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Word Smart: Building A More Educated Vocabulary



Synopsis

The words you use say a lot about you. Some words say that you are smart, eloquent, or persuasive. Others say that, uh, you don't know what you're talking about. Knowing which words to use and how to use them are keys to getting the most from your mind and making a lasting impression. Here's a quiz to help you rate the state of your vocabulary: Do you know that to peruse a book is not to skim through it? Do you know the difference between enormous and enormity? Do you know the noun form of dubious? If you answered no to any of these questions, you need Word Smart. Based on the best selling book, the audio Word Smart will help you learn the words you absolutely need to know! This program features concise, accurate definitions; great examples and stories that teach words in context; and mnemonics to make it all stick.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I purchased this for my kids years before they started studying for the SATs. They started using these in the 9th grade to increase their vocabulary. However if you buy it to study for the SATs, it's worth the time and money. I bought both the CD program and the audio. The audio was the add on to the CD program. The CD program has a home screen has five different learning modes. The first mode is multiple choice, the second mode is the flashcard exercise, the third mode is column matching and audio discussion, the fourth mode is sentence completion, and the fifth mode is work shark which is like an arcade style game. The word smart audio is a great addition because it enhances learning for anyone. As research has shown, educators and clinicians have FINALLY recognized that irrelevant of whether your learning styles, a multisensory approach to learning

(visual, auditory, tactile and kinesthetic approach) is the most effective manner in which to coalesce material. By taking the same word and incorporating that word five different ways into a sentence, utilizing that word; hearing that word repeatedly Princeton Review manipulates the word so frequently they guarantee an increase in your SAT score or give you your money back. They also offer real time live tutoring, a structured four month course, adaptive practice problems and lessons taught by industry leaders. Word Smart also offers on-demand web-based practice problems. Princeton Review is worth the money.

I'm studying for the GRE's and taking the Princeton Review class in conjunction to listening to the CD. These disks contain several words that are also in the Hit Parade lists that we get from class. Hearing the words, meanings, and sentences using the words really help to learn them. They group the words based in similarity in meanings to help you learn. First, they give you the words, meanings, and use them in sentences. Then they follow by a story using the words. Then they say the words, with a pause so you can think about the definition, and then give you the definition and use the word in a sentence. I've definitely been using the new vocabulary more and more in my everyday speech. I wish Princeton Review would do something like this for ALL of the words from the Hit Parade and Beyond the Hit Parade lists. The only other really effective way I've found to really learn the words is to do a google search of each word, and just see how they're used in context.

I bought this product years ago and listened to it a lot. I listened over and over. The problem was that though I remembered the words and their meanings in the short term, none of it stuck. Years later I hear or read these words I listened to and I remember hearing them on the CD, but I don't remember their meanings. I think the reason for this is because the CD is a bit boring which meant I had to force myself to pay attention to what I was listening to because my mind kept drifting. What made it boring was that the voices on the tape sound humdrum and sound as if they are reading a script.. Almost robotic. They don't sound like they're REALLY talking for the most part. You know how you sometimes call the bank or some other institution with Automated phone systems and if a human comes on you are alert and hear everything, but when you hear an automated message your mind just drifts & zones out at the sound of the scripted message and then suddenly you hear "...press 3, if you want to make a payment press 4.." And you're like OH WAIT, WHAT WERE OPTIONS 1 & 2? I wasn't paying attention I missed it.! And then you have to hang up and call again and sometimes if you're tired or have other things on your mind it happens AGAIN!! These CDs

were like that for me. The CD sounded too automated and boring and it just didn't stick for me no matter how often I listened. If you can easily focus through a boring CD this can work for you. Also if you are one of 10% of people in the world who are Auditory learners - meaning you learn best through auditory means, this would also work for you. (80%+ of people are visual learners while between 6-3% are kinesthetic learners.) If you're going to listen to it while driving (I never did) then maybe it might work because there's not too much stimuli around while driving and maybe it'll be harder for you to drift mentally- I don't know. But I easily fell asleep while listening to this stuff and wasn't able to retain much. Since then I used another program that worked 100 times better.

I personally liked it, that's why I chose it as a present to my relative

Great for building your vocabulary!! Love em'! Great examples and narration - I listen to them all the time!!

This set contains 5 CDs, each one goes over about 50 words. Good number of the words on these recordings seem to be on a high-school level, though. The first CD covers the vocabulary related to: All or Nothing; I love you ... I hate you; The Naughty and the Nice. The second CD covers the vocabulary related to: The Long and the Short of It; The Mighty and the Meek; You Help Me, Then You Hurt Me. The third CD covers the vocabulary related to: True or False; From the Sublime to the Ridiculous; Something Old, Something New. The fourth CD covers the vocabulary related to: Alone or Together; Now You See It, Now You Don't; The More Things Change, The More They Stay the Same. The fifth CD covers the vocabulary related to: Park and Ride; Shadows and Light. The recordings are very entertaining to listen to. After defining the words, they are dramatized, often in a humorous way, adding fun to the learning process.

A good buy for those trying to improve/increase their vocab. The two people speaking are pretty funny, and the skits are really corny. Overall, I would say if possible, buy a used version of this CD, because most people (if they are anything like myself) will probably only listen to the actual CD once (just to import onto their computers), then they can burn a copy of it later. Don't waste your money paying for the full set at full price. I wish I had thought of this earlier!

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