

Class Scribe, Word Store and other ways of recycling vocabulary



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How important is vocabulary?

“Without grammar very little can be conveyed, without vocabulary *nothing* can be conveyed.”

David Wilkins

“A lexical mistake often causes misunderstanding, while a grammar mistake rarely does.”

John Sinclair

How many words ...

... in the English language?

... do you know in your own language?

... does the average intermediate (B1)
learner of English know?

How many words ...?

English language	2,000,000
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You	30,000
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Intermediate student	2,500
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Words of the year 2016

post-truth

hygge

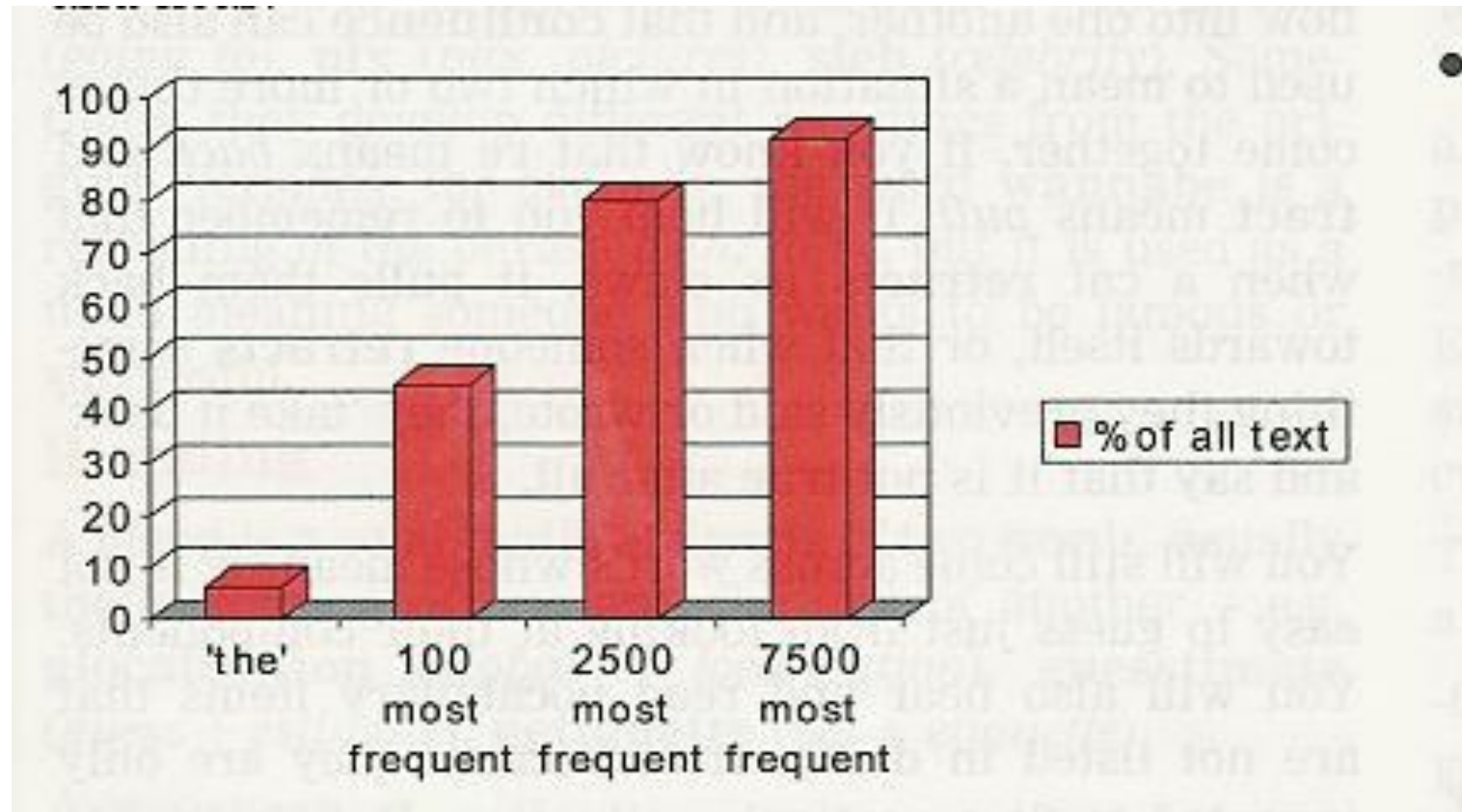
Brexiteer / Remoaner

sharenting

JOMO

coulrophobia

How many words do students need to know ?



The problem

- **Elementary (A2) students ‘know’ about 1000 words**
- **Intermediate (B1/B2) students ‘know’ about 2,500 words**
- **Upper intermediate + (B2/C1) students need to ‘know’ about 7,500 – 9,000 words**
- **The 5,000+ *new* words they need to know don’t come ‘for free’**

Towards a solution

- **Make students aware of the issue and encourage effective word-learning strategies**
- **Provide memorable encounters with words**
- **Recycle encounters over and over and over and over and over and over and over again**

Encourage effective word-learning strategies

- Guessing from context
- Better dictionary use
- Techniques for memorising new words
- Using word cards – paper or digital
- Extensive reading & listening
- Watching videos with subtitles
- Learning the high frequency affixes
- Recording vocabulary in effective ways

Motivating topics – Houses



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Word families

NOUN	ADJECTIVE
1 <u>bravery</u>	<u>brave</u>
2 <u>generosity</u>	_____
3 <u>laziness</u>	_____
4 <u>loyalty</u>	_____
5 <u>modesty</u>	_____
6 <u>responsibility</u>	_____

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Collocations

VERBS		NOUNS
find fix	+	crazy events
follow get		your hand home
go raise		a problem a solution

- find a solution
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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Useful phrases – shopping

- can't afford it = don't have enough money
- _____ = get your money back
- _____ = look at things in shop windows but not buy anything
- _____ = offer big price reductions on everything
- _____ = save the piece of paper which shows you have bought sth
- _____ = on promotion at a low price
- _____ = find things that cost much less than normal

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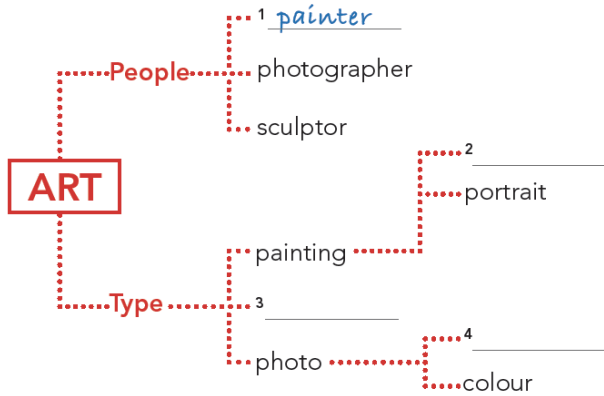
Adjective antonyms

POSITIVE	≠	NEGATIVE
1 <u>caring</u>	≠	selfish
2 cheerful	≠	_____
3 _____	≠	lazy
4 modest	≠	_____
5 _____	≠	shy
6 _____	≠	crazy

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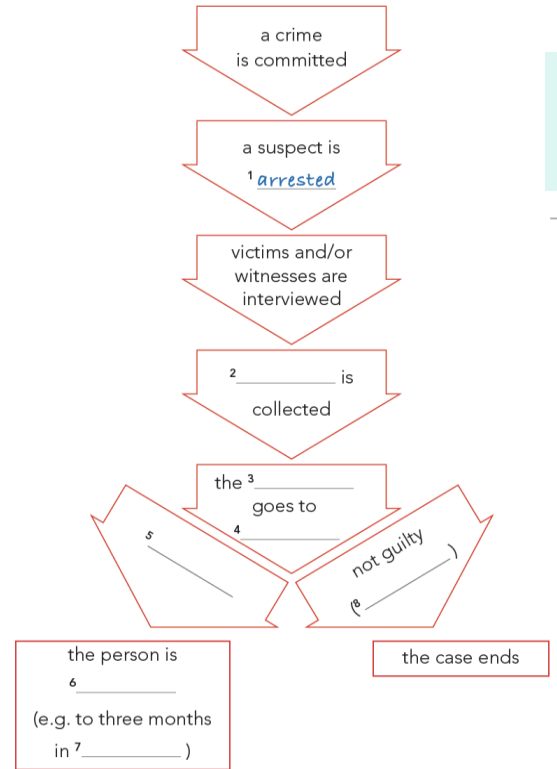
Art and music

[sculpture black and white song
painter band singer landscape]



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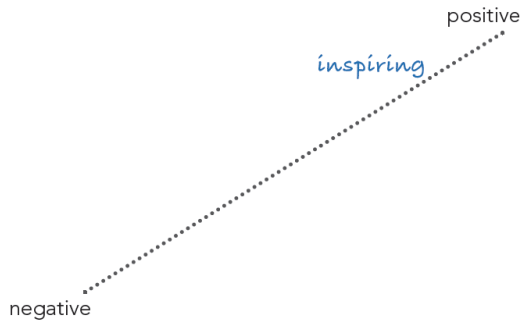
The justice system



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Adjectives with positive or negative meanings

[amusing boring emotional
entertaining funny inspiring
moving predictable relaxing
unoriginal unrealistic]



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Adjective order

[cotton lovely old
single ~~wooden~~ yellow]

article	opinion	size/age	colour	material	make/type	noun
1 an	-		-	wooden		bed
2 a	-	large			-	duvet
3 a		-	blue	-	teddy	bear

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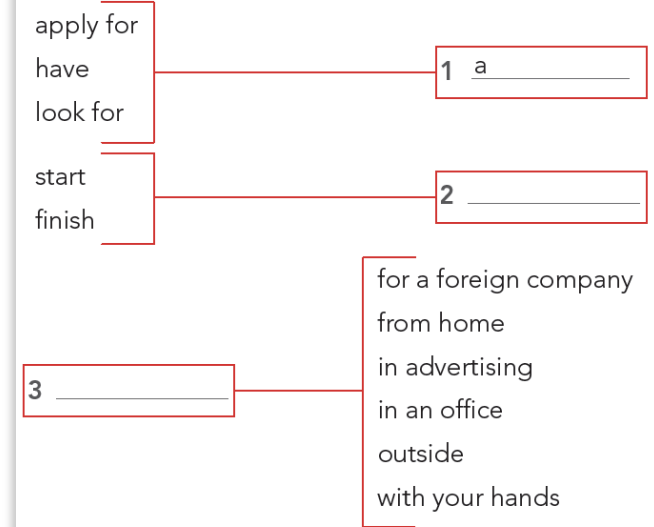
More phrases with get

get a lot out of sth	get a tattoo
get ill	get into trouble
get nervous	get rid of sth

- 1 Young people can get a lot out of a gap year. For example, learn a language or learn a new skill.
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

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Confusing words – job versus work

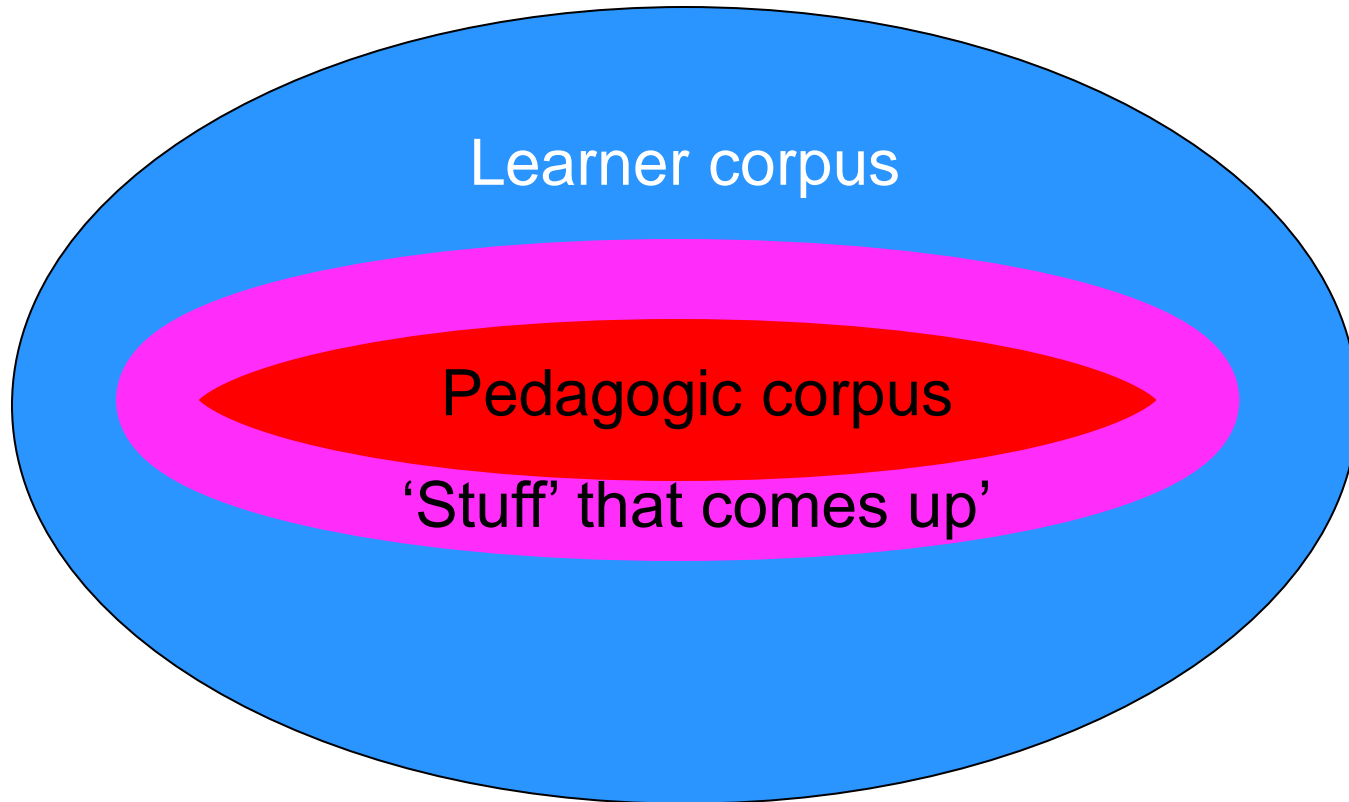


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REMEMBER THIS

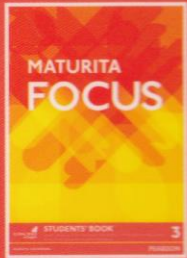
go shopping = shopping for pleasure
do the shopping = buying food and things for the house

Where do students get input?



The pedagogic corpus

FOR STUDENTS



Students' Book



Workbook



MyEnglishLab

FOR TEACHERS



Teacher's Book



MultiROM

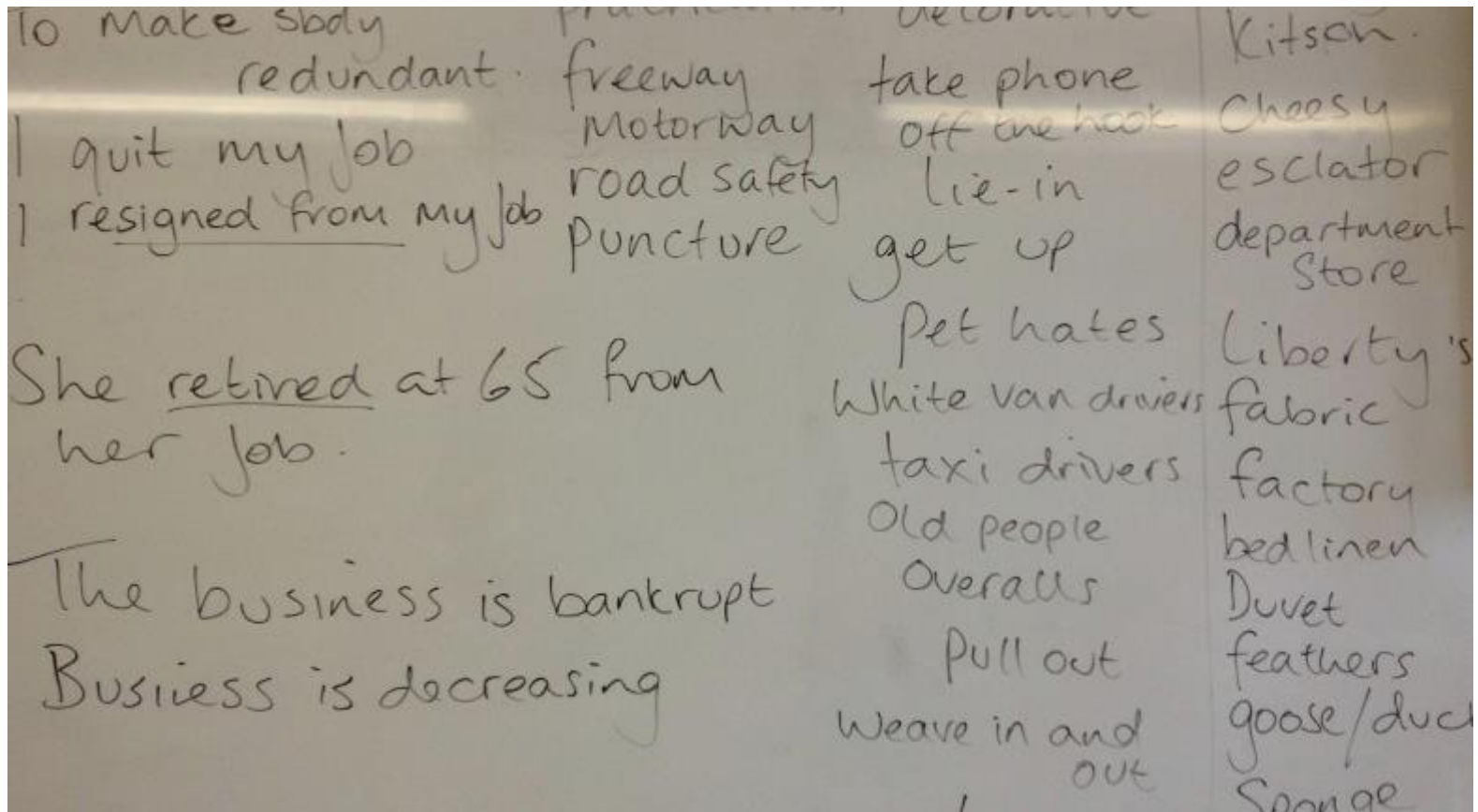


Class CDs



ActiveTeach

'Stuff' that comes up



Class Scribe

Day:	Date:	Weather:	Attendance:
Topic Area:		Language Work:	



Class Scribe

Day: Tuesday

Date: 28 May 2002

Today's topic areas: Père Lachaise, soap opera

Weather: dull

Today's language focus: tell, say, and phrasal verbs

Absentees: Er. Amy, Ivy

New Words

~~fiancee~~ #

fiancé : a man to whom a woman is ENGAGED

fiancée : a woman to whom she has promised to marry

hectare : 1 hectare is 10000 square metres

stripe : a band of colour, among one or more other colours

Grammar

I told him about the soap opera

I said that the soap opera was on Mondays

} tell someone
} say something

size + colour for example: big blue (eyes)

size + pattern + colour ; long ~~and~~ curly red hair

Phrasal verbs

get over : to recover (from an unpleasant or unhappy experience or an illness)

break up with someone : to finish a relationship

talk through : to discuss thoroughly

go ahead : to continue as planned

go on : to happen, to continue

mess up : to spoil (something), to cause (it) to fail



Class Scribe

Day: ...Monday....

Date: ~~20~~...May...20th

Today's topic areas: review

Weather: cloudy....

Today's language focus: review

Absentees:
.....none.....
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Coronation \Rightarrow only happen once

accession


abdication \Rightarrow resign.

~~Swish~~ Bitch \Rightarrow malicious woman.

bonfire \Rightarrow Big fire.

household chore

cod \Rightarrow white fish.

Crab \Rightarrow 

out look \Rightarrow the way which ~~you~~ you look at life

band rehearses \Rightarrow it is a place where the band practice acting.

filthy \Rightarrow very dirty.

spontaneous



Class Scribe

Tuesday

Day: ~~14th~~

Date: 14th of May

Today's topic areas: Festival

Today's language focus: going to, will etc...

Weather: lovely !!
always changeable !!

Absentees: Pei Pei (she lates)
Faith

carp (n): fish that lives in lakes.



stage (n): the raised floor on which plays are performed in a theatre.

the lunar calendar: a period of 28 or 29 days counted (month) one new moon to the next.

steam (n): water in the state of a gas produced by boiling
(syn): vapor



leek (n): a vegetable that has a long white fleshy stem and broad flat green leaves and tastes slightly of onions.



mature: (a) fully grown and developed.
ex) she's very mature for her ages.



take place: happen.

bitch: a female dog.



abdomen: a main part of the front of the body in ~~the~~



bum: 1. the part of the body on which a person sits.
2. wandering person who lives by begging.

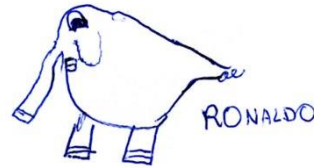


Class Scribe



Day: Mon Friday	Date: 10/07	Weather: RONALDO	Attendance:
Topic Area:		Language Work:	

- to blush { embarrassed
- to go red {
- colleagues
- acquaintances
- Clumsy
- Studious
- Heal
- Erase
- Sanity



Class Scribe



Day: Thursday	Date: 09.07.09	Weather:	Attendance:
Topic Area:		Language Work:	

the groom - husband
the bride - new wife

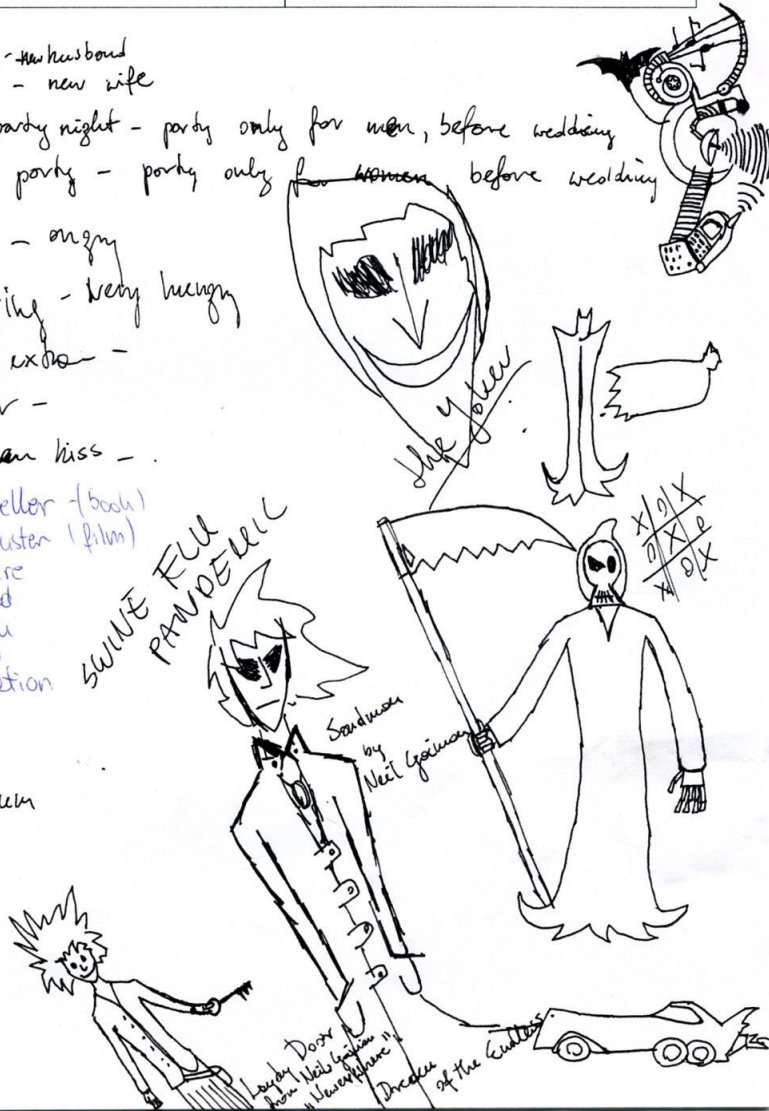
a stag party night - party only for men, before wedding
a hen party - party only for women before wedding

grumpy - angry
starving - very hungry
film extra -
lodge -
sweat kiss -

best-seller (book)
blockbuster (film)
premiere
dubbed
to book
review
on location
cast
the set

Lithium

pandemic



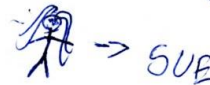
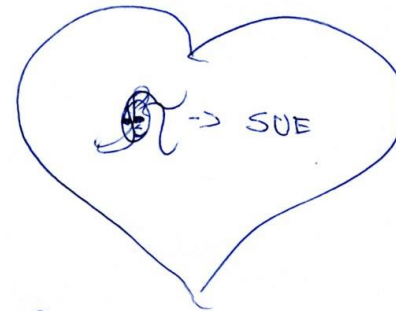
Class Scribe

you say goodbye

Day: Thursday	Date: 16/07/16	Weather: Sunny	Attendance:
Topic Area:		Language Work:	



Adjective + ish
sightseeing
lack of freedom
to budget
well-off
a say
a tip = a piece of advice
'Where are you off to?'
tongue twister



Class Scribe

Swiss Course 27th Sept – 8th Oct 2004

to link
a graduate
an undergraduate
a degree
to do a course
deep X shallow
a don
in his early / mid / late
forties
40ish
aka = also known as
semi-detached
floor / storey
tiles
carpeted
red brick
a sloping roof
the ceiling
a hob unit
a hole punch
a soul mate
for ages
to fall head over heels in
love
astronomical
filthy
cold, cool, chilly

s furious
soaked
starving
to be in a rage
to be enraged
a raging fever
a vocational school
a technical college
to swell up
to go berserk
to bash
a blade
a dent
a raging sea
I couldn't face it
to get hold of something /
somebody
to back
to be in contention
a candidate
an outsider
a clear favourite
to put your money on
to bet
to snigger
the ground floor

the cellar
messy
tranquillity
vast
to be poised to / to be on the
brink of
to be cheered
cheers!
to cheer sb up
to chip
a scar
to have stitches
to lay
to chant
to gather
to proclaim
to breach a wall
to pour through
dawn / dusk
to rule sth out
to go to the polls
to settle down
an application form
to apply for sth
to accept / reject an
application
to flirt
shorthand
to be on a course

up to my eyes
I can't be bothered
a sore throat
to get a move on
I can't cope
to get a grant
to get a scholarship
law – to do law at university
discretionary
to prove sb right or wrong
to make an impression on sb
a boarding school
to board
a boarder
to run your own business
to come across
standards
the standard of living
to text sbo succeed
to be successful
to grow out of sth
it looks as if it's a ...
it looks like a kind of...
queer

Why 'Class scribe'?

- Incidental vocabulary is recorded, not lost
- Provides a unique record of each lesson
- Provides vocabulary lists that reflect the needs of the students
- Helps improve classroom dynamics
- Reveals learning styles and difficulties
- Systematizes repeated exposure

Recycle over and over and over x 7

“Various studies create a range of 5-16 encounters with a word for a student to truly acquire it.”

Paul Nation

Board bingo

- post-truth
- hygge
- Brexiteer
- Remoaner
- sharenting
- JOMO
- coulrophobia
- snowflake generation
- uberization
- BrexPitt

Category dictation

Inside	Outside

Crosswords

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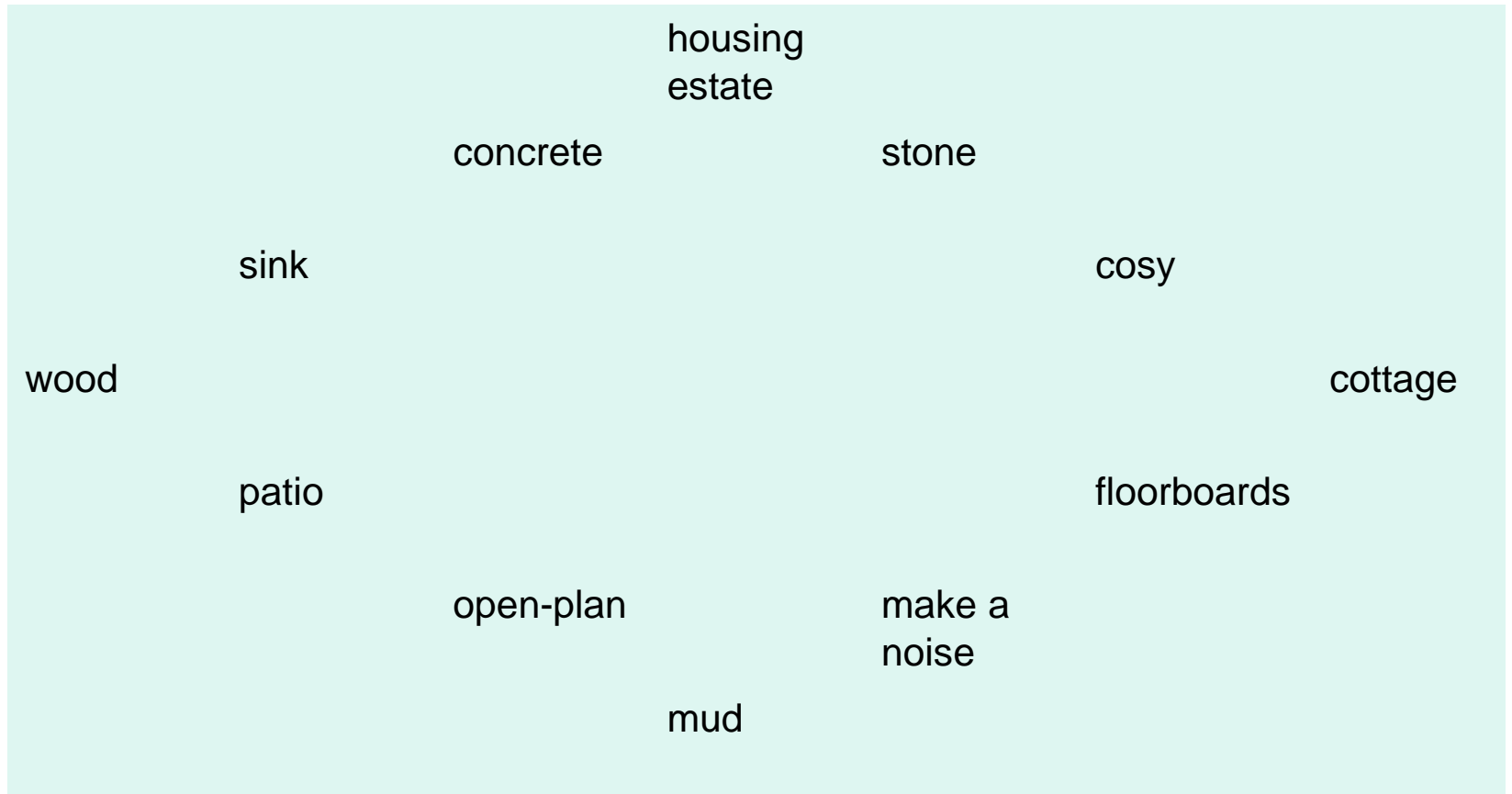
Odd one out

a training course / the beds / the shopping / your homework

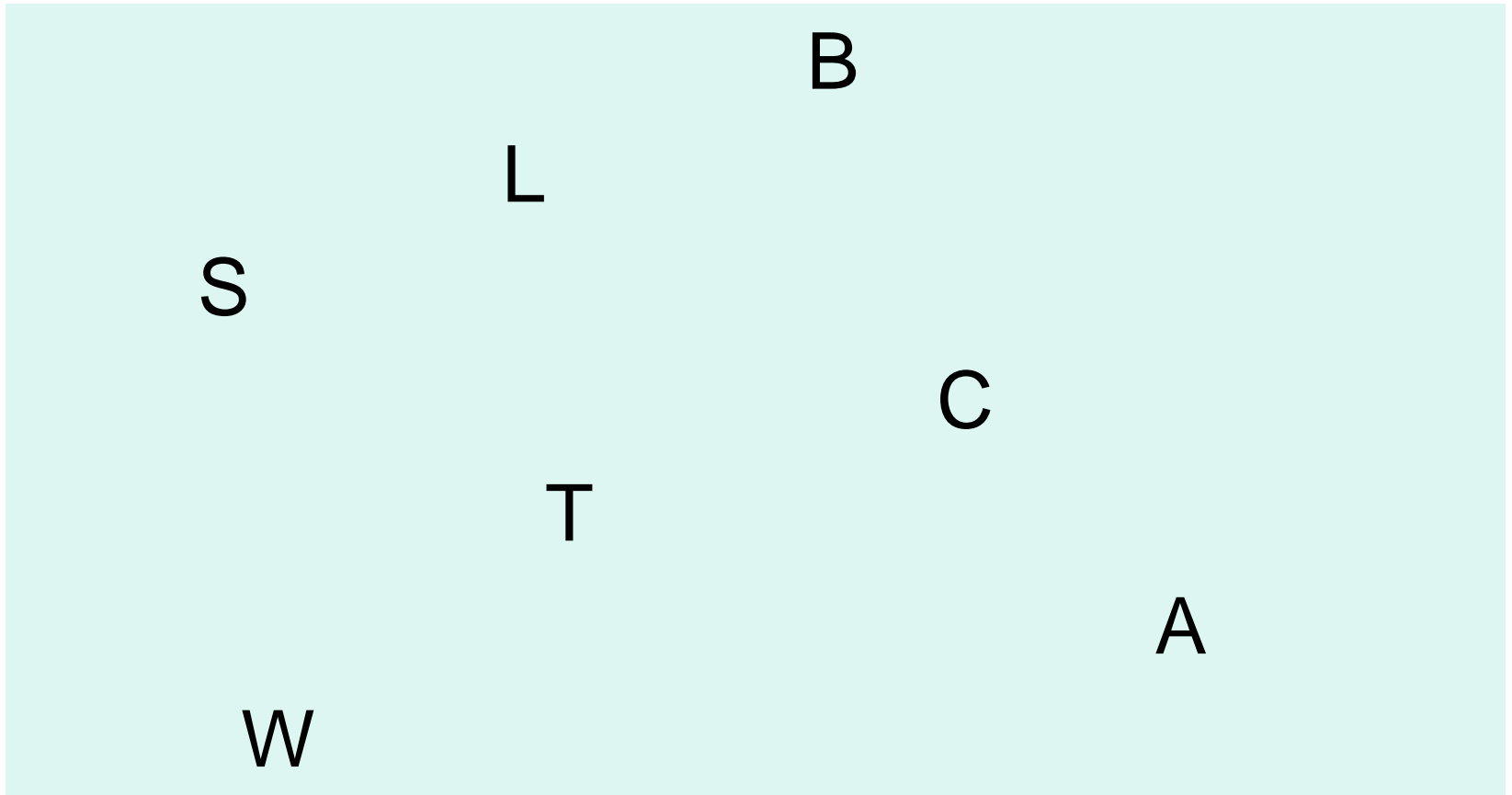
fly / see / work / go

decision / important / difficult / suggestion

Odd connections



Random letters



Five favourites

I can't believe I've been here for two weeks. I wanted to **make an impression on** my host family so I bought them biscuits as a present. When I first arrived at the Oxford English Centre I thought **it looked like a kind of** stately home. I've been studying here now for two weeks and **have been up to my eyes in work**. I had to do a presentation, and **couldn't face it** so I called in sick so I wouldn't have to do it. Tonight I have to write a story and **I can't be bothered**. I'd rather go to the pub!

What are *your* best recycling activities?



The possibilities are endless.

Thank you!

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