

**William's Words in Science**  
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Although this book was not devised with SEN pupils in mind, it has a great deal to offer those who require additional practice in order to establish the meaning of subject specific words.

Written by a science teacher, it is evident that careful thought has gone into making this publication as useful as possible e.g. devices such as the addition of mnemonics to assist with recall.

Although described as a dictionary, the book is in many ways more like an encyclopedia with clear definitions provided in a format that is both descriptive and informative. Words are listed alphabetically, with each new letter beginning denoted by a change of colour in the top left hand corner of the page, which makes it easier to locate words.

In addition to around 350 pages of science words definitions, selected to be suitable for all pupils at KS3 and above, the book also contains at the front,

18 red edged pages of useful information such as chemical formulae, homophones, etc. At the back, in blue edged pages, is a micropedia, which provides a brief overview of fifty of the most important science concepts.

The book is attractive and robust. Columns are well spaced and important/additional information is clearly defined. Illustrations are limited but are in full colour and provide good visual support to accompanying text.

In addition, the author provides on his website, a range of word games matched to Science Units in Y7/8/9, plus the diagrams from the book to freely download in order to increase pupil familiarity with science words.

In conclusion? An excellent publication that would be of value in all KS3 Science classes and would provide support to all pupils. Pupils would pick up this book just to browse through as well as using it to support their learning.

Prices vary according to quantity but for a single copy in a tough plastic protective cover the cost is £14 +p+p. More than 6 and the cost reduces to £12.



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