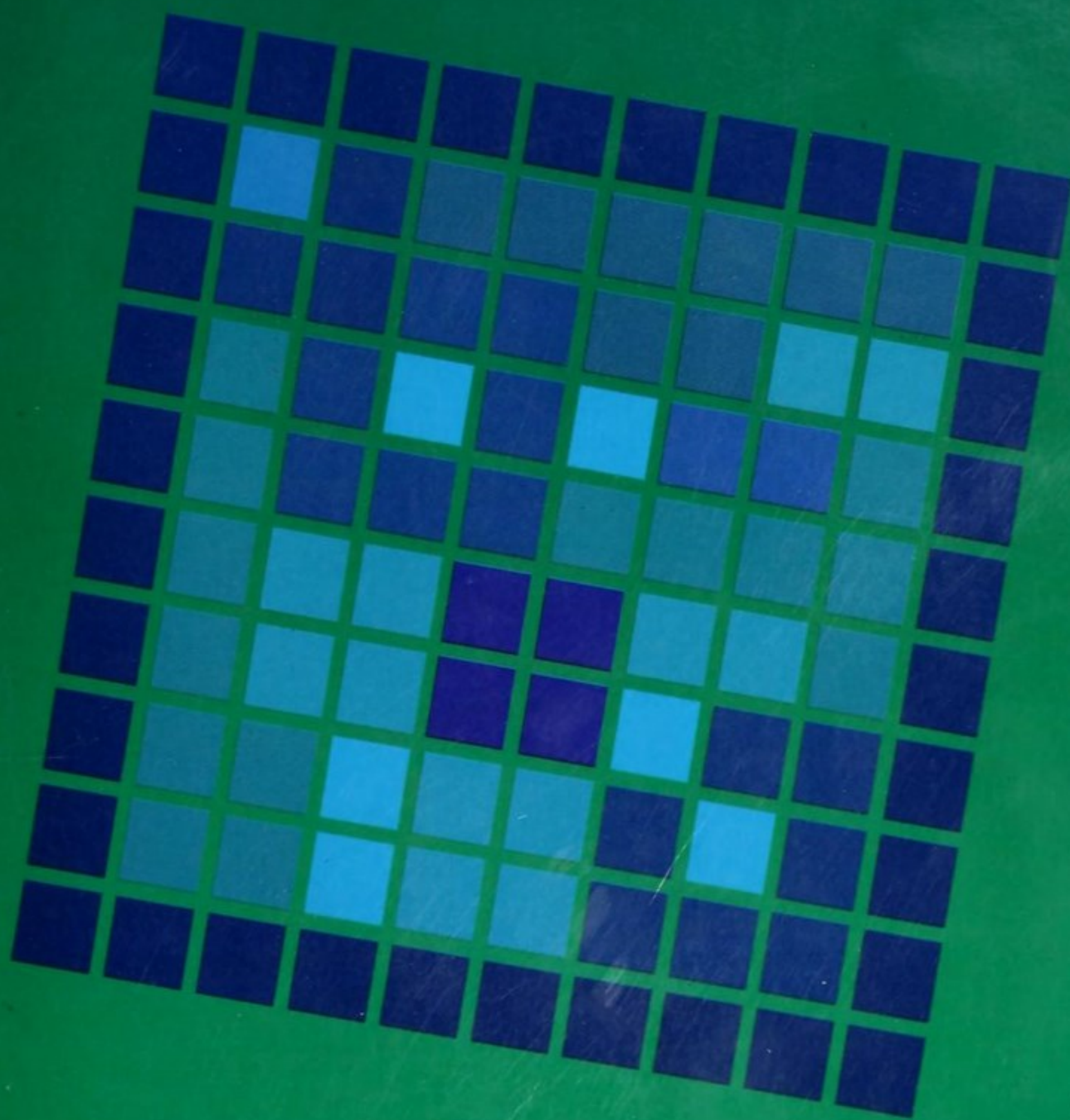


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# The Importance of Vocabulary to You

### *Vocabulary and thinking*

Words stand for ideas. Words are the tools of thought. If your word power is limited, your ability to think will also be limited, since you can neither receive ideas nor communicate with others except within the confines of an inadequate vocabulary. But if you broaden your vocabulary, you will find it easier to do the thinking that success in life often demands.

### *Vocabulary and college admission*

College admissions officers will be interested in the extent of your vocabulary, for a good vocabulary will suggest that you are likely to do well in college. It will suggest, too, that you have done wide reading, since reading is the principal way of developing a good vocabulary. In the college-entrance and scholarship tests you are likely to take, you will find vocabulary a major ingredient.

### *Vocabulary growth through reading*

People who read widely gradually build up extensive vocabularies, especially if they have a curiosity about words. This curiosity, motivating them to regard an unfamiliar word as a breakdown in communication between author and reader, sends them thumbing through the dictionary. As you, too, develop such word curiosity, you will be assuring yourself a lifetime of vocabulary growth.