

HOW TO LEARN NEW WORDS IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE EFFECTIVELY

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Abstract: Learning vocabulary is a fundamental step in language-learning process. It is impossible to learn a language sufficiently to work, study or just to communicate without knowing thousands of words in that language. So far researchers have studied and have recommended different methods to remember new words more easily and efficiently. Here some basic techniques of building word power in a language are given for language learners by reading, listening, writing, using and with the help of language apps, dictionaries and flashcards. And also which way is the most suitable for which learner, according to their tendency.

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INTRODUCTION


Language learning is a very interesting journey. It mainly includes acquiring grammar accuracy and a lexicon. Building vocabulary, however, is a crucial step in a language-learning process. Because without having strong vocabulary foundation, no matter how a grammar range is good, one cannot go far: vocabulary helps with understanding and thinking quickly, expressing ideas openly both in writing and speaking and etc. Learning new words and remembering them require some patience, effort. There are numerous strategies on vocabulary learning explored by researchers and applied by many people all over the world.

4 main methods of learning vocabulary successfully

In today's world countless ways of learning vocabulary more easily and efficiently are suggested by experts and researchers. But it involves regularity and clarity. Here there are given 4 basic methods of learning vocabulary easy, fast and successfully:

1. Reading. In the process of language acquisition it is crucial to read as much as possible in order to gain more lexical resources. For instance, books, articles on the topics which a learner is interested in. In this process when they come across a strange word they guess the meaning of that word based on the context. Here they should find an exact definition of this word looking up to a dictionary and note them down not to confuse.





2. Using dictionary books. It is suggested by many that real glossary books much more useful than online apps. Despite their instant result, it is confirmed that when a person search the translation of the word online he/she is prone to forget more easily rather than looking it up on dictionary books. Because when they look at a paper they see the words which come before and after and also they pay attention to some little elements, like page number, design and etc.

3. Building own dictionary. It is very useful idea to write down the new words the one discovers. It is proved that writing words that we have learned will give us confidence to use them and learn more. Another plus point is it is easy to take a look at our notes whenever we fail to recall that word and read them again and again.

4. Environment. Using the language that we are learning in everyday speech is as essential as learning it. No matter how much the one read or listen or write new words they can forget a time passes. That's why language learners have to create an atmosphere for themselves in which they can show their speaking skill, use their words freely and can have a partner to talk to.

Learning vocabulary in accordance with learning styles

Different experts have already studied which ways can be the most effective for learners according to several factors. One of them is based on their learning styles. For example, there are 4 basic types of learning: visual, auditory, reading or writing and kinesthetic. [4] Learners are told to use materials according to their dominant side of learning. For instance, visual learners remember unfamiliar words when they see them with their pictures and flash cards are very effective for them, while auditory learner can memorize vocabulary when they hear more. That's why they should use audio materials, listen to podcasts and watch movies, cartoons, and videos. People who prefer reading or writing styles are recommended to read more and more, such as, articles, books and keep dictionary with them, writing the foreign words or phrases down regularly. Lastly, kinesthetic learners should immediately and continuously use their glossary in a conversation.

Conclusion. Vocabulary acquisition is an important step in language learning. Using several techniques that have been mentioned above is very useful for a language learner as they were recommended and proved by experts and used by many. Moreover, determining and considering the learning style we have make our work easier and more efficient.





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