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Guide to the dictionary

Finding words and phrases

The 2000 keywords (= the most important words to learn) are.

clearly marked and there is a list of them at the back of the dictionary.

easy ow /i:zi/ adjective (easier, easiest) 1 not difficult to do or understand: The homework was very easy, o English isn't an

easy language to learn. 2 without problems or pain: He has had an easy life. S OPPOSITE difficult, hard

take it easy, take things easy to relax and not worry or work too much: After my exams I'm going to take it easy for a few days.

Words with the same spelling, but different parts of speech, have different numbers. smoke 10 - R /smook/ noun (no plural) the grey, white or black gas that you see in the air when something is burning: The room was full of smoke, o cigarette smoke

smoke 2 0-w /smauk/ verb (smokes, smoking, smoked /smaukt/) to breathe in smoke through a cigarette, etc. and let it out again; to use cigarettes, etc. in this way, as a habit: He was smoking a cigat o Do you smake?

smoker /smaxka(r)/ noun: Her parents are both heavy smokers (= they smoke a lot). Idloms and phrasal verbs (which have a special meaning) are shown below the main words.

Related words are giver

below the main word.

the forms of a verb.

We show the he/she

form, the -ing form,

the past tense (and

the past participle of irregular verbs),

Grammar

speak 0- /spirk/verb (speaks, speaking, spoke/spouk/, has speken/spouken/) 1 to say things; to talk to somebody: Please speak more slowly, o Can I speak to John Smith, please?

To make the plural of most nouns, you add -s (for example girl, girls). For all other nouns, we give you full information. Some nouns have a completely different plural form, or there is a change to the

knite 🗪 marii noun (plural knives marvzi) a sharp metal thing with a handle that you use to cut things or to fight: a knile and lork

ciothes 0→ /klauöz/ noun (plural) things like trousers, shirts and coats that you year to cover your body: She was wearing new clothes, o Take off those wet clothes,

information Pre /mfa/merfn/ noun:

Some nouns are always plural. We give you extra help with these.

the part of speech (for example noun,

verb or adjective)

Sometimes a noun has no plural form and it cannot be used with g or on.

spelling.

(no plural) facts about people or things: Can you give me some information about trains to London?

P GRAMMAR

Be careful! You cannot say 'an information'. You say some information or a piece of information: She gave me on Interesting plece of information.

Nouns with no plural form often have notes giving extra information about grammar.

bassy 0- /brzy odjective (busier, busiest) 1 with a lot of things that you must do;

working or not free: Mr Jones can't see you now - he's busy.

Comparative and superlative forms are given, unless they are formed with more or most (for example beautiful more beautiful)

and Take Million Understanding and using words

Both British English . . and American English are given.

(British) (American counterclockwise) adjective, adverb in the opposite direction to the hands of

anticlockwise/æntiklekwasz/

pronunciation and stress

a clock: Turn the handle anticlockwise. best man (,best men/) noun (no plural): a man at a wedding who helps the man who

is getting married (the bridegroom)

Example sentences help you to understand a word and show you . & the how it is used

clever on titlevoley adjective (cleverer, cleverest)

Related words help, you to build your vocabulary. Many oppositess, and synonyms.

meaning (or, definition)

quick at learning and understanding things O SAME MEANING Intelligent: o dever student a apposite stupid

(= words with the same (meaning) are given: (1

O WORD BUILDING notes show you related words and help build your vocabulary.

D SPEAKING Some words are used only informal situations and there may be a wordthat is used more often, especially in speech. O SPELLING and PHONUNCIATION notes help

you remember how to spell a word and tell

you how to pronounce difficult words. D which wond? notes show you the difference between words that you might

daughter 0w /dxta(r)/ noun PRONUNCIATION

piece on hour

D SPELLING

you remember.

O CULTURE notes tell you about life in Britain. and the US.

The word daughter sounds like water, because we don't say the letters gh in this word.

Remember! I comes before E in plece. Use the phrase a piece of pie to help

Cat 0w /kiet/ noun

1 a small animal with soft fur that people

keep as a pet

P WORD BUILDING A young cat is called a kitten. A cat purts when it is happy. When it makes a loud noise, it milaows: My cat microws when

DWHICH WORD?

pile1 0- /pail/ noun

Pile or heap? A pile may be tidy or untidy. A heap is untidy.

she's hungry.

English / regulf noun

assist /a/sist/ verb (assists, assisting, assisted) (formal) to help somebody: The driver assisted her with **₽**CULTUR€

her suitcases. **PSPEAKING** Be careful! The people of Scotland (the Scots) and the people of Wales (the Weish) are British, not English.

Help is the word that we usually use.

Dictionary Quiz

This quiz shows how your Oxford dictionary can help you. You will find the answers to all these questions in the dictionary.

On which part of your body do you wear wellingtons?

- 2 When is Boxing Day?
- 3 What is a young goat called?
- 4 What is the opposite of wide?
- 5 I bought this book in the library. In this sentence, the word library is wrong. What is the right word?
- 6 What is the name of the central part of a tree, that grows up from the ground?
- 7 What is the name of this fruit?
- 8 Is the word lung a noun, a verb or an adjective?
- 9 Is it correct to say: Can you give me some advices?
- 10 What is the past tense of the verb break?
- 11 What is the -ing form of the verb hit?

Meanings

The dictionary explains the meanings of words in simple language. The example sentences also help you to understand words and use them correctly. Words marked with a key are important words for you to learn. There is a list of the 2000 keywords at the back of the dictionary.

Vocabulary

There are hundreds of notes that give useful extra vocabulary or show the differences between words.

The dictionary has a lot of photos and pictures that help you understand words and build your vocabulary. As well as the pictures in the main part of the dictionary, there is a 16-page Picture Dictionary section in the middle with colour pictures of things like clothes, tood and drink, and the weather.

Grammar

You can check if a new word is a noun, a verb, an adjective, etc. by looking in the dictionary.

The dictionary gives you extra help with some nouns. For example, it gives Irregular and difficult noun plurals and tells you if a word cannot be used in the plural.

The Important verb forms are listed for each verb, and there is a list of irregular verbs with their past tenses and past participles on pages 484–485.

- 12 How do you spell the plural of party?
- 13 Do the words son and sun have the same sound?
- 14 Does enough sound like though or tough?
- 15 How do you say this date: 4 July, 2010?
- 16 What is the name of the exam that all British pupils must take in secondary school?
- 17 is Yours faithfully the correct ending to a formal or an informal letter?
- 18 Name three young farm animals.
- 19 On which part of your body is your nostril?
- 20 What is the word for a person who comes from Spain?

Spelling

You can use the dictionary to check how to spell a word, and it also shows changes in the spelling of other forms of the word, for example the plurals of nours and the ing forms of verbs.

Pronunciation

The dictionary gives the pronunciation of words, and on page vii you will find help with reading the phonetic symbols. There are also notes to help you with words that have the same sound or words that are difficult to pronounce.

Extra information

The blue Study Pages in the middle give useful information on topics like dates, education and writing letters and emalls. The colourful Picture Dictionary section shows you groups of related words in topic, areas such as animals and the body. At the end of the dictionary you will find helpful lists of words such as geographical names and irregular verbs.

Answers

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nose, face	61	_			_
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Phonetic symbols

Vowels

i:	see	/si:/	Λ	cup	/kap/
1	happy	/'bæpl/	3:	bird	/ba:d/
1	sit	/srt/	Э	about	/a'baut/
е`	ten	/ten/	£1	say	/ser/
æ	cat	/kæt/	əu	go	/gau/
a:	father	/ˈfɑːðə(r)/	Aı	five	/farv/
D	got	/got/	āU	now	/neo/
Э:	saw	/sa:/	10	boy	/bot/
Ü	put	/put/	19	near	/nro(r)/
u	situation	/ˌsɪtʃʊˈeɪʃn/	еэ	hair	/heə(r)/
u:	too	/tu:/	ca ca	pure	/pjua(r)/

Consonants

p	pen	/pen/	5	so	/sau/
b	bad	/bæd/	2	200	/2U:/
ŧ	tea	/tf:/	Į.	shoe	/fu:/
đ	diđ	/did/	3	vision	/'VI30/
k	cat	/kæt/	h	hat	/hæt/
9	got	/got/	m	man	/mæn/
IJ	chain	/f∫ein/	п	no	/nau/
d3	jam	/d3@m/	ŋ	sing	/sm/
f	fall	/fo:l/ 👞		leg	/leg/
v	van	/væn/		red	/red/
0	thin	/0:m/	1	yes	/jes/
ð	this	/ðis/	w	wet	iweti

- (') shows the strong stress; it is in front of the part of the word that you say most strongly, for example because /br/knz/.
- (,) shows a weaker stress. Some words have a part that is said with a weaker stress as well as a strong stress, for example OK (a) key.
- at the end of a word means that in British English you say this sound only when the next word begins with a vowel sound. In American English, you always pronounce this 'r'.

Some words, for example at and must, have two pronunciations. We give the usual pronunciation first. The second pronunciation must be used when the word is stressed, and is also often used when the word is at the end of a sentence. For example:

This book is for flo(r)/ Lisa. Who is this book for? flo:(r)/