

English Grammar Class 6

Vocabulary and Word Power

In this chapter, we will learn about the different words and vocabulary in English Grammar that help us improve our skills. Learning word power and ways vocabulary helps to build better sentences. In this file, you are also provided with practice questions and examples.

Word Power is the knowledge of one's vocabulary and capacity and the ability to use it wherever and whenever necessary for successful communication.

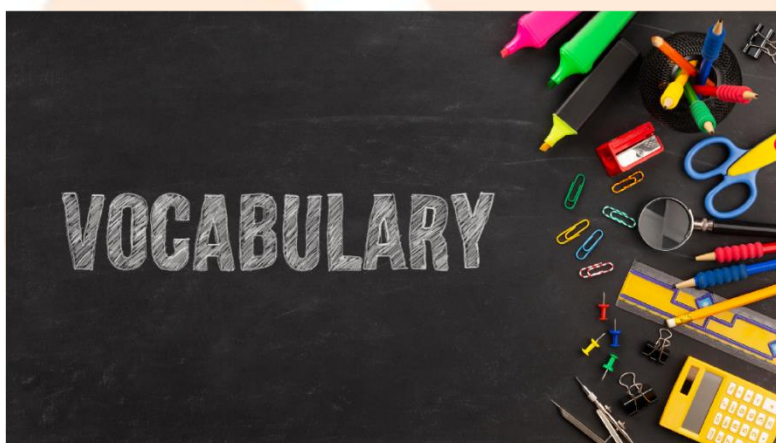
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Image: Vocabulary

Vocabulary is a word that a person is familiar with or that is employed in a specific book, subject, etc.

Word Building

Word:

A word can be broadly described as a fundamental component of language with an objective or useful meaning, the ability to stand alone, and the inability to be interrupted.

Phrase:

Any grouping of words with a common meaning—unlike a sentence, which combines a subject and a predicate—is referred to as a phrase.

Different Phrases

- **Noun phrase:**

With all of its various determiners that change the noun, it acts like a noun when used in a sentence. The headword of the phrase is the noun, and the remaining words are positioned after or before it.

noun + modifiers = noun phrase

Examples:

She is dressed in a lovely saree.

- **Adjective Phrase:**

A set of words and their modifiers that serve as such an idiom in a statement are known as an adjective phrase.

An adjective phrase functions as an adjective in a sentence to modify (or explain) a noun or pronoun.

Examples:

He smells strongly of a flowery perfume. (changes the perfume)

- **Prepositional Phrase:**

These are the expressions that are used the most frequently. You'll come across these all the time, in sentences, clauses, and even phrases.

For instance: The oppressive-looking women appeared worn out and irritated.

- **The Participial Phrase:**

- This sentence starts with a former or present participle, which is then followed by its determiners and modifiers.

Example:

Jim realised he had arrived at the valley when he felt the fresh air.

- **The Gerund Phrase:**

Gerunds, which also start with the verb's -ing form, coupled with the verb's object and modifiers, might resemble participle phrases in appearance.

For example, Hugh was afraid while riding the Spanish bulls.

Reading is my favourite hobby.

She considered dancing professionally.

- **The Infinitive Phrase:**

A phrase with an infinitive also has its objects and modifiers, such as "to sleep," "to have walked," "to think," and "to toss."

For example: His only desire was to dance freely.

Verb	Noun	Adjective
Amuse	Amusement	Amusing
Approach	Approach	Approachable
Appreciate	Appreciation	Appreciable
Enable	Ability	Able
Accept	Acceptance	Acceptable
Accuse	Accusation	Accusing

Achieve	Achievement	Achievable
Agree	Agreement	Agreeable
Approve	Approval	Approving
Beautify	Beauty	Beautiful
Centralize	Centre	Centralization
Characterize	Character	Characteristic
Circulate	Circulation	Circular
Bore	Bore	Boredom
Care	Care	Careful
Attend	Attention	Attentive
Act	Action	Activity
Argue	Argument	Arguable
Admire	Admiration	Admirable
Advice	Advice	Advisable
Add	Addition	Additional
Approximate	Approximation	Approximate
Believe	Belief	Believable
Calm	Calm	Calmness

Antonyms

They refer to opposite words.

Word	Opposite/Antonym
Approve	Disapprove
Always	Never
Decline to	Accept
Backward	Forward
Accurate	Inaccurate
Ancient	Modern
Agree	Disagree
Attractive	Repulsive
Appear	Disappear
Absent	Present
Advantage	Disadvantage
Enemy	Ally
Abundant	Scarce
Admit	Deny
Against	For

Arrive	Depart
Artificial	Natural
Beautiful	Ugly
Alive	Dead
All	None
Bad	Good
Apart	Together
Answer	Question
Antonym	Synonym
Ascend	Descend
Attic	Cellar
Awake	Asleep
Blame	Praise
Begin	End
Below	Above
Bitter	Sweet
Bless	Curse
Black	White

Before	After
Calm	Windy
Bent	Straight
Bottom	Top
Bold	Meek
Best	Worst
Comfort	Discomfort
Better	Worse
Come	Go
Big	Little
Combine	Separate
Borrow	Lend
Cold	Hot
Boy	Girl
Closed	Ajar
Brave	Cowardly
Clumsy	Graceful
Build	Destroy

Close	Distant
Brighten	Fade
Captive	Free
Capable	Incapable

Synonyms

They refer to similar words.

Word	Synonym
Abandon	Desert
Ability	Skill
Able	Capable
Beginning	Start
Believe	Trust
Brave	Bold
Brief	Short
Broad	Wide
Normal	Usual
Nice	Pleasing
Legible	Clear

Last	Final
Always	Forever
Blend	Mix
Ask	Inquire
Beautiful	Pretty
Ban	Prohibit
Accurate	Correct
Mysterious	Occult

Homophones

These refer to similar-sounding words.

Word	Homonym
Won	One
Where	Wear
Waist	Waste
Week	Weak
Sum	Some
Sole	Soul
Stair	Stare

Steel	Steal
Peek	Peak
Plane	Plain
Peace	Piece
Meet	Meat
Mail	Male
Idle	Idol
Kneel	Need
Knew	New
Hi	High
I	Eye

Idioms and phrases:

These are collections of words conveying a separate meaning altogether.

Idiom/phrase	Meaning
Get hitched	To wed a partner
The ball is in your court	One needs to act for continuity
Turn a blind eye	Act not to notice
Bed of roses	Easy situation

Cast a shadow on	Spoil
head over heels	Falling deeply for someone
at eleventh hour	Last moment
Wear off	Lacking Interest
Put Off	Postpone
On cloud nine	Being too happy
In the face of	Regardless

Figures of speech:

A term that has an implicit meaning and shouldn't be taken is known as a figure of speech. This indicates that a phrase's literal meaning is not its true meaning.

Figure of speech	Explanation
Personification	This style of speech figures is created by imputing human the object otherwise pairwise lifeless objects
Metaphor	This form of speech figure is typically employed when referring to two extremely dissimilar topics that share a connection. As a result, a new meaning can be implied by applying the action, feature, or impact of the unrelated problem to the related thing.
Simile	These expressions resemble metaphors in some ways, but their meaning is more explicit than suggested. In similes, the words "as" or "like" are used in place of the meaning that is inferred implicitly.

Alliteration	There are identical sound consonants at the start of each word in these kinds of sentences, which are figures of speech.
Oxymoron	This figure of speech, which shouldn't be confused with irony and paradox, links two opposing ideas at once.
Anaphora	These sentences contain repeated words, phrases, or clauses, which define this form of a figure of speech. Typically, they are employed in opposition in either children's rhymes or strong, dramatic speeches.



Image: Abbreviation

Common Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Word
Dr.	Doctor
Mr.	Mister
Ms.	Miss

Mrs.	Mistress
I.D.	Identity
Prof.	Professor
Edu.	Education
Diff.	Different

Collection Words



Image: Collection

Word	Collection of
congress	a meeting of delegates
agenda	list of business matters at a meeting
audience	many people gathered to listen

alliance	a relationship that has developed between the state, power, etc.
batch	a group of pupils
bouquet	a bunch of flowers
Brood	family of young ones
band	a group of musicians, followers
caravan	a group of individuals that are travelling with their cars or animals
braces	a pair of pigeons
battery	a group of heavy guns
cloud	of locusts
catalogues	a list of books
board- decision	making body of directors
circle	a group of friends
clusters	a group of islands
chest	of drawers
constellation	a series of stars
blocks	a collection of homes or structures with four sides

Difficult words with Meanings

Word	Meaning
Amuse	Excite
Appreciate	Praise
Accuse	Blame
Antonyms	Opposites

Summary

The words we need to know to communicate successfully are referred to as our vocabulary. The four vocabularies of listening, speaking, reading, and writing are frequently taken into account by educators. The words we require to grasp what we hear are known as listening vocabulary. The vocabulary we use when speaking is called speaking vocabulary.

Practice Questions

Write the opposites of the given words.

1. Happy
2. Hot
3. Busy
4. Antique
5. Profit
6. Negative
7. Heat
8. Asleep
9. Ladies

10. Best**Answers:**

1. Sad
2. Cold
3. Free/available
4. Modern
5. Loss
6. Positive
7. Chill
8. Awake
9. Gentlemen
10. Worst

Write the Collection word for the following:

1. a group of pupils
2. a collection of homes or structures
3. a group of people
4. a group of sheep
5. a group of robbers
6. a group of friends
7. a bunch of flowers
8. a group of pupils
9. a group of islands

Answers:

1. Class
2. Block
3. Audience
4. Crowd
5. Herd
6. Gang
7. Circle
8. Bouquet
9. Batch
10. Cluster

Write the Synonym of the following words:

1. Smart
2. Small
3. Rich
4. Start
5. Glad
6. Old
7. Near
8. Exit
9. Job
10. Choose

Answer:

1. Intelligent
2. Tiny

3. Wealthy
4. Begin
5. Happy
6. Ancient
7. Close
8. Leave
9. Occupation
10. Select

