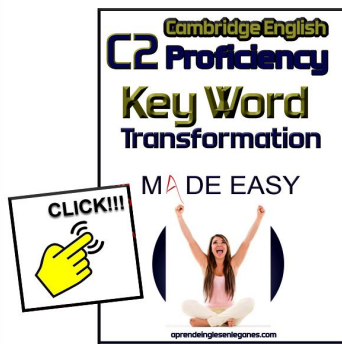


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BUTT IN

to interrupt a conversation or discussion or someone who is talking:

- How can I explain if you keep butting in?
- Sorry to butt in on you like this, but there's an important call.

BARGE IN

to walk into a room quickly, without being invited:

- I wish he'd knock instead of just barging in.

to interrupt rudely (UK informal):

- Sorry to barge in, but I couldn't help overhearing what you were saying.

BOX IN

to prevent sb/sth from being able to move by surrounding them with people, vehicles, etc.

- When I got back to my car, I found it had been boxed in by a lorry.

CHIP IN

to contribute to a group purchase

- They all chipped in £100 to buy her a present.

to interrupt a conversation in order to say something (UK informal):

- I'll start and you can all chip in with your comments.

DRAFT IN

to bring someone somewhere to do a particular job:

- Every Christmas thousands of people are drafted in to help with the mail.

FACTOR IN

to include something when you are doing a calculation, or when you are trying to understand something:

- People are earning more, but when inflation is factored in, they are no better off.

PENCIL IN

to tentatively arrange something using a pencil, implying that it is not confirmed and subject to change.

- We've pencilled in a meeting for Tuesday.
- Shall I pencil you in for Friday?

PITCH IN

to start to do something as part of a group, especially something helpful:

- If we all pitch in together, it won't take long.
- When I bought this house, all my friends pitched in to help fix it up.

PUSH IN

to rudely join a queue by moving in front of some people who are already waiting.

(UK informal):

- A couple of boys pushed in at the head of the queue.

RAKE IN

to earn or get a large amount of money:

- He rakes in over \$200,000 a year.
- She's really raking it in (= making a lot of money).

REIN IN

to control something and stop it increasing:

- Consumers tend to rein in their spending in a recession.
- Some of the worst Wall Street abuses have been reined in.

ROPE IN

to persuade someone to do sth for you:

- At the last minute, we roped in a couple of spectators to complete the team.
- Everyone was roped in to help with the show.

SINK IN

(of words, an event, etc.) to be fully understood or realized

- How many times do I have to tell you something before it sinks in?
- It took a moment for the implications of what she was saying to sink in.

USHER IN

(formal) to be the beginning of something new or to make something new begin

- The change of management ushered in fresh ideas and policies.
- These changes could usher in a period of dramatic economic growth.