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Writing an article

Please note: There are writing homework titles at the end of this book.

journal

blog

factual

eye-catching

An article:

- is normally published in a magazine, newspaper or journal, or on a website such as a blog. It can be about any topic;
- usually contains factual information about the topic, but also gives the opinions of the writer and even other people;
- should be interesting/useful, as the reader has no obligation to keep reading;
- can have a number of different purposes (to inform, entertain, advise etc.);
- can use a formal, neutral or informal style, depending on where it will be published and who will read it.

approach

systematic

do your utmost

socialize

keep at

So many English Words!

When you're learning English, how can you possibly remember every word you come across? You can't, but here are some suggestions to help you acquire the vocabulary you need.

Firstly, outside school, only learn what's useful. Everyone knows how it feels to be chatting in English and suddenly realize you're missing a really important word. In my view, one great idea is to use a notebook or an app on your phone to jot down such words in your own language. Then, later,

(1) Make sure you have an eye-catching title that also gives information about the topic.

(2) Get the reader's attention by having an interesting first sentence or introduction paragraph.

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look them up in English and record them in a 'personal vocabulary book'. When reading, you should take a similar approach. Look up words, but again, only record what you think will come in handy later. There's no point learning high-level or specialized vocabulary you'll never need again. Another important thing is to be systematic. Decide how you're going to record words – by topic, by date, or maybe just alphabetically. By all means use more than one method, but be organized.

But to remember words, revision is the answer. Why not create a numbered card filing system with ten words or so and their translations on each card. You carry one card with you every day, and test yourself to see if you know the items on it, and try to use them in conversations too! The next day, you study a different card, and so on. But **you** need to return to each card regularly, and revise until you know all the words on it.

Above all, **never forget** that practice makes perfect. So, do your utmost to write and speak English regularly. Visit internet chat rooms, socialize with people who can speak English, or, best of all, find a job where you'll speak English sometimes.

Finally, never give up! The more words you know, the easier it is to remember new ones. So get organized, keep at it, and before long you'll be communicating like a native!

"Talk" to the reader directly by using the pronoun "you" where appropriate, and by using the imperative for giving advice etc. This helps to keep the reader interested

alight **fire brigade**

tackle **reprimand** **resort to**

foresee

auction **bid**

undue

hurtle **pace**

stray

puddle **soggy** **squelch**

1161 **startle** **start** **absorbed**

impulse **think over**

random

anticipate **prosperity** **prosperous**

1162 **stud**

doze **doze off**

will

munch **nibble**

estate **vendor**

absent-minded

narrow-minded

like-minded

hunk

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Word pool 3: revision exercise

For each sentence below, choose one word from the word pool that fits correctly in the gap.

crust	triumph	vest	fist	vegetation
tuition	solicitor	crockery	cord	forgery
mustard	fluff	runway	carpenter	awe

- 1 I know it's by a famous designer, but I still can't believe she got me a for my birthday!
- 2 Although I enjoy studying law at university, I think working as a would be pretty dull.
- 3 I'll use the vacuum cleaner to clear up the that's collected at the bottom of the wardrobe.
- 4 There was a feeling of among the crowd as they watched the rocket being launched.
- 5 The pile of fell onto the kitchen floor, smashing into a hundred little pieces.
- 6 Larry, forming a tight with his right hand, waited for trouble to start.
- 7 Tim will be able to mend your table; he was a professional for ten years.
- 8 The king's in the final battle against the rebels changed the course of history.
- 9 The boy said the on the bread was too hard for him, and he asked me to cut it off.
- 10 This particular is long enough for large aircraft, but the other two aren't.

- 11 Most of the _____ died during the long, hot, dry summer but grew back in the following spring.
- 12 I'm so sorry, but the _____ has left a nasty yellow stain on your pullover.
- 13 You can only see the banknote is a _____ when you look really closely.
- 14 I'm not going to pay that much for just half an hour of _____; it's a ridiculous price!
- 15 He struggled to free himself but could just feel the _____ getting tighter around his wrists.