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Introduction

This book contains all the most important words you need to know to pass all C2 Proficiency English level exams and tests.

This material is perfect for any serious candidate who does not wish to waste time researching and learning new vocabulary the traditional way. This book will make your learning more efficient with less of your own effort, which means more spare time to review other concepts.

This is not just a regular dictionary with a bunch of words. In this little vocabulary you can find only the most necessary C2 English level definitions. Knowing these words will help you pass all the relevant tests and exams, and will definitely surprise your examiner, in a good way.

Abstruse

Difficult to understand, especially when you think it could be explained more simply.

Acquisition

Means the process of getting or obtaining something (for example: *The children progressed in the acquisition of basic skills*).

Acrimonious

Marked by strong resentment or cynicism; someone or something is bitter or harsh in manner or speech, or rubs a person the wrong way.

Adage

Is a short, pointed, and memorable saying, which is considered a veritable truth by the majority of people; a

traditional saying expressing a common experience or observation.

Adjure

Means to command solemnly; ask for or request earnestly; to order someone to do something.

Affectation

A deliberate pretense or exaggerated display; something that is not part of your personality but that you do to impress people.

Agile

When someone or something is agile, it can deal with changes quickly and successfully.

Akasia

Is a state of mind in which someone acts against their better judgment through the “weakness of will.”

Allure

Means the quality of being attractive, exciting, or interesting.

Allusion

Is a figure of speech that makes a reference to a place, person, or event. This can be real or imaginary and may refer to anything, including fiction, folklore, historical events, or religious manuscripts (for example: *When she lost her job, she acted like a Scrooge, and refused to buy anything that wasn't necessary*).

Ambiguous

Means unclear or vague in meaning; having more than one possible meaning.

Ambivalence

Is a state of having simultaneous conflicting reactions, beliefs, or feelings towards some object. Stated another way, ambivalence is the experience of having an attitude towards someone or something that contains both positive and negative components. The term also refers to situations where “mixed feelings” of a more general sort are experienced, or where a person experiences uncertainty or indecisiveness.

Amenable

Open and responsive to suggestion; easily persuaded or controlled.

Amend

Means to make minor changes to the text (piece of legislation, etc.) in order to make it more fair or accurate, or to reflect changing circumstances.

Aplomb

Unflappable self-possession, especially when in a difficult situation.

Apostasy

Is the act of giving up your religious or political beliefs and leaving a religion or a political party. One who commits apostasy is known as an *apostate*.

Appease

Make peace with; pacify or placate (someone) by acceding to their demands (for example: *She claimed that the government had only changed the law in order to appease their critics*).