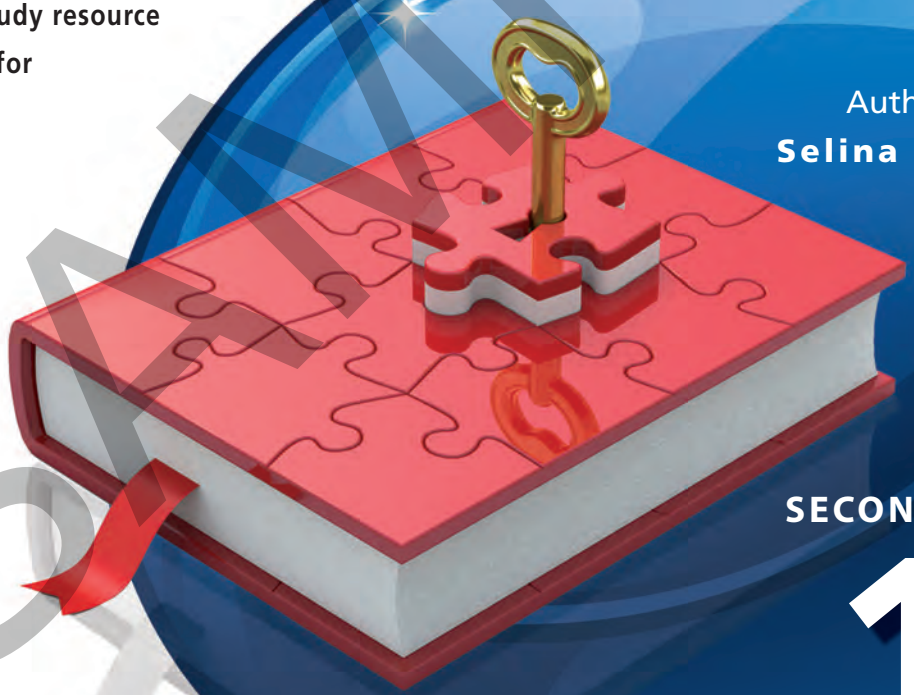
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& Word Study

Develops Word Awareness and Builds Vocabulary

- ★ Varied exercises to aid learning
- ★ 9 Appendixes as an additional study resource
- ★ Answer Key for self-checking



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Preface

Vocabulary and Word Study is a secondary level series of three books that aims to engage students in studying the various aspects of vocabulary. By working through the ample and varied exercises, students will also build up an extensive repertoire of words that will prove helpful when they tackle comprehension passages or write compositions.

A wide ranging set of topics is covered in Book 1: synonyms, antonyms, compound words, word roots, prefixes, suffixes, word forms, homonyms and homophones, idioms, commonly confused words, phrasal verbs, binomial pairs, denotation/connotation, and British English & American English vocabulary. In each unit, clear explanations precede the exercises which are specially designed to help students assimilate the concepts dealt with. Revision exercises are also set to consolidate the learning in the earlier units.

The appendices, which include word lists covering various aspects of vocabulary, provide a useful and valuable resource for future reference by students.

It is hoped that the book will enrich students' understanding of vocabulary and motivate them to learn and discover a great deal more about words, their features and associations.

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Unit 1

Tips for Building Vocabulary

One of the ways to improve your reading and writing skills is to build a wide vocabulary. Knowing more words helps you to grasp the meaning of what you read, and to find the most precise words to communicate your ideas. Hence, it pays to expand your vocabulary, to increase your knowledge about words and their relationships with other words, and to learn how to use them more correctly.

Strategies in building vocabulary

1. Read, read, read

By reading widely, you will encounter new words and learn their meanings in context. Read novels that you enjoy as well as non-fiction books on a wide variety of topics. Newspapers, journals and magazines are also good reading sources. Your vocabulary will also improve if you read labels on cans and bottles, advertisements, notices and signs.

2. Using context

When you encounter an unfamiliar word in your reading, you can use context clues to make intelligent guesses at its meaning. From the words that surround the new word, you can extract clues to help you infer what it means. 'Guessing' words in this way will work better if you are reading a text that already contains many familiar words.

3. Using the dictionary

A good dictionary will contain clear definitions, sample sentences and grammatical explanations as well. When you look up a word in your dictionary, study each entry carefully to obtain all the necessary information about the word. Choose the most appropriate meaning that suits the context of the word.

4. Begin a vocabulary notebook

List all new words in a notebook. Whenever you come across an unfamiliar word, try to work out its meaning from the context, then look the word up in the dictionary and write its definition in your notebook. Also note down other important information, such as its part of speech or the root of the word (See Unit 5: Word Parts I: Roots). Lastly, write a sentence of your own using the word. This will help you better remember the word and its meaning.

5. Have fun with words

Do crossword puzzles, play board games such as Scrabble and other word games in print or online. They're enjoyable and great for learning a lot of new words.

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6. Learn roots, prefixes and suffixes

Breaking up a word into meaningful parts will help you figure out what it means. For example, the word 'incorrigible' is made up of: in + corrigere + ible. The Latin root 'corrigere' means 'to make straight' or 'to correct'; the prefix 'in' means 'not'; and 'ible' is an adjective suffix. You can deduce that 'incorrigible' means 'unable to be corrected or improved'.

7. Write more

Using a new word in your writing will make it part of your active vocabulary. When writing your compositions, try to replace commonly used words with more descriptive and interesting words to bring your writing to life.

If you keep a journal, you will be able to gain more writing practice. The more you write, the more often you will be made to search for the precise words to express what you mean, and the more you will be forced to expand your vocabulary to increase the choice of words you can use.

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Unit 2

Synonyms

Synonyms are words which have the same or nearly the same meanings. Learning synonyms will help you expand your vocabulary.

Examples

Susie was **sad** when her cat died.

Susie was **heartbroken** when her cat died.

The words 'sad' and 'heartbroken' are synonyms.

Here is a list of synonyms:

generous	–	benevolent, charitable, magnanimous
explain	–	clarify, define, elucidate
visible	–	noticeable, obvious, evident
issue	–	concern, problem, controversy
trouble	–	commotion, disorder, predicament
imagine	–	fantasize, visualize, fabricate
listless	–	lethargic, lifeless, sluggish
malicious	–	spiteful, venomous, vicious

As no two words have the exact same meaning, you should take note how each synonym differs in meaning from the others and select the most appropriate one to suit the context of the sentence.

Example

Here are three synonyms: false, counterfeit, fictitious

It was a **false** rumour that the principal was going to retire.

The traveller was arrested for carrying **counterfeit** cigarettes.

She used **fictitious** names in her book about survivors of the tsunami.

Word	Meaning
false	not true
counterfeit	made in imitation so as to trick people into believing they are getting the genuine product e.g. counterfeit branded goods
fictitious	not real

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Complete the table with the most suitable synonyms from the list below.

contemporary	apprehension	conceal	peruse	arid	reputable
fretfulness	awesome	unbelieving	horrifiying	jeopardy	propagate
transient			appeal	competence	

Word	Synonym
hide	
amazing	
plead	
gruesome	
scrutinise	
danger	
modern	
famous	
ability	
barren	
breed	
ephemeral	
impatience	
fear	
cynical	

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2

Replace each bolded word with the correct synonym from the list below.

animosity	terse	detest	scorn	unimportant
indispensable	atrocious	tricked	divulged	apex
unassuming	frail	transformation	warmly	stunned

1. The counter assistant gave a **curt** reply to my question. _____
2. Kate was **duped** into donating $200 to a charity that didn't exist. _____
3. The **hostility** between both countries developed into a full-scale war. _____
4. He was usually **modest**, but he just had to brag about his excellent results today. _____
5. Water is **vital** to our existence. _____
6. He complained that the store's customer service was **deplorable**. _____
7. We were **astounded** by the sheer variety of cheeses in the delicatessen. _____
8. The manager assured the enthusiastic applicant that his lack of experience was **immaterial**. _____
9. She looked at the cheap, shoddy shoes with **disdain**. _____
10. The mother hugged her baby **lovingly**. _____
11. He finally **revealed** the secret that he had been working part-time to pay off his gambling debt. _____
12. We saw an astounding **change** in Mary after she inherited a fortune from her grandfather. _____
13. Peter's illness has left him looking gaunt and **fragile** these days. _____
14. I **abhor** people who take advantage of other people for their own self-interest. _____
15. Winning the 'Writer of the Year' award was the **pinnacle** of achievement for the talented author of children's books. _____

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3

Draw a circle around the word that is not similar in meaning to the other words.

1. uncomplicated, straightforward, genuine, simple, basic
2. anarchy, lawfulness, disorder, chaos, riot
3. grotesque, hideous, monstrous, repugnant, celebrated
4. squander, consume, accept, waste, splurge
5. fiction, tale, truth, narrative, fable
6. indigenous, homegrown, alien, native, aboriginal
7. distinctive, special, original, common, outstanding
8. languid, wobbly, flaccid, weak, towering
9. questioning, vague, secure, touchy, hesitant
10. annihilate, destroy, deface, sanitize, dismantle
11. sufficient, productive, ample, enough, adequate
12. callous, hard, uncaring, considerate, pitiless

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4

Three synonyms are provided for each group of three consecutive sentences. Use the context of each sentence to decide on the best word that completes each sentence. Remember to use the correct form of the words where necessary.

cordial / gregarious / approachable

1. Mrs Heng was well-liked by all the students, because she was a very _____ teacher who always had time for their queries and problems.

2. We got a very _____ welcome from the tour guide when we arrived in Okinawa.

3. She is a highly _____ girl who simply enjoys being the centre of attention.

turmoil / uproar / tumult

4. In the _____ of the violent earthquake, Lolita was separated from her parents.

5. There was a huge _____ when the organiser announced that the concert was cancelled.

6. Elderly Mr Ong always tells us stories about the _____ in the country during the Second World War.

renounce / repudiate / abandon

7. Wheelchair bound, Johnny has _____ all hopes of climbing mountains again.

8. He has _____ his citizenship and emigrated.

9. The director _____ a news report about his company's backroom dealings with a crime syndicate.

anomalous / idiosyncratic / eccentric

10. She often drew stares for her _____ behaviour.

11. The boy has an _____ habit of being compelled to spruce up everything that looks untidy.

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12. It appears _____ that not a drop of rain has fallen during this monsoon season.

detached / unbiased/ dispassionate

13. His account of the fight between the boys was completely _____.

14. The supervisor maintains a _____ attitude towards his workers, never showing favouritism.

15. The research team were told to conduct a _____ examination of the facts, without leaping to wild conclusions.

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Answer Key

Unit 2

Practice 1

Word	Synonym
hide	conceal
amazing	awesome
plead	appeal
gruesome	horrifying
scrutinise	peruse
danger	jeopardy
modern	contemporary
famous	reputable
ability	competence
barren	arid
breed	propagate
ephemeral	transient
impatience	fretfulness
fear	apprehension
cynical	unbelieving

Practice 2

1. terse
2. tricked
3. animosity
4. unassuming
5. indispensable
6. atrocious
7. stunned
8. unimportant
9. scorn
10. warmly
11. divulged
12. transformation
13. frail
14. detest
15. apex

Practice 3

1. genuine
2. lawfulness
3. celebrated
4. accept
5. truth
6. alien
7. common
8. towering
9. secure
10. sanitize
11. productive
12. considerate

Practice 4

1. approachable
2. cordial
3. gregarious
4. tumult
5. uproar
6. turmoil
7. abandoned
8. renounced
9. repudiated
10. eccentric
11. idiosyncratic
12. anomalous
13. unbiased
14. detached
15. dispassionate

Unit 3

Practice 1

1. please
2. sorrowful
3. fortune
4. gentle
5. admit
6. begin
7. culprit
8. preserve
9. frequently
10. passive
11. genial
12. huge
13. moisten
14. surrender
15. dull

Practice 2

1. (c)
2. (b)
3. (a)
4. (a)
5. (d)
6. (b)
7. (d)
8. (a)
9. (c)
10. (c)
11. (a)
12. (d)

Practice 3

1. lose
2. deep
3. opposed
4. external
5. petty
6. ignorant
7. sacked
8. increase
9. negative
10. reasonable
11. discarded
12. Pessimism
13. impoverished
14. satisfaction
15. renowned

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