**ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY Vocabulary Notes**

**1. point** л 1) the sharp end., tip, *as* the point of a pin (needle, knife, stick, pen, pencil, weapon, tool, etc.); 2) a small dot or a full stop, *as* 4.6 (four point six); 3) the essential thing, part, the most important thing in a speech, story, action, etc., e. *g.* The point is that it is no ordinary case. I don't see your point. You've missed the whole point, **to the point** relevant to the subject, *as* to come (to stick, to be) to the point, *e. g.* I wish he would come to the point, **to speak (to stick, to keep, to be) to the point,** *e. g.* Your answer is not to the point, ant. **to be off the point,** *e. g.* Your answer is off the point, **to make a point of doing smth.** to regard smth. as essential, *e. g.* He made a point of reading English every day. 4) a single item; **to agree** (or **disagree) on some points,** *e. g.* We disagreed on several points. 5) special quality, *as* one's weak (strong) point, *e. g.* Singing is not his strong point. 6) purpose, use, *e. g.* What's your point in coming? There is no (not much) point in doing that. His remarks lack point. 7) a precise or particular moment, *as* a turning point in one's life, *e. g.* At this point in his reflections he paused. When it came to the point (when the moment for action came), he refused to help, **to be on the point of doing smth.** to be about to do smth., *e. g.* He was on the point of leaving. 8) a stage or degree, *as* the boiling (freezing, melting) point; 9) a unit measuring gain or loss, *e. g.* He scored 23 points. 10) a position from which something is viewed, *as* a point of view, *e. g.* My point of view is different.

**point** *vt/i* 1) to call attention to, *e. g.* He pointed to a large building. 2) **to point out.** to show, *e. g.* The teacher pointed out several mistakes in the composition (to the student).

**pointless** *adj* without aim or purpose, meaningless, *as* pointless questions, remarks.

2. **dream** л 1) thoughts or images passing through the mind during  
sleep, *as* to have bad dreams, to awake from a dream, *e. g.* I had a funny  
dream last night. 2) something imagined, *e. g.* She had dreams of being  
an actress.**dream** *vi* 1) to imagine, fancy, *e. g.* Don't waste time dreaming. I never dreamt of suspecting him. 2) to have dreams, see in a dream, *e. g.* He often dreams. Stop dreaming and get on with your work.

**dreamy** *adj* given to reverie, fanciful, vague, *as* dreamy eyes, *e. g.* John lay listening to the dreamy music.

**dreamer** л one who dreams; one who has impractical or romantic ideas or plans.

3. **mix** *vt/i* 1) to make or prepare by putting together, *e. g.* Mix  
the eggs with milk before you fry them. Oil and water will not mix. 2) **to  
mix up** to confuse, *e. g.* Don't mix up these two words. She mixes up  
these two sounds. 3) **to be mixed up in smth.** to be involved in smth.,  
e. *g.* I won't be mixed up in this affair.

**mixer** л **1)** a kitchen utensil or an electric appliance having one or more beaters and used in mixing, beating, blending, etc. foodstuffs. 2) one who associates with others in society, *e. g.* He is a good mixer.

**mixed** *adj* 1) consisting of different things of the same general kind, *as* a mixed school, mixed feelings, *e. g.* We were a mixed company.

2) confused, *as* to get mixed, *e. g.* Everything has got mixed in my head. You are getting mixed.

4. **suspicion** л a feeling of doubt or distrust, *as* to arouse suspicion,  
*e. g.* His manner aroused suspicion, **above suspicion,** *e. g.* He is above  
suspicion, **on suspicion,** *e. g.* He was arrested on suspicion of murder.  
**under suspicion,** *e. g.* He is under suspicion.

**suspicious** *adj* **1)** causing suspicion, *e. g.* A suspicious-looking man was seen in the street. 2) feeling or showing suspicion, **to be (to get, to feel) suspicious of smb. about smth.** *e. g.* The people were at first suspicious of the newcomer.

**suspect** vf 1) to believe in the possible or probable guilt of smb.; to suspect smb. of smth., e. *g.* He was suspected of theft. 2) to think likely, to suppose, *e. g.* I suspected that she was insincere.

5. **conscious** *adj* **1)** feeling, realizing, *as* to be conscious of one's  
mistakes, guilt, faults, danger, smb.'s presence, a pain, etc.; *syn.* **aware;***ant.* **unconscious, unaware;** 2) having the power to know that one can  
think and feel, *e. g.* Man is a conscious being. He spoke with conscious  
superiority. 3) *(predic.)* having possession of one's senses, *e/g.* The old  
man was conscious to the last. *ant.* **unconscious,** *e. g.* She lay unconscious  
until the doctor gave her an injection, **self-conscious** too keenly aware of  
one's own manners and appearance, *e. g.* She is too self-conscious to feel  
at ease among strangers.

**consciousness** л the state of being conscious; **to lose consciousness** to faint, e. *g.* The blow caused him to lose consciousness, **to recover (regain) consciousness** to come to, *e. g.* He did not recover (regain) consciousness until two hours after the accident.

6. **interfere** *vi* 1) to meddle, *as* to interfere in a matter (in an argument,  
in one's affairs); 2) to hinder, to bother, *as* to interfere with one's  
independence, *e. g.* Don't interfere with me. Something always interferes.  
I hope I'm not interfering?

**interfering** *adj* meddling, trying to get involved in other people's affairs or to give them advice, *as* interfering people. **interference** л interfering, *e. g.* He hated interference.

7. **constant** *adj* **1)** going on all the time; frequently recurring, *as*constant complaints, e. *g.* He suffered from constant sleeplessness.  
2) firm, faithful, unchanging, *as* a constant friend, *e. g.* He has been  
constant in his devotion to scientific studies, *syn.* **permanent;** *ant.***temporary.**

**constantly** *adv* continuously, frequently, *e. g.* His name is constantly mentioned in the gossip column.

8. **resist** vr **1)** to oppose, to use force against in order to prevent the  
advance (of), *as* to resist the enemy (attack, authority, police), *e. g.* The  
man was killed resisting arrest. 2) to try not to yield to, to keep oneself

back from, *as* resist temptation, *e. g.* He could resist no longer. She can't resist chocolates **(to resist** is often used in the negative). He couldn't resist her suggestion (will, charm, fascination), **one cannot resist doing smth.** one cannot keep from doing smth., *e. g.* She couldn't resist making jokes about his boldness.

**resistance** л **1)** power of resisting, *as* to break down the enemy's resistance, to make (offer) no (little) resistance; 2) opposing force, *as* wrinkle-resistance fabric, e. *g.* An aircraft has to overcome the resistance of the air. She baked the pie in a heat-resistant dish, **the line of least resistance** direction in which a force meets least opposition, *e. g.* At the beginning of his career Andrew Manson never followed the line of least resistance.

**irresistible** *adj* too strong, convincing, delightful, etc. to be resisted, *as* irresistible desires (temptation, fascination), e. *g.* On this hot day the sea was irresistible.

9. **reflect** *vt/i* **1)** to throw back (light, heat or sound); to give back an  
image, e. *g.* The mirror reflected her face. 2) to cause, to be ascribed to,  
*e. g.* His behavior reflects his upbringing. His success reflects credit on  
his trainer. 3) to think back, to ponder, to meditate, to consider fully,  
*e. g.* The old man reflected on his past. I must reflect upon what answer  
to make.

**reflection** л **1)** the act of reflecting, *as* the reflection of light;

1. profound thinking or consideration, *e. g.* He was lost in reflection, **on  
   reflection** after consideration, *e. g.* On reflection he agreed with our plan.
2. an opinion arrived at after consideration, e. *g.* We are waiting to hear  
   his reflections on the book's merits.

10. **admire** vf to look at with pleasure (satisfaction, respect or wonder),  
*as* to admire smb.'s presence of mind (smb. for his courage); to admire  
a picture (a statue, etc.).

**admirable** ['aedmsrebl] *adj* very good indeed, *e. g.* I think it would be an admirable opportunity.

**admiration** л wonder excited by beauty or excellence, *as* to have (to feel) admiration for smb., to win (to arouse) smb.'s admiration.

to suffer from

as a result

to have great difficulty with