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B2 First, C1 Advanced and C2 Proficiency



OUTCLASS

to be much better than someone or something else

- The team was completely outclassed by the opposition.
- The company's latest mountain bikes outclass all the competition.

OUTGROW

to grow bigger than or too big for something:

- She's outgrown all her school clothes.
- The company outgrew its office space.

OUTLINE

to give the main facts about something:

- The document outlines our company's recycling policy.
- At the interview she outlined what I would be doing.

OUTNUMBER

to be greater in number than someone or something:

- In our office the women outnumber the men three to one.
- Despite being outnumbered, they managed to fight back bravely.

OUTSELL

to sell more or to be sold in larger quantities than somebody/something:

- We are now outselling all our competitors.
- This year the newspaper has outsold its main rival.

OUTWIT / OUTSMART

to gain an advantage over somebody by being cleverer than they are:

- She always managed to outsmart her political rivals.
- In the story, the cunning fox outwits the hunters.

to be, or do something, better than someone else:

- He always tries to outdo everybody else in the class.
- John offered me a drink and, not to be outdone, Jake found me a chair.
- The kids were trying to outdo each other.

OUTLAST

to last longer, or to continue to be successful for longer, than someone or something else:

- This system has outlasted many of its rivals.
- He can outlast anyone on the dance floor.
- A leather sofa will usually outlast a cloth one.

- 1) to remain alive after someone else has died:
- She outlived her husband by 20 years.
- 2) to continue to exist after something else has stopped.
- Good books have a way of outliving those who want to ban them.

OUTTRUN

- 1) to move faster or further than someone or something:
- The men easily outran the police officer who was chasing them.
- 2) to develop faster or further than something:
- In the future, demand for tungsten will outrun supply.

to be much more skilful and successful than someone:

- Ben Palmer easily outshone his rivals in the 200 metre freestyle.
- Several new players outshone the veterans.

OUTWEIGH

to be more important, useful, or valuable than sth else:

- The possible benefits outweigh the risks involved.
- The risks are vastly outweighed by the potential benefits.