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About This Book

Imagine being trapped inside a giant glass jar, with no way out. You could see your friends and family through the sides and they could see you, but you could not talk to one another because the glass was too thick.

Luckily, there are no giants holding jars over our heads. But when we fail to develop a good vocabulary, we put ourselves inside those jars. Without the right words, we cannot fully express our thoughts and feelings. With little understanding of meaning, we cannot know other people well.



The average person needs to know about 10,000 different words for successful communication. How do you measure up? Word Wizards will help improve your score. Each page of this book features groups of words organised around a common feature. By paying attention to these features, you can build a better vocabulary.



As you work through the riddles, puzzles and creative activities on these pages, you will want to add to your word power by following these simple suggestions:



- Make certain that you have a clear understanding of each definition. Put the definition into your own words.
- For each new word, think of a description, an example, or a comparison.
- Be on the lookout for usage examples. Finding one of your vocabulary words in print is fun, and reading it in context adds to your understanding.
- Put new words to work in your own speaking and writing as often as possible.



Don't be trapped inside a wordless jar. Break the silence with the right words used in exactly the right way!



Jet Propulsion



Can you choose the correct definition for each vocabulary word below? If you know that *ject/jet* means 'to throw', you can! From the choices below, circle the letter of the correct definition for each word.

1. jettison a) to travel by jet propulsion
 b) to throw overboard
 c) a fort where troops are stationed
2. projectile a) an object thrown into the air
 b) a pin for fastening meat to a spit
 c) pertaining to workers skilled in a trade
3. reject a) to be depressed
 b) to try again
 c) to throw back or discard as unacceptable
4. injection a) to swallow
 b) not suitable for grafting
 c) liquid medicine thrown or forced into the skin
5. interjection a) a word thrown into a sentence, showing surprise
 b) being on the inside
 c) close attention
6. jetsam a) dice
 b) a variety of quartz stained red or yellow
 c) goods thrown overboard; garbage
7. trajectory a) device for viewing video
 b) the path of an object thrown into space
 c) the money made by an industry
8. projection a) a reason for not agreeing
 b) a part that is thrown out, juts beyond its border
 c) the money made by an industry
9. eject a) to uncover, reveal
 b) to protest
 c) to throw out, expel
10. jetty a) a structure built, thrown out into a sea, lake or river
 b) a small aeroplane
 c) deep black

