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500 Words You Should Know

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Keynote

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Description

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Ever wanted to **ameliorate** your **atavistic** lexicon, engage in a little intellectual **badinage** or been **discombobulated** by tricky diction? *500 Words You Should Know* has you covered. This book will inspire the reader to use uncommon words in their correct context, utilize the English language to its full potential, and test themselves on the words they think they already know.

This is a book for the appreciator of correct usage, and contains words you thought you knew (**decimate, caveat, nemesis**), words you should know (**euphemism, diatribe, tautology**), and just a few that you might want to know (**peripatetic, shibboleth, callipygian**).

Arranged thematically, each word is dissected, with a brief explanation of etymology, historical and modern usage, allowing you to fully understand and effectively employ the word in its proper context.

For those interested in everything this **eclectic** language has to offer, who wish to celebrate its majesty and depth, this **veracious cornucopia** of knowledge will have you **confabulating** with the literary **cognoscenti** in no time.

Sales Points

- An essential cornucopia of 500 of the best, trickiest and oft-misused words in the English language
- Perfect for those lovers of the lexicon who strive to use uncommon words in their correct context
- A clear and accessible book that makes a perfect stocking filler for anyone wishing to vary their vocabulary at work and at home
- From the best-selling author of *I Used to Know That* and *My Grammar and I* (over 325,000 copies sold)

Reviews

- 'This "essential cornucopia" aims to inspire you to use uncommon words in their original context, in order to utilize the English language to its full potential, and to test yourself on words you think you already know' - *Bookseller*
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- 'A magical box of linguistic tricks' - *Lancashire Evening Post*
- 'An entertaining and practical aid to inimitable verbal prowess' - *Good Book Guide*

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Caroline Taggart worked in publishing as an editor of popular non-fiction for thirty years before being asked by Michael O'Mara Books to write *I Used to Know That*, which became a *Sunday Times* bestseller. Following that she was co-author of *My Grammar and I (or should that be 'Me'?)*, and wrote a number of other books about words and English usage. She has appeared frequently on television and on national and regional radio, talking about language, grammar and whether or not Druids Cross should have an apostrophe.

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