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Need to Know Words

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IELTS ACADEMIC TRAINING

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[EAP Intermediate – Upper Intermediate level]

(a short video instruction is available at <http://www.internationaleap.org/courses.php>)



Dr. Matthew Piscioneri has taught English extensively both in Australia and overseas. He specializes in IELTS Preparation training and EAP or language/learning training for non-English speaking students undertaking university-level education.

Dr. Piscioneri's particular interest is in developing the vocabulary base of a student's language ability. For as he says: "Words are the building blocks of any language."

999 Need to Know Words is the result of Dr. Piscioneri's IELTS/ESL classroom experience. He has a Masters degree in Philosophy from the University of Sydney and a Ph.D in Philosophy from the University of Queensland, Australia. Dr. Piscioneri presently lectures and tutors at the tertiary level and recently presented a paper on pragmatics in second language skill development to the World Congress of Applied Linguistics in Tokyo, Japan.

Dear learners of English,

*The most usual question I hear in the classroom is "How do I improve my vocabulary?" My answer is always the same: "Through hard work!" 999 Need to Know Words is a program to make this hard work a little easier and also more effective. Each week, a hard working student can expect to add 30-50 words to their vocabulary. Otherwise, the addition of 10-20 words is a realistic target. Work at the pace that suits you, and work in pencil so you can return and revise at a later time. Treat words that you know already as useful practice. Learning a language is similar to any other **physical** skill development: the more you do it in practice the better you become. This is the simple yet successful philosophy behind my word trainer, and I am sure it will work for you. For instructions how to proceed turn to the back page.*

Instructions: 999 Need to Know Words

Introduction

The 999 words I have collected in this word trainer are all useful for the advanced learner of English. Some you will already know. Many of them you will have seen but not recall their exact meaning. Others you may be familiar with yet not feel confident about using in your oral or written English expression. The *secret to the success* of using this word trainer is not to rush! Take your time and follow the instructions carefully. I would rather you practise 10 words a day than 100. Indeed, it is better to practise the same 10 words three times in a day so use a pencil and have an eraser close at hand. After five days return and check your new vocabulary according to instruction #8 below. Please note **S's** = Student's

A. English	B. Translate	C. Copy	D. Check	E. Test	F. Check	G. Test	H. Test
	S's check Dictionary. E.g. Korean	English Practice #1	S's Language e.g Korean	English Cover a/b/c and test.	English Practice #3	S's Language Cover a-e. Test in e.g Korean	English Cover a-f and test.

abdicate v.

To give up power.

[Korean]

[abdicate]

[Korean]

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[Korean]

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1. Under column B. translate the English word in A. into your own language from your dictionary.
2. Under column C. practise writing the English term (not from memory).
3. Under column D. practise writing the English word again in your own language.
4. Under column E. and **this time covering a/b/c with a card** try to remember the English word only by looking at column D.
5. Under column F. check your answer and write the English word again **even if you correctly remembered the word** in column E.
6. Under column G. **and this time covering a-e with a card** test your memory of the word again by looking at column F. only.
7. Under column H. **and this time covering a-f with a card** test your memory of the English word **in English** looking at column G.
8. Erase your answers and start again. After five days and fifty words erase and revise again.