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A ROLE OF ENGLISH TEACHER IN STRENGTHENING THE VOCABULARY OF
THE STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

This research article examines the various methods in teaching vocabulary. Vocabulary learning is an essential part in language learning process. Memorizing is a traditional and boring method for students. An English teacher should use creative techniques to imbibe new words with interactive activities. Good communication skills and basic writing skills are needed to shine better in career. Students from rural side, find very difficult to make their own sentences in English. It is an ultimate job of an English teacher to create an unstoppable enthusiasm to learn new words. A well-versed vocabulary will enable a student to perform well in class discussions, to read general books faster and to shine in various fields. An English teacher should insist a student to develop a habit of reading for pleasure. Reading beyond text books make a student versatile in all fields. Our words show our attitude. Others judge us not only with our appearance and education but also with the quality of our words. It is the teacher's responsibility to employ effective techniques to enhance vocabulary learning. Class rooms play a vital role in molding a student's vocabulary. A teacher's motivation and student-friendly teaching will enable vocabulary learning more effective.

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Everyone loves to improve and strengthen word power. An English teacher plays a vital role for the students to increase their word power. An English class room creates a powerful commitment to inculcate new words. In class rooms only, students are able to apply new words clearly and concisely. An English teacher can correct their mistakes immediately. The students can expand their perceptions and become so smart and intelligent in applying the words in the suitable context. An English teacher creates a magic of transforming the learning of new and difficult words in to a fun activity.

An English teacher should instruct a student to bring a handy dictionary and thesaurus every day. By using dictionary, every student can see the meaning and pronunciation. By using thesaurus, they come to know synonym, antonym and similar words. If they are able to write sentences with the new words, they can

memorize them so easily. Bilingual dictionaries are more helpful in the beginning of vocabulary enhancement. Step by step, the students start to use English to English dictionaries. Visual dictionaries will make the learning process more effective.

A teacher can spend at least the last ten minutes in a period for vocabulary building beyond the syllabus. The students should note the meaning of new words immediately and understand the context. In this way, their vocabulary will become a great source for their future. Memorizing is a traditional and boring method for students. An English teacher should use creative techniques to imbibe new words with interactive activities.

According to survey, language teachers can be a great source of inspiration for the students than the subject teachers. Language teachers automatically inculcate life skills and morals with their regular curriculum. In the same way, every English teacher should have a strong commitment and dedication to make their students fluent and skillful in language skills. A good academic record is not at all enough for getting employment. Good communication skills and basic writing skills are needed to shine better in career. Students from rural side, find difficult to make their own sentences in English. It is an ultimate job of an English teacher to create an unstoppable enthusiasm to learn new words. A language trainer should create catchy songs with the new words. By singing them, students will acquire new words so easily.

While teaching particular words, an English teacher should narrate the etymology of the words. It makes the learning process so interesting and elevating. Learning the root and origin of the words is an interesting activity. . Knowing these roots helps to understand the meaning of words. For example, the word "philanthropy" "Phil" is love of knowledge, and "anthropy" comes from the Greek root that gives us anthropology, which is the study ("logy," means study of any kind) of anthropos, humankind. So a philanthropist must be someone who loves humans and does something about it.

Knowing the Greek and Latin roots of several prefixes and suffixes help the students to understand the meaning faster. For example,

Two - binary, bimonthly

Hundred – century, centimeter

Crossword puzzles are an excellent way to improve vocabulary skills. An English teacher can distribute cross word puzzles in the class room from newspapers or from internet sources and make the students complete them in the class rooms. Students will feel so enthusiastic to find out the answers for the puzzles. Anagrams and jumbled words can make the class room so lively and help to learn words so faster. Reading of homonyms and homophones will create new vistas in vocabulary learning.

A language trainer can give particular ten words on the spot and instruct the students to make a lively story with the given words. From this way, the students will know the application of the words. Repetition is the mother of all skills. But an English teacher should do the repetition and revision of words with an interesting and different methodology in the class room. Word association games help them to learn connotation and denotation. A recitation test will help to hone pronunciation skills. Reading aloud will be done in the class rooms to remove a boring climate in the class rooms. A language trainer should concentrate vocabulary of various fields. Words related to agriculture, engineering, medicine etc. should be concentrated separately in every week.

Books on building vocabulary are available in most bookstores. Encouraging students to present books among friends on birthdays will help the students to improve reading habits. Sunday newspaper contains versatile information. A language teacher should create an interest to read Sunday newspapers and make them share what they have read. An English teacher should update to use her/his language skills with the aid of modern technology and internet.

An extensive vocabulary can be a power-packed writing and speaking tool. Learning new words is like a seedling process. Expanding new vocabulary is a long term process. Persistence and continuous enthusiasm are needed to shine better. "Connecting" is a wonderful tool in vocabulary. An English teacher should imbibe the art of connecting new words with the known words. Revising the known words on a regular basis will help the students to reach the peak.

A well-versed vocabulary will enable a student to perform well in class discussions, to read general books faster and to shine in various fields. An English teacher should insist a student to develop a habit of reading for pleasure. Reading beyond text books make a student versatile in all fields. A student should know multiple features of a word. If students learn a new word, they should know its parts of speech, pronunciation, synonyms, antonyms, related words and example sentences using a new word. If they know in detail, they never make a mistake while applying this new word in their speaking and writing.

Sometimes learning new words regularly make the students boring. But an effective English teacher will make it fascinating and interesting by incorporating new words in simple narrations. School assignments play vital role in vocabulary building. In colleges, students lose their interest in writing assignments.

An intelligent and well-rounded student will be consistent in learning vocabulary. An English teacher will induce the taste in reading fiction, short stories, biographies and English poetry. Students will select fiction and poetry according to their taste and age. If they become accustomed to read, they automatically start reading bulky novels and literature.

An English teacher should make the students read "film reviews and book reviews" and prepare the students to write reviews about their favorite books and films. They will enjoy this activity. Keeping a small, handy note book in the pouch gives a great comfort to note new and catchy words immediately.

Pasting vocabulary charts near drinking water taps make students update new vocabulary in schools and colleges. Giving assignments like "Write a letter to your friend about your school function, Invite your friend to a science exhibition in your school" , make the students use their own words in letter writing. Writing informal letters is a very good platform to use more words.

An English teacher should insist the students to write accurate adjective for every student in the class. They should not repeat adjectives. For example, they may write, "hard working Hameed, smart Sathya, dedicated Divya. This practice will enable them to explore suitable adjectives.

Our words show our attitude. Others judge us not only with our appearance and education but also with the quality of our words. An English teacher should imbibe the art of using right and exact word at the right time. Using appropriate words will develop our self-discipline. An English teacher should teach euphemistic expressions like "He passed away" instead of using "He died". Students should include idioms and figurative speech in writing than in speaking.

Students while away their time in more fruitless ways. An English teacher should introduce updated online English resources to the students.

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/students/wordofday/>, <http://www.worldwidewords.org/index.htm>,.

"<http://www.theatlantic.com/language/> and <http://home.earthlink.net/~ruthpett/safari/index.htm> are the good resources for vocabulary improvement. An English teacher should evaluate his/her teaching methodology and improvise according to the latest technology. Attending workshops and implementing new skills make an English teacher competent in academic endeavors.

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