

Workshop A Working with words

Part 1 Understanding new words

TIP

It looks like German!

English words sometimes look like German words and mean the same thing, too.

1 Vocabulary: Tips for understanding new words

a) *Underline 'German' words in these sentences (1-3 words in each sentence).*

1. The doctor told Bruce, "Take two aspirin and call me in the morning."
2. Lynn put the flowers from Daniel in a vase with fresh water.
3. Tori put a cake in the oven to bake and then she forgot about it.
4. Alex told Daniel about the volcano in Washington State – Mount St. Helens.
5. Daniel told Alex about the very big pretzels you can buy in Munich.



b) *Underline 1-2 words or phrases that help you guess the meaning of the new word in each sentence.*

1. Alex, don't forget to put the ice cream back in the **freezer** when you're done! We don't want ice cream soup.
2. Tori, please put your dress in your **closet** and don't forget to close the door.
3. Step on the **brake**, Tori. You're driving too fast!
4. The **basement** is the coolest place in the house because it's under the ground.
5. Daniel has bought so many things! He will need two **suitcases** to take everything back to Germany.

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The words around new words – Context

Sometimes you can guess what new words mean by their context. Context means the other words that are used in the sentence.

c) *Write down one similar word you know.*

1. Do you know the importance of English?

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2. How do you abbreviate 'Washington'?

3. We arranged a date for our visit.

4. Daniel often has good suggestions.

5. No, I'm not Tori's cousin. I'm not related to the Alburgs.

6. Wow, your pronunciation is very good.

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Similar words

Sometimes a word looks similar to a word that you already know. Maybe you know the verb and then you can guess what the noun means. Look at the underlined words.