

VOCABULARY

LEARNING & PRACTICING

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Introduction

- As children, our brains absorb the words around us. As adults, we must add **ATTENTION** and **PRACTICE**
- Need to decide **WHICH** words, **HOW** to study, how to **REMEMBER**



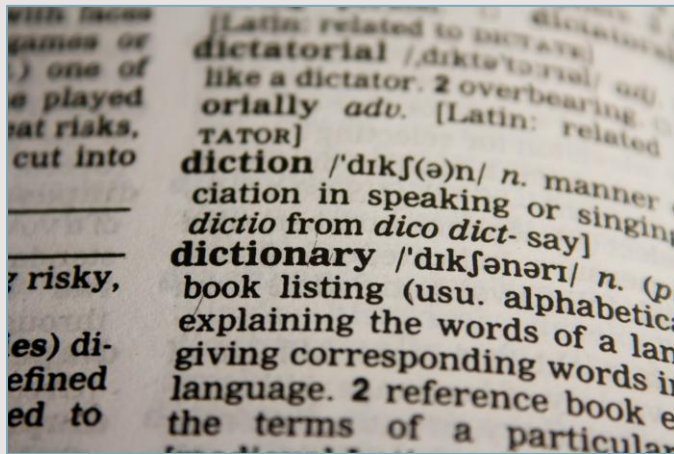
Think about Vocabulary

You meet a new word. What are your strategies for learning it?

What are some vocabulary challenges for you? (Remembering the meaning? Spelling? Pronunciation? How to use it?)



What You Know When You Know a Word



- **Meaning:** car / a four-wheeled road vehicle / 🚗 / automobile
- **Word form (noun, verb, adjective, adverb):** photo / photograph / photographic...
- **Spelling:** there / their / they're
- **Pronunciation:** Camosun=kə'mosən
- **How to use it / associated words:** snow is falling / snowman, snowball / snow,rain,sun /

Which Words Are Important?

- **High frequency (e.g., in textbook, slides, lectures)**
 - **Online frequency search (e.g. LexTutor.ca)**
- **Important textbook vocabulary**
 - **Glossary**
 - **Highlighted terms**
 - **Headings**
 - **Introductions**
- **Online vocabulary resources for your subject**
 - **See Resources at the end of this video**

Vocabulary Retention

REMEMBERING

- Pay attention - analyze
- 5+ times meeting a word to remember
- Multisensory (read it, hear it, write it)
- Associations (story, humour, themes, categories)
- Associations with other words (phrases)

Vocabulary Learning Tip

-Keep a vocabulary notebook
-Not much time? Start with the spelling, translation, synonyms, and an example sentence



Vocabulary Practice

- Listen / read **IN CONTEXT**
- Do something with the word (positive/negative, rank, categorize, connect with related ideas)
- Speak / write it in sentences
- Use free practice websites
 - See Resources at the end of the video

Free Vocabulary Resources

Academic Vocabulary Practice (with answers)

- [EAP Foundation Vocabulary](#)
- [EnglishVocabularyExercises.com](#)

Listening to Words in Context

- [Youghish](#) (examples from YouTube)

Wordlists & Word Frequencies

- [Academic Phrasebank](#) (Connecting Words)
- [Corpus of Contemporary American English](#) (COCA)
- [Lextutor.ca](#)

Make Your Own Lists & Practice

- [Vocabulary.com](#) (flashcards, spelling, pronunciation, dictionary)

Conclusion

- Learn new words that are high-frequency
- Remembering: pay attention, repetition, associations
- Practice: use words in context
- Use free websites to learn and practice



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