

# Vocabulary-building: using notes

## 1 Quiz

Use the vocabulary notes at the entries for the words in **bold type** to help you to do the quiz. In **a–d**, cross out the wrong words. In **e–j**, write down the right answer or fill the gap.

- a A male **sheep** is called a *stallion/buck/ram*.
- b A young **cat** is called a *puppy/kitten/foal*.
- c A **child** with no brothers or sisters is called *an only child/a single child*.
- d Black **coffee** is made without *sugar/milk*.
- e Write down three ways of **cooking** meat. \_\_\_\_\_
- f What happens to **water** at 100°C? \_\_\_\_\_ And when steam touches a cold surface? \_\_\_\_\_
- g The outer part of a **tree** trunk is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- h In a **taxi**, you can see how much the fare is on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- i When you **apologize** to somebody, you say \_\_\_\_\_.
- j A bunch of **flowers** for a special occasion is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2 Verbs and nouns

Your dictionary often tells you about related words, for example the noun that comes from a particular verb, such as **denial** from the verb **deny**, or adjectives and nouns that are related. Use the information in the notes at the entries for the words in **bold type** in these sentences to fill the gaps with a related noun.

- a This will be a hard problem to **solve**, but we hope that one of you will be able to come up with a creative \_\_\_\_\_.
- b The coach will **depart** at 9.30. A later \_\_\_\_\_ is not possible if we are to arrive in time to check in at the airport.
- c Many students find it difficult **decide** what they want to do after university, but the careers service helps them to make the \_\_\_\_\_.
- d When he first read the letter, he was **furious**, but once she had explained the situation to him, his \_\_\_\_\_ subsided.

- e There are small things that we can all do to **conserve** energy, and the government has produced a list of energy \_\_\_\_\_ tips.
- f There were two entrances. One was three feet **wide** and the other six feet in \_\_\_\_\_ to allow vehicles through.
- g If you **repeat** the words a few times, it will help you to memorize them. \_\_\_\_\_ is a great aid to memory.
- h Scientists studying how people **perceive** colour have found that there is a difference in colour \_\_\_\_\_ between women and men.

▶ **3 Formal and informal words**

When you learn a new word that is rather formal, it is a good idea to make sure that you know a word that has the same meaning but can be used in less formal situations. Look at the words on the left and match them up with the more informal words on the right.

**require** /rɪ'kwaɪə(r)/ verb [T] **1** to need: *Do you require any assistance? ○ a situation that requires tact and diplomacy* **➊** **Require** is more formal than **need**.  
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| 1 | require    | a | answer  |
| 2 | grave      | b | stop    |
| 3 | impudent   | c | give up |
| 4 | prevent    | d | serious |
| 5 | relinquish | e | need    |
| 6 | respond    | f | put out |
| 7 | extinguish | g | choose  |
| 8 | select     | h | cheeky  |

Answers: 1e