

Vocabulary & Text Types

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What we will cover

- 1 Learn words well
- 2 Natural phrases
- 3 The text types
- 4 Match style to type

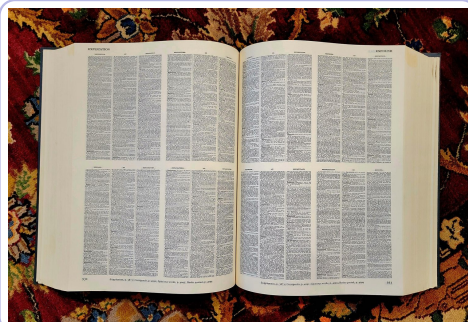


1 Vocabulary

Learn words well

- meaning, spelling, sound – three ways
- keep a **vocabulary** 词汇 notebook by topic

Notice useful words in every text type and practise them in your own writing.



Grow vocabulary by reading and collecting words

Natural phrases

collocations 词语搭配

make a decision;
heavy rain

set phrases 固定短语

common fixed
expressions

phrasal verbs 短语动词

give up; look after

Using natural phrases makes your English sound **fluent** 流利.

The text types

email – one person

article – many readers

report – facts for a boss

review – an opinion

essay – argue a view

notice – short info

The text types



Every text type sits somewhere on the line from informal to formal

Each writing task is a **text type** 文本类型 with its own rules.

Match style to type

purpose 目的

reader

tone

Each **text type** 文本类型 has its own purpose, reader & tone. Before writing, ask: *what type is this, and what style does it need?*

2

Recap

Worked example – identifying a text type

A text has a headline, a byline, short paragraphs, quotations from witnesses, and no “I”. What is it?

- Headline + byline ⇒ it was **published**, so not a letter or an email.
- **Quotations from witnesses** ⇒ it reports what happened to **other people**.
- No “I” and no opinion ⇒ **impersonal**, so not an article or a review.
- ⇒ a **news report**.

Identify the type from its **features**, then match your writing to them. Report = facts, impersonal. Article = opinion, a voice. Review = judgement + recommendation.

Topic 11 – key takeaways

1 Learn words

meaning, spelling & sound; a notebook

2 Phrases

collocations, set phrases, phrasal verbs

3 Text types

email, article, report, review, essay...

4 Style

match purpose, reader & tone to the type

Check yourself

- 1 What three things make a collocation? (give an example)
- 2 Which text type argues a point of view?
- 3 Which text type gives facts to a person in charge?
- 4 What three things must match the text type?



Answers 1. words that go together (heavy rain) 2. an essay 3. a report 4. purpose, reader & tone