


# Using the SMART thesaurus to explore topics

Every entry in the *Cambridge Learner's Dictionary* has a **SMART thesaurus** button which gives a quick and easy way to find groups of words related to a particular topic. Using the *SMART thesaurus* is a great way to find topic-related vocabulary to help you prepare for a written or spoken activity

**A.** Find the entry for *travel* (1 - MAKE A JOURNEY) and click on the *SMART thesaurus* button . Now click on *Browse SMART thesaurus* at the bottom left-hand side of the screen to help you fill in the gaps in the sentences below.

1. In the 'Traffic jams' category, the adjective \_\_\_\_\_ describes when a road is full or blocked with traffic.
2. In the category 'Accidents involving vehicles', the verb \_\_\_\_\_ describes when a train comes off the rails or track.
3. In the 'Driving and operating road vehicles' category, the verb \_\_\_\_\_ describes the action of signalling a left or right turn.
4. A small building next to a house that you can put a car in is called a \_\_\_\_\_. (This is in the 'Parking' category).
5. If a car or machine is examined for repairs, this is called a \_\_\_\_\_. (This is in the 'Petrol stations, garages and repair shops' category).

Work with a partner. Write a short story or description of a travel situation using the words you found in exercise **A**.

**B.** Find the entry for *education* in the main dictionary, and click on the *SMART thesaurus* button. Now click on *Browse SMART thesaurus* and find eight new words for each of the categories below. Write them in the appropriate box.

Teachers	University and college education	Knowing and learning	Subjects and disciplines

Choose one of the categories and write a short description of this area of education using the new words you have found.

