

词汇策略：教材中注重英语高频词汇的覆盖、复现与活用，通过不同形式的词汇练习帮助学生区分词汇类型，掌握常用词汇的词义与用法。

Reading and understanding

2 Check (✓) the true statements.

- 1 It's a description of the first few days at college.
- 2 It's a personal and private story.
- 3 The writer uses past tenses.
- 4 It's factual.
- 5 It's written in the third person.

3 Choose the best way to complete the sentences.

- 1 The writer is staying in _____.
 - (a) a hall of residence
 - (b) a flat
 - (c) a small study
 - (d) a hotel
- 2 The writer's tutor _____.
 - (a) finds it easy to relax with the new students
 - (b) is very friendly
 - (c) welcomes her warmly to the university
 - (d) doesn't seem to find the students interesting
- 3 The writer _____.
 - (a) has been to many lectures before
 - (b) has already met Sophie
 - (c) arrives earlier than Sophie
 - (d) is attending the first lecture of her university course
- 4 At the Freshers' Fair students can choose to join _____.
 - (a) music and drama clubs
 - (b) sports clubs
 - (c) the same clubs as their friends
 - (d) all kinds of clubs for all interests
- 5 The university library _____.
 - (a) has very strict rules
 - (b) doesn't allow people to use the books
 - (c) only has books about prison
 - (d) contains only a few books
- 6 At the end of her first week, the writer _____.
 - (a) is missing her mother
 - (b) is enjoying herself enormously
 - (c) has done all her washing
 - (d) wants to finish her assignments

Dealing with unfamiliar words

When we come across a new word, we can try to work out its general meaning by thinking about:

- what part of speech it is
- if you already know one of its meanings
- if there are clues to its meaning in the immediate context or elsewhere in the passage

For some new words, we should not only learn about their meanings, but also how to use them. For some others, we may not need to know what they exactly mean, or how to use them.

4 Match the words and expressions in the box with their definitions.

check in gap impress muscle sip swear

- 1 to make a sincere statement that you are telling the truth
- 2 a piece of flesh that connects bones and moves a particular part of your body
- 3 to make you admire or respect someone
- 4 to drink in small amounts
- 5 a period of time between two events
- 6 to arrive somewhere and give your personal details to the person working at the reception desk

5 Replace the underlined words with the correct form of the words and expressions in the box.

assure barely ignorant intelligent
run out of sign up spill

- 1 There was only just enough room for two people.
- 2 Be careful or you'll accidentally pour your drink down your clothes.
- 3 He was completely unaware of what to do in the library.
- 4 She was very clever and got excellent grades.
- 5 You write your name on the list to join the club.
- 6 She tells me that she's definitely read the book.
- 7 I need to go and buy some tea, I have finished it all.