



1000 Words to Expand Your Vocabulary

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Keynote

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Description

The Oxford English Dictionary contains 175,000 words in common usage and yet linguists estimate that a vocabulary of 3,000 is sufficient to cover ninety-five per cent of common usage in speech and print.

Where have all those other words gone?

The English language is a giant sponge, absorbing words from a multitude of different languages and cultures and yet it seems speakers of English are indolent at accessing the rich resources at our disposal.

1000 Words to Expand Your Vocabulary aims to ameliorate this issue by providing a fascinating lexicography to boost your word power. Alongside the elegant and archaic words are discussions of malapropisms and solecisms, words for which meaning has changed over time and words that have meanings often contrary to their common usage (and abuse). Each entry contains outlines of word origins, examples in context and a wealth of word related trivia.

1000 Words to Expand Your Vocabulary will help word lovers flaunt their prolixity without flouting the rules that govern correct meaning.

Sales Points

- Contains a vast selection of words as well as information on their origins and how their meaning may have changed over time
- Accessible and fascinating
- Perfect for those who love language and enjoy using uncommon words in their correct context
- Will help you use your boosted word power to speak and write with confidence
- *500 Words You Should Know* by Caroline Taggart (Michael O'Mara, 2014) has sold 66,000 copies to date and *The 25 Rules of Grammar* by Joseph Piercy (Michael O'Mara, 2016) has sold 33,000 copies to date

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