

## Using the 'friends' of a noun

When you come across any noun, e.g. *economy*, explore the words that typically occur with it and try to use these words in your writing and speaking, so you can build the range of your vocabulary.

### ► Activity 1

For each of the following two lists, find three more adjectives that typically occur with the noun *economy*.

1. strong                      stable                      buoyant  
booming                      robust                      vibrant

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2. weak                      ailing                      faltering  
sagging                      sluggish

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### ► Activity 2

Find the adjective which you can use to describe each of the following types of *economy*:

1. an economy which is centred around knowledge  
a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ economy
2. an economy which is in the countryside  
a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ economy
3. an economy which is related to business and buying and selling  
a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ economy
4. an economy which has developed beyond being industrial  
a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ economy

5. an economy which is based on the latest technology  
a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ economy
6. an economy which is very sophisticated  
a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ economy
7. an economy which covers the whole world  
a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ economy
8. an economy which does not use a lot of carbon  
a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ economy

### ► Activity 3

Suggest a title for the paragraph below, then complete the text with suitable words that typically occur with the noun *economy* (there may be more than one word possible in each case).

Economic development depends on many factors, but the main one in my opinion is education. For example, a <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ economy needs educated workers whose expertise in using the technology will help <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an economy. If there is a lack of skilled workers, it can lead to a <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the economy and eventually <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the economy.

### ► Activity 4

Formulate questions using the words below. Practise answering them with a partner.

1. economic development / social development.
2. global economy / movement of people around world.
3. knowledge-based economy / benefit.
4. boost / rural economies.