

# Vocabulary Development

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# Components of Vocabulary

- Connotations and Denotations
- Collocations
- Phrasal Verbs
- Roots of Words
- Prefix and Suffix
- Idioms
- Synonyms and Antonyms

# Denotation

- It refers to the meaning of a word.
- denotation of word **red** is just colour **red** .
- Denotations are generally restricted meanings.
- to create fresh ideas and images that add deeper levels of meanings to common and ordinary words connotation is used.

# Connotations

- Connotations are perceptions or feelings a word conveys, which are distinct from the actual meaning of the words.
- It generally has an emotional connection which can be positive or negative. For example, *I am feeling very blue today*. Here blue refers to being sad.
- It goes beyond the actual meaning of the word and paints a picture or invokes a feeling.

# Positive and Negative Denotations

- Economical vs. Cheap
- Challenge vs. Difficult
- Determined vs. Stubborn
- Reserved vs. Timid
- Energetic vs. Hyperactive
- Driven vs. Pushy
- Simple vs. Dumb
- Assertive vs. Aggressive
- Generous vs. Extravagant

# Connotations test-I

• Positive	Neutral	Negative
• .interested	questioning	-----.
• -----	use	exploit
• Courageous	-----	conceited
• -----	selective	picky
• Thrifty	saving	_____
• _____	different	peculiar

# Connotations in Advertisements



Guess?





# Phrasal verbs

- Phrasal verbs are phrases that indicate actions.
- They are generally used in spoken English and informal texts.
- Examples of such verbs include: turn down, come across

# Phrasal verbs test

- Jack enjoyed *hamming up* his role in the new play
- He *mustered up* enough to go to the horror film.
- Let's *put David down*. It'll be fun.
- He *sniffed out* the answer almost immediately.
- Please don't *harp on* that
- 'I am trying to *crank out* a number of quizzes this month.

- Hamming up- to make people laugh
- Mustered- gathered
- Put down- criticize
- Sniffed out- discover information
- Crank out- produce many

# Idioms test

- who cannot keep a secret \_\_ g \_\_ o \_\_ h
- who shows no emotion and seems unfriendly
- \_\_ o \_\_ \_ F \_\_ \_ h
- who doesn't spend money \_ h \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ e
- A person who is clever and intelligent \_\_ m \_ \_ \_  
c \_ \_ \_ \_ e
- Someone who spoils other people's  
enjoyment is called a w \_ \_ \_ l \_ n \_ \_ t

- Big mouth
- Cold fish
- Cheap skate
- Smooth cookie
- Wet blanket

# Let's read the images !!



- Acme
- Peak
- Summit
- Pinnacle
- Zenith
- Crest
- Crown

# Phrasal words

- Peak performance
- High and mighty
- All-time high
- On the crest of a wave
- Cream always rises to the top





- Leviathan
- enormous,
- giant
- behemoth
- jumbo
- mammoth
- Gigantic

# Phrasal verbs

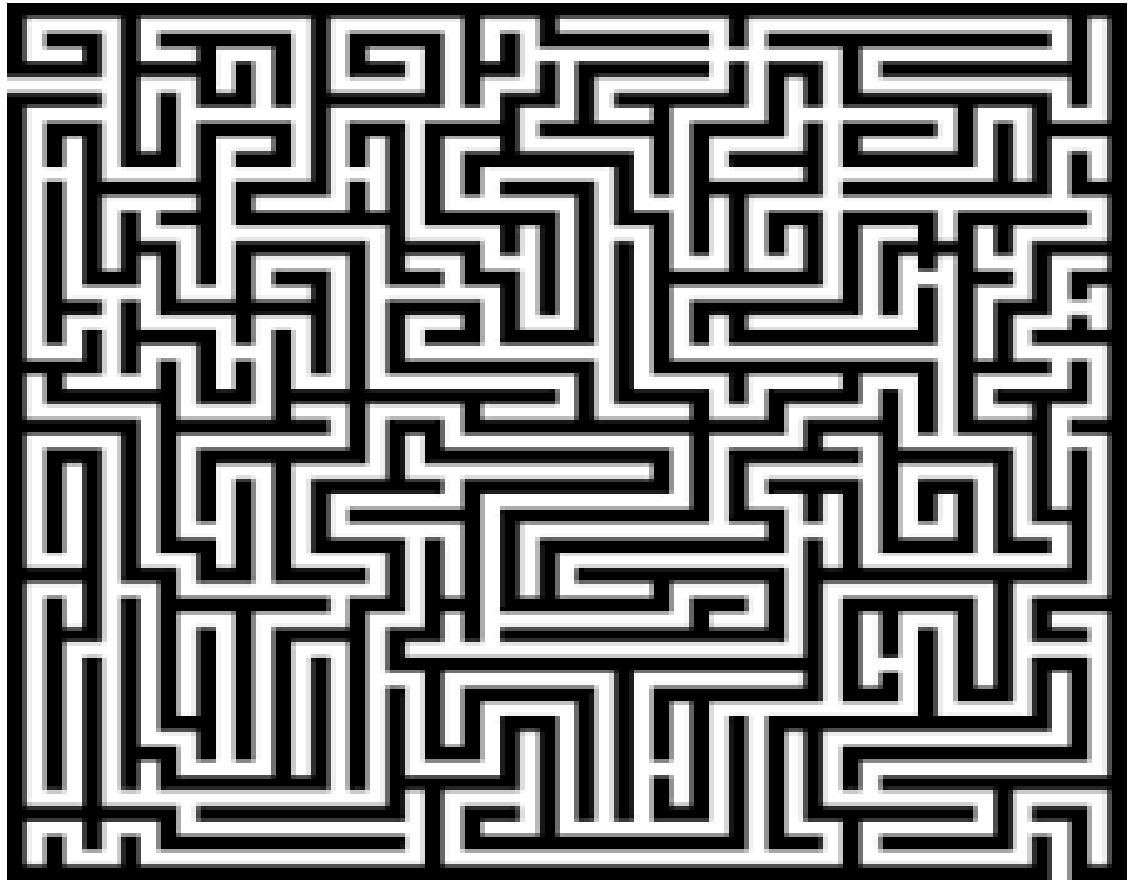
- bit too big for his boots
- *It's a battle between David and Goliath*
- *To be a big fish in a small pond*
- **Larger than life** – someone who is more exciting or interesting than other people



- Euphony – musical
- Harmony ---singing in harmony.
- Melody ---Her voice was full of melody.
- musicality.
- consonance (formal)
- mellowness.
- tunefulness.
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# Phrasal verbs

- Preaching to the choir. ...
- Blowing your own trumpet. ...
- Like a broken record. ...
- **Music** to my ears. ...
- Change your tune. ...



- Cryptic
- Decode
- Crossword
- Myriad
- Labyrinth
- Maze



- a cryptic message/remark/smile
- Crack down on
- to keep something under your hat.
- to sweep something under the carpet/rug.
- on the sly.
- a little bird told me.
- to spill the beans.



- Bulwark- a solid wall-like structure raised for defense
- RAMPART
- Parapet
- Fortification
- Barricade
- Embankment

- democratic principles that stand as a *bulwark* against tyranny
- *bulwark* of freedom
- security blanket
- wrapped up in cotton wool
- On shaky grounds
- In safe hands



# Frivolous

- Superficial
- Oversimplified
- light-hearted
- shallow
- superficial
- senseless
- Thoughtless



# Mirage

- Optical illusion
- Hallucination
- apparition
- Fantasy
- vision
- delusion
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- Flight of imagination
- Day dream
- Castle in the air



- Infringe
- Trespass
- violate
- Break
- Encroach

- Breach of trust
- Turn one off ( insult)
- Stick nose into
- Crime against humanity



- Doleful
- woeful
- sorrowful
- sad
- unhappy
- depressed
- dismal
- gloomy
- morose
- melancholy
- miserable

- ‘When sorrows come, they come not in single spies, but in battalions.’ So said Claudius in Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*.
- **fallen to pieces** or **fallen apart**
- **with a heavy heart**
- **down in the dumps**





- Gregarious
- Sociable
- outgoing
- friendly
- affable
- amiable
- genial
- congenial
- cordial

- **birds of a feather flock together**
- **to be on the same page/wavelength –**
- **to move in the same circles**
- **close-knit**
- **To be as thick as thieves**