

A good vocabulary is a vital part of effective communication. When you have knowledge and understanding of many words you will become a better writer, speaker, listener, and reader. Regular reading, vocabulary word sheets, and vocabulary study books will all help you to improve your word power.

- Try to develop the habit of reading a daily newspaper in English. Weekly or monthly magazines will also help.
- Join the library. Dublin City and County libraries are free and you can borrow books to suit your level of English.
- *Modern Languages* book store on Pearse Street sells classic books of English literature for students of English as a Second Language. These books are easier to read than their original versions and you may find them very interesting.
- As you read, use your vocabulary word sheet to help you remember and understand words you are having difficulty with. Check for the meaning and other forms of the word in your dictionary, check for pronunciation, then use the word in a sentence. Ask your teacher to help you with pronunciation and get extra copies of the vocabulary word sheet on the following page.

EXAMPLE OF HOW TO USE YOUR WORDSHEET

Word: formidable Pronunciation ())

Meanings: 1. feared or dreaded
 2. extremely difficult

Other forms of the word: formidably formidability

Use of the word in context: A number of formidable obstacles stood between Andrei and his goal, but he didn't give up.

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VOCABULARY WORDSHEET

1. Word: _____ Pronunciation _____

Meanings: _____

Other forms of the word: _____

Use of the word in context: _____

2. Word: _____ Pronunciation _____

Meanings: _____

Other forms of the word: _____

Use of the word in context: _____

3. Word: _____ Pronunciation _____

Meanings: _____

Other forms of the word: _____

Use of the word in context: _____

4. Word: _____ Pronunciation _____

Meanings: _____

Other forms of the word: _____

Use of the word in context: _____

5. Word: _____ Pronunciation _____

Meanings: _____

Other forms of the word: _____

Use of the word in context: _____

6. Word: _____ Pronunciation _____

Meanings: _____

Other forms of the word: _____

Use of the word in context: _____

Teacher's notes

Students find these vocabulary word sheets very helpful in keeping track of words they find difficult. They add words in each week that we have used in class or they add words that they have come across in their own reading. This seems to help with their overall vocabulary development. The teacher can also help them with pronunciation or with further explanation. This is a good way for students to compile their own set of vocabulary words and to keep them together instead of mixed up with all their other notes.