

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 <i>small</i> is 'little'.
use	do a job with sth: <i>I use a key to open my door.</i>
situation	things that are happening at a certain time or in a certain place: <i>I was in a difficult situation at work today because my computer wasn't working.</i>

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

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

- Here are some ► things to help you when you are learning new words.
- 1 Repeat words _____ two or three times to practise the pronunciation.
- 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? _____



TEST YOURSELF



B Questions about words

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

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| ► How do you <i>spell</i> your name? | <u>c</u> | a Very small. |
| 1 How do you say <i>cup</i> in German? | | b It's what you say when you meet a friend. |
| 2 What's the opposite of <i>closed</i> ? | | c A-double N-A. ✓ |
| 3 What does <i>tiny</i> mean? | | d It's like <i>wait</i> . |
| 4 How do you pronounce <i>weight</i> ? | | e No, they don't. That's wrong. |
| 5 Could you explain <i>hello</i> ? | | f I don't know. I only speak French. |
| 6 <i>Come</i> and <i>go</i> mean the same thing. | | 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*?
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| 1 mean | ? | 4 explain | ? |
| 2 spell | ? | 5 opposite | ? |
| 3 say | ? | 6 called | ? |



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