



THE 11+ GUIDE BOOKS

# Vocabulary

## and Exam Tips

Seven hundred and fifty words the 11+ tests, in thirty units of twenty-five, each with its meaning, a like word, an unlike word and a sentence, and a ten-question test in the GL formats. Then the exam tips: the traps of every paper, from the six guide books, and the days around the exam.

**750**

words

**30**

units

**300**

test questions

### WHAT IS INSIDE

- Thirty units of twenty-five words, one idea a unit, in three bands
- Every word with its meaning, a like word, an unlike word, and a sentence
- A ten-question test a unit in the GL formats, with the answers
- The traps of every paper, from the six guide books, as a checklist
- The week before, the night before, the morning, and in the room

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For GL and CSSE, Years 4 to 6: the words the papers test, and the day itself.  
Every test question built from the word bank and read by a person.

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## BEFORE YOU START

# How to learn a word

## What this book is

Seven hundred and fifty words, in thirty units of twenty-five, each unit one idea: feelings, size, movement, character, truth and lies, and so on up to the words examiners use in their questions. They are the words the 11+ tests: in the GL Verbal Reasoning paper as closest and opposite meanings, in the GL English paper as the best word for a gap, in the CSSE comprehension as “what does this word mean here”, and in every writing task as the difference between “the man was cross” and “the man was indignant”.

Each word has its part of speech, a meaning a Year 5 child can use, a word that means nearly the same, a word that means the opposite where one exists, and a sentence. The sentence is the part that matters: a word is learned in a sentence or not at all.

## How to learn a word

Read the entry. Say the sentence aloud. Cover the meaning and say it in your own words. Then say a new sentence of your own, with the word in it, about something in your own life. That is one word; a unit of twenty-five takes about twenty minutes, and the test at the end five.

Do one unit a week, in order, and go back to a unit a fortnight later for the test alone. A word you can still use a fortnight on is yours. The bands go up in difficulty: units 1 to 10 a Year 4 can begin, 11 to 20 are Year 5, and 21 to 30 are the words that separate the top of the cohort.

## The tests

Every unit ends with ten questions in the GL formats: four closest-in-meaning, three most-opposite, three best-word-for-the-gap, five options each. They are built from the unit's own words, with the wrong options drawn from other units so that no two words of the same unit can both be right; and on the opposite questions, the word's synonym sits among the wrong options, because that is the commonest wrong answer on the real paper. Answers at the back, with the meaning.

## Part B

The exam tips are in two halves. The traps, paper by paper, are the three ways each question type is usually lost, taken word for word from the six guide books, so a child who has used those books will recognise every line. Then three pages on the week before, the night before and the morning, and in the room, written for the parent as much as the child.

## UNIT 1 · YEAR 4 TO 5

25 words

# Feelings

Read the word, its meaning and the sentence. Say the sentence aloud. Cover the meaning and say it back. Then the test.

**cheerful** adjective happy and in a good mood

like happy unlike gloomy

*Gran was cheerful all morning, humming as she cooked.*

**gloomy** adjective sad and without hope; also

dark and dull like miserable unlike cheerful

*The house felt gloomy with the curtains shut.*

**anxious** adjective worried about what might

happen like worried unlike calm

*Sam was anxious about the test and could not sleep.*

**content** adjective quietly happy with what you

have like satisfied unlike restless

*The cat lay content in the sun.*

**furious** adjective extremely angry like en-

raged unlike calm

*Dad was furious when he saw the broken window.*

**delighted** adjective very pleased like thrilled

unlike disappointed

*She was delighted with her new bike.*

**miserable** adjective very unhappy like

wretched unlike cheerful

*The wet, cold walk home made everyone miserable.*

**eager** adjective keen and wanting to do some-

thing very much like keen unlike reluctant

*The puppies were eager to get out of the car.*

**nervous** adjective a little afraid and unable to

relax like jittery unlike confident

*He felt nervous before going on stage.*

**proud** adjective pleased about something you

or someone close to you has done like satisfied unlike ashamed

*She was proud of her brother for finishing the race.*

**ashamed** adjective feeling bad about some-

thing you have done like embarrassed unlike proud

*He was ashamed that he had lied to his mum.*

**grateful** adjective thankful for something like

thankful unlike ungrateful

*We were grateful for the lift home in the rain.*

**lonely** adjective sad because you are on your

own like isolated unlike sociable

*The new boy looked lonely at lunchtime.*

**jealous** adjective wanting what someone else

has like envious unlike content

*Mia was jealous of her sister's new shoes.*

**relieved** adjective glad that something worry-

ing is over like reassured unlike worried

*Mum was relieved when the phone finally rang.*

**bored** adjective tired of something because it is

dull like uninterested unlike fascinated

*The children were bored by the long speech.*

**excited** adjective full of eager, happy energy

like thrilled unlike bored

*The class was excited about the trip to the zoo.*

**calm** adjective not worried, angry or excited;

peaceful like peaceful unlike agitated

*The nurse stayed calm while everyone else panicked.*

**upset** adjective unhappy or troubled like dis-

tressed unlike pleased

*Leo was upset when his drawing tore.*

**hopeful** adjective believing that something

good will happen like optimistic unlike hope-

*The team was hopeful of winning the final.*

**frustrated** adjective annoyed because you can-

not do or get what you want like exasperated

unlike satisfied

*She grew frustrated with the knot that would not*

*undo.*

**guilty** adjective feeling bad because you have

done something wrong like remorseful un-

like innocent

*He felt guilty about eating the last biscuit.*

**confident** adjective sure of yourself and your

ability like self-assured unlike nervous

*Priya walked up to the microphone looking confi-*

*dent.*

**disappointed** adjective sad because something

was not as good as you hoped like let down

unlike delighted

*Tom was disappointed that the match was cancelled.*

**fond** adjective having a liking for someone or something **like** attached **unlike** indifferent  
*Grandad is very fond of his old dog.*

10 questions, 5 minutes

### Test 1

Closest in meaning, most opposite, and the best word for the gap, as the GL paper asks them. Circle your answer.

1 Which word is closest in meaning to **NERVOUS**?

- A jittery      B cerebral      C hasty      D skilful      E laborious

2 Which word is closest in meaning to **GUILTY**?

- A genuine      B gullible      C occasional  
 D transparent      E remorseful

3 Which word is closest in meaning to **CONTENT**?

- A sultry      B satisfied      C vindictive  
 D sincere      E beneficial

4 Which word is closest in meaning to **ASHAMED**?

- A modern      B meagre      C terrified  
 D embarrassed      E pompous

5 Which word is most opposite in meaning to **RELIEVED**?

- A reassured      B dutiful      C worried      D toxic      E vain

6 Which word is most opposite in meaning to **GRATEFUL**?

- A ungrateful      B thankful      C curious  
 D hostile      E clumsy

7 Which word is most opposite in meaning to **MISERABLE**?

- A wretched      B contemporary      C gaudy  
 D loyal      E cheerful

8 Which word best completes the sentence?

*Mia was \_\_\_\_\_ of her sister's new shoes.*

- A apprehensive      B jealous      C gaudy  
 D unique      E cowardly

9 Which word best completes the sentence?

*She was \_\_\_\_\_ of her brother for finishing the race.*

- A diligent      B colossal      C arrogant  
 D proud      E extravagant

10 Which word best completes the sentence?

*Gran was \_\_\_\_\_ all morning, humming as she cooked.*

- A teeming      B perceptive      C cheerful  
 D preliminary      E flimsy