



# Pearson

## WORDS-IN-ACTION

Speaking and writing extra practice



### ABOUT WORDS-IN-ACTION

The set consists of 15 theme worksheets divided into 20 flashcards.

Each set contains words and expressions illustrated by a picture. Every part of speech is marked in a different colour:

nouns - **red**

verbs - **green**

adjectives - **yellow**

adverbs - **blue**

The students' task is to create a story from the cards they receive

### TIME

Depending on how much time you have at your disposal, you can use a complete set of cards – the activity will then take about 45 minutes – or select just a few cards from a given set.

### PROCEDURE A

1. Divide the students into the groups of 4 – 5.
2. One student in each group needs to be assigned as a note taker and a presenter later on.
3. Give each group one set of *Words-in-Action* cards – they have to divide the cards equally between themselves.
4. The students' task is to prepare a story and to include all the words they have received.
5. There are two possible ways to begin:
  - a) The teacher gives each group the same/a different sentence to begin.
  - b) The group begins the story their way.
6. Students take turns to add their parts of the story – they can do it in an odd order. They finish once they have used all the cards.
7. The note taker presents the story to the class. They then work together to correct any mistakes they will notice – structure, grammar, spelling etc.

### PROCEDURE B

1. Divide the students into the groups of 4 – 5.
2. Assign one person to be a note taker and a presenter later on.
3. Distribute an equal number of cards to each group, depending on the time available.
4. There are two possible ways to begin:
  - a) The teacher gives the opening sentence.
  - b) A volunteer from one group begins the story using a word from his set.
5. Each group then takes turn to add something to the story – they should use the word from the *Words-in-Action* set.
6. The group who finishes off all their words wins!
7. The note taker presents the story to all students and they can indicate any grammar, lexical mistakes they encounter.

### FOLLOW UP

The game is mainly intended for practising speaking, however, alternatively it can also be used as a follow-up writing exercise.

# WORDLISTS:

## PEOPLE

freckles  
skinny  
plump  
dyed  
yell  
ponytail  
wink  
gesture  
striped  
cheerful  
exhausted  
stubborn  
tremble  
undo  
confused  
offend  
imagination  
compliment  
frightened  
smart

## HOME

skyscraper  
clean up  
cottage  
lawn mower  
tile  
rocking chair  
located  
doorbell  
chest of drawers  
cosy  
shabby  
outskirts  
cost of living  
fix  
wipe  
estate agent  
pay the rent  
dust the furniture  
move house  
household chores

## SCHOOL

kindergarten  
high school  
essay  
highlighter  
mark  
graduate  
workshop  
skills  
cheat  
fail  
skip classes  
bookworm  
brainstorming  
gifted  
creativity  
make progress  
memorise  
copy  
teamwork  
outstanding

## WORK

plumber  
civil servant  
well-paid  
get a pay rise  
work under pressure  
creative  
challenging  
go on strike  
retirement  
savings  
tip  
be promoted  
go bankrupt  
go away on business  
dismiss  
unemployed  
choice of career  
work overtime  
set up a company  
fashion designer

## FAMILY

black sheep  
go on honeymoon  
godfather  
only child  
siblings  
spoil  
grow up  
relative  
wedding reception  
funeral  
nappy  
childish  
Christmas Eve  
loving  
baptism  
propose  
supportive  
raise a child  
take care of  
pocket money

## SOCIAL LIFE

classmate  
acquaintance  
relationship  
social networking site  
be fond of  
date  
split up  
keep in touch  
take part  
eat out  
rely on  
throw a party  
stay up late  
colleague  
buddy  
jealous  
gossip  
love at first sight  
leisure  
close

## FOOD

Italian cuisine  
saucepan  
red pepper  
home-made  
scrambled eggs  
raw  
tasty  
have a snack  
add  
boil  
bowl  
fry  
ingredient  
can  
spicy  
chop  
organic  
salmon  
wholemeal bread  
sparkling

## SHOPPING & SERVICES

afford  
brand  
customer  
go window shopping  
shoplifting  
staff  
pay by credit card  
barcode  
queue  
trolley  
receipt  
dissatisfied  
make a deal  
cash machine  
shopping mall  
withdraw money  
out-of-date  
faulty  
complain  
reduced

## TRAVELLING & TOURISM

coach  
fasten your seatbelts  
check in  
overtake  
traffic jam  
vehicle  
tyre  
pump up  
luggage rack  
delayed  
pick up a hitchhiker  
ferry  
journey  
destination  
sightseeing tour  
ancient  
speed up  
historic  
book a room  
campsite

## CULTURE

cultural event  
work of art  
controversial  
extraordinary  
impressed  
novel  
chapter  
move to tears  
based on  
channel  
audience  
musician  
publish  
tabloid  
stage  
express  
improvise  
perform  
documentary  
brush

## HEALTH & SPORT

allergic  
recover  
suffer  
plastic surgery  
injury  
plaster  
scar  
injection  
painkiller  
sneeze  
deaf  
wheelchair  
warm up  
compete  
physical  
tournament  
opponent  
twist an ankle  
racket  
strength

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

solar system  
astronomer  
universe  
socket  
genetically modified  
chemical  
oxygen  
test tube  
multiply  
speed of light  
theory  
demonstrate  
analyse  
collaborate  
mathematician  
download  
multi-task  
engine  
ultra-modern  
electrically

## NATURE & ENVIRONMENT

forest  
island  
meadow  
cloudy  
freezing cold  
heavily  
thick  
earthquake  
oak  
owl  
feed  
plant  
pollution  
eco-friendly  
toxic  
nest  
fog  
daisy  
become extinct  
wild

## STATE & SOCIETY

court  
verdict  
resign  
economic  
temple  
pray  
entrepreneur  
imprison  
break into  
commit a crime  
rob  
weapon  
accuse  
criminal  
foreign  
armed  
arrest  
witness  
represent  
president

## EVERYDAY LIFE

get rid of  
focused on  
fall apart  
pedestrian  
street lamp  
letter box  
average  
cope with  
artificial  
hairdryer  
sprinkler  
switch off  
casual  
privacy  
circumstances  
replace  
mug  
realise  
downtown  
relaxation