

Vocabulary Success

A2 Key



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- Vocabulary Exercises follow each set of 20 Key Words. These exercises help students learn the words even better and gain the necessary confidence for the tasks that follow.
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Unit 1

Key Words



above (prep.)

Above is being higher than something else.

*The helicopter is flying **above** the mother and her son.*



cousin (n)

A **cousin** is your uncle or aunt's child.

*My **cousin** is standing in front of my aunt.*



glasses (n)

You need to wear **glasses** if you can't see very well.

*The girl is wearing **red glasses**.*



kiss (v)

When someone **kisses** someone else, they put their mouth to their face.

*The girl **kissed** her grandmother when she saw her.*



anymore (adv)

Anymore is often used in negative sentences meaning no longer.

*My grandmother doesn't live here **anymore**.*



early (adv)

If you do something **early**, you do it before anything else happens.

*We always wake up **early** in the morning.*



information (n)

Information is news or facts about people, events and things.

*All the **information** that she needs about the car is in the book.*



lucky (adj)

You are **lucky** when good things happen when they are not planned.

*My friend won a lot of money. She is very **lucky**!*



clearly (adv)

Something spoken **clearly** is done in an easy way to understand.

*The teacher spoke **clearly** to the students.*



finally (adv)

Finally is used when something finishes after some time.

*He **finally** got to the railway station, but he missed the train.*

Scan the QR Code with your mobile phone to listen to how the words are pronounced:



Vocabulary Practice

Choose the word that best fills in the blank. All the words are from these two pages.

- The young woman is wearing black _____ to see clearly.
A. seats B. glasses C. purses
- My sister went to university and doesn't live with us _____.
A. anymore B. clearly C. early
- She knew it was a _____ to leave her purse at work.
A. mechanic B. motorway C. mistake

Key Words



mechanic (n)

A **mechanic** repairs cars when they stop working. *The **mechanic** is looking for the problem with the car.*



newspaper (n)

A **newspaper** has large sheets of paper with the latest news. *I like to read the **newspaper** on my way to work.*



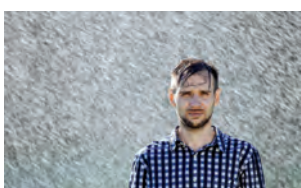
purse (n)

Women keep their money and credit cards in a **purse**. *She is getting some money from her **purse**.*



seat (n)

A **seat** is a piece of furniture or part of a train, plane, etc. you sit on. *My sister always likes the **seat** next to the window.*



mistake (n)

A **mistake** is when you have done something wrong. *He knew it was a **mistake** to leave his umbrella at home.*



opposite (prep)

Being **opposite** something is being on the other side of it. *The boy is sitting **opposite** his dad.*



roundabout (n)

A **roundabout** is a circle in the road which cars drive around. *The red car is leaving the **roundabout**.*



soft (adj)

Something **soft** is easy and nice to put your hand on. *The wool on sheep is very **soft**.*



motorway (n)

A **motorway** is a wide road where cars can drive fast. *There was a lot of traffic on the **motorway** today.*



pleased (adj)

Being **pleased** is to be happy with something or someone. *They were **pleased** to be back home.*

Vocabulary Practice

- My father likes reading the _____ every Sunday morning.
A. cousin **B. newspaper** C. information
- Neil won a golden metal. He is very _____!
A. lucky B. soft **C. pleased**
- The student is sitting _____ her teacher.
A. above B. finally **C. opposite**

Words in Context

All the words from the previous 2 pages are now used in context.

The Trip

It's five o'clock in the morning and John is getting ready to go on holiday. He is going with his father, his brother and his **cousin** Jane. They are going to the airport very **early** because the traffic on the **motorway** is always very bad. John booked a taxi the night before to take them to the airport. They wanted to catch the bus, but it doesn't run before nine o'clock **anymore**. The taxi arrived half an hour late. They took their suitcases to the taxi and John's mother gave him a **kiss** goodbye. They got into the taxi and sat down. They were happy that the **seats** in the taxi were **soft**.

Only ten minutes after they left, John's father said that he had left his **glasses** on the kitchen table. They went back home to get them. On the way to the airport, the taxi started to make some strange noises. As it went around a **roundabout**, the car engine stopped. The taxi driver made a **mistake**; he forgot to put petrol in the car and now there was a problem with the engine.



While they were waiting for the **mechanic** to come and repair the taxi, John and Jane went to the shop **opposite** to buy some sweets, a bottle of water and a **newspaper** to read on the plane. John didn't have enough money to pay for them, so Jane looked in her **purse** to find some for him. When they got back to the taxi, the **mechanic** had put petrol in it so they could go to the airport.

As they got closer to the airport, they could see the planes fly **above** them. They **finally** arrived at the airport and were very **pleased** to know that their plane hadn't left. The airport **information** screen showed that the plane was delayed. They were very **lucky** they didn't miss it!

Answer the questions.

- John and his family went to the airport
A. by car. B. by taxi. C. by bus.
- They left for the airport
A. early in the morning. B. half an hour early. C. at half past nine.
- What was the problem with the taxi?
A. There was not enough petrol. B. There was a lot of traffic. C. They got lost at the roundabout.
- What did John and his cousin do while the mechanic repaired the car?
A. They waited there. B. They had lunch. C. They went shopping.
- Their plane
A. was on time. B. was late. C. had already left.

Vocabulary Building Exercises

A Choose the right definition for the given word.

1. **mistake**
 - a. when you do something right
 - b. when you do something again
 - c. something that is written down
 - d. something that is not correct

2. **lucky**
 - a. making something look right
 - b. having good things happen to you
 - c. having bad things happen to you
 - d. making things go wrong

3. **pleased**
 - a. feeling sad when something is bad
 - b. feeling angry when something nice happens
 - c. feeling happy when something nice happens
 - d. feeling sad when you buy something

4. **soft**
 - a. something that is not hard
 - b. something that is difficult
 - c. something that is very heavy
 - d. somebody who is very tired

5. **cousin**
 - a. the child of your father
 - b. the child of your father's brother
 - c. your father's brother
 - d. your father's uncle

B Choose the word from the box that best fills in the blank in each sentence.

glasses motorway clearly opposite mechanic above finally roundabout

1. My mother clearly told me to clean my bedroom.
2. My friend lives in the flat above the shop opposite the bank.
3. Now that I have new glasses, I can see very well.
4. I always forget which way to go around the roundabout.
5. If I need to go somewhere quickly, I will go on the motorway.
6. We finally got home at midnight after a long flight.

C Choose the word that best fills in the blank.

When they got into the plane, John got very 1. _____ .
 He got the 2. _____ right next to the window. He loved
 looking out of the window. His cousin made a(n) 3. _____ ;
 she wanted to sit far from the window, so now she could only
 see the clouds.

1. A. pleased B. lucky C. soft
2. A. roundabout B. motorway C. seat
3. A. purse B. roundabout C. mistake