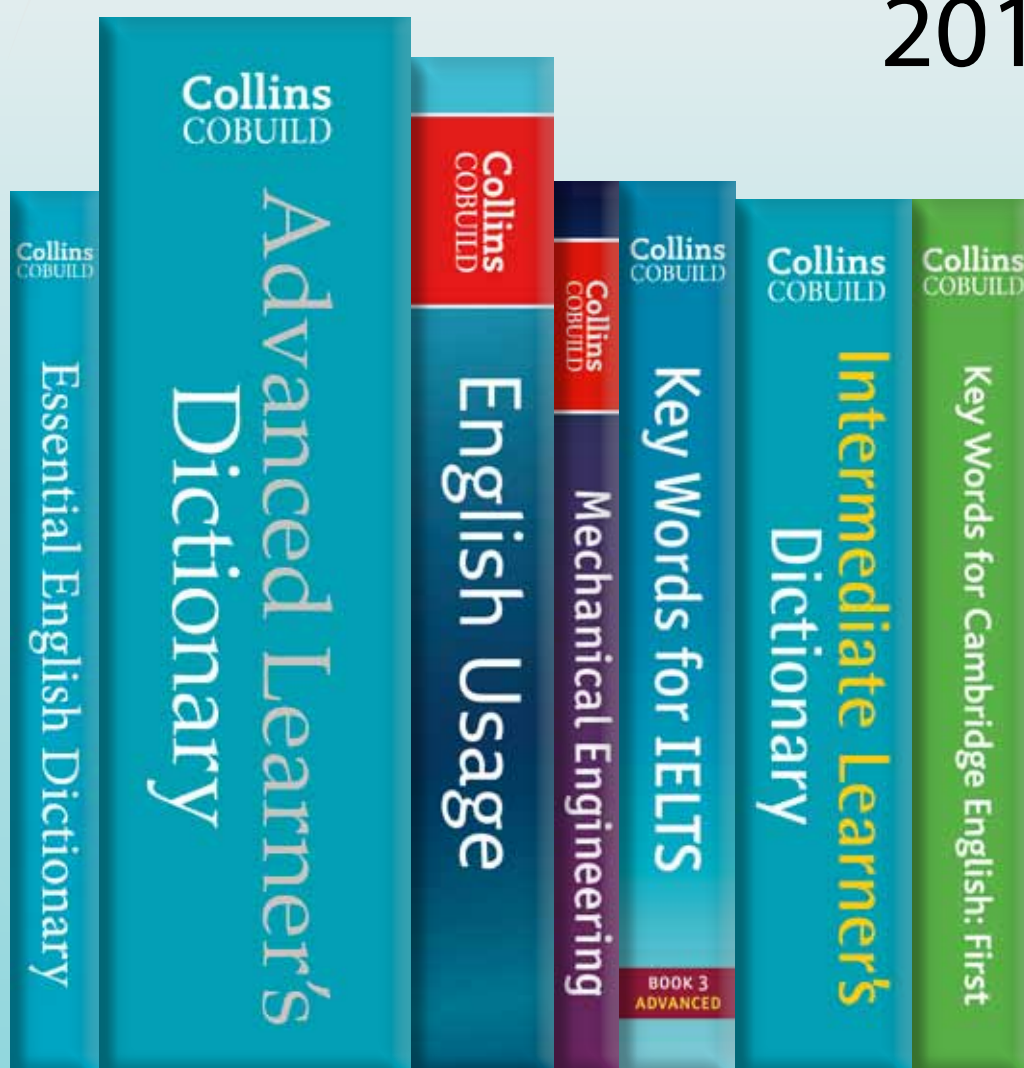


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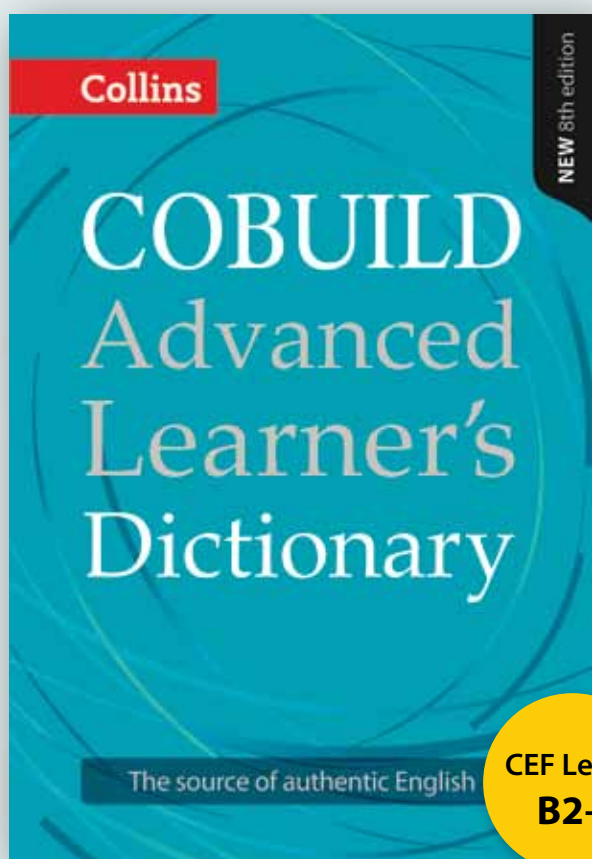
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advertiser

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Word Web advertising

It's impossible to avoid **advertisements**. In our homes, **newspaper**, **magazine**, and **television** ads compete for our attention. **Posters**, **billboards**, and **flyers** greet us the moment we walk out the door. **Advertising agencies** stay busy thinking up new ways to get our attention. We have company **logos** on our clothes. Our e-mail is full of **spam**, and **pop-ups** slow us down as we surf the Web. **Product placements** sneak into films and TV shows. "Ad wrapping" turns cars into moving signboards. Advertisers have even tried **subliminal** advertising in TV **commercials**. It's no wonder that this is called the **consumer** age.

advertiser /ædvaɪtɪəriəl/ (advertisers) N-VAR An advertiser is an advertisement that uses the style of newspaper or magazine articles or television documentary programmes, so that it appears to be giving facts and not trying to sell a product.

advice * /ədvaɪs/ N-UNCOUNT If you give someone advice, you tell them what you think they should do in a particular situation. □ [+ about] Don't be afraid to ask for advice about ordering the meal. □ [+ on] Your community officer can give you advice on how to prevent crime in your area. □ Take my advice and stay away from him! □ [+ of] Most foreign nationals have now left the country on the advice of their governments. □ PHRASE If you take advice or take legal advice, you ask a lawyer for his or her professional opinion on a situation. [FORMAL] □ [+ on] We are taking advice on legal steps to recover the money.

Usage advice and advise

Be careful not to confuse advice and advise. Advice is a noun, and the c is pronounced like the s in less; advise is a verb, and the s is pronounced like the z in size: Quang advised Tuyet not to give people advice!

Thesaurus **advice** Also look up: N. counsel, guidance, help, information, input; (ant.) opinion, recommendation, suggestion

Word Partnership Use advice with:

PREP. against advice
V. ask for advice, give advice, need some advice, take advice
ADJ. bad/good advice, expert advice

advice column (advice columns) N-COUNT In a newspaper or magazine, the advice column contains letters from readers about their personal problems, and advice on what to do about them. [AM] □ In BRIT, use agony column

advice columnist (advice columnists) N-COUNT An advice columnist is a person who writes a column in a newspaper or magazine in which they reply to readers who have written to them for advice on their personal problems. [AM] □ ...Jean Carroll, advice columnist for Elle magazine. □ In BRIT, use agony aunt

advice line (advice lines) N-COUNT An advice line is a service that you can telephone in order to get advice about something. □ For help on crime prevention, call our 24-hour advice line.

advisable /ədvaɪzəbəl/ ADJ [v-link ADJ] If you tell someone that it is advisable to do something, you are suggesting that they should do it, because it is sensible or is likely to achieve the result they want. [FORMAL] □ Because of the popularity of the region, it is advisable to book hotels or camp sites in advance.

• **advisability** /ədvaɪzəbəlɪti/ N-UNCOUNT □ [+ of] I have doubts about the advisability of surgery in this case.

advise * /ədvaɪz/ (advises, advising, advised) VERB If you advise someone to do something, you tell them what you think they should do. □ [v n to-inf] The minister advised him to leave as soon as possible. □ [v n wh] Herbert would surely



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advise her how to approach the bank. □ [v + against] I would strongly advise against it. □ [v that] Doctors advised that he should be transferred to a private room. [Also v with quote] VERB If an expert advises people on a particular subject, he or she gives them help and information on that subject. □ [v n + on] ...an officer who advises undergraduates on money matters. □ [v + on] A family doctor will be able to advise on suitable birth control. VERB If you advise someone of a fact or situation, you tell them the fact or explain what the situation is. [FORMAL] □ [v n + of] I think it best that I advise you of my decision to retire. □ → see also ill-advised, well advised

Word Partnership Use advise with:

PREP. advise against
N. advise someone to
ADV. strongly advise

advisedly /ədvaɪzɪdli/ ADV [ADV after v] If you say that you are using a word or expression advisedly, you mean that you have deliberately chosen to use it, even though it may sound unusual, wrong, or offensive, because it draws attention to what you are saying. □ I say 'boys' advisedly because we are talking almost entirely about male behaviour. □ What a crazy scheme, and I use that term advisedly.

advisement /ədvaɪzəmənt/ PHRASE If someone in authority takes a matter under advisement, they decide that the matter needs to be considered more carefully, often by experts. [AM, FORMAL] □ I will take the suggestion under advisement, and refer it to the board.

adviser * /ədvaɪzə/ (advisers) also **advisor** N-COUNT An adviser is an expert whose job is to give advice to another person or to a group of people. □ In Washington, the President and his advisers spent the day in meetings. □ ...a careers adviser. [Also + to]

Word Link **ory** = relating to: advisory, contradictory, migratory

advisory /ədvaɪzəri/ (advisories) ADJ [usu ADJ n] An advisory group regularly gives suggestions and help to people or organizations, especially about a particular subject or area of activity. [FORMAL] □ ...members of the advisory committee on the safety of nuclear installations. N-COUNT An advisory is an official announcement or report that warns people about bad weather, diseases, or other dangers or problems. [AM] □ 26 states have issued health advisories.

advocacy /ədʒvəkeɪ/ N-SING Someone's advocacy of a particular action or plan is their act of recommending it publicly. [FORMAL] □ [+ of] I support your advocacy of free trade. N-UNCOUNT [usu n n] An advocacy group or organization is one that tries to influence the decisions of a government or other authority. [AM]

Word Link **voc** = speaking: advocate, vocabulary, vocal

advocate * /ədʒvəkeɪt/ (advocates, advocating, advocated)

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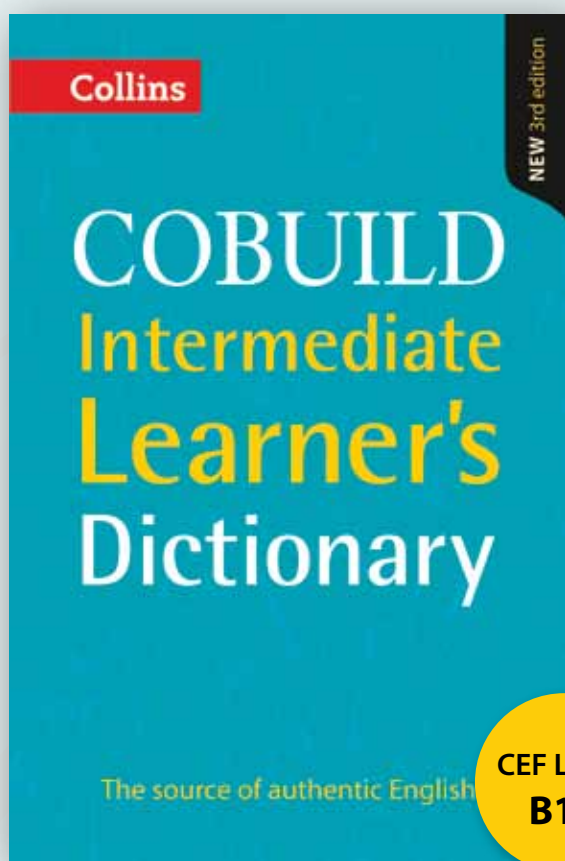
VERB If you advocate a particular action or plan, you recommend it publicly. □ Mr Williams is a conservative who advocates

Information on how to pronounce words correctly.

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strong

- 1. ADJ** Someone who is strong has powerful muscles.
- 2. ADJ** Confident in getting what you want and not letting other people stop you.
- 3. ADJ** Strong objects or materials do not break easily.
- 16. ADJ** A strong drink, chemical, or drug contains a lot of the substance that makes it work.
- athletic** He comes from an athletic family—they're all runners.
- broad** He has very broad shoulders.
- firm** Al has a very firm handshake.
- muscular** Jordan was tall and muscular and a great athlete.
- powerful** She noticed the powerful muscles in his legs as he ran.
- bold** You have to be bold and ask your boss for more money.
- determined** He is determined to win gold at the Olympics.
- firm** She was firm with him. 'I don't want to see you again.'
- tough** You have to be tough in business to get what you want.
- effective** These new drugs are very effective against this disease.
- powerful** This is a very powerful substance and it should be used in small quantities.
- solid** The walls are made of solid concrete blocks.
- tough** The meat was tough and I couldn't cut it.
- endurable** Metal is a very durable material and it won't bend easily.



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Word Web **fantasy**

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is a game in which people choose real footballers to form an imaginary team, and win points based on the actual performances of the players.

FAQ /fæk/ (FAQs) **FAQ** is used especially on websites to refer to questions about a particular topic. **FAQ** is an abbreviation for 'frequently asked questions'.

far /fɑː/ (farther or further, farthest or furthest)

Far has two comparatives, **farther** and **further**, and two superlatives, **farthest** and **furthest**. **Farther** and **farthest** are used mainly in meaning 1, and are dealt with here. **Further** and **furthest** are dealt with in separate entries.

1 **ADV** If one place, thing, or person is **far** away from another, there is a great distance between them. **1** **There's a nice little Italian restaurant not far from here.** **1** **My sisters moved even farther away from home.** **1** **...the far end of the room.** **2** **ADV** You use **far** in questions and statements about distances. **2** **How far is it to Malcy?** **2** **How far can you throw?** **2** **She followed the tracks as far as the road.** **3** **ADV** BEFORE **N** You use **far** to refer to the part of an area or object that is the greatest distance from the centre in a particular direction. **3** **...at the far left of the blackboard.** **4** **ADV** A time or event that is **far** away in the future or the past is a long time from the present. **4** **I asked him how far back in his life he could remember.** **4** **I can't see any farther than the next six months.** **4** **The first day of term seemed so far away.**

5 **ADV** You use **far** to indicate the extent to which something happens. **5** **How far did the film tell the truth about Queen Victoria?** **6** **ADV** You can use **far** when talking about the progress that someone or something makes. **6** **Discussions never progressed very far.** **7** **ADV** You can use **far** when talking about the degree to which someone's behaviour or actions are extreme. **7** **This time he's gone too far.**

8 **ADV** You can use **far** to mean 'very much' when you are comparing two things and emphasizing the difference between them. **8** **Women who eat plenty of fresh vegetables are far less likely to be stressed.** **9** **PHRASE** You can use **by far** or **far and away** in comparisons to emphasize that something is better or greater than anything else. **9** **By far the most important issue for them is unemployment.** **9** **Rangers are far and away the best team.** **10** **PHRASE** If you say that something is **far from** a particular thing or **far from** the truth you are emphasizing that it is not that particular thing or not at all true. **10** **She thought I disliked her, which was far from the truth.** **11** **PHRASE** If an answer

or idea is **not far wrong**, **not far out**, or **not far off**, it is almost correct. **11** **I wasn't far wrong.** **12** **PHRASE** **So far** means up until the present point in time or in a situation. **12** **So far, they have not been successful.** **13** **PHRASE** If people come **from far and wide**, they come from a large number of places, some of them far away. If things spread **far and wide**, they spread over a very large area or distance. **14** **as far as I am concerned** → see **concern** **15** **a far cry from** → see **cry**

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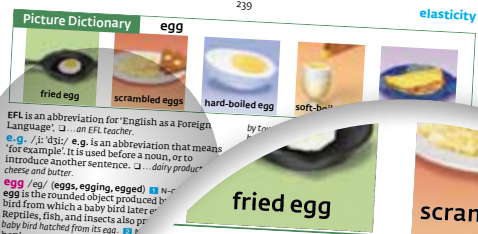
Far is used in negative sentences and questions about distance, but not usually in affirmative sentences. If you want to state the distance of a particular place from where you are, you can say that it is that distance **away**. **1** **Durban is over 300 kilometres away.** If a place is very distant, you can say that it is a **long way away**, or that it is a **long way** from another place. **2** **It is a long way from London.** **3** **Anna was still a long way away.**

faraway /fɑːrəweɪ/ **1** **ADJ** BEFORE **N** **Faraway** means a long distance from you or from a particular place. **1** **...photographs of a faraway country.** **2** **ADJ** BEFORE **N** If you describe someone or their thoughts as **faraway**, you mean that they are thinking about something that is very different from the situation around them. **2** **She had a faraway look in her eyes.**

farce /fɑːs/ (farces) **1** **N-COUNT** A **farce** is a humorous play in which the characters become involved in unlikely and complicated situations. **2** **N-COUNT** If you describe a situation or event as a **farce**, you mean that it is so disorganized or ridiculous that you cannot take it seriously. **2** **Cycling is a complete farce because of the number of cars on our roads.** **3** **farfical** **ADJ** **1** **The whole idea is farfical.**

fare /feə/ (fares, faring, fared) **1** **N-COUNT** The **fare** is the money that you pay for a journey by bus, taxi, train, boat, or aeroplane. **1** **He couldn't afford the train fare.** **2** **V-I** If you say that someone or something **fares** well or badly, you are referring to the degree of success they achieve in a particular situation. **2** **The honey industry fared well.**

e.g.



fried egg

scrambled eggs

EFL is an abbreviation for 'English as a Foreign Language'. **1** **...an EFL teacher.**

e.g. /iː'dʒiː/ **e.g.** is an abbreviation that means 'for example'. It is used before a noun, or to introduce another sentence. **1** **...dairy products, e.g. cheese and butter.**

egg /eg/ (eggs, egging, egged) **1** **N-COUNT** An **egg** is the rounded object produced by a female bird from which a baby bird later emerges. **1** **Reptiles, fish, and insects also produce eggs.** **2** **A baby bird hatched from its egg.** **3** **N-VAR** An **egg** is a hen's egg considered as food. **3** **Break the eggs into a large bowl.** **4** **...bacon and egg.** **5** **N-COUNT** An **egg** is a cell in a female person or animal which can develop into a baby.

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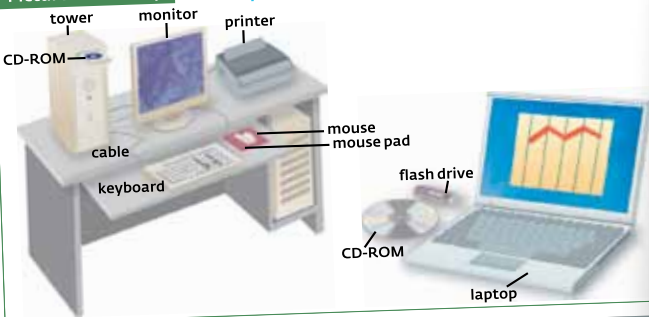
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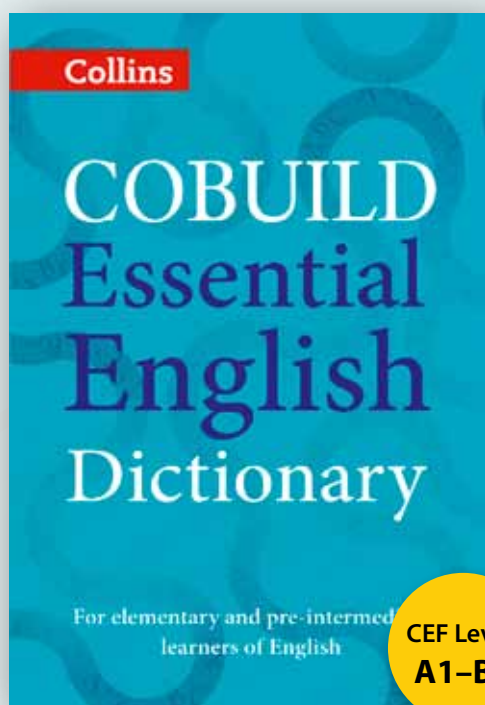
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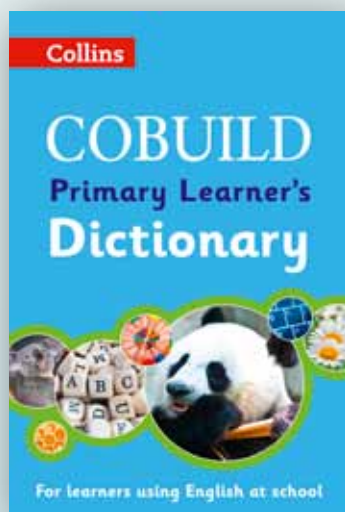
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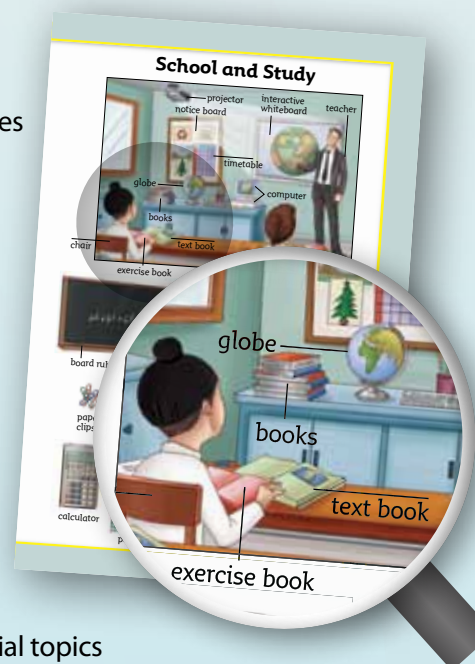


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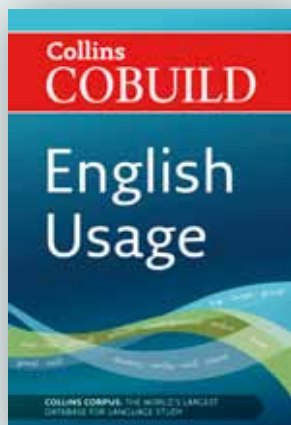
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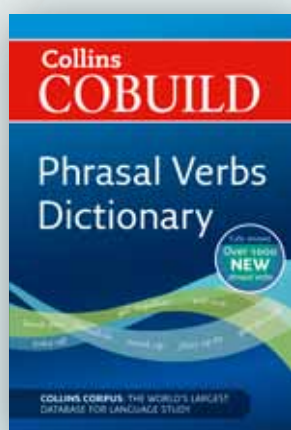
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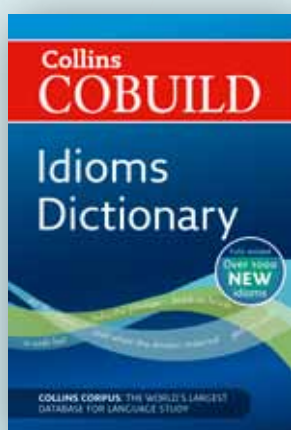


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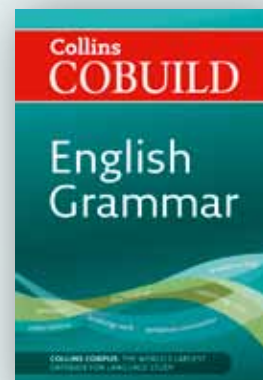
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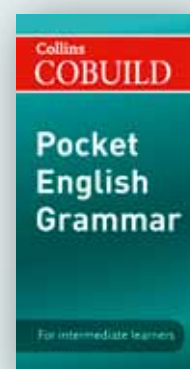
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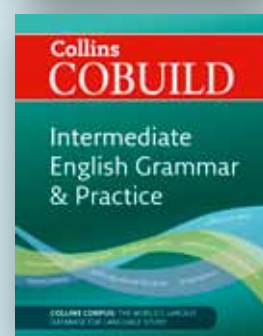
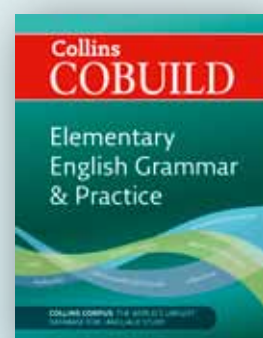
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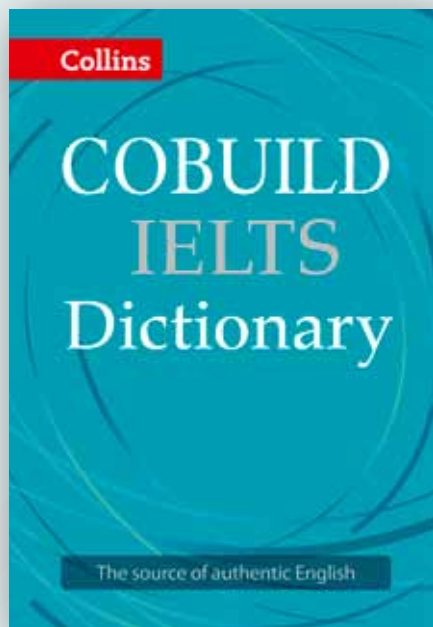
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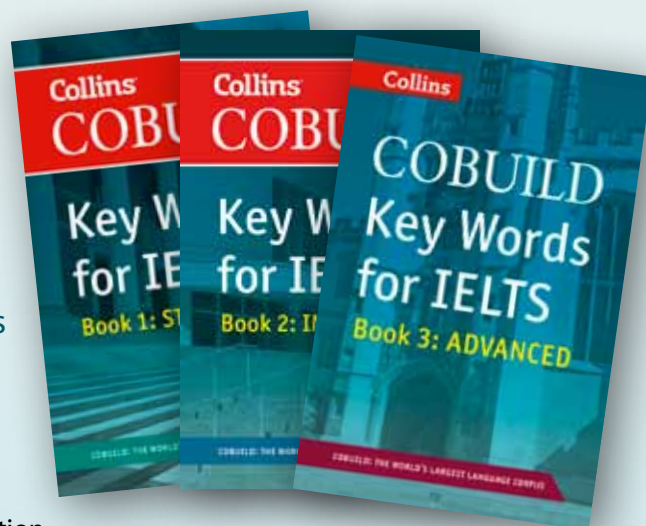
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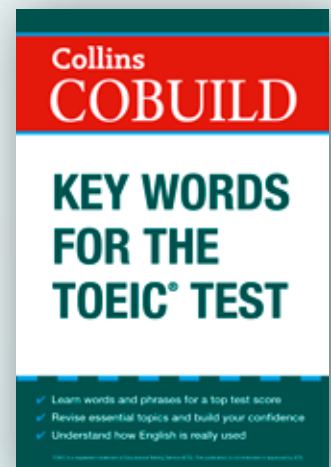


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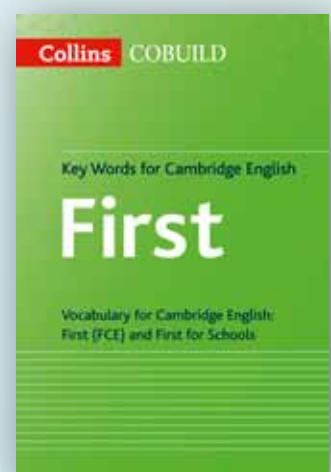
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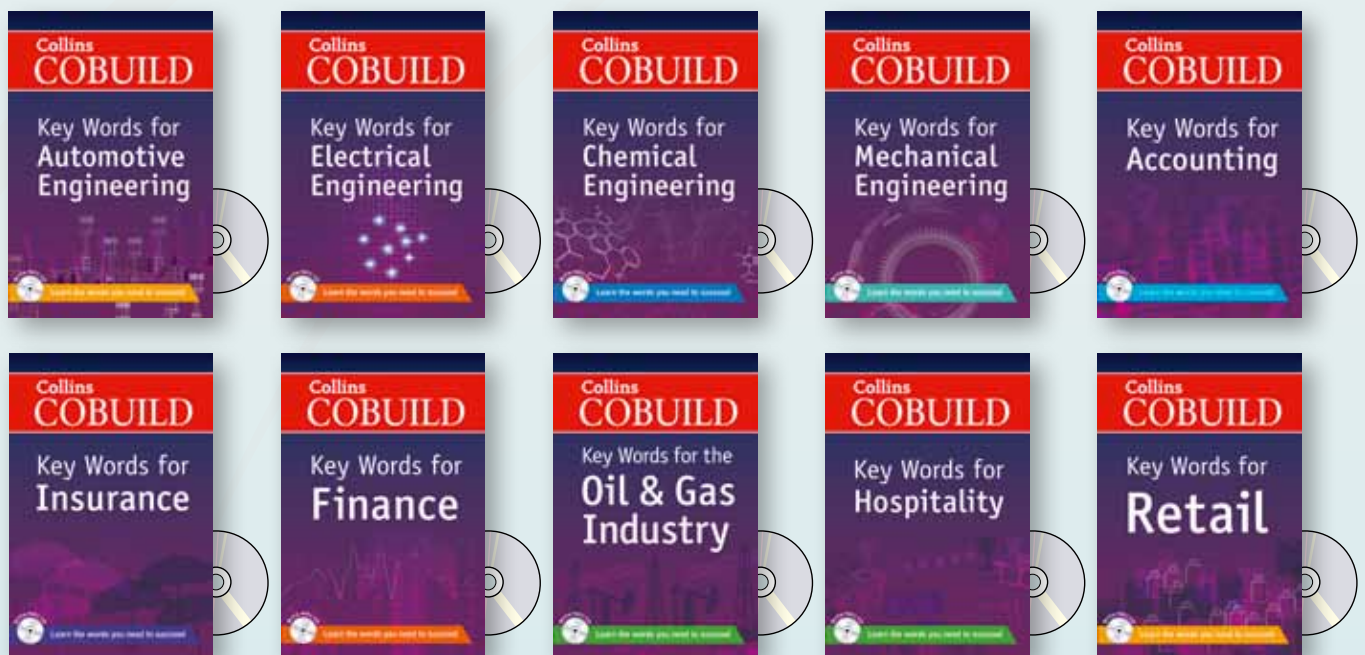


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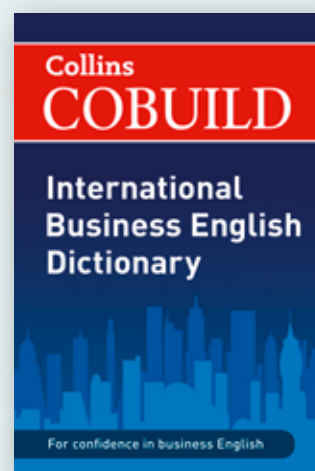
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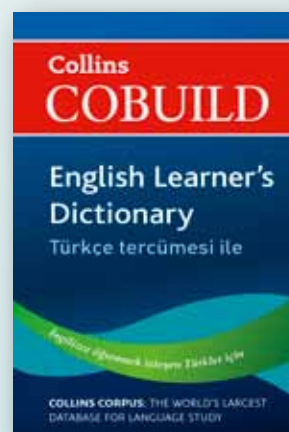
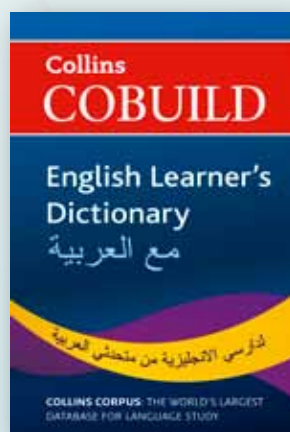
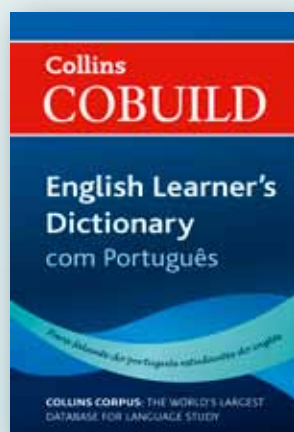
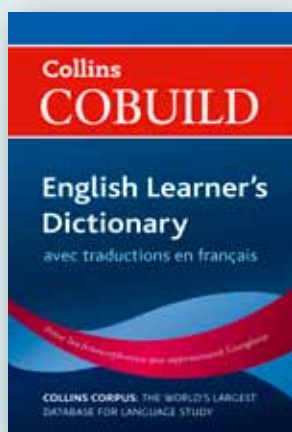
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