

# Tool Decision Maker

I am not 100% certain about the **meaning of a word**.

I have two **similar words**: What's the difference?  
 Example: *affluent vs wealthy*?

I don't know how to **pronounce a word**. *Signature. Concrete. Psychology?*

## Oxford Dictionary

... or another monolingual dictionary. Read all entries for a word. Check register, frequency etc.  
[thelanguagepig.com/einsprachige-woerterbuecher](http://thelanguagepig.com/einsprachige-woerterbuecher)

I need the **English equivalent for a German expression**.  
 Example: What do with *irgendwann in der Zukunft*?

I struggle with a **phrase or sentence in English**.  
 Example: "We don't have much money, so we'll have to make do with what we have."

I want to see **different ways of phrasing an English sentence**.  
 Example: "Access to health care is not good." (=> There is poor access to health care).

## DeepL/DeepL Write

Always use a full sentence. Click on some of the words and see which alternatives DeepL offers you. ALWAYS choose language that you can control.  
[thelanguagepig.com/uebersetzungs-tools](http://thelanguagepig.com/uebersetzungs-tools)

I want to see how a range of speakers **say a word in context**.

## YouGlish

Find more tips here:  
[thelanguagepig.com/youglish-fuer-englisch](http://thelanguagepig.com/youglish-fuer-englisch)

I have a word or expression, but I'm unsure about its **typical use or level of formality**. Example: Is *ramping up* too informal for a work email?

I have a word but I don't know **which words it is usually combined with**.  
 Example: What verb typically goes with *week*?

I have a word, but I need to see it in a **real context**.  
 Example: How is *banter* actually used in conversation?

## Skell

Understand the type of word you need (verb, noun, adjective, adverb).  
 Check word sketch and example tabs.  
[thelanguagepig.com/tooltip-skell](http://thelanguagepig.com/tooltip-skell)

I have **two variations of an expression** and I don't know which one to use.  
 Example: *bored of or bored with*?

I have a noun, and I would like to know which adjectives are often used to describe it. Example: *a ? problem*

I have a **rough idea of a phrase**, but I am not sure about one part of it.  
 Neck on/and neck? *From + scratch*?

## Netspeak

Remember that Netspeak only analyses groups of up to 5 words.  
[thelanguagepig.com/was-ist-netspeak](http://thelanguagepig.com/was-ist-netspeak)

My expression might be a bit too **subject-specific**, or I am not sure if I grasp its full complexity or **cultural significance**.

## Google/ Google Scholar

Phrase it as a question.  
 Example: "What is 'banter'?"

I would like to see how a concept or idea is discussed in written English, ideally in **academic texts**.

## "Und wie setze ich diese Tools in der Praxis ein?"

Mein Podcast-Abonnement "Ready but Stuck" liefert dir jede Woche Englisch-Input und Gelegenheiten, um deine "Tool-Kompetenzen" zu trainieren: <https://thelanguagepig.com/ready-but-stuck/>



Hier gibts eine Schnupperfolge!

## Perplexity/Consensus/Elicit

These tools are obviously not made for language learners, but they allow you to find texts that are giving you examples of language directly from your academic or professional field.

