

VOCABULARY ACQUISITION THROUGH INTERNET TECHNOLOGY & NEWSPAPER

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Abstract

English is the most widely used language in the world. The traditional way of learning has less scope for application and the reach is limited. Many people find the internet more interesting to learn the English vocabulary. There are numerous and endless resources available on the web for both basic and advanced learners offered by many reliable websites. For the language learner the internet offers a world of information to students at the touch of a button. Online English learning opportunities are interesting and dynamic. If we use a blog or forum site it will be interactive and more enjoyable. Apart from useful websites providing vocabulary the internet provides us with a means for communicating with students and teachers of English located in other parts of the world. It provides access to all types of issues and topics which are suitable for learning vocabulary.

The newspapers are regarded as one of the most reliable, easily available, less expensive and effective source of information and knowledge. Even after the advent of electronic media importance and readership of newspapers are stable and it is quite striking. The practices of using English newspapers help the students to learn the language effectively. They can also be encouraged to improve their vocabulary, grammar and thinking skills as regular reading of newspapers can provide them an opportunity to express and exchange their ideas on a wide variety of issues. English newspapers provide various materials for students to broaden their knowledge in vocabulary. They can be used effectively with a wide range of levels from elementary to higher to hone their English language skills.

INTRODUCTION:

English is the most widely used language all over the world in the day to day life of people. Skill in English is considered as one of the best qualification to obtain better jobs or career growth. Students, professionals and individuals need to learn English to improve and enhance the quality of their life almost for all purposes. Vocabulary is one of the challenging tasks that students find it difficult when they converse with others. In such cases we can find more number of websites to learn vocabulary. Newspaper also helps us to learn vocabulary in

many methods which will not be more expensive. The newspapers are regarded as most reliable, easily available, less expensive and an effective source of sharing information and knowledge. Even after the invention of electronic media, importance to the readership of newspaper is stable and it is quite interesting. The traditional way of learning has less scope for application and the reach is limited.

The goal of this paper is to help the students to learn vocabulary, which helps them in different aspects. It should be remembered that different learners need emphasis on different types of methods and materials to learn new words. Generally, nowadays students find it uninteresting for using dictionaries to learn new words. Because they are having more number of websites to learn new words. But it may not help the poor people to learn through technology. So, newspapers can also play a vital role in learning vocabulary. As like technology newspapers are also having more number of articles. Nowadays we are having evening newspapers, monthly newspapers and daily newspapers etc.

We can find two types of learners one is basic learners and the other is advanced learners. According, to them we can find sources in website for their improvement. Newspapers can provide them an opportunity to express and exchange their ideas on a wide range of issues. “Vocabulary learning can be viewed in two dimensions, breadth and depth” (Qian, 2002; Read, 1988; Wesche & Paribakht, 1996). “Breadth of vocabulary knowledge refers to the number of words one has at least superficial knowledge of (i.e., one’s vocabulary size) and can be calculated in terms of recognition, recall or production of vocabulary items. Depth of vocabulary knowledge, on the other hand, refers to how well one knows a word”. (Nation 2001) provides a framework for describing aspects of word knowledge associated with vocabulary learning, covering form, meaning and use in both receptive—reading and listening—and productive—writing and speaking—contexts. Both the tools can encourage them to learn and improve their vocabulary, grammar and thinking skills. The resources are endless and numerous to make them learn.

INTERNET TECHNOLOGY:

Internet technology has become very important in recent times. Computers are used in almost all fields of life, and the Internet has developed into a significant source of information. While some adults are a bit reluctant to use computers at home or in their work, multimedia computers and the Internet are quite natural for children. This is why schools should use them as often as possible to make learning more effective. The use of computers in education has increased dramatically in the last few years. It develops a lot in the world. At present everything is computerised all over the world. But in olden days we learnt only by chalk and board methodology. Later we collected some materials by using paper flash cards, computers etc. Each and every class room were fixed with computer, large interactive touch screen board facilities etc. The learners will get interest, enthusiasm and will develop by seeing this audio and visual methodology of teaching. This material provide them a lively class room and the learners find it easy to learn.

There are large member of websites to make the learners learn to speak in English through learning of vocabulary. Some practical versions are available in these websites. The learners can test themselves by writing some online test. For example, by using Microsoft Office is one of the software without internet technology but through that the learners can learn many words. The learners can find new materials without any internet connection, dictionary usage etc. Learners can enrol themselves in any online courses, which make them learn foreign

language fluency from those trainers. People have a good impact on them. Normally, the teacher will take class in front of the students but now due to this technology development we are having online teaching class without students and teachers as lively. But this class will be as an artificial one. Even though with the help of technology we can make that session lively by interacting with students and teachers through internet. A class without a teacher and a class room without students can be connected by the technology. Internet technology can present a viable source material to learn vocabulary in different aspects.

The Internet is occupying an important part in the learning-process. In the same way as computers have promoted and facilitated more effective and motivating learning experiences, the World Wide Web can also be used very effectively in vocabulary teaching. Preparing for an Internet-based language lesson may be rather demanding, as looking for information on the World Wide Web requires a considerable amount of time. However, it is absolutely rewarding using it in teaching languages, as students benefit from it enormously. In addition, the range of educational materials increases constantly and new resources appear on the Internet, which has been exploited. What now is considered to be a technological innovation will be quite common in a few years. Consequently, it has to be engaged with it as early as possible.

There are now several web tools that are really great in teaching vocabulary and that you can use with your students in the classroom. I have curated a list of some of the best web tools to teach vocabulary.

1- Vocabulary.com

This website will help students master the vocabulary essential to their academic success.

2- BBC Learning English

In this section, learners will have access to a plethora of vocabulary activities and tasks great for classroom inclusion.

3- Confusing Words

Confusing Words is a collection of many words that are troublesome to readers and writers. Words are grouped according to the way they are most often confused or misused.

4- Just The Word

Just The Word is a cool website that helps students make informed decisions as to the right word selection to use in their writing

5- Lexipedia

Lexipedia is an online visual semantic network with dictionary and thesaurus reference functionality

6- Wordia

Wordia is a free games-based learning platform - built on the foundations of a dictionary - that blends word-based learning games with interactive video vocabulary.

7- Wordhippo

Wordhippo is a great vocabulary web tool that lets you easily provide antonyms and synonyms to your words.

8- Wordthink

WordThink provides you with a daily reminder to use many of the words you already know, and add many new words to your vocabulary that you can actually use every day!

NEWSPAPER:

English, like all languages, is constantly changing. But in these globalizing times, it is changing at a faster pace and in a great number of contexts of use than ever before. English language teaching has witnessed new developments due to the challenging needs of different learners from various countries and cultures. Vocabulary building is one of the most essential skills required for good communication skills: writing and speaking. English newspapers provide various materials for students to broaden their knowledge in vocabulary. They can be used effectively with a wide range of levels from elementary to higher education to hone their English language skills. Newspapers are less expensive. It is an effective source of information to learn vocabulary. The practice of using English newspaper helps the students to learn the language effectively.

Regularly reading of newspaper can provide them an opportunity to learn through group activities. By reading newspaper the students can gather information on varied subjects including socio-political, business, sports, entertainment, art, culture, music, education etc. Newspaper like The Hindu, The Deccan Chronicle, The Chronicle, The Times of India... help the students to equip themselves and also for publishing their paintings, puzzles, short story etc which makes the students to develop an interest to read it. Most of the people can buy newspaper. By the help of newspaper they may improve their reading habit also.

Newspaper can help you to search new words with the help of dictionary. Regular newspaper reading helps the learners in two ways: keeping general knowledge up to date and learning new words and sentence formation. Reading novels may not be many people's hobby and if someone starts reading novels for improving vocabulary (out of compulsion), they may soon lose interest and stop the habit all at once. Buying a newspaper is cheap and reading it kindles a lot of interest in the reader. It also helps him to discuss matters with others. Newspaper articles can be used in flash cards to make vocabulary learning more effective. We can paste the paper inside the class room so that the learners when they pass over, can see and learn some new words. It inculcates the habit of both intensive and extensive reading. It develops an interest and makes them to get affectionate towards learning English language. The students can be advised to learn words that they do not comprehend and ask them to figure out the meaning from the situation. By this it explores the meaning and definition in the dictionary.

Conclusion:

Innovation in English teaching methodology is the need of the hour as the world is changing dramatically in all areas of life. Young students expect the teacher to be out of the ordinary while learning English. Teaching has become very diverse and the ways that they are being used in classrooms all over the world have become central to language practice. Hence, it is important to adopt new techniques to trigger enthusiasm and vigor among students. Vocabulary development is an integral part of language teaching which requires more emphasis and teachers need to expose themselves to new techniques and methodologies for vibrant teaching-learning process.

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