

3 Organizing new words

a) It can be much easier to remember words if you think of them in groups.

Which kind of group does each box belong to?

to settle
colony
immigrant
newcomer
arrival

ANIMAL
kangaroo
elephant
sheep
dog

upside down
outside
side
inside

huge
vast

to push
to pull

Group 1: Words that are about the same subject. Group 2: Words that are examples of a more general word. Group 3: ... Group 4: ... Group 5: ...

b) Now try to organize these words in the same way. (List them in 5 different groups.)

bass	bush	desert	drums	friend	girlfriend
grin	false friend	guitar	keyboard	budgerigar	
down under	outback	sheep station	smile	summer	winter

c) Compare your boxes of words with a partner's. Are there any differences? If so, why? Can you think of more words to add to any of the groups? Write them down, too.

4 Adjectives from verbs

As you know, present participles can often be used as adjectives (a **crying** baby; **surprising** news). It is also possible to use **past participles** as adjectives (a **frightened** animal; a **broken** toy).

(un-)

poison

boil

wound

want

finish

retire(e)

protect

expect

open

invite(e)

wash

change(e)

improv(e)

-ed

a) Use past participles as adjectives to describe these people and things.

Example:

1. Fruit that hasn't been washed yet.
– That's **unwashed** fruit.
2. A child that nobody wants.
3. Meat that someone has poisoned.
4. A visitor that you weren't expecting.
5. An area that we protect.
6. Work that you haven't finished yet.
7. A doctor who has retired.

b) These are a bit more difficult. What could they be?

1. A soldier who has been hurt in battle.
2. Potatoes that have been cooked in hot water.
3. A letter that hasn't been looked at yet.
4. A recipe that is better now than it was before.
5. A guest that nobody asked to come.
6. A character that isn't the same any more.

c) Now make your own phrases or sentences with participles (present or past) from these verbs. (Careful with irregular past participles!)

The nouns may give you a few ideas to start with.

money	?	news	heart
exam	?	English	

die	break	live
damage	hide	worry
excite	write	lose
speak	forget	surprise