

Building your vocabulary

Wortschatzarbeit mit den Fotoseiten

One good way to build your vocabulary is by learning words that belong to the same topic group. You can use the photo pages in the dictionary to help you. Here are some ways to practise.

- A** **1** Choose a topic, for example, 'Transport' and write down all the English words for different types of transport that you know: car, bus, etc.
- 2** Now look at page P14. Are there any words that you didn't think of?
- Look at the list and check that you know how to write and say all the words.
- 3** Cover up the list and test yourself (or a friend)
- ▶ *Picture 2?*
A helicopter.
 - Yes, Picture 4?*
A hydrofoil.
 - ...

- 4** Write the new words down in your vocabulary notebook or on cards. You can make a list in alphabetical order, like the dictionary:

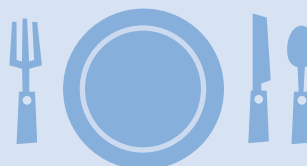
<i>bus</i> <i>Bus</i>	<i>Auto</i> <i>car</i>
<i>car</i> <i>Auto</i>	<i>Bus</i> <i>bus</i>
...

or you can group them by category, for example like this:

<i>TRANSPORT</i>		
<i>sea</i>	<i>air</i>	<i>land</i>
<i>ferry</i>	<i>helicopter</i>	<i>car</i>
<i>hydrofoil</i>
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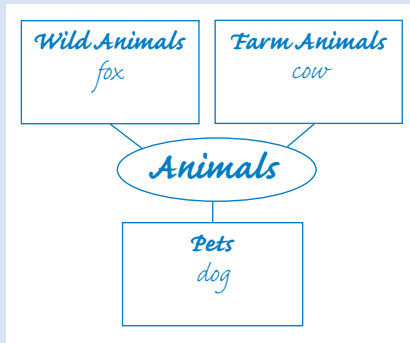
- B** **1** Look at pages P26 and P27 ('Food' and 'Meals'). Which of these things could you eat for breakfast?
- Look up **breakfast** in the main part of the dictionary for more information about what people eat for breakfast in Britain and America.

- 2** You have invited your friend to dinner. She's a vegetarian. Plan a menu from the Meals page (P27).



C Look at the pictures of animals on page P3.

1 Draw a chart like this in your exercise book.



Now put the other words for the animals in the photos in the correct boxes.

2 Now look at the 'MORE TO EXPLORE' boxes on pages P3–5. Look up any of the words that you don't understand in the main (alphabetical) part of the dictionary.

- How many words are the names of young animals?
- How many words are the names of parts of animals?

3 Describe one of the animals on pages P3–5 to your partner:

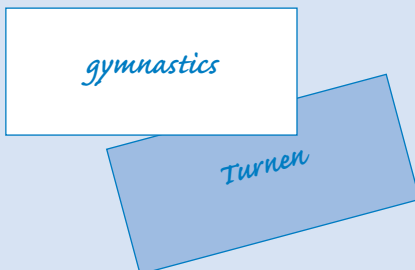
- ▶ *It's white.*
A polar bear?
No, it's not a wild animal.
A sheep?
No, it's got whiskers.
A cat?
Yes!

D Look at the Sports pages (P18–P21).

1 Choose two of these headings and write down as many sports as you can for each group:



2 Write any new words down on little cards. Write the English word on one side, and the German word on the other. Learn three words each day and test yourself on all of them next week!



3 What do you use for each sport? Match up a word on the left with a sport on the right.

racket	badminton
bat	diving
goggles	hockey
shuttlecock	tennis
stick	baseball

4 Sports quiz

Look at the words in the 'MORE TO EXPLORE' box.

For which sport do you need:

- a racket and a ball?
- a bat and a ball?
- a cue?
- a racket and a shuttlecock?
- goggles and breathing apparatus?

