4 Learning new words

A How to learn words

Here are some **things** to **help** you when you are learning new words:

- Repeat words **out loud** two or three times to practise the **pronunciation**.
- **Write down** new words in a **notebook**. It's important to **keep a record** of them because it will help you to remember them.
- Write the **meaning** in English or your own language.
- Write an example sentence with the new word. This helps you to understand how to **use** the new word.
- Think of **situations** where you can use this word, and perhaps write them down.

GLOSSARY

help	do sth good for sb; make their life easier
out loud	so that other people can hear it
pronunciation	how to say a word **pronounce** *v*
write sth down	write sth on paper so you can remember it
notebook	a book that you can write in
record	notes of things that have happened, e.g. a **record** of money that you have spent **keep a record (of sth)**
meaning	The **meaning** of *small* is 'little'.
use	do a job with sth: *I **use** a key to open my door.*
situation	things that are happening at a certain time or in a certain place: *I was in a difficult **situation** at work today because my computer wasn't working.*

SPOTLIGHT *thing(s)*

We often use **thing(s)** to talk about an idea or a subject. It means we don't need to find the exact name for something.

- *We talked about lots of **things**.*
- *Art is the **thing** that interests me most.*

1 Complete the dialogues with one word.

▶ What's this word? ~ ***Beige***, but I don't know the correct pronunciation .
1 Was the homework easy? ~ No, it wasn't, but my father ..... me.
2 Did the others hear you? ~ Yes, I said his name out ..... .
3 How do you know you've read that book? ~ Because I keep a ..... .
4 How did you remember her phone number? ~ I wrote it ..... .
5 Do you know the meaning of ***awful***? ~ Yes, but I don't know how to ..... it.
6 I've broken my mother's favourite cup. I don't know what to say to her. ~ What a difficult ..... !
7 Have you got a new computer? ~ Yes, but I don't know how to ..... it yet.
8 Did you talk about the holiday? ~ Yes, and lots of other ..... .

2 Complete the sentences. First, cover the text at the top of the page.

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2 Write down new words in a ..... . It's important to ..... a record of them.
3 Write the ..... in English or your own language.
4 If you write an example sentence, it helps you to remember how to ..... a new word.
5 Think of ..... where you can use this word.

3 Answer the questions.

▶ Why do you do lots of different things when you are learning new words?
To help you to understand and remember them.
1 Why do you repeat words out loud? .....
2 Where can you write down new words? .....
3 Why is it important to do that? .....
4 How can you write the meaning? .....
5 Why do you write an example sentence? .....
6 What can you do after that? .....

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B Questions about words

Question	Answer
What does *awful* **mean?** (NOT ~~*What means awful?*~~)	**I don't know.** OR **It means** 'terrible'.
What's this called in English?  **How do you say** *fils* **in English?**	**I can't remember.** OR **It's a** spoon. *Son.* OR *Fils* is French for *son.*
Could you explain 'No vacancies'? (NOT ~~*Could you explain me ...?*~~)	Yes. You see it in a hotel window. It means the hotel is full. There are no free rooms.
What's the difference between *hello* and *hi*?	The **meaning** is the same, but *hi* is informal.
What's the opposite of *big*?	Small.
How do you pronounce *tie*?	**It's like** *my.*
Eight is pronounced like *night.* **Is that right/correct?**	**No, that's wrong.** OR **That's not right.** It's pronounced like *wait.*
How do you **spell** *apple*? **I'm not sure.** (Is it one 'p' or two?)	**It's A-double** P-L-E. (double P = two Ps)

4 Match 1–6 with a–g.

▶ How do you ***spell*** your name? c
1 How do you say ***cup*** in German? .....
2 What's the opposite of ***closed***? .....
3 What does ***tiny*** mean? .....
4 How do you pronounce ***weight***? .....
5 Could you explain ***hello***? .....
6 ***Come*** and ***go*** mean the same thing. .....

a Very small.
b It's what you say when you meet a friend.
c A-double N-A. ✓
d It's like ***wait***.
e No, they don't. That's wrong.
f I don't know. I only speak French.
g Open.

5 Complete the dialogues.

▶ What does ***awful*** mean ? ~ Terrible.
1 What's this ..... in English? ~ It's a frying pan. 
2 How do you pronounce ***what***? ~ It's ..... ***hot***.
3 .... you spell ***eye***? ~ I'm not sure. I think it's E-Y-E. 
4 What's the difference ..... ***bye*** and ***goodbye***? ~ ***Bye*** is more informal.
5 ***Pen*** is the same as ***pencil***. Is that right? ~ No, that's ..... .
6 What's the ..... of ***interesting***? ~ Boring.
7 What ..... ***enormous*** mean? ~ It means 'very big'.
8 Could you ..... ***EXIT***? ~ You see it on a door. It means you can go out there.

6 Write a question using each word.

▶ pronounce How do you pronounce ***vegetable***?
1 mean ..... ?
2 spell ..... ?
3 say ..... ?
4 explain ..... ?
5 opposite ..... ?
6 called ..... ?

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