

Vocabulary is key to developing your English, especially when you learn groups of words (collocations). Most words in *Outcomes Pre-Intermediate* are among the 3,000 most common in English, so they will help you understand what you read and hear. The *Vocabulary Builder (VB)* helps you learn important words and see how they are used. You can access the VB online, using your password from the Student's Book. You can find the vocabulary for the Student's Book page you are working on in the Interactive vocab builder, or download a pdf for the unit. Visit the website at ngl.cengage.com/outcomes

To remember new language:

- before class, use the VB (use the Interactive vocab builder or download a pdf) to find and read the words for the Student's Book page you are on.
- after class, revise new words and read the section in the VB.
- remember the collocations in the VB by doing this: look at the collocations; say the collocations; cover the list; write the collocations down; check against the list.
- use the workbook, the exercises on the VB pdfs and the review units to test yourself. They all revise key words.
- if you find some words difficult, revise them more often. You can use the Interactive vocab builder on the website to create your own wordlists of words you find difficult or that you think are useful and important to remember.
- use the Test Your Vocab tool on the website to test yourself
- make efforts to use the language you learn in class.

1 Work in groups of three. Discuss how you remember vocabulary. What do you do when you meet a new word or phrase? How do you remember it?

2 In your groups, read out the strategies in the box above and think about them. Discuss which ones you already do, and which ones you think are a good idea. Have you used the Vocabulary Builder? Do you know how to access it? Make a few notes.

3 Choose one new strategy each. Try it out and see if it helps you to remember new words / phrases.