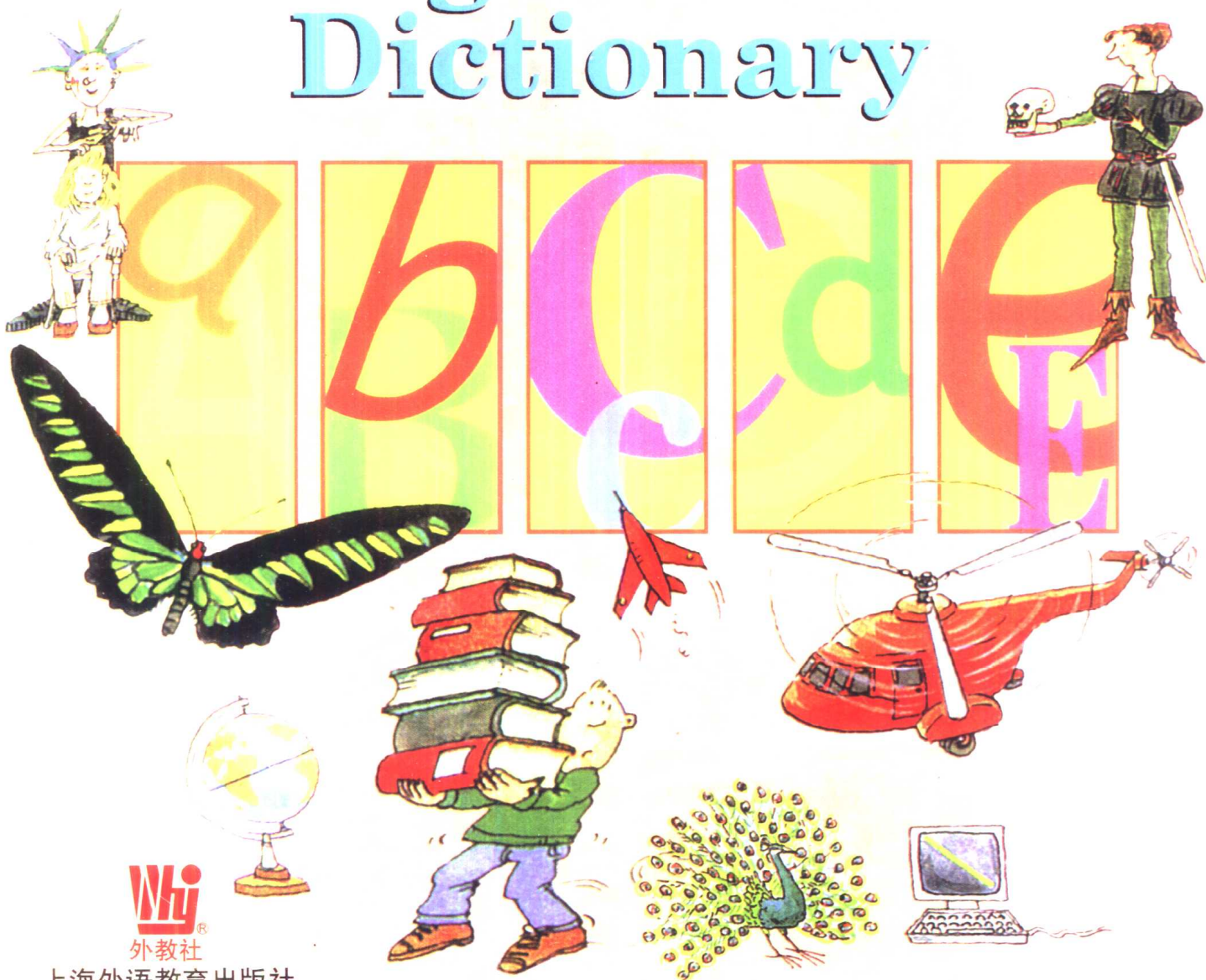




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出版前言

自 20 世纪 80 年代末起,世界各国的英语教学界就对以全新构想编写的“柯林斯 COBUILD 英语词典系列”表示出极大的兴趣,并一致认为,该系列词典开创了高科技时代词典编纂的先河。这一系列词典是在世界著名的哈珀-柯林斯出版社(Harper-Collins Publishers Limited)的支持下,由英国伯明翰大学(Birmingham University)词典编纂组经过十余年的努力,精心编纂而成。参与编写工作的有数百名英语教学、词典编纂和电脑软件专家。从词典的研制到出版花费了巨额的资金。

柯林斯 COBUILD 英语词典系列之所以被称为“以全新的构想编写而成的新一代辞书”,是因为英国伯明翰大学词典编纂组首先意识到电脑时代的到来对于词典编纂的意义,并将大型电脑运用于词典的编纂工作。由于电脑的发展,利用电脑庞大的存储和检索功能对大量语言现象作具体详尽的分析成为可能。以往,词典编纂人员只能根据个别语言现象推断出词义和用法;现在,他们可以利用先进的电脑设备,输入和检索数以亿万字计的语料,根据大量而确切的语言数据来确定词义和用法。英国伯明翰大学词典编纂组就是根据上述原则,编纂了这一系列新颖独特的词典。

本系列词典中的所有例词和例句均取材于 COBUILD 英语语料库(The Bank of English)。该英语语料库的名称 COBUILD 系 COLLINS BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE DATABASE 的首字母缩略词,如果直译应该是“柯林斯-伯明翰大学国际语料库”。该语料库包含了小说和非小说类的多种语体,如广播和电视用语、日常自然会话、报刊杂志文章,也包含了英国英语、美国英语和澳大利亚英语及多种英语方言。

伯明翰大学的词典编纂组正是依据了该语料库所提供的词频,确定了哪些是最常用词,哪些是次常用词;哪些是美国英语用法,哪些是英国英语或澳大利亚英语的用法。词典中越是常用的词,解释越是详细,不仅提供该词的语义和句法特征,提供常用的习语和词语的搭配,还专门辟出栏目以说明用法,并尽可能用简洁明了的句子来解释词目和习语。

本社引进出版的《柯林斯 COBUILD 青少年英语学习词典》是柯林斯 COBUILD 英语词典系列中第一本专为青少年读者设计的词典,所收录的词条均经精心注释,例证全部源自日常生活,并配有大量生动形象的彩色插图,充分体现了其“简便易懂、寓教于乐”的特色。

本词典可供青少年英语学习者使用,也可供英语初学者使用。本词典旨在帮助读者掌握较常用的词汇和较基本的搭配,并熟悉例证,以提高英语读写和会话的能力。

为了提高我国的英语教学和科研水平,更好地为读者服务,上海外语教育出版社引进了柯林斯 COBUILD 英语词典系列,以让我国广大英语学习者和从事相关工作的人员能够获得更多更新颖的工具书。为此,上海外语教育出版社的编辑与柯林斯出版社的编辑通力合作,对本系列词典中的例句进行了修订,使之更符合我国的国情。毋庸置疑,如同其他词典一样,本系列词典在编校过程中难免仍有疏漏和失误,敬请广大读者批评指正。

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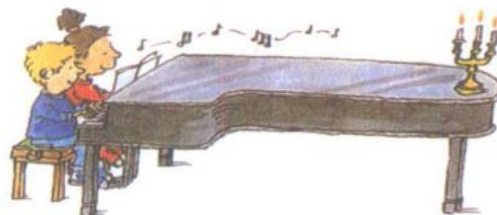
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Introduction to the Teacher

This is the first Cobuild dictionary written for young learners of English. It is particularly suitable for those aged between 9 and 13. The words explained in the dictionary have been chosen because children of that age need them in order to talk, read, and write about the things that interest them.

As with all Cobuild books, the definitions are written in full sentences, which makes the explanation easier to understand and also shows the typical context in which the word is used. For example the entry for **abroad** says 'When you go abroad, you go to a different country'. This shows that you often use the verb **go** with **abroad**. Examples have been carefully chosen from the Bank of English, a computerized corpus of more than 200 million words, to be relevant to young learners and to situations that they will be interested in.

The colourful illustrations help learners to understand the meanings of words. At **puppet** there is a drawing showing different kinds of puppet, and at **pyramid** there is a drawing of a pyramid in Mexico. The drawings also sometimes illustrate the example. For example, there is a picture at the word **odd** which shows a boy wearing odd socks.

We hope this book will provide a good introduction to English dictionaries for children, who will find it a lively, amusing book, as well as being full of useful information for them.



How to use your dictionary

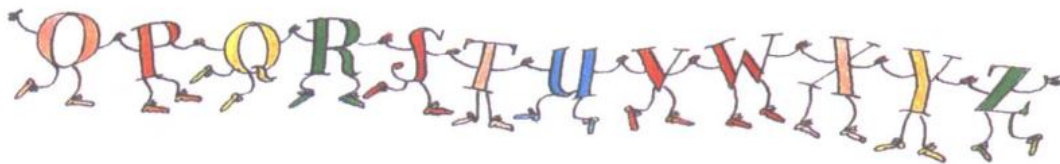
Dictionaries are very useful. By using them, you find out what a word means. Sometimes you find out that it has more than one meaning. Look at the word **scooter** at the top of page 119. You will see that it has two meanings, and two pictures showing what scooters look like. Dictionaries also show you how to spell words, and help you to use them properly.

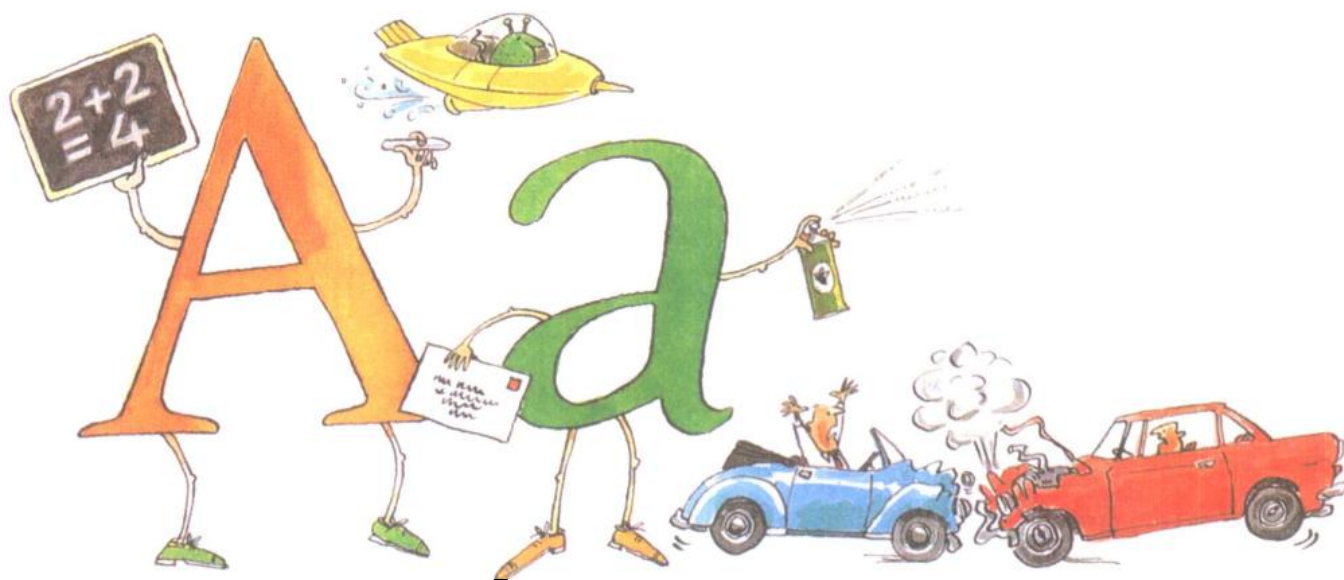
It is easier to look words up in a dictionary when you can say the letters of the alphabet in the correct order from **a** to **z**. The alphabet is printed at the bottom of these two pages to help you.

To look up a word, you need to look carefully at all the letters in it. For example, you want to find the meaning of the word **museum**. It begins with the letter **m**. But lots of words begin with **m** and you do not want to look at all of them. The second letter is **u** which is near the end of the alphabet, so you know that **museum** will be near the end of the words that begin with **m**. And it is! You will find it on page 85 with a picture showing some children looking at a dinosaur.

At first, it might take you a minute or two to find a word. But you will soon learn to find them more quickly.

We hope you enjoy using this book.





ability If you have the ability to do something, you can do it.

abroad When you go abroad, you go to a different country.

absent If someone is absent, they are not here.

accident

1 An accident is something nasty that happens by chance: *He broke his leg in a climbing accident.*

2 If something happens by accident, it has not been planned: *We met by accident and started talking immediately.*

ache (say ake) An ache is a dull, lasting pain.

acorn An acorn is a nut which grows on an oak tree. You cannot eat acorns, but if you plant one an oak tree may begin to grow.

act

1 When you act you do something: *He had to act quickly to put the fire out.*

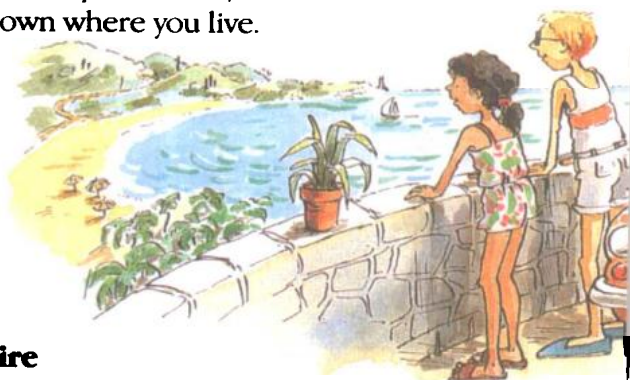
2 If you take part in a play you are acting.

3 An act is something you do: *It was a real act of kindness.....this violent act.*

4 Stage plays are divided into parts called acts.

active Someone who is active moves about a lot, or is very busy.

address Your address is the name or number of your house, and the street and town where you live.



admire

1 When you admire somebody, you think very highly of them.

2 When you admire something, you enjoy looking at it: *They stopped the car to admire the view.*

adult An adult is a grown-up person or animal.

adventure If you are having an adventure, you are doing something exciting and perhaps even dangerous.

aerial An aerial receives or sends radio or television signals.

aerosol An aerosol is a small can which sends out a fine spray when you press the button on top.





affection is a feeling of fondness for somebody: *He thought of his grandmother with great affection.*

afford If you can afford something, you have enough money to buy it, or to do it: *I can't afford to buy a big car.*

afraid Someone who is afraid thinks something nasty might happen: *He was afraid to climb the ladder in case he fell.*

afternoon The afternoon is part of the day. It starts at 12 o'clock and ends at about 6 o'clock.

again If you do something again, you do it once more.

age

1 Your age is the number of years you have lived.

2 An age is a special period in history, like the Stone Age.

ago If something happened four days ago, it is four days since it happened.

aim If you aim at something, you point a weapon at it.

air

1 Air is the mixture of gases that we breathe.

2 If you go by air, you fly in an aircraft.

aircraft An aircraft is any vehicle which flies. Helicopters, gliders and aeroplanes are all aircraft.

alarm

1 Alarm is a feeling of fear: *Reg looked at her in alarm.*

2 An alarm is something like a bell or flashing light that warns you of something.

album An album is a special book with blank pages that you can fill with things like stamps or photographs.

alive If a person or animal is alive, they are living now.

all

1 You say all when you mean the whole of something: *Give her all of it, I don't want any.*

2 You can also say all when you mean everybody or everything: *All the children helped, and soon all the toys were cleared away.*



alligator An alligator is a reptile. It is of the same family as a crocodile, but smaller. An American alligator is about 3 metres long. The female lays from 20 to 70 eggs in a large nest made of mud.

allow If someone allows you to do something, they let you do it.



almost means very nearly, but not quite: *He tripped and almost fell.*



alone
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alone If you are alone there is nobody with you.

aloud If you read something aloud, you read so that people can hear you.

alphabet An alphabet is all the letters used to write words in a language. The letters of an alphabet are written in a special order.

already If you have done something already, you did it earlier: *I've already done the washing up.*

alter When you alter something, you change it in some way.

always

1 If you always do something, you do it every time: *He always puts his toys away when he has finished playing.*

2 If something has always been so, it has been that way for as long as anybody can remember: *They have always been good friends.*

3 If you say you will do something always, you mean you will keep on doing it: *I shall always love you.*



ambulance An ambulance is a vehicle that is used to take people to hospital.

amount An amount is how much you have or need of something: *Children cost an enormous amount of money.*

amuse If you amuse somebody, you make them smile, or stop them feeling bored.

ancient (say ainshent)

1 If something is ancient it is very old.

2 Ancient history is about things that happened a very long time ago.



angle An angle is the shape that is made when two lines or surfaces join.

angry (angrier, angriest) If you feel angry you are very cross.

animal All living things except plants are animals. Human beings, cats, dogs, birds, fish, reptiles, and insects are all animals.

ankle Your ankle is the joint between your foot and your leg.



annoy If you annoy somebody you make them cross.

annual

1 Annual means something that happens once a year, like a birthday or school sports day.

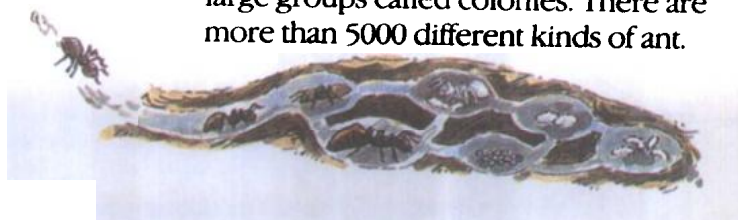
2 An annual is a book that comes out once a year.

answer

1 If someone asks you something, whatever you say next is your answer.

2 When you answer the telephone, you pick it up when it rings.

ant Ants are small insects which live in large groups called colonies. There are more than 5000 different kinds of ant.





antelope Antelopes are animals that look like deer, but with horns instead of antlers. They live in Africa and Asia.



ape Apes are like monkeys but are larger and have no tails. Chimpanzees, gorillas, gibbons and orang-outangs are all apes.

appearance

1 Your appearance is the way you look to other people: *She checked her appearance in the mirror.*

2 If someone makes an appearance they arrive suddenly.

appetite If you have an appetite you are looking forward to eating something.



apple An apple is a crisp round fruit which grows on a tree.

apricot An apricot is a small round yellow-orange fruit with a large stone in the centre. It grows on trees in parts of Asia, Europe and the United States.



April is the fourth month of the year. It has 30 days.

aquarium An aquarium is a glass tank filled with water. You can keep fish and other underwater animals in it.

antelope
to
arrow



arch An arch is usually made from brick, stone or iron, in the shape of a curve. It is used to span openings such as doorways, or between pillars on bridges.



area

1 The area of something flat is its size.

2 If you want to talk about things in or around a place, you use the word area: *There are lots of shops in the city area.*

argue If you argue with somebody, you show that you do not agree with them, and give your reasons.

arithmetic is about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing numbers.

arm

1 Your arm is the part of your body between the shoulder and the hand.

2 If you arm somebody, you give them a weapon.

army An army is a large organized group of people who are armed and trained to fight on land in case of war.

arrange

1 If you arrange something like a party or a holiday, you make plans for it.

2 If you arrange things like books or flowers, you group them in a special way.

arrive

1 When you arrive at a place, you reach it at the end of your journey.

2 When something like a letter or a newspaper arrives, it is delivered to you.

arrow

1 An arrow is a long thin weapon which is shot from a bow. It has a point at one end, and usually feathers at the other.

2 An arrow can be a sign which shows people which way to go.





art
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axe

art is something like painting or sculpture which is beautiful or has a special meaning.

ash

1 Ash is the dust that is left over from a fire.

2 An ash is a tree. It can grow to about 35 metres.

ask

1 When you ask somebody something, you are trying to find something out.

2 If you ask somebody for something, you hope they will give it to you.

asleep If you are asleep your eyes are closed and your whole body is resting.

astonish If you astonish somebody, you surprise them very much.

astronaut An astronaut is somebody who is trained to fly in a spacecraft.

atlas An atlas is a book of maps.

atmosphere The Earth's atmosphere is the air around it.

attack If a person attacks somebody they try to hurt them.

attic An attic is a room at the top of a house, just under the roof.

attractive

1 If something is attractive it is nice to look at.

2 If you are attractive people want to be near you.

audience An audience is a group of people watching or listening to something like a play, film, talk or piece of music.

August is the eighth month of the year. It has thirty-one days.

autumn is the season between summer and winter.

avalanche An avalanche is a great amount of snow and ice that falls down a mountain.

avenue An avenue is a wide road with trees on either side.

awake If you are awake you are not sleeping.

awful If you say something is awful you mean it is very bad: *The weather was so awful we couldn't go out.*

awkward

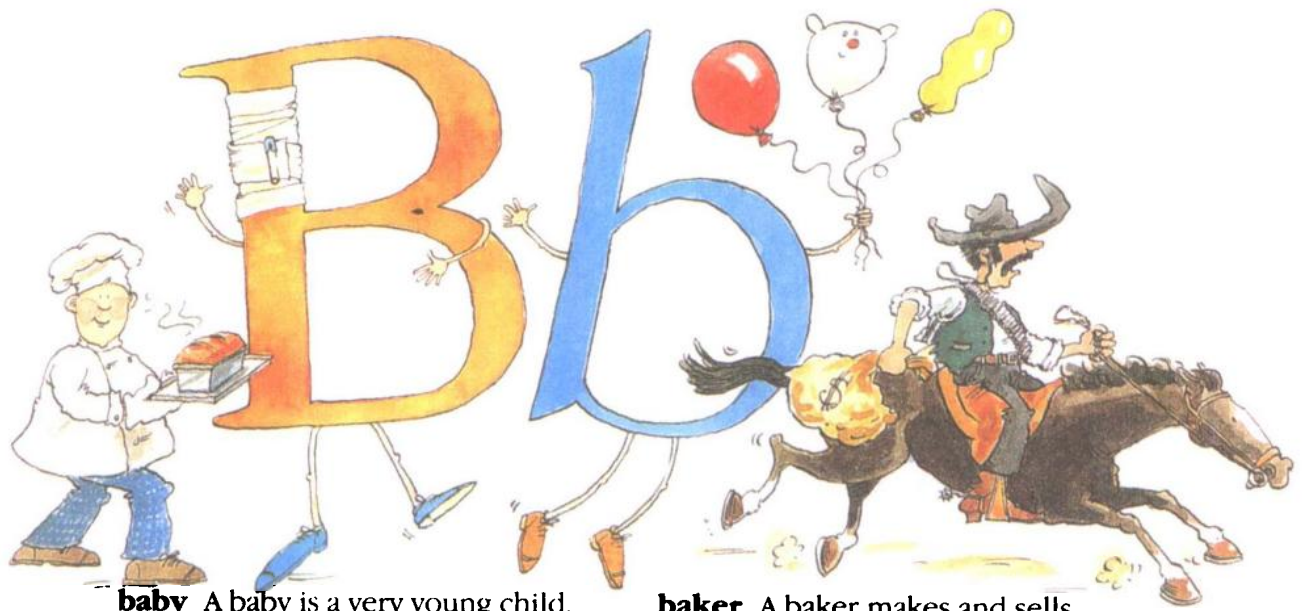
1 If people are awkward, or behave awkwardly, they are clumsy and do not move gracefully.

2 If you say someone can be awkward to deal with, you mean they might not be very helpful or nice.



axe An axe is a tool with a long handle and a heavy sharp blade at one end. It is used for chopping wood.





baby A baby is a very young child.

back Your back is the part of your body which is behind you, from your neck to the top of your legs.

bacon is meat which comes from the back or sides of a pig and has been salted and sometimes smoked.

bad (worse, worst)

1 You say bad when you are talking about somebody who is naughty or wicked.

2 Bad food is not fresh.

3 Bad work is work that has not been well done.

badge People sometimes wear badges to let you know they belong to a school or a club. Cars have badges to let you know what make they are.

bag A bag is for carrying or holding things. It is soft, and usually made of paper, cloth, or plastic.

bait is food that you use to trap animals: *You can't catch fish without using bait.*

bake When you bake food, you cook it in the oven.

baker A baker makes and sells bread, cakes and pies. The place where a baker works is called a bakery.

balance: When you balance you keep steady: *He tried to balance on one leg.*

balcony A balcony is a platform fixed to the outside of a building with a railing or wall around it.

bald (bald, baldest) People who are bald have no hair on the top of their head.

ball You need a ball for lots of games, like tennis and football. Each game needs a different sort of ball.

balloon A balloon is a small rubber bag. If you blow hard into it, it gets bigger and makes a very light toy or decoration.

bamboo is a kind of grass which often grows much higher than a person. It has strong hollow stems which are useful for garden canes or for making furniture.

banana A banana is a fruit which grows on trees in hot countries. Bananas hang from the tree in bunches of about a hundred.





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bean

band

1 A band is a small number of people, like a band of robbers or a group of musicians.

2 A band can also mean a strip of material such as iron, cloth or rubber.

bandage

1 A bandage is a strip of cloth used to cover a wound or tie up an injury.

2 To bandage someone you wind a strip of clean cloth round the part that is injured.

bandit A bandit is a robber who steals from travellers.

banister A banister is one of the posts that hold up a handrail on stairs.

bank

1 A bank is a building which has strong rooms for keeping people's money safe.

2 The bank of a river is the ground either side of the water.

bare (barer, barest)

1 If a part of your body is bare, it is not covered by clothes.

2 If a room is bare, it has no furniture in it.

bark

1 A bark is a loud noise that dogs make.

2 Bark is the outside covering of a tree.

barn A barn is a large building where a farmer stores hay and other crops.

barrel

1 A barrel is a wooden, metal or plastic container.

2 The barrel is the long metal part of a gun.

base The base is the bottom of something.

basket A basket is usually made from strips of thin wood or cane, and is used for holding or carrying things.

bat

1 In some games such as table-tennis or baseball you need a bat to hit the ball.

2 A bat is a small animal like a mouse with leathery wings. It flies at night, and sleeps hanging upside down.

bath A bath is a container for water. It is big enough to sit or lie in, so that you can wash yourself all over.

bathroom The bathroom is where the bath or shower is.

battery A battery is a thing which gives you electric power. You use tiny batteries for things like watches, and large batteries for cars and other vehicles.

battle A battle is a fight between enemy forces, on land, at sea, or in the air.

beach The beach is the place full of sand and pebbles that is close to the sea.

bead A bead is a small piece of something like coloured glass or plastic with a hole through it.

beak A beak is the hard outside part of a bird's mouth that it uses for picking up food.

bean A bean is a vegetable. Its outer covering is called a pod, and inside it has several large seeds. The seeds are also called beans.

