

How to Study the Vocabulary List

You have the vocabulary list at the end of the CS1 textbook. The list is for self-study and divided into 14 sections, one for each week. Each weekly section contains 36 words.

Although you already know most of the words on the vocabulary list, the purpose of this vocabulary learning is to develop a deep understanding of basic vocabulary by paying particular attention to *collocations*, which means combinations of words that are used together very often.

Here are some tips for studying the vocabulary lists.

1. Go through a weekly section of the vocabulary list and see if you can understand all the 36 words. If you don't know some of the words, use your dictionary and check their meaning.
2. You can download from the CS1 homepage the Excel files of word lists with collocations. Go through each collocation and try to build sentences using them.
3. Find sample phrases or sentences from your dictionary and read them aloud carefully several times.
4. If you find favorite examples, add them to the word list Excel files.
5. If you use an electronic dictionary, use the sample search (例文検索) function to find more examples.
6. If you have a learner's English-English dictionary (Note that almost all electronic dictionaries come with *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary*), check the meaning of each word and observe how it is explained in simple English.
7. Whenever possible, use the words and their collocations you have learned in speech and writing—during your CS and other English classes, and other times when you have a chance to speak or write in English.