

12. USING BOOKS AND WEBSITES TO IMPROVE YOUR VOCABULARY

TO LEARN ...	USE THESE WEBSITES OR BOOKS
<p>Academic words used in college reading and writing (e.g., <i>prohibition, analogy, phenomenon</i>)</p>	<p>Academic Word List http://language.massey.ac.nz/staff/awl/frequent.shtml</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Click on: Most Frequent Words.rtf to download the list. ■ You can also find definitions using the <i>Advanced Learner's Dictionary</i> at http://dictionary.cambridge.org <hr/> <p>Focus on Vocabulary: Mastering the Academic Word List, by D. Schmitt and N. Schmitt (Pearson ESL, 2005).*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ This book provides reading and exercises for learning the academic word list. ■ Read "To the Student" (pp. x-xiv) first. ■ Start with a Unit that interests you.
<p>Difficult words by dividing them into parts (e.g., <i>un/con/text/ual/ize/d</i>)</p>	<p>Vocabulary in Use Upper Intermediate with Answers, by M. McCarthy, F. O'Dell and E. Shaw (Cambridge, 1997).*</p> <p>See: "Suffixes, Prefixes, and Roots" (Sections 8, 9, and 10).</p>
<p>Words for specific topics (e.g., work, sports, computers)</p>	<p>Vocabulary in Use Upper Intermediate with Answers.</p> <p>See: "Topics" (Sections 31-56); "Computers and the Internet" (Section 95).</p>
<p>Words used to discuss the news and current events.</p>	<p>BBC Learning English: Words in the News http://bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/newsenglish/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Choose a story you are interested in. ■ Difficult words are in bold text. Definitions of these words are listed below the story. ■ You can also listen to the news stories and the words.
<p>The meaning of groups of words, such as idioms and phrasal verbs (e.g., <i>out of date, figure out, look up</i>).</p>	<p>Essential Idioms in English, by R. Dixon (Pearson, 2003).*</p>
<p>Shortened words, such as abbreviations and acronyms (e.g., <i>attn., CEO</i>)</p>	<p>Vocabulary in Use Upper Intermediate with Answers.</p> <p>See: "Abbreviations and Acronyms" (Section 98).</p>

* Check to see if these books are available at:

- the Center for English Language Support, John Jay College
- the Center for English Language Learners, Queensborough Community College