

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?
- 2 Did the others hear you?
- 3 How do you know you've read that book?
- 4 How did you remember her phone number?
- 5 Do you know the meaning of *awful*?
- 6 I've broken my mother's favourite cup. I don't know what to say to her.
- 7 Have you got a new computer?
- 8 Did you talk about the holiday?

- ~ *Beige*, but I don't know the correct pronunciation.
- ~ No, it wasn't, but my father me.
- ~ Yes, I said his name out
- ~ Because I keep a
- ~ I wrote it
- ~ Yes, but I don't know how to it.
- ~ What a difficult !
- ~ 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.

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- 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?
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- 2 Where can you write down new words?
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- 3 Why is it important to do that?
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- 4 How can you write the meaning?
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- 5 Why do you write an example sentence?
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- 6 What can you do after that?
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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>fils</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.

- How do you *spell* your name?
- 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.

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c 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 ? 4 explain ?
- 2 spell ? 5 opposite ?
- 3 say ? 6 called ?

