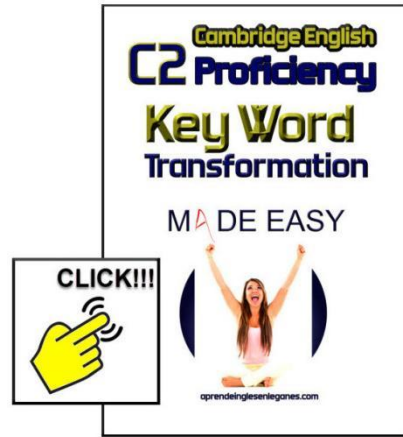


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Saddle someone with sth/sb

to give someone a job that they do not want, or put them in a situation that is difficult for them to deal with

- I've been saddled with organizing the whole party!
- Too many developing countries are still saddled with huge debts.

Land someone with sth/sb

to give someone an unpleasant job that no one else wants to do

- I always get landed with the worst jobs.
- I hope you don't mind me landing you with the kids at such short notice.

Lumber someone with sth/sb

to have to deal with something or someone that you do not want to:

- I always seem to get lumbered with the job of clearing up after a party.
- I'm sorry you've been lumbered with all the dirty jobs.

Unload sth/sb (on/onto sb)

to pass the responsibility for someone or something to someone else

- It's his problem, not something he should unload onto you.
- Don't let him unload his problems onto you.

Dump sth/sb on someone

To give sb an unpleasant or difficult job to do instead of doing it yourself.

- Don't let Sam dump his work on you.
- I just hate getting all of the work dumped on me

Drop/dump sth in sb's lap

to make something the responsibility of another person

- They dropped the problem firmly back in my lap.
- The entire project was dropped in my lap after Lydia resigned.

Foist (off) something on/upon sb

to force sb to accept or have to deal with sth that they do not want

- I keep getting extra work foisted (off) on me.