



Vocabulary/Lexis

IELTS 7.5

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Acquire

Capacity

Focus

Method

Process

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Research

Retain

Review:

Noun:

Verb:

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Verb: describes an action, state, or occurrence. (it's what you do.)

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3. Have a _____

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Dictionary: Merriam-Webster online

Knowledge (n) : the information, skills, and understanding that you have gained through learning or experience.

Collocations: (verbs) to acquire, retain, gain knowledge (adjectives) background, first-hand, in-depth , specialist knowledge

Similar words: understanding, information

Opposite words: ignorance

Example: *My university degree gave me an in-depth knowledge of statistics.*

Resources:

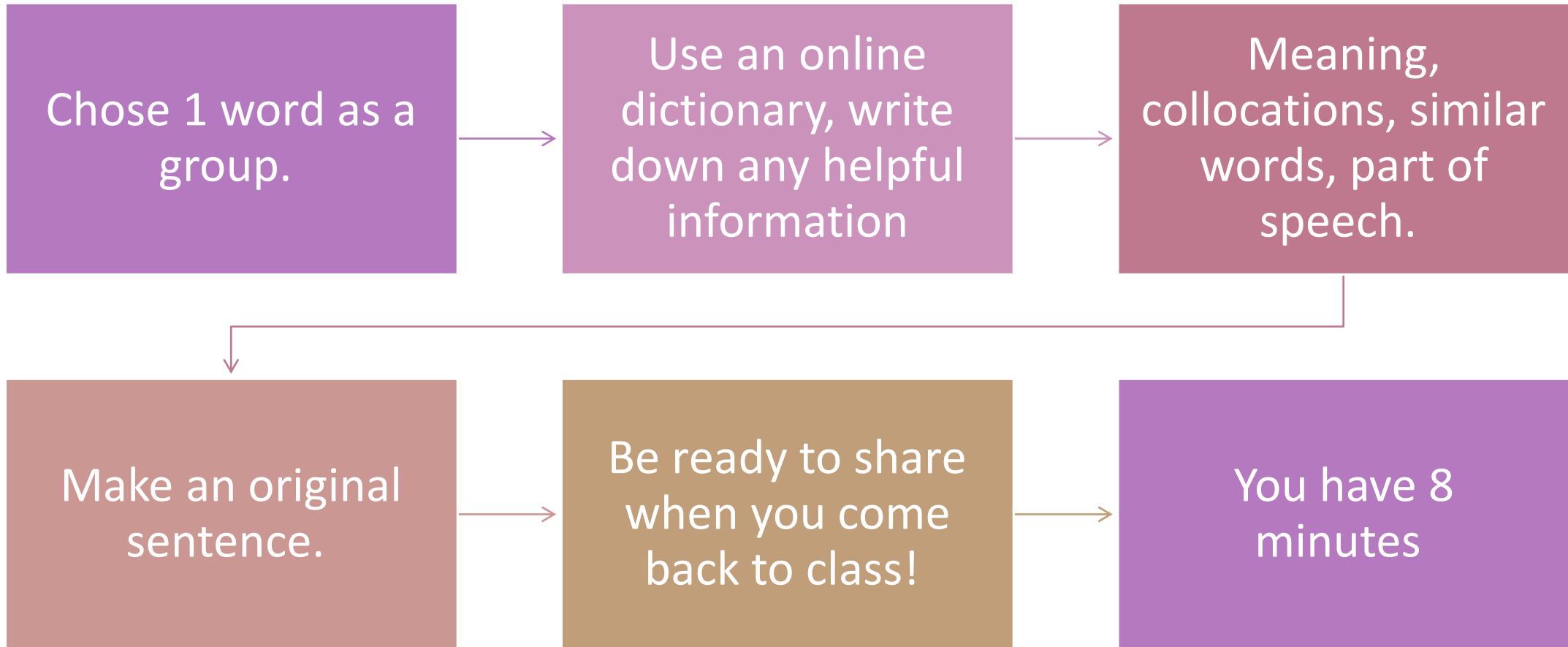
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Group work:



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Homework:

Scan the article "The growing popularity of apps."

Find **3 new lexis** (vocab.)

Using a dictionary:

- Define them
- Find collocations
- Find Synonyms
- Parts of speech
- Write an original sentence for each word

Good luck!