Talking about language

A Language words

Part of speech	Meaning	Examples	
noun	a person, place, or thing	Mary, China, pen	
verb	something we do	eat, read, write	
adjective	describes a noun	good, bad, happy, long	
adverb	describes a verb	slowly, badly, well	
preposition	used before a noun	in, on, by, at, of	

Other useful concepts	Meaning	Examples
singular	one noun	book, house, child
plural	more than one noun	books, houses, children
phrase	a group of words (not a complete sentence)	in a house, at home, an old man
sentence	a complete idea; begins with a capital letter and ends with a period	The new student parked his car in front of the school.
paragraph	one or more sentences about the same topic beginning on a new line	<i>Basic Vocabulary in Use</i> has 60 units. Each unit has has two pages.
question	a group of words that begins with a capital letter and ends with a question mark	What time is it? Do you speak Spanish?



Instructions used in this book

- 1. Match the words on the left with the words on the right. orange______ice cream chocolate_____juice
- 2. Fill in the blank. Maria isat. home today.
- 3. Correct the mistakes. Maria is in home today. Maria is at home today....
- 4. Complete the sentence about yourself. I take ... the bus... to work.
- 5. Write these words in the correct column.

cat	apples	oranges	dog	horse
Anima	ls	Fruits]
cat, dog, horse		apples, oranges		

Exercises

1.1 Write these words in the correct column.

shirt	quietly	of	speak	by	quickly	bad	car	banana	at
daily	write	new	in	woman	old	sad	eat	correctly	go

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb	Preposition
shirt				

1.2 Are these phrases, sentences, or questions?

- 1. in the park *phrase*
- 2. Do you speak English?
- 3. a black cat
- 4. She's writing a book.....
- 5. What's your name?
- 6. I like English.

1.3 Answer these questions.

- 1. What is the plural of *book*? *books*
- 2. What is the singular of *women*?
- 3. Is *from* a verb?
- 4. Is *cat* an adjective?
- 5. Is this a phrase: "Jane loves Harry."?

1.4 Follow these instructions.

- 1. Fill in the blank. What your name?
- 2. Complete the sentence about yourself. I haveeyes.
- 3. Correct the mistakes. speek inglish He has seven cat
 - Match the yearbe on the left with the neuro on the right
- 4. Match the verbs on the left with the nouns on the right.
 - make homework
 - do a shower
 - take a mistake
- 5. Write these words in the correct column:

hat rice coat milk

Food	Clothes

Learning strategies

tip Keep a vocabulary notebook. Write the words you learn from reading this book in your notebook. Use a good dictionary. You will need it for some exercises in this book.

Write down words that go together (collocations).

You **do the exercises** in this book. Sometimes, you **make mistakes** in English. In your vocabulary notebook, write: **do + exercise** and **make + mistake**.

When words are used together like this, we call it a collocation.

You make mistakes. (<i>not do</i> mistakes)	verb + n
I'm on the bus. (<i>not</i> in the bus)	preposit
Some people are good at languages. (<i>not</i> good in)	adjective
I saw a very tall man. (<i>not</i> high man)	adjective

verb + noun preposition + noun adjective + preposition adjective + noun

Always write down collocations when you learn a new word.

Learn words in groups that are related (word families).

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Word family	Some words in the family
furniture	chair, desk, table, sofa
travel	ticket, passport, visa, bus

tip Make a page for every different word family in your vocabulary notebook.



Draw diagrams like this one. Add more words as you learn them.



Exercises

2.1 How many more collocations for *have* + noun can you write in your vocabulary notebook? Look at Unit 3 for more ideas.

have a party, have lunch,

2.2 Not all of the words listed in the box describe weather. Which words can go with *weather*? Use a dictionary if you need help.

wet high big dry warm happy cool rainy light



2.3 Write these words in the correct family. Use a dictionary if you need help.

school bread teacher milk notebook test water salad student rice

Name of word family	Words in family
education	
food	

2.4 Draw simple pictures to help you remember the words in **bold**.

Example: a girl **crying**



- 1. a plane lands
- 2. sunny weather
- 3. under the table
- 2.5 Write words in the empty circles.



tip Make sure you have started a vocabulary notebook before you do the other units in this book.