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# 序

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从功能来看,词典可以分为“查词”词典和“找词”词典。前者的功能是:当读者遇到生词时,它能告诉这个生词的意义、读音和用法,就这个词论这个词。这种词典是读者们非常熟悉的通用词典。后者的功能是当读者萌生某种想法而不知用什么词汇表达时,它能帮助读者通过联想找到所需要的特定单词和相关词汇,提供更广泛的语言知识和文化知识。这种词典是读者们不很熟悉的联想词典。本词典就是一部新颖的联想词典。

这部词典有三个功能:

1. 帮助读者查找所需要的一个特定单词;
2. 帮助读者搜集与某个特定话题领域相关的词汇;
3. 帮助读者通过自由查阅不同的话题领域来扩大词汇量。

这部词典有三个特色:

1. 调动读者的思维能力,发挥联想的作用。词典的 23 个意义相关的话题领域,提供了大量的生动的语境。查找所需要的特定单词,将孤立的单词置于广泛的语境之中,将相关的词汇放在一起,联系记忆,联系学习,举一反三,学一知三。

2. 集词汇与知识于一体。词汇是知识的载体。词汇系统是知识体系的反映。掌握大量词汇,表明拥有丰富知识。扩大词汇量,表明扩大知识面。学习词汇,离不开联想;获取知识,也离不开联想。在查阅词汇过程中,读者可以系统学习相关知识,增大词汇量,扩大知识面。

3. 熔语言与文化于一炉。在查阅词汇过程中,读者可以全面了解词汇的文化含义,掌握词汇在一定文化背景下的准确意义和用法。将学习英语与学习英语国家的文化结合起来,在扩大语言知识的同时,扩大文化知识。

这部词典的最大特色就是联想。联想是独立思考和原创思维的表现。

一个富于联想和善于联想的人,常常是肯于独立思考和具有创新精神的人。学会使用这部词典有助于培养联想能力。

根据语义学理论,一个核心概念(通常用一个核心词表现)与属于同一范畴的词汇,构成一个领域。语义学家借用物理学的“场”的概念,将这个领域称为“语义场”。而语用学家也有类似的表述,以一个话题为核心(通常也是用一个核心词表现),将与其相关的内容结合在一起,构成一个话题领域。它与语义场有雷同和重叠之处,但各自出发点不同。本词典是在一个话题领域之内、和在不同话题领域之间进行联想。

利用联想查找和扩展词汇,涉及三种方法:辐射联想、推理联想和交叉联想。

辐射的方法是以一个表示话题的核心词为中心,通过分类及其属性、特征、功能和动作,联想与其相关的方方面面的内容。例如:说到“天气”(weather),自然会想到具体的天气状况:晴阴(sunny, cloudy)、冷热(hot, warm, cool, cold)、干湿(dry, wet)、现象(rain, snow, storm, wind, fog);想到气候(tropical climate, temperate climate);想到四季(season, spring, summer, autumn, winter);想到天气预报(weather forecast);想到气象研究(meteorology)。

推理的方法是从一个已知的词出发,利用逻辑关系找出它的反义词、近义词、上义词和下义词等等。例如,利用 cloudy,找到反义词 cloudless;利用 weather,找到近义词 climate;利用 spring,找到上义词 season;利用 season,找到下义词 spring, summer, autumn, winter。

交叉的方法是由一个话题领域联想到另一个话题领域。例如,度假需要知道天气,可以在 holiday 的话题领域,找到与 weather 有关的词汇。天气是电视和广播等媒体经常关注的内容,也可以在 television/radio 的话题领域,找到与 weather 有关的词汇。

学会使用这部联想词典,会培养你的联想能力。常常使用这部联想词典,会使你插上联想的羽翼,在英语的王国里自由翱翔。

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## Author's preface

As a learner of English, you know that building up your stock of words is your biggest task. You probably already have a dictionary to help you do this. So why a new one?

Most dictionaries are 'checking' books: you come across a word, for example when you are reading a book or listening to someone speaking, and you go to the dictionary to check its meaning, its pronunciation or its use.

This dictionary is different: it is a 'discovering' book. It is designed to help you to expand your vocabulary in the directions *you* want – giving you the words you need, to say the things you want to say.

If you glance through the book you will quickly see that it is different from most other dictionaries in two important ways:

- instead of listing words in alphabetical order, it groups them according to their similarities and differences of *meaning* and *use*;
- instead of giving you the word first and then its meaning, it gives you the meaning first *and then the word (or words) that you are looking for*.

This explains the name, **Wordfinder**.

Working with students studying English, in Kenya and Tanzania and later in Britain, helped me to see the value of a dictionary of this sort. I am grateful to all my students, as well as to others who have contributed more directly to the creation of this book:

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Hugh Trappes-Lomax

# Terms, symbols and short forms

<i>AmE</i>	American English
<i>BrE</i>	British English
<i>formal</i>	used in more formal contexts, such as writing a report or speaking at a conference
<i>informal</i>	used in informal contexts, such as a conversation with family or friends
<i>noun, verb, adjective, adverb</i>	the part that a word plays in its sentence ( <b>Note:</b> these labels are not used in all cases, but only when they are needed for clarity.)
<i>U</i>	an uncountable noun
<i>C/U</i>	a noun that is often countable but can also be uncountable
<i>U/C</i>	a noun that is often uncountable but can also be countable
<i>singular</i>	a noun that is used only in the singular
<i>plural</i>	a noun that is used only in the plural
<i>with singular or plural verb</i>	a singular noun (for example <b>family</b> , <b>government</b> ) which can have a plural verb if you are thinking of the actions, feelings, etc of the individual members of the group
<i>only before a noun</i>	an adjective which comes before a noun, not after a verb like <b>is</b> or <b>seems</b>
<i>not before a noun</i>	an adjective which comes after a verb like <b>is</b> or <b>seems</b> , not before a noun
<i>usually passive</i>	a verb that is more common in the passive than the active form
<i>*</i>	an irregular verb (see table on p 516)
<i>abbreviation</i>	a short form of a word
<i>opposite</i>	a word which is opposite in meaning to another word
<i>sb</i>	somebody
<i>sth</i>	something

# Using the dictionary

## 1 With Wordfinder, you can:

- look for a particular word that you want
- collect words that are related to a particular topic area
- expand your vocabulary by looking freely through topic areas

### Looking for a word

You know the word 'letter', but you don't know the word for the way that you write your name at the end of a letter. You look at **letter** and you find:

- your name, written by hand in a special way so that nobody else can copy it: **signature**
- to put your signature on sth: **sign** (sth)

You want to know the opposite of 'sweet'. You look at **sweet** and you find:

- having a sharp taste like that of a lemon: **sour** ◦ *These apples are rather sour.*
- having a sharp unpleasant taste: **bitter** ◦ *bitter coffee*

You know that 'promise' means to say that you will do something that somebody wants. If you do not do what you promise to do, what is the expression for this? You look at **promise** and you find:

- if you do not do what you promised to do, you **break**\* a promise, **go\* back on your word**, the promise is **broken** ◦ *I can't believe he went back on his word!* ◦ *broken promises*

### Collecting words about a topic

You are preparing to give a short talk about holidays. You need to think about the different kinds of holiday that people choose, how they travel, and where they stay. You look up **holiday** and you find:

#### holiday

- 1 time when people do not work
  - 2 special days and times which are holidays
  - 3 going away on holiday
- see also TRAVEL**

From this, you choose 'going away on holiday', and you find:

- a special holiday where you pay for your travel, hotel and some or all of your meals before you leave: **package holiday**
- a holiday on a large ship: **cruise** ◦ *to go on a round-the-world cruise*
- a holiday in Africa, looking at wild animals: **safari** ◦ *to go on safari*
- a journey when you visit a place and return: **trip** ◦ *a trip to the seaside*
- to travel around on holiday carrying your luggage in a bag on your back: **go\* backpacking** ◦ *They went backpacking round Europe last summer.*
- to go on a holiday with a tent: **go\* camping**
- a holiday that you spend doing sports or other outdoor activities: **adventure/activity holiday**
- a holiday that you spend walking or cycling: **walking/cycling holiday**
- a holiday that you spend travelling round a place, for example in a car or a bus: **touring holiday**
- a holiday when you do some work: **working holiday**

Now you want to think about the different ways of travelling. You follow up the suggestion at the beginning of **holiday**, 'see also TRAVEL', and you find:

## travel

- 1 travelling
- 2 means of transport
- 3 tickets, passports, money, etc
- 4 starting a journey, moving and arriving

luggage and packing ⇨ **BAG**

accidents and crashes ⇨ **ACCIDENT**

travelling in space ⇨ **SPACE<sup>2</sup>**

see also **HOLIDAY, HOTEL, CAMP**

You look at section 2 to check that you know all the words for means of transport, and how to use them. (Do we say 'with the train', 'on the train', or 'by train'?).

## 2 means of transport

- using a car, bus, lorry, etc to travel: **by road, car, bus, etc, on the bus/coach**
- to go somewhere in a car: **drive\***; a journey in a car or other vehicle: **drive** • *We're driving up to Scotland this summer.*
- to travel by getting free rides in other people's cars, lorries, etc: **hitch-hike, (informal) hitch**; a person who does this: **hitch-hiker** • *We hitched down to Devon.* • *I picked up two hitch-hikers on the way home from Bath.*
- using a bicycle or motorcycle: **by bike, by motorcycle, etc**
- to travel on a motorcycle: **ride\*** (sth)
- to travel on a bicycle: **ride\*** (sth), **cycle** • *to ride along cycle tracks in the New Forest* • *I usually cycle to work.*
- using a train or trains: **by train, on the train, by rail**
- (used about long journeys) by road or rail: **overland** • *We travelled overland to Delhi and then flew on to Singapore.*
- using an aeroplane: **by air, by plane**
- to travel somewhere by plane: **fly\***; a journey by plane: **flight**
- using a boat: **by sea, by boat**
- to travel somewhere in a boat: **sail**; a long journey by sea: **voyage**
- to travel by boat, visiting a number of places, as a holiday: **cruise**; **noun: cruise** • *to go cruising in the Mediterranean* • *a river cruise*
- without using a vehicle: **on foot**
- to go somewhere on foot: **walk**

Now you need to think about types of accommodation. In the box at the beginning of keyword **travel** you saw the cross-references to **hotel** and **camp**. Look up **hotel** to find the different types of hotel:

- a place where you stay when you are travelling or on holiday: **hotel** • *a first-class hotel* • *We stayed in a small country hotel.*
- a hotel where you can park your car near your room: **motel**
- a small hotel sometimes in a private house: **guest house**
- a private house where you can spend the night and have breakfast in the morning: **bed and breakfast (abbreviation B&B)**
- a place (like a cheap hotel) where people can stay when they are living away from home: **hostel** • *a youth hostel* (= a hostel for people who are walking, cycling, etc in the countryside)



Now look at **camp** and make sure that you know the words there:

- to put up a tent and sleep in it: **camp (out)** ◦ *We camped in a field by a stream.* ◦ *We decided to camp out for the night.*
- sleeping or spending a holiday in a tent: **camping (noun U)** ◦ *They went on a camping holiday.*
- to spend a holiday living in a tent: **go\* camping** ◦ *We're going camping in the South of France this summer.*
- a special place where people camp: **campsite (AmE campground)**
- a person who camps: **camper**

### Looking freely through topic areas

To help you talk about the weather, you look up **weather**, and you find these cross-references:

see also RAIN, SNOW, STORM, WIND

You follow up the cross-reference to **SNOW**. You read the section on 'enjoying the snow' and you find:

- to move over snow on long, flat, narrow pieces of wood, metal or plastic (**skis**) that are fastened to boots: **ski**; a person who skis: **skier**
  - a type of flat board, often with metal strips underneath, that people use for travelling downhill on snow for fun: **sledge**; *verb: sledge* ◦ *Let's go sledging!*
  - a lump of snow that is pressed into the shape of a ball and used by children for playing: **snowball** ◦ *a snowball fight*
  - the figure of a person made out of snow, usually by children: **snowman (plural snowmen)**
- ▷ more on skiing ▷ **ski**

To find out more about skiing, and to see a picture, you look at the entry for **ski**.

## 2 Finding your way in Wordfinder

### Keywords

Words are grouped together under **keywords**, which are arranged alphabetically in the book.

Some keywords just direct you to another keyword. If you look up **able**, you will find:

### able

- able to be done ▷ **POSSIBLE**<sup>2</sup>
- having skill ▷ **SKILL**

Most keywords have an index which shows you how the words are organized. If you look up **television**, you will find:

### television / radio

- 1 watching television
- 2 listening to the radio
- 3 controlling a television or radio
- 4 television and radio programmes
- 5 broadcasting

To help you find your way, some keywords have smaller sections with their own headings. Under **television and radio programmes**, you will find four headings:

- news and weather
- information and talk
- stories and plays
- games

If you want to go on to learn some words that are more difficult, you will find a section in some keywords called **MORE**. If you look up **blood**, you will find this group of words:

### ■ MORE ...

- easily upset by the sight of blood: **squeamish** ◦ *I couldn't be a nurse. I'm far too squeamish.*
- full of violence and blood: **gory** ◦ *a gory film*
- involving bloody injuries: **gruesome** ◦ *The battlefield was a gruesome sight.*

### Words that are related in meaning

Some words are grouped together because they are related in meaning. For example, if you look up **plane**, you will find **plane** with **aeroplane**. They are *synonyms* (= they mean the same). You will also find **aircraft**. This has a *more general meaning* than **plane** and **aeroplane**.

- any vehicle that can fly in the air: **aircraft** (plural **aircraft**) ◦ *a jet aircraft* (= powered by a jet engine)
- a vehicle with wings and one or more engines that can fly through the air: **plane**, **aeroplane** (AmE **airplane**) ◦ *to travel by plane* ◦ *a plane ticket* ◦ *a plane crash* ◦ *a supersonic plane* (= a plane that can fly faster than the speed of sound)

You will also find these *different kinds of* plane:

- a large plane that carries passengers: **airliner**; a very large jet plane that carries passengers: **jumbo (jet)**
- a plane that carries goods: **cargo plane**
- a plane that takes off and lands on the sea: **sea-plane**

If you look up keyword **useful/suitable**, you will find the word **convenient** with its opposite **inconvenient**. You will also find the related adverbs **conveniently** and **inconveniently**.

- suitable or practical for a particular purpose; not causing difficulty: **convenient** (adverb **conveniently**); opposite: **inconvenient** (adverb **inconveniently**) ◦ *When would it be convenient to phone?* ◦ *Have I called at an inconvenient moment?*

### Words that are related in use

Some words are grouped together because they are often used in the same sentence or in the same situation.

If you look up **butter**, you will find **spread**, and in the same group **soft** and **hard**. These words will often come up together, so it is useful to learn them as a group.

- to put butter on a piece of bread, etc: **butter** sth ◦ *Shall I help you to butter the sandwiches?* ◦ *buttered toast*
- to put butter, jam, etc, on bread: **spread** A on B, **spread** B with A ◦ *Spread margarine on it.* ◦ *Spread it with margarine.*
- butter which is easy to spread is **soft**; opposite: **hard** ◦ *It's too hard to spread.*

If you look up **meet**, you will find **meet** meaning to see and talk to a person for the first time. In the same group you will find the verb **introduce** and the noun **introduction**. This is because people are introduced when they meet for the first time.

- to see and talk to sb for the first time: **meet**\* (sb) ◦ *I first met my future husband at a horse race.* ◦ *Where did you two first meet?*
- to tell two or more people who have not met before what each other's names are: **introduce** sb (to sb); noun: **introduction** ◦ *Have you two been introduced?* ◦ *Pauline - I'd like to introduce you to Andrew from the graphics department.* ◦ *Shall I make the introductions?*

## Topic areas

The 23 groups of keywords on this and the following pages will help you to explore an area of vocabulary that you are interested in and to find the keyword that you need.

For example, if you want to find vocabulary for describing people, look at **TOPIC AREA 1**. In this section, you will find a number of ideas connected with this topic, and the keyword where you should look to find the words that you

need. So, if you want to know the words that are to do with the way people live, find

how people live their lives **live<sup>2</sup>**

The keyword that you need is **live<sup>2</sup>**.

If you cannot find what you are looking for in these groups of words, there are some suggestions on the right for other related keywords and topic areas.

### 1 People

the human race and human nature; **people**

races and ethnic groups  
society and social groups

**society, group**

people as individuals  
the stages of a person's life  
how people live their lives

**person**  
**life, birth, death, young/old**  
**live<sup>2</sup>**

babies and children  
men and women  
male and female

**baby, child**  
**man, woman**  
**sex<sup>1</sup>**

personal qualities and ways  
of behaving  
some particular qualities  
or ways of behaving

**personality, behaviour, habit**

good and bad behaviour  
sexual behaviour  
behaviour that is shared by  
groups of people

**right/wrong<sup>2</sup>**  
**sex<sup>2</sup>**  
**custom**

- for relationships between people, look at **relationship**
- for some particular kinds of relationship, look at **family, friend, love, marry**
- for being famous, look at **famous**
- for the human body and its parts, look at **TOPIC AREA 2**

### 2 Your body, personal appearance and clothes

the body as a whole  
parts of the body

**body**  
**hand/arm, leg/foot, bone, muscle,**  
**blood, skin, heart, stomach**  
**head, hair, face**  
**nose, mouth, tooth, ear, eye**

head, hair and face  
parts of the head and face

tall or short?  
thin or fat?  
how heavy?  
strong or weak?  
attractive?

**height**  
**fat/thin/thick**  
**weight**  
**strong/weak**  
**beautiful/attractive**

clothes in general  
some particular kinds of clothes  
jewellery  
glasses  
fashion

**clothes**  
**coat, hat, shoe, trousers**  
**jewellery**  
**glasses**  
**fashion**

- for looking after your body and your appearance, look at **wash, cosmetics, exercise**
- for using the bathroom and toilet, look at **bathroom, toilet**
- for illness, injury, etc, look at **TOPIC AREA 16**
- for looking after your clothes, look at **wash, ironing**

### 3 Everyday life

washing and using the bathroom getting dressed	wash, bathroom, toilet clothes	- for different kinds of entertainment, look at TOPIC AREA 11
going to school or work going shopping	travel, school, work shop	
cooking and eating and drinking cleaning the house	cook, eat, meal, drink clean/dirty	
resting and relaxing going to bed and sleeping	rest, entertainment, exercise bed, sleep	

### 4 Food and drink

food and eating bread, cakes, etc butter, milk, etc meat and fish vegetables, etc fruits and nuts salt and pepper	food, eat bread, cake, flour butter, cheese, egg, milk meat, bird <sup>2</sup> , fish <sup>2</sup> vegetable, potato, rice fruit, nut salt/pepper	- for things that you use when eating and drinking, look at <b>knife/fork/spoon, plate/bowl/dish, and cup/glass</b> - for how food or drink tastes, look at <b>taste</b>
drinking and kinds of drink coffee and tea alcoholic drinks drinking in a bar or pub	drink coffee/tea alcohol, beer, wine bar/pub	
meals eating in a café or restaurant cooking	meal, breakfast restaurant cook	

### 5 Where you live

living in a particular place town and countryside	live <sup>2</sup> town, country <sup>2</sup>	- for buildings in general, look at <b>building</b>
houses and flats parts of a house, etc	house floor, roof, window, door, stairs	- for constructing a house or other building, look at <b>build</b>
walls and fences gardens	wall/fence/hedge garden	- for keeping a house warm or cool, look at <b>cold, hot, fire</b>
rooms in a house the kitchen the bedroom the bathroom and toilet	room kitchen bed bathroom, toilet	- for fuel that is used in a house, look at <b>coal, gas, electricity</b>
furniture	furniture, chair, table	
being tidy	tidy	

## 6 The natural environment

the world as a whole  
nature and the environment  
the stars and space  
the sun and sky  
the air

**world**  
**nature, environment**  
**star/planet/moon, space<sup>2</sup>**  
**sun, sky**  
**air**

the shape of the land; land use  
the surface of the earth  
the countryside  
rivers and mountains  
the sea  
beside the sea

**land**  
**ground**  
**country<sup>2</sup>**  
**river, hill/mountain**  
**sea**  
**beach**

- for the weather in general, look at **weather**
- for some particular kinds of weather, look at **storm, snow, wind, rain**

## 7 Animals and other living things

being alive

**live<sup>1</sup>**

animals  
some domestic animals  
some wild animals  
fish  
birds  
insects and spiders

**animal**  
**cat, cow, dog, horse, pig, sheep**  
**lion/leopard/tiger, snake**  
**fish<sup>1</sup>**  
**bird<sup>1</sup>**  
**insect, bee, spider**

- for animals and plants on farms, look at **farm**
- for hunting, look at **hunt**
- for animals and plants as food, look at **food**

plants  
trees  
flowers  
grass

**plant**  
**tree**  
**flower**  
**grass**

## 8 Work, business, industry and technology

all kinds of work  
factory work  
office work  
computers  
farm work

**work**  
**factory, industry**  
**office**  
**computer**  
**farm**

- for resting from work or having a holiday, look at **rest<sup>2</sup>, holiday**
- for fuel for machines look at **fuel, oil, electricity**

making things  
working with machines

**make, design, invent**  
**machine, tool**

- for materials used for making things, look at **material**

having a job

**employment**

working in business  
managing a business

**business**  
**management**

## 9 Money and buying and selling

money in general  
banks  
paying for things  
having debts  
buying and selling  
advertising

**money**  
**bank**  
**pay<sup>1</sup>, cheque**  
**debt**  
**buy, sell, price, rent, shop**  
**advertisement**

money for the work that you do  
tax  
insurance

**pay<sup>2</sup>**  
**tax**  
**insurance**

- for a country's money, trade and industry, look at **economy**
- for business, see **TOPIC AREA 8**



## 10 Education and science

education in general  
teaching and learning  
examinations  
schools and universities

**education**  
**teach, learn**  
**exam**  
**school, university**

– for knowledge and information, look at **know, information**

– for being good at doing things, look at **skill**

science  
mathematics  
other subjects of study,  
how people study things,  
do research, etc

**science**  
**mathematics**  
**study**

## 11 Leisure, sport, art and music

kinds of entertainment  
having a party  
children having fun

**entertainment**  
**party**  
**play<sup>2</sup>**

– for going on holiday, look at **TOPIC AREA 12**

– for things that interest you or that you enjoy doing, look at **interesting**

television and radio  
films and the cinema  
plays and the theatre

**television/radio, video**  
**film, cinema**  
**play<sup>1</sup>, theatre**

– for acting and actors, look at **act<sup>2</sup>**

games  
some particular games  
sport  
some particular sports

**game**  
**cards, chess**  
**sport**  
**athletics, boxing, football, race<sup>2</sup>**  
**ski, swim**

– for the people watching a film, play, etc, look at **audience**

– for competitions and words to do with winning and losing, look at **competition, win/lose**

all kinds of art  
particular kinds of art  
photography

**art**  
**draw, paint<sup>1</sup>, picture, sculpture**  
**photograph**

music

**music, dance, orchestra, pop/rock, record, sing**

## 12 Transport, travel and holidays

transport in general  
by air  
by sea  
by rail  
by road

**transport**  
**plane**  
**boat**  
**train**  
**bicycle, bus, car, lorry, motorcycle, taxi**

– for driving a vehicle, especially a car, look at **drive**

– for fuel for vehicles, look at **fuel**

– for roads, look at **road**

holidays  
camping  
going on a journey  
buying a ticket  
staying in a hotel  
arriving and leaving

**holiday**  
**camp**  
**travel**  
**ticket**  
**hotel**  
**arrive, leave**

– for accidents, look at **accident**

## 13 Government and politics

government and politics  
kings and queens  
parliament  
elections

**government, politics**  
**king/queen**  
**parliament**  
**election**

– for countries, look at **country<sup>1</sup>**

– for political and other kinds of power, look at **power**

## 14 The law and crime

the law  
crime  
stealing  
drugs  
punishment

**law, trial, police  
crime  
steal  
drugs  
punish, prison**

– for good and bad  
behaviour, look at  
**right/wrong<sup>2</sup>**

## 15 Fighting and war

fighting in general  
hitting and kicking  
war  
the armed forces  
weapons in general  
guns and bombs

**fight  
hit  
war  
army, navy, air force  
weapon  
gun, bomb**

– for enemies, look at  
**enemy**

## 16 Illness and injury

illness, injury and pain  
accident  
mental illness

**illness, injury, pain  
accident  
mind**

– for problems with  
teeth, look at **tooth**,  
**dentist**

treatment for illness or injury

**doctor, hospital, medicine,  
operation**

## 17 Religion and beliefs

religion in general  
some particular religions

**religion, god  
Christian, Muslim, Jew**

– for the part of you  
which is not physical,  
look at **spirit**

churches  
priests

**church  
priest**

– for belief that  
something is true,  
look at **true**

astrology (the stars) and magic

**astrology, magic**

## 18 Language and communication

communication in general  
signs, gestures, etc  
laughing and crying  
the human voice

**communication  
sign  
laugh, cry  
voice**

– these keywords cover  
particular kinds of  
meaning or use of  
language:

language  
words and meaning  
sounds and spelling

**language  
grammar, meaning, word, name  
letter<sup>2</sup>, punctuation**

**advise/suggest,  
agreement, allow,  
and/or/but, bet,  
blame, cause/effect,  
complain/protest,  
criticism, describe,  
encourage, example,  
greet, if, inform,  
insult, invite, lie<sup>1</sup>,  
must, need, offer,  
order<sup>2</sup>, persuade,  
polite, possible<sup>1</sup>,  
praise, promise,  
question, reason,  
request, thank,  
warn, yes/no**

saying what you think, feel, etc  
speaking and listening  
writing and reading  
things used for writing

**say, discuss/argue  
speak, listen, conversation  
write, read  
paper, pen /pencil, computer**

means of communication  
letters, e-mail and faxes  
meetings

**telephone, post  
letter<sup>1</sup>  
meeting**

## 19 The media and literature

news and information  
books and newspapers  
television and radio  
films and cinema

**news, information**  
**book, newspaper/magazine**  
**television/radio**  
**film, cinema**

stories, plays, poems

**story, play<sup>1</sup>, poem, literature**

– for producing a book,  
newspaper, etc, look  
at **publish, print**  
– for libraries, look at  
**library**

## 20 Knowing, thinking, feeling, wanting, liking

knowing things

**know, understand,**  
**remember/forget**  
**imagination**

using your imagination

thinking and having opinions  
thinking that sth is certain,  
possible or probable

**think, opinion**  
**possible<sup>1</sup>**

– for the five senses,  
look at **see,**  
**look/seem, show,**  
**smell, taste, feel,**  
**touch, hear, listen,**  
**sound**

feelings in general  
particular feelings

**emotion, suffer**  
**afraid, angry, excited, forgive,**  
**happy, sad, sorry, sympathy,**  
**tired, worry**

wanting and hoping  
making plans, choices and  
decisions

**want, hope**  
**intend/plan, decide/choose**

being willing to do sth  
trying, avoiding, succeeding,  
failing

**willing**  
**try, avoid/prevent,**  
**succeed/fail, problem**

liking and disliking  
describing the good and  
bad qualities of things

**like<sup>2</sup>, enjoy, prefer, dislike**  
**good, bad, important, useful,**  
**value**

## 21 Situations, actions, events and movement

events and situations  
describing situations

**happen, situation, luck**  
**funny, interesting, quiet, strange,**  
**surprise**

– for giving, getting,  
keeping, etc, look at  
**give, provide,**  
**get/obtain,**  
**borrow/lend,**  
**have/possess, keep**

actions and behaviour  
ending an action  
repeated actions or events

**action, behaviour, habit**  
**stop**  
**again**

– for finding, losing and  
looking for things,  
look at **find, lose<sup>2</sup>,**  
**look for**

beginning, continuing, finishing  
ready or waiting  
changing, growing and  
developing

**begin, continue, end/finish**  
**ready, wait**  
**change, grow, develop**

– for actions towards  
other people (such as  
helping or protecting  
a person), look at  
**help, protect,**  
**support, trust,**  
**power, duty, obey**

movement in general  
going to a place

**move**  
**arrive, leave, come/go, enter,**  
**climb, visit**  
**run, walk, fly, jump, fall, turn**  
**fast/slow**  
**put, bring/take/carry, lift,**  
**pull/push, throw**

ways of moving  
speed of movement or action  
causing something to move

the position of your body

**lie<sup>2</sup>, sit, stand**



## 22 Time and place

time in general	<b>time</b>	– for past, present and future, look at <b>past<sup>2</sup></b> , <b>present<sup>2</sup></b> , <b>future</b> – for events and periods in the past, look at <b>history</b> – for modern times, look at <b>modern</b>
length of time	<b>long/short<sup>1</sup></b>	
when?	<b>before/after, early/late, soon</b>	
how often something happens	<b>how often</b>	
one thing after another	<b>first/next/last</b>	
telling the time	<b>clock/watch</b>	
periods of time	<b>day, night, week, year, season</b>	
the date	<b>date</b>	
where a thing or person is	<b>place<sup>1</sup></b>	
parts and positions of things	<b>place<sup>2</sup>, direction, right/left, distance</b>	

## 23 Describing objects and materials; measuring; counting

lines and shapes	<b>line, shape, angle, circle, straight</b>	– for different materials that things are made of, look at <b>material</b> – for some particular materials, look at <b>glass, gold/ silver, metal, stone, wood</b>
colour	<b>colour</b>	
surfaces	<b>surface</b>	
size in general	<b>size</b>	
big and small	<b>big/small</b>	
dimensions	<b>height, long/short<sup>2</sup>, wide/narrow, deep, fat/thin/thick</b>	
weight	<b>weight</b>	
numbers in general	<b>number</b>	
some particular numbers	<b>one, two, hundred</b>	
quantities and amounts	<b>how much/many</b>	
changing quantities or amounts	<b>increase/decrease</b>	
average amounts	<b>average</b>	
enough	<b>enough</b>	