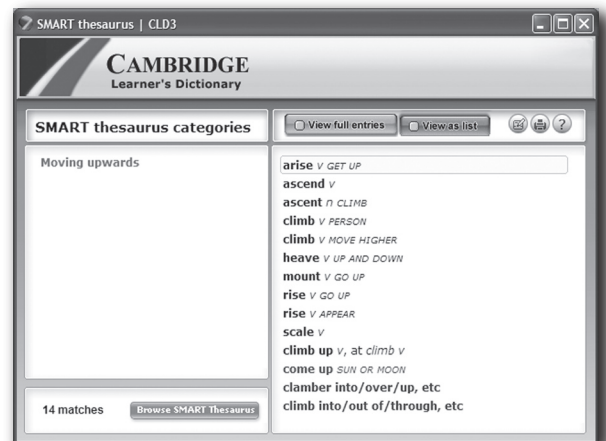


# Vocabulary building using the SMART thesaurus

Every entry in the *Cambridge Learner's Dictionary* CD-ROM contains a **SMART thesaurus** button which is a quick and easy way to find synonyms or similar words related to a particular word. Using the *SMART thesaurus* will help you build your vocabulary and find the right words to express yourself more accurately in English.

**A.** Go to the entry for *climb* in the main dictionary and click on the **SMART thesaurus** button at individual entries to find words which have the following meanings. The information in brackets after each meaning tells you which entry for *climb* to look at.

1. to climb something that is high or steep (**climb 1 – PERSON**)
2. to move up or to a higher position (**climb 1 – PERSON**)
3. to increase or improve something (**climb 3 – NUMBER**)
4. to increase in something such as size, weight or amount (**climb 3 – NUMBER**)
5. to make a sound louder using electronic equipment (**climb 3 – NUMBER**)
6. more and more (*adverb*) (**climb 3 – NUMBER**)



Now write a sentence using each of the words you have found.

**B.** Use the *SMART thesaurus* to choose the correct word in the sentences below. The *SMART thesaurus* entry for the word in brackets at the end of the sentence will help you.

1. The crowd was **overburdened / buzzing / busily** with excitement before the football cup final began. (**busy 1 – PERSON**)
2. The runners warmed up on the **racetrack / relay / lap** to prepare for the race. (**run 1 – MOVE FAST**)
3. It was an **exult / appreciate / honour** to meet my favourite author who is an immensely intelligent and likeable person. (**enjoy 2 - LIKE enjoy yourself**)
4. We were shocked and upset when our house was broken into whilst we were on holiday. We found it a very **spooky / hair-raising / traumatic** situation. (**scary**)
5. I couldn't believe that anyone would make such a silly and thoughtless remark. It really was **effortless / facile / painless**. (**easy 1 - NOT DIFFICULT**)
6. A **glittering / buoyant / healthy** party followed the opening night of the new action movie film. (**triumphant**)
7. The doctor will need to look at your **cross-section / case history / role model** before you have a consultation. (**case 1 - SITUATION**)
8. I'm so sorry I'm late; the alarm clock didn't go off and I **snoozed / overslept / slumbered**. (**sleep 1**)
9. Jerry was sad to see his son go back to university. It was a **tearful / watery / sobbing** goodbye. (**weep**)
10. The door was **undone / airtight / ajar** and we were able to peep through and watch television even though we were supposed to be in bed! (**closed 2 - NOT OPEN**)

