

2 Learning vocabulary

Tip: Keep a vocabulary notebook. Write the words you learn from this book in it. Use a good dictionary. Ask your teacher to recommend one. You will need it for some exercises in this book.

Here are some ways of writing down words you want to learn.

A Write down words that go together (collocations)

You **do** the exercises in this book. Sometimes, you may make **mistakes** in your English. In your vocabulary book, write down: **do an exercise** and **make a mistake**.

When words are used together like this, we call it a **collocation**.

You go **by train**, but **on foot** (= walking)

preposition + noun

Some people are **good at** languages [NOT good in]

adjective + preposition

I saw a very **tall man** [NOT high man]

adjective + noun

Tip: Always write down collocations when you learn a new word.

B Learn words in families

word family *some words in the family*

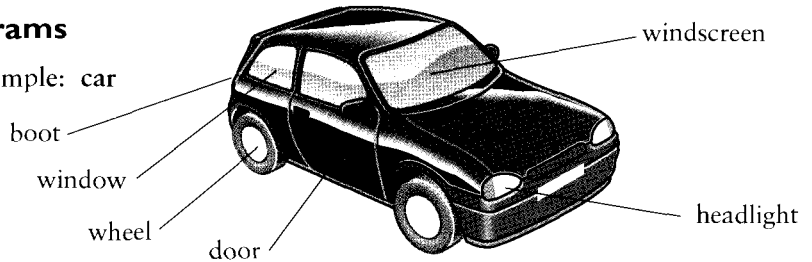
temperature hot, warm, cool, cold

travel ticket, passport, suitcase

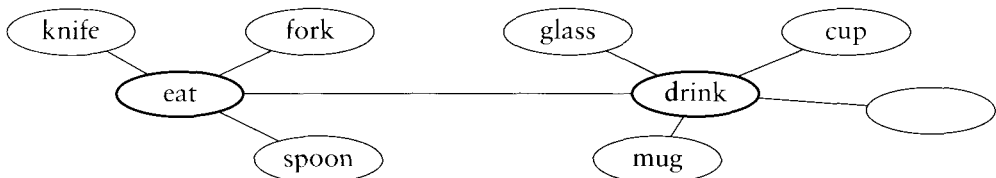
Tip: Make a page for every different word family in your vocabulary notebook.

C Pictures and diagrams

Draw pictures. For example: car



Draw diagrams like this one. Put more words in as you learn them.



Tip: When you can, use pictures and diagrams.

One more tip: Look at the words you have written down again and again and again!

Exercises

2.1 Look at Unit 3 of this book. How many more collocations for *have* could you write in your vocabulary notebook?

have a party, a shower

2.2 Which words can go with *weather*? Use a dictionary.

wet high big dry warm happy cool rainy dark



2.3 There are two word families here. What are they? Put them in the table. Use a dictionary.

school rain sun teacher cloud exam snow ice student

name of family

words in family

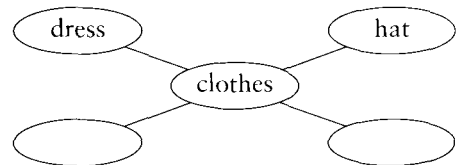
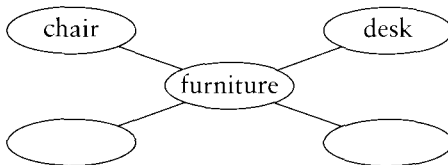
2.4 Draw simple pictures to help you remember these words, as in the example.

Example: to cry



- 1 a plane lands
- 2 sunny weather
- 3 under the table

2.5 Put words in the empty circles.



Tip: Now make sure you have started a vocabulary notebook before you do the other units in this book.