

The Sunny English Learning Centre

SUNNY'S GUIDE TO VOCABULARY NOTEBOOKS



Word-Class

Let's start!

The first step is to notice the word class of the word. Some examples of word-class include nouns, adjectives and verbs.

What's a word-class?

If you have never heard of them, hang in there and be patient: you will learn them in this presentation, because word classes are the foundation blocks of the English language!



Definitions

Helpful Word Class Definitions

Here are some definitions to help you recall what you may have already learned in primary school.

Adjective

An Adjective is a word that describes a noun. It gives information like the size, shape, age, colour, origin or material of the noun.

E.g. It is a yellow notebook. The adjective is "yellow" because it describes the colour of the noun "notebook".

Noun

A Noun is a word that is the name of something (such as a person, animal, place, thing, quality, idea, or action). Some examples include John, Anna, elephant, Marina Bay Sands and happiness.

Verb

A Verb tells you what action or state the noun is in. Verbs are the only kind of words that carry tenses. E.g. John kicked the rubber ball. "Kicked" is the verb and it is in the past tense.

IT'S EASY!

Look for the word "book" in a dictionary. Did you notice that it is a noun? A good dictionary will tell you the word class of what you are searching for.

Knowing that this word is a noun, gives you a clear idea of how it should be used in your sentence.

For instance, you can add adjectives in front of the word "backlash" since you can use adjectives to describe nouns.

book *noun*


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Idioms

printed work

1 ★  [countable] a set of printed pages that are fastened inside a cover so that you can turn them and read them

- *His desk was covered with piles of books.*
- *hardback/paperback books*
- *a book of short stories*

Meaningful Definition

Next, try to find three to four definitions of the same word.

Why? You need to find a definition that makes sense to you. A good definition will make a big difference to your understanding of the word.

This will help you memorise the word and how to use it!

Here are 3 different definitions of the word "book".
Which is your favourite?

Vocabulary.com:

Physical objects
consisting of a number
of pages bound
together.

Oxford:

A set of printed pages
that are fastened inside a
cover so that you can turn
them and read them

Macmillan:

a written work that is
published, either as
printed pages inside a
cover or electronically

TRY AN APP

Here is a list of the best 5 apps to keep a digital vocabulary notebook:

- Evernote
- Quizlet
- Google Keep
- OneNote
- DropBox
- TinyCards



BUT IF YOU PREFER PAPER...

Try a small vocabulary booklet that is pocketable and easily consulted.

Remember to recycle paper and journals by giving them a new purpose!



WE HOPE THIS HELPED YOU!

Now it's your turn: start your vocabulary notebook today! Let us know if there are other ways you learn and memorise new words.

Here are some good ones for you:

Serendipity, Supine, Flippant, Idyllic, Aurora, Petrichor, Prolific...