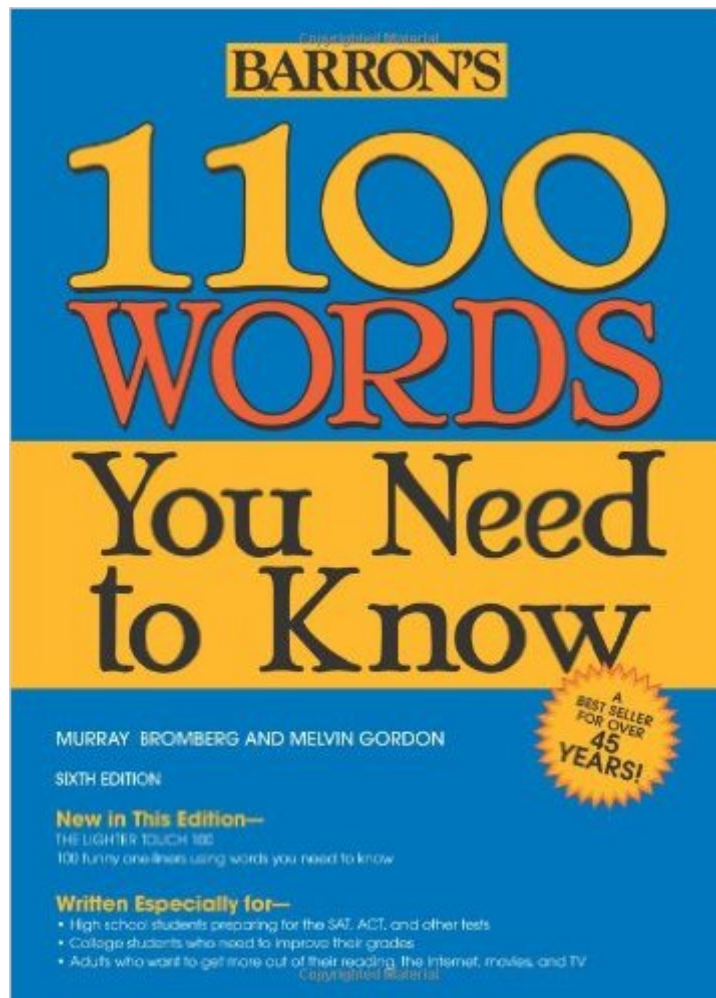




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# 1100 Words You Need To Know



## Synopsis

A Barron's™ best-seller for more than four decades, the brand-new sixth edition of *1100 Words You Need to Know* has been expanded and updated with more • Word lists and definitions  
Analogy exercises Words-in-context exercises All new words for students to learn are placed in the context of sentences that have been selected from well-known novels, plays, poems, newspaper editorials, and TV broadcasts. For optimal ease and enjoyment in learning, the authors recommend 15-minute sessions with this book. Over the years, thousands of students preparing for the SAT and ACT have relied on previous editions of *1100 Words You Need to Know* as an ideal way to strengthen their word power. A new feature in the sixth edition is *The Lighter Touch 100*, a collection of 100 funny one-liners which use words from the book that you need to know.

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## Customer Reviews

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These are cheap, hard to use ... in other words useless. - The first problem is that these flash cards are small and on thin hard to separate paper. It is hard to flip or deal through them. - The second problem is that there are two words on each small card, so the word on either side is mixed up with the definition of the word on the second, and all in very small print. - The cards are small and thin and difficult to grab with your finger ... it would be hard to really design an ergonomically worse

format for a flash card. - The print is so small unless you have perfect eyesight you cannot read the words. - The other thing is that the cards are so "busy" that it is hard to turn the card over to find the definition, and there are not good example sentences either. Barron's is supposed to be world class is stuff like this ... this product sucks even worse considering they are supposed to be experts. Flash cards should be optimized for the student, not the profit of the flash card company ... shame. Avoid these useless cards like the plague ... 1/5.

I consider this book in between SATs and GREs. I didn't score high on the verbal section of the SAT's. My college major didn't have a lot of reading and writing like other majors such as Psychology or English. So before I took on the GRE prep books, I wanted to supplement my deficiency. The GRE test is set up in levels. So if you don't do well on the first questions, then you take an more inferior version of the test. So my aim for the GRE's isn't quantity, but quality. I want to build my vocabulary in a pyramid fashion. Get the more common college words out of the way, then going to the more obscure less used GRE words. I followed the schedule, sometimes, skipping a week here or there. After I finished the book, I took the test in the back of the book and I didn't do well. Now the second year, I went through the book but did my own exercises, writing my own paragraphs and sentences with the weekly words. I am also creating Antonym Quizzes to challenge myself. And now all the words are committed to my memory. I took a practice GRE verbal, and I knew about 40 percent of the words. Such an hopeful feeling that refuels more GRE word memorization. After I finish this book. I plan on doing the BARRON'S ESSENTIAL GRE book. When I listen to NPR, or PBS' Newshour, I comprehend more. When I engage in conversation with my professors or other networking situation, I am more articulate. Expanding your vocabulary regardless if you are taking the GRE or not is one of the best investments you can do for your life. Not only does it help in academic, and career circles but how you see the world, how more accurately you are able to communicate ideas with yourself and others. Update - 12-28-13 I got a better score on the GRE's than I did on the SATs in verbal. I studied this book 6 months before starting to study GRE related word lists and it really helped be build my foundation.

Good idea and concept, however, the cards are paper (rip and can tear easily) be aware. I ended up returning my items because I am too hard on the flash cards and just used the book.

As a person whose English is a foreign language, this book has helped me improve my vocabulary skills a lot. For people who are learning English, memorizing vocabularies is crucial. Most vocabulary

books just have the words and definitions. But this one is different. It has fill in the blank questions, a reading passage with the vocabularies inside the passage. It also has pronunciations, parts of speech, and example sentences. The book effectively helps you memorize the vocabularies instead of just giving you definitions and words like other vocab study books. Overall: I bought this book because my English teacher recommended me and I do not have any regrets in buying this book. If you want to improve your vocabulary skills, I highly recommend you this book.

To be honest, I'm using this book under duress. My graduate department in engineering requires the GRE for admission. I've been working through the web course provided in MAGOOSH.com. They recommended this book. One of the reviewers gave 1100 Words a single star because it doesn't have the definitions provided in a dictionary type format. If you work through the exercises, you do get to the definitions, but technically, the reviewer is correct. While that's true for the paper version, I bought the Kindle edition. If you use Kindle, you're probably familiar with the dictionary feature. Definitions are just a click away. By the way, I suspect many buy this book to prepare for standardized testing. These tests are a pain for many of us to prepare for; particularly, if you've been out of school for a while, like I have. I highly recommend the MAGOOSH.com web site to prepare for the GRE, GMAT, or SAT. It's a paid site, but worth every penny, in my opinion. Not only do they have problem sets with solutions, but video lectures on relevant topics. It's like taking a course tailored to the test.

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