

Online resources for learning vocabulary

Below is a list of useful online resources for learning vocabulary.

- [Macmillian Dictionary](#) (definitions with examples in English)
- [Oxford Dictionaries](#) (definitions with examples in English)
- [Merriam Webster](#) (definitions with examples in English)
- [The Free Dictionary](#) (includes translations into Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Arabic, Turkish, Russian and other languages)
- [Word Reference](#) (includes translations into Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, French, Arabic, Russian and other languages)

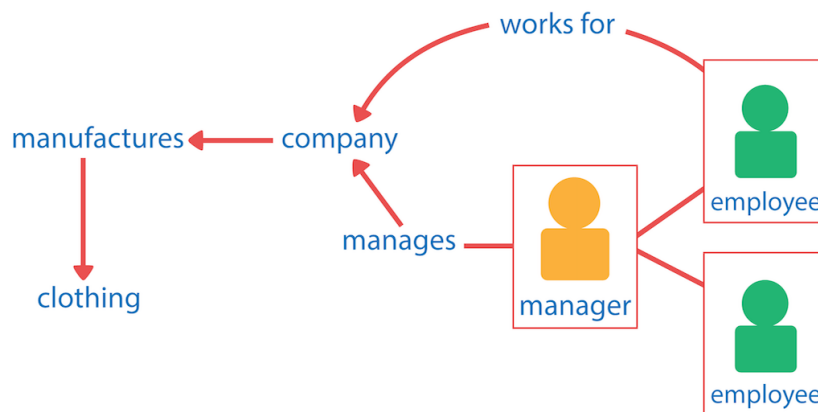
Going beyond definitions

We highly recommend doing more than just using online dictionaries (or even paper-based ones). There are various ways for you to learn and practice new vocabulary. Simply memorizing definitions or translations is not enough.

You can learn new vocabulary by organizing words into hierarchies. For example:



Or you could develop associative networks with mind maps. For example:



Or you could review common word collocations. Collocations are words that often appear together. For example:

verb	+	noun
manage	+	people
manage	+	companies
manage	+	employees
manage	+	risks
manage	+	resources

Word🧩Neighbors

The tool Word Neighbors (<http://wordneighbors.ust.hk>) developed by The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology is an excellent way to learn vocabulary. The tool allows you to look up common word combinations (collocations) and review how they are used in real situations. You will often be advised to use this tool throughout the Specialization. A [tutorial on how to use Word Neighbors can be found here](#).

WordNeighbors

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Search in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All available texts (141,000,000 words)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Link to <input type="text" value="Cambridge Dictionary"/>	<input type="button" value="Find it!!"/>	

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NOTE: The division of words into classes (e.g. noun, verb, etc.) by a computer program is NEVER 100% accurate. For example, when you click on "Show results" for a verb, you may see some nouns displayed. The classification given here is a close approximation of the characteristic ways that the word behaves. However, you must use your human judgment in deciding the class of the word.

Problem:
What prepositions can
we use after the noun
benefit?

Type a word or short phrase

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Show word(s) after

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You can select a
particular text type (e.g.
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The word is automatically
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