

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 understand books and write your ideas effectively.

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 understanding words is important, and the activities will introduce you to words and 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, such as homographs. 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 39 to 48 to check your answers. When you are sure that you understand the topic, add a tick in the box beside it on the Contents page.

On page 38 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. Make sure you read it before you start the activities.



This text gives you useful background information about the subject.