

VOCABULARY IS ESSENTIAL FOR LEARNING FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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ABSTRACT

Vocabulary plays an important role in learning any language. It is very difficult to learn another language without learning the words, without knowing their meaning. This article provides information on the importance of vocabulary in learning a foreign language. It is also about issues of teaching vocabulary. Some useful methods can help our teachers teach vocabulary.

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In this article, I will discuss some of the difficulties that teachers face when teaching vocabulary. I will also talk about some of the strategies that students can use to improve their vocabulary. All languages come from words, and each of us has learned our first language using words. Vocabulary is the foundation of communication, and it is still growing.

According to Penny Ur, vocabulary can be defined as the set of words used in foreign languages. But, it can also encompass more than just a single word. For instance, an item of vocabulary such as the post office or the mother-in-law might have several words but only express a single idea. Instead of talking about words, teachers should talk about other vocabulary items.

Additionally, the majority of English teachers in schools, colleges, lyceums, and institutes continue to use conventional methods of teaching vocabulary, such as providing a list of English words along with their equivalents in the students’ native

tongues, having them recite new words, having them write sentences using the target vocabulary, explaining the meaning of the vocabulary in the students' native tongues, repeating vocabulary, and assigning lots of vocabulary exercises. These strategies for learning and instructing English vocabulary can be classified as either global learning or explicit learning levels. These techniques isolate the word to be taught from context and are only focused on teaching it.

We can state from personal experience that each student's academic success depends on their vocabulary abilities. Student success in and out of the classroom depends on their ability to comprehend reading comprehension and English language development.

As children learn new words, effective vocabulary tactics assist us in educating them.

Student growth might be hindered by developmental delays, reading issues, and infrequent exposure to new words. However, the majority of educators concur that teaching vocabulary to pupils passively isn't the most effective strategy.

There are several techniques you can apply in the classroom right now as effective teaching practices, including:

- To aid in learning, expose kids to the same term again.
- After providing pupils with the word's definition, ask them to use it in a sentence.
- Use visual aids to help you define new words.
- Teaching children self-reliance and error correction skills — it's okay to make mistakes!
- Use digital tools that are appropriate for teaching vocabulary in the classroom while integrating technology.
- Let students exercise frequently.
- The extensive list of specific teaching techniques that will assist us in teaching vocabulary to our pupils.

From the viewpoint of the student, the teacher should modify lesson plans to take into account pupils' difficulties as they pick up new vocabulary. Show them how to sound out a term they have never heard of and then use it in one or two sentences. The sentences will convey its significance to them. Our students develop an amazing vocabulary with the use of straightforward and efficient vocabulary exercises.

Using a word wall might help kids concentrate on learning new words. Making word walls is simple! Simply create a list of terms in huge letters by handwriting it or typing it, then post it where children can see it every day, such as on a wall or bulletin board. In order for your pupils to gain a deeper understanding of unfamiliar words and their meanings, we must add new words consistently throughout the year. We should invite the children to help us expand the wall and give each term a picture, a synonym, and an antonym. Including synonyms can assist clarify concepts for readers who are having problems understanding the meaning of particular words. A fun technique to improve your pupils' vocabulary is by using word walls.

Create vocabulary notebooks to help students improve their understanding of English and their ability to express themselves in it. Distribute notebooks so that people can record new words and their definitions. Students can be encouraged to consider listing synonyms and antonyms next to each new word. We might ask our children to draw images or develop charts to highlight how they used a word in a few sentences to add some excitement to their vocabulary notebooks. It enables them to repeatedly use that word and reinforce its definition. These vocabulary wordbooks serve as a reminder of the pupils' progress. They'll be able to see how far they've come over the course of the year.

Use semantic mapping to connect word meanings - Semantic mapping is a type of graphic organizer that shows a relationship between specific words and phrases. One student should draw a keyword on the chalkboard. Next, encourage students to contribute to the map by writing words related to the keyword. A student or teacher, for example, could write the keyword "farm" on the chalkboard. Your students would

write words like cow, barn, horse, hay, and farmer in turn. Semantic maps aid in the development of students' vocabulary and reading comprehension. Each week, teachers can add more difficult words. Students will gain confidence in their reading and writing abilities as they expand their vocabulary.

Make word cards - Making word cards allows students to improve their ability to learn new words and highlight their meanings. You can get students to make word cards in a variety of ways. Students can write single keywords on separate blank cards in this example. They'll figure out whether the word is a noun, pronoun, adjective, or verb. Make certain that the definition is written beneath each word. Instruct them to use those words in a few sentences or to use the word as a prompt for quick writing. Consider forming small groups of two to four students. They can help each other improve their vocabulary by introducing keywords and asking each other to use those words in a sentence. Weekly word cards support English language development and enhance reading comprehension.

Encourage reading comprehension - Reading comprehension is critical to every student's academic success. A variety of teaching methods, combined with consistent reading assignments, should aid in the development of comprehension and vocabulary.

Make use of visuals and situations. - We can use meaningful visuals in our classroom whenever possible. Through memory techniques, flashcard tools such as Vocabulary Cartoons assist students in connecting words to fun cartoons. This program works well from elementary school to high school.

Finally, word-teaching strategies enable students to become acquainted with words and phrases. Instead of having only a hazy understanding, they will learn the meaning of the word as well as any related words. Quality reading materials and practical teaching methods can help students develop word consciousness. It also aids in the development of students' language skills. With these enjoyable activities, vocabulary is more than just another spelling test; it is a vital component of our curriculum that supports everything else we teach.

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