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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,会使你插上联想的翅翼,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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And to my wife, Jocelyn Nceckei, who has lived with this book from the first idea to the final proof-reading, much more than thanks.

Terms, symbols and short forms

AmE	American English
BrE	British English
formal	used in more formal contexts, such as writing a report or speaking at a conference
informal	used in informal contexts, such as a conversation with family or friends
noun, verb, adjective, adverb	the part that a word plays in its sentence (Note: these labels are not used in all cases, but only when they are needed for clarity.)
U si il iliniya ili	an uncountable noun and assurantine above units and
mad square in it is i	a noun that is often countable but can also be uncountable
U/C SE SHURS SERVE TO	a noun that is often uncountable but can also be countable
singular	a noun that is used only in the singular
plural	a noun that is used only in the plural
with singular or plural verb	a singular noun (for example family , government) which can have a plural verb if you are thinking of the actions, feelings, etc of the individual members of the group
only before a noun	an adjective which comes before a noun, not after a verb like is or seems
not before a noun	an adjective which comes after a verb like is or seems not before a noun
usually passive	a verb that is more common in the passive than the active form
The second second	an irregular verb (see table on p 516)
abbreviation	a short form of a word
opposite	a word which is opposite in meaning to another word
sb in the distance	somebody
sth annual dis	meeting gainence and encourage pridamos

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:

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

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:

 your name, written by hand in a special way so that nobody else can copy it: signature

ou look at section 2 to check that you look

- to put your signature on sth: sign (sth)
- having a sharp taste like that of a lemon: sour or These apples are rather sour.
- having a sharp unpleasant taste: bitter o bitter coffee
- if you do not do what you promised to do, you break* a promise, go* back on your word, the promise is broken o I can't believe he went back on his word! o 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:

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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
- 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 o 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 of 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

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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:

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'?).

travel notice the entry pris

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

luggage and packing ⇒ BAG accidents and crashes ⇒ ACCIDENT travelling in space ⇒ SPACE²

see also HOLIDAY, HOTEL, CAMP

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 o 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 o to ride along cycle tracks in the New Forest o 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 o to go cruising in the Mediterranean o 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:

outdoor activities: adventure/activity holiday

 a place where you stay when you are travelling or on holiday: hotel of 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:

quest 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) o They went on a camping holiday.
- to spend a holiday living in a tent: go* camping o
 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

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

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

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

see also RAIN, SNOW, STORM, WIND

- 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 of Let's go sledging!
- a lump of snow that is pressed into the shape of a ball and used by children for playing: snowball o a snowball fight
- the figure of a person made out of snow, usually by children: snowman (plural snowmen)

 >more on skiing
 ⇒ ski

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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:

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

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:

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:

able

- able to be done □ POSSIBLE2
- having skill ⇒ skill \ Quong amea and at almo len

television/radio

- 1 watching television
- 2 listening to the radio
- 3 controlling a television or radio
- 4 television and radio programmes
- 5 broadcasting
- news and weather
- information and talk
- stories and plays
- games

■ MORE...

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

You will also find these different kinds of 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.

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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.

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.

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

live²

The keyword that you need is live2. 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; races and ethnic groups	people TOUT JUNES SOUND
society and social groups	society, group
people as individuals	person Half Roll Jaam
the stages of a person's life	life, birth, death, young/old
how people live their lives	live2 opend tome, south and these
babies and children	baby, child
men and women	man, woman
male and female	sex1 anne and indexts
personal qualities and ways of behaving	personality, behaviour, habit
some particular qualities	brave, clever, generous, honest,
or ways of behaving	kind/cruel, lazy, proud, careful, sensible
good and bad behaviour	right/wrong ²
sexual behaviour	sex ²
behaviour that is shared by	custom
groups of people	Tuctory industry revil

- 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

Your body, personal appearance and clothes

the body as a whole body parts of the body hand/arm, leg/foot, bone, muscle, blood, skin, heart, stomach head, hair and face head, hair, face parts of the head and face nose, mouth, tooth, ear, eye tall or short? height thin or fat? fat/thin/thick how heavy? weight strong/weak strong or weak? beautiful/attractive attractive? clothes clothes in general some particular kinds of clothes coat, hat, shoe, trousers jewellery jewellery glasses glasses fashion 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

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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	butsered to the end had proved to butsered the butsered to be the second to be the butsered the
cooking and eating and drinking cleaning the house	cook, eat, meal, drink clean/dirty	No brill of hew you is above a serious as
resting and relaxing going to bed and sleeping	rest, entertainment, exercise bed, sleep	section, you will find a number of the local connected with this local, and the local where the should took to find the wo

Food and drink

food and eating
bread, cakes, etc
butter, milk, etc
meat and fish
vegetables, etc
fruits and nuts
salt and pepper

coffee and tea

food, eat bread, cake, flour butter, cheese, egg, milk meat, bird2, fish2 vegetable, potato, rice fruit, nut salt/pepper

drinking and kinds of drink

drink coffee/tea alcohol, beer, wine bar/pub movemed with the bar

meals eating in a café or restaurant cooking

alcoholic drinks

drinking in a bar or pub

meal, breakfast restaurant cook

- for things that you use when eating and drinking, look at knife/fork/spoon, plate/bowl/dish, and cup/glass
- for how food or drink tastes, look at taste

Where you live

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living in a particular place town and countryside	live² town, country²	
houses and flats parts of a house, etc	house floor, roof, window, door, stairs	
walls and fences gardens	wall/fence/hedge garden	
rooms in a house the kitchen	room soul down seen	
the bedroom the bathroom and toilet	bed higher bathroom, toilet abidroint at	
furniture	furniture, chair, table	
being tidy	tidy sufforthe lightrosed	

- for buildings in general, look at building
- for constructing a house or other building, look at build
- for keeping a house warm or cool, look at cold, hot, fire
- for fuel that is used in a house, look at coal, gas, electricity

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, space²
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

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land ground country² 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	live1 Typelg	
animals some domestic animals	animal cat, cow, dog, horse, pig, sheep lion/leopard/tiger, snake	
some wild animals		
fish the in tool	fish ¹	
birds	bird1	
insects and spiders	insect, bee, spider	
plants	plant intification, football in the	
trees trees trees to the trees to the trees	tree miles this	
flowers they up as show	flower	
grass	grass	

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

8 Work, business, industry and technology

all kinds of work	work
factory work	factory, industry
office work computers farm work	office computer farm
making things	make, design, invent
working with machines	machine, tool
having a job	employment rick has seed eloyald
working in business	business
managing a business	management

- for resting from work or having a holiday, look at rest², holiday
- for fuel for machines look at fuel, oil, electricity
- for materials used for making things, look at material

9 Money and buying and selling

money in general money banks bank paying for things pay1, cheque having debts debt buying and selling buy, sell, price, rent, shop advertising advertisement money for the work that you do pay2 tax short vawing to which tax insurance 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

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

- for knowledge and information, look at know, information
- for being good at doing things, look at skill

11 Leisure, sport, art and music

kinds of entertainment having a party children having fun

television and radio

films and the cinema

plays and the theatre

entertainment party play²

television/radio, video film, cinema play¹, theatre

games some particular games sport some particular sports

game cards, chess sport

art M. bresklesh

record, sing

athletics, boxing, football, race², ski, swim

all kinds of art particular kinds of art photography

draw, paint¹, picture, sculpture photograph music, dance, orchestra, pop/rock,

- for going on holiday,
 look at TOPIC AREA 12
- for things that interest you or that you enjoy doing, look at interesting
- for acting and actors,
 look at act²
- 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

12 Transport, travel and holidays

transport in general
by air
by sea
by rail
by road

music

transport mist plane boat ineval representation and plane boat ineval representation between the construction of the construction between the cons

bicycle, bus, car, lorry, motorcycle, taxi

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

holiday camp travel ticket hotel arrive, leave

- for driving a vehicle, especially a car, look at drive
- for fuel for vehicles, look at fuel
- for roads, look at road
- 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 country¹
- for political and other kinds of power, look at power

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14 The law and crime

the law
crime
stealing
drugs
punishment

law, trial, police solventing aware crime strength and strength and strength and strength are strength and strength and strength are strength and st

for good and bad behaviour, look at right/wrong²

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

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want, hope

bry, avoid/prevont.

for enemies, look at enemy

16 Illness and injury

illness, injury and pain accident mental illness illness, injury, pain accident mind

treatment for illness or injury doctor, hospital, medicine, operation

 for problems with teeth, look at tooth, dentist

particular feetings of train

17 Religion and beliefs

religion in general some particular religions

churches

priests

religion, god Christian, Muslim, Jew

church priest

astrology (the stars) and magic astrology, magic

- for the part of you which is not physical, look at spirit
- for belief that something is true, look at **true**

18 Language and communication

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

communication
sign
laugh, cry
voice

language words and meaning sounds and spelling language grammar, meaning, word, name letter², punctuation

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 world steng Ning letter¹ meeting basis siz self these keywords cover particular kinds of meaning or use of language: advise/suggest. agreement, allow, and/or/but, bet, blame, cause/effect, complain/protest, criticism, describe, encourage, example, greet, if, inform. insult, invite, lie1, must, need, offer, order2, persuade, polite, possible, praise, promise, question, reason, request, thank, warn, yes/no