

## EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE VOCABULARY LEARNING

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**Abstract:** *This article examines several strategies to help young people learn vocabulary more effectively with an emphasis on both conventional and contemporary ways. Using interesting activities like word games, reading materials catered to the interests of youths and interactive media are some of the key tactics covered. Furthermore, the potential of technology to improve accessibility and enjoyment of learning is explored, encompassing mobile applications and online resources. In order to maintain vocabulary retention over the long term, the essay also stresses the significance of incorporating contextual learning and practical usage.*

**Key words:** *several strategies, vocabulary, interesting activities, reading materials, interactive media, accessibility, mobile applications, online resources, essay, contextual learning, practical usage.*

### INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the exploration of vocabulary learning strategies has gained significant attention, particularly in the context of enhancing language competence among youth. The study conducted by Thiendathong and Sukying (World English Journal et al., 2021) provides a comprehensive examination of the vocabulary learning strategies employed by Thai high school students across various academic programs, including science, language, and English. Through a robust methodology involving a 47-item questionnaire administered to 491 students, the researchers identified a clear hierarchy in the usage of vocabulary learning strategies. Notably, determination strategies emerged as the most frequently utilized, while memory strategies were notably less employed. This distinction highlights the varying approaches students take in their vocabulary acquisition processes. The findings of this study also underscore the influence of the learning context on the selection and effectiveness of vocabulary



learning strategies. This suggests that educators should consider the diverse academic backgrounds of students when designing vocabulary instruction. The research reinforces the notion that vocabulary knowledge is a critical component of English language learning. The implications of this study are significant, as they advocate for the development of effective vocabulary learning strategies tailored to improve students' language competence, thereby addressing a vital aspect of language education for youths.

#### The Importance of Vocabulary for Youths:

Actually, studies have shown that reading on one's own may be the most effective method for younger pupils to increase their vocabulary. Additionally, greater academic success in school and beyond has been associated with wider vocabularies. Vocabulary has a big impact on how young people express their ideas, feelings, and attitudes since it is the cornerstone of language. When they have a large vocabulary, they can write and communicate with greater assurance and clarity. A rich vocabulary is often linked to academic success, according to research. Strong vocabulary helps young people understand reading materials, understand complex concepts, and perform well in courses that require critical thinking and comprehension. Vocabulary development is essential for cognitive growth. Young kids who learn new words are better able to connect ideas and concepts, which can improve their memory and reasoning skills. This cognitive flexibility improves their problem-solving and adaptability. Possessing a vast vocabulary helps strengthen social relations. This confidence is crucial when they grow up and take on leadership roles. Strong language abilities and a broad vocabulary are essential for making an impression in a variety of fields, especially in this day of globalization.

#### Challenges Youths Face in Learning Vocabulary:

A lot of language instruction might be monotonous or uninspired. Young individuals may find it challenging to stay interested in and recall new terminology if there isn't any substance that they can relate to. Vocabulary development requires language exposure. However, many students have limited access to immersive situations or native speakers, which makes it challenging to practice and retain new vocabulary. Short-term memory is frequently the outcome of memorization of word lists without context. These words are quickly



forgotten if they are not put to use. Frequent practice is necessary for vocabulary acquisition, but lack of established study habits and hectic schedules make this impossible. Words can be used differently in different circumstances and have many meanings. Young individuals frequently have trouble grasping these subtleties, which makes it challenging for them to use the word appropriately in everyday situations. Many young people feel under pressure to learn vocabulary rapidly because of the emphasis on speedy results, which can cause dissatisfaction and burnout. Trial and error is frequently necessary when learning vocabulary. However, pupils' fear of making mistakes keeps them from actively utilizing new terms and restricts their ability to grow.

#### Effective Strategies to Improve Vocabulary Learning:

They should attempt using new words in phrases as they learn them. You'll be able to recall how to use them organically thanks to this. Young folks can select easy stories with a variety of terminology if they enjoy short stories. Words become more memorable when they are seen in context. They can make digital flashcards using apps like Anki or Quizlet and repeat them periodically to gradually strengthen their learning. Writing words down by hand can occasionally help them stick in your mind. This approach works well. For words that are hard to remember, they can conjure up memories or associations in the mind. For instance, they conjure a narrative or image that embodies a word's meaning. Creating a list of frequently used words and reviewing it frequently also pays off. Everyday words and the most helpful terms in daily conversation should receive extra attention. They are also able to use their new terminology when conversing with others. Actively employing words will help you maintain them, whether you're speaking in person or online. Young individuals need to practice speaking and writing in order to improve their memory.

#### Building vocabulary Through Hobbies and Interests:

Those who enjoy reading might acquire context-appropriate language by concentrating on genres such as detective fiction or even dramas with subtitles. This method makes it easier to recall and use new vocabulary by acquainting oneself with words and phrases that are naturally found in stories. Additionally, by connecting spoken words with images and feelings, watching foreign films or dramas with subtitles might aid with vocabulary growth. By listening to songs,



reading lyrics, and selecting unfamiliar or difficult words or phrases, music fans can increase the size of their vocabulary. Pop music, for instance, makes use of common language, making it perfect for informal vocabulary building. Young individuals can concentrate on terminology linked to colors, shapes, and moods if they like photographing the natural world. For instance, understanding descriptive verbs and adjectives associated with moment capture helps enhance language connected to emotions and nature. They can participate in conversations on websites like Reddit, fan forums, or hobbyist communities where they come across new words of shared interest. Online communication offers a useful, social setting for vocabulary development. They can also write brief notes in a notebook or use the language they are learning to describe their activities. Since it enables children to actively employ new terminology, this might be especially helpful for young people who enjoy sharing or reflecting on their interests.

**Conclusion:**

Building a strong vocabulary is essential for young people since it improves their self-esteem and communication skills. It also prepares pupils for success in the classroom and in the job. Through the use of digital resources, interactive learning strategies, and consistent practice, young people can effectively expand their vocabulary in engaging and entertaining ways. Ultimately, expanding one's vocabulary not only fosters personal growth but also produces a generation that is more knowledgeable, connected, and equipped to confidently voice opinions.

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