

# Building your vocabulary using the colour pages

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

## 1

- a Choose a topic, for example, '**Transport**' and write down all the English words for different types of transport that you know: **car**, **bus**, etc.
- b Now look at page **A10**. 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.
- c Cover up the list and test yourself (or a friend)

Picture 2?                      *A helicopter*  
 Yes, Picture 4?                *A hydrofoil*  
    *etc.*

- d Write the new words down in your vocabulary notebook. You can make a list in alphabetical order, like the dictionary, and make a note of the Arabic meaning, or you can group them by category, for example like this:

TRANSPORT		
<i>sea</i>	<i>air</i>	<i>land</i>
<i>ferry</i>	<i>helicopter</i>	<i>car</i>
<i>hydrofoil</i>		

## 2

Look at the pictures of animals on pages **A4-5** and make sure that you know the words. Then look at the '**More to explore**' boxes and look up any of the words that you don't understand in the main part of the dictionary.

Now describe one of the animals to your partner:

It's grey.

An elephant?

No, it's got fur.

A koala bear?

No, it's got a long snout.

A wolf?

Yes!

▶ **3** Look at p **A13** and put the instruments in the pictures into categories:

<b>strings</b>	<b>percussion</b>	<b>woodwind</b>	<b>brass</b>

Now look at the **More to explore** box and find:

- a 2 more woodwind instruments \_\_\_\_\_
- b 3 words for people \_\_\_\_\_
- c 1 word that can mean a group of people or a piece of music. \_\_\_\_\_

▶ **4** Look at p **A11** and make sure you know all the words for the shops in the photos. Then close your dictionary and answer these questions:

- a Where can you buy bread? \_\_\_\_\_
- b Which shop sells meat? \_\_\_\_\_
- c If you want to buy some flowers, where can you go? \_\_\_\_\_
- d You want to buy some seeds to grow some flowers – where can you get them?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e You need some sugar, flour and orange juice – where can you buy them all?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- f Your coat has got a dirty mark on it. Where can you take it? \_\_\_\_\_

Now look at the **More to explore** box and find:

- g something that you can carry your shopping home in \_\_\_\_\_
- h a place where you can wash your clothes \_\_\_\_\_
- i two things that you could get back when you have paid for something  
\_\_\_\_\_
- j a place where you could buy soap \_\_\_\_\_