

Vocabulary Learning & Teaching

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Vocabulary

Language structure make up the skeleton of a language while vocabulary is the flesh...(Harmer, 2003).

Modern language courses books concentrated equally on structures and vocabulary.

Selecting Vocabulary

While selecting vocabulary to teach, teachers should take two factors into consideration.

- Frequency
- Coverage

What does it mean to know a word?

The learners know a word if they know its:

- Meaning (Superordinates from hyponyms, synonym and antonym, denotation and connotation)
- Use(collocation, style and register)
- Word formation(morphology, suffix and prefixes)
- Spelling(spell properly)
- Word grammar(uncountable and countable)
- Phonology(word pronounced)

Types of vocabulary

- **Active and Passive Vocabulary**

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Presenting vocabulary

- **Conveying meaning**
- **Checking understanding**
- **Consolidation**

Using Dictionaries

- Needs training in use of dictionaries
- Bilingual Dictionaries
- Monolingual Dictionaries