way (U 3)

transcend ***v***. to be or go beyond the range or limits of (U 2)

unequal ***adj.*** not like or not the same as another in degree, worth, or status (U 2)

unfit ***adj.*** (of a person) not having the requisite qualities or skills to undertake something competently (U 3)

unwavering ***adj.*** never moving or looking away from something; steady or resolute (U 3)

voice ***v.*** to express (something) in words (U 2)

watercraft ***n.*** a boat or other vessel that travels in and on water (U 2)

whereby ***conj***. by, through, or in accordance with which (U 1)