Welcome to Amazing Word Power!

By picking up this book you’ve entered the world of Amazing Words. And you’re on your way to building your own Amazing Word Power.

There are 100 great words in this book. Some you may know already. Some may look familiar. But many of them are meant to challenge you! The illustrations and easy-to-understand definitions will help you to learn and remember them.

Ready? Before you get started, you may want to do the following:

1. Use the Checklist that starts on page 125 along with the back cover flap to see what words you know and don’t know. (Be sure to use a dry-erase marker.) Do this again in a couple of weeks. This will help you keep track of your growing word power.

2. Check out the Word Power Tips on page 124. Following these tips will help you boost your word learning.

3. Learn more about the words. Many words have several definitions. We didn’t include all these definitions, but you can find them—as well as information about the origins of the words—by looking in a dictionary or searching in an online dictionary.

4. Have fun!
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account
(uh-kount) noun

What It Means
An arrangement to keep money in a bank, such as a savings or checking account.

How to Use It
If you put $5 into your bank account each week, it will add up quickly.

More About It
Account can also be used as a verb.
currency
(kur-uh-n-see) noun

What It Means
The form of money used in a country

How to Use It
Currency in the U.S. shows the faces of famous Americans.

More About It

Synonym: money

The $20 bill is my favorite currency—but I don’t have many of these bills!
frugal
(froo-guhl) adjective

What It Means
To be very careful
not to waste things

How to Use It
If you are really frugal with
your money, you can save
for fantastic things.

More About It
Antonym wasteful

Mom says Dad is frugal. I say he's cheap!
Money Matters

splurge

(splurj) verb

What It Means
To buy something expensive that you probably don’t need

How to Use It
Corey splurged and had a big sundae.

More About It

≡ Synonym indulge

Yippee! Grandma splurged on a new bike for me.
bankrupt
(bangk-ruhpt) adjective

What It Means
Unable to pay back all the money you owe

How to Use It
The new restaurant quickly went bankrupt.

More About It
≡ Synonym broke

No money + lots of bills = bankrupt
### Activity Sheet

Read each clue. Then write the answers in the spiral puzzle. We did the first one for you.

1. Go nuts and buy something expensive that you don’t really need.
2. You’d like to have a big fat one at the bank.
3. George Washington is on one, and Ben Franklin is, too.
4. A nicer way to say someone is really cheap!
5. All gone, broke
6. What this puzzle is all about
7. An antonym for *frugal*

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malnutrition

(*mal-noo-trish-uhn*) noun

**What It Means**

A harmful condition caused by not having enough food or by eating the wrong kind of food.

**How to Use It**

The lost dog had fleas and was suffering from malnutrition.

**More About It**

*Related word* malnourished
malicious
(muh-lish-uhss) adjective

What It Means
Intended to cause harm

How to Use It
Teasing me like that is so malicious!

More About It
Antonym kind

Malicious rhymes with vicious.
malfunction

(\textit{mal-funk-shuhn}) noun

**What It Means**

A breakdown or failure to function in the correct or normal way

**How to Use It**

There is a \textit{malfunction} with the television.

**More About It**

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maltreatment

(mal-treet-muhnt) noun

What It Means
The cruel treatment of a person or animal

How to Use It
Rita will not tolerate the maltreatment of animals.

More About It

≡ Synonym abuse

Too much homework is student maltreatment!
malpractice

(mal-prak-tiss) noun

What It Means
The failure of a professional, like a doctor or a lawyer, to do his or her job responsibly

How to Use It
The patient is suing the doctor for malpractice.

More About It
≡ Synonym mismanagement

Malpractice = bad practice
Who said what? Draw a line from each kid on the left to the correct speech balloon on the right.

A. That was the meanest, most rotten thing you could have said to me!
B. He never showed his dog any love. And he didn’t give it enough food.
C. Oops! I didn’t know that my new pen would squirt all over you! There’s something wrong with it.
D. On my camping trip, I ate nothing but berries and roots. I didn’t get real food for three days.
E. The good news is that the doctor fixed my arm. The bad news is he fixed the wrong arm!