

Introduction

The English language is amazing – there are so many words to choose from. The more words you know, the easier it is for you to read and write well.

This book will help you to develop your ‘word power’ by encouraging you to take an interest in words. It shows you how to understand words and how to choose the best words when writing. The examples will help you to see why words are important, and the activities will give you practice in using them.

Finding your way around this book

Before you start using this book, write your name in the name box on the first page. Then decide how to begin. If you want a complete course on improving your vocabulary, you should work right through the book from beginning to end.

Another way to use the book is to dip into it when you want to find out about a particular topic. The contents page will help you to find the pages you need. Whichever way you choose, don’t try to do too much at once – it’s better to work through the book in short bursts.

When you have found the topic you want to study, look out for these icons, which mark different parts of the text.



Activities

This icon shows you the activities that you should complete. You write your answers in the spaces provided. After you have worked through all the activities on the page, turn to pages 33 to 40 to check your answers. When you are sure that you understand the topic, put a tick in the box beside it on the Contents page. On page 32 you will find suggestions for some projects (**Now you try!**), which will give you even more opportunities to improve your vocabulary.



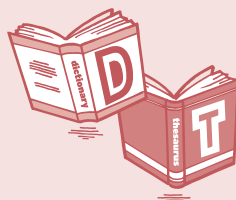
Explanation

This text explains the topic and gives examples. Read it before you start the activities.



Information

This text gives you background information about the history of words in the English Language. Surprise your friends with some fascinating facts!



Reference books

These icons show that you will need a **dictionary** (D) or a **thesaurus** (T) when you are working through these pages.