

Reading: Improve your vocabulary EXAMPLE

Level: Lower-level students ***** [B1/B2]

Lesson Plan

Aim: to improve students' reading skills and develop awareness on how to record / revise vocabulary.

1. Preparation

- Photocopy the 'Vocabulary Text Questions' worksheet and the reading text 'Easy Ways to Improve and Expand Your Vocabulary: Seven Tips for Learning New Words' for each student.

2. Introduction

- Put students into small groups & hand out worksheet 'Vocabulary Text Questions'.
- Students discuss the five questions.
- Feedback as group to whole class.

3. Reading Text

- Give out reading text.
- Students work through 'Vocabulary Text Questions' Sheet.
- **Question 2 - Headings:** Students read the text and identify the correct heading for each paragraph.
- **Question 3 - True, False or Not Given:** Students read in detail to identify T / F / NG
- **Question 4 - Vocabulary Development:** students look for the specific word in the text.
- **Question 5 - Evaluation:** Students write a sentence on which idea would be appropriate for them to adopt.
- **Teacher constantly monitors and provides feedback when/if necessary.**

4. Research

- **Question 6 - Websites and Apps:** Students use their phones/computers to research the range of apps and websites provided.
- **Lesson idea.** Jigsaw research task. Form six groups. Each group researches one website/app. Regroup students to disseminate information.
- **Lesson idea 2.** Student presentations. Form six groups. Each group researches one website/app. Each group presents research to the class.
- **Teachers should do background research before the class on the websites /apps to help guide the students' research and discovery.**

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Vocabulary Text Questions

1. Speaking: Discussion

Discuss these questions in small groups or with a partner.

- i. How do you record vocabulary?
- ii. How [redacted] vocabulary?
- iii. Do you include examples? Definitions? [redacted]? Etc...
- iv. How often [redacted] vocabulary lists?
- v. Do you use any Apps to record your vocabulary?

2. Match subheadings to paragraphs

Read the article on 'Easy ways to improve and expand your vocabulary' and match the headings below to the gaps in the article. There is one heading that you do not need to use.

1	Keep a journal.
2	[redacted]
3	Play some games.
4	[redacted] read.
5	Engage in conversations.
6	Keep a [redacted] handy.
7	Go back to your roots.
8	[redacted] a day.

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3. True / False or Not given

Decide if these statements are True(T) / False (F) / Not Given (NG)

Paragraph		T / F / NG
1	You should guess [redacted] grammatical structure.	
2	You should [redacted] a word.	
3	Using a vocabulary book will help you access words more easily.	
4	A [redacted] used by many people.	
5	Schools should [redacted] understand the foundation of language.	
6	Playing word games is [redacted] learn new words.	
7	Speaking [redacted] pronunciation.	

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4. Vocabulary development

Look at each paragraph and find the word which matches the definition.

Paragraph	word	Definition / meaning
1	combination	<i>a result of two or more things joining together.</i>
2		<i>a very [redacted], meaning, sound, etc.</i>
3		<i>the act of making something stronger.</i>
4		<i>not able [redacted].</i>
5		<i>to discover [redacted] understand.</i>
6		<i>a long search [redacted] difficult to find.</i>
7		<i>to write [redacted] of paper so that you remember it.</i>

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5. Evaluation

Which of [redacted] will use to improve your vocabulary? Why?

6. Websites and apps

Research these different websites and apps to see if there is anything here you could use to help improve your vocabulary.

Flashcards (create your own or find sets to study):

- i. Quizlet [<https://quizlet.com>]
- ii. [redacted]
- iii. Brain [redacted]

Games and quizzes

- iv. Vocabulary.com = [redacted]
- v. Dictionary.com = games & quizzes [<https://www.dictionary.com/games/quizzes/>]
- vi. Academic Vocabulary [redacted]

Individual Research

- vii. Do some internet research to see if you can [redacted] or websites.

Easy Ways to Improve and Expand Your Vocabulary: Seven Tips for Learning New Words

by R. Hansen (2014)

Looking for tips for improving your vocabulary? Whether you are trying to strengthen and broaden your vocabulary for school or personal growth, [redacted] to regularly learning new words.

Why expand your knowledge and use of words? You'll be able to communicate (speak and write) more clearly and concisely, people will [redacted] you will increase the perception (and reality) that you are an intelligent person. Besides, learning new words is a fun activity -- and [redacted] around you. Challenge a friend, family member, or roommate to learn new words with you. This article reviews [redacted] your vocabulary and learn new words.

1. [redacted] The more you read – novels, magazines and newspapers -- the more words you'll be exposed to. As you [redacted] combination of attempting to derive meaning from the context of the sentence as well as from looking up the definition in a dictionary.

2. [redacted]. Go and use [redacted], software, or online. When you uncover a new word, look it up in the dictionary to get both its pronunciation and [redacted] and find similar words and phrases -- and their opposites (synonyms and antonyms, respectively) -- and learn the nuances among the words.

3. [redacted]. It's a good idea to [redacted] you discover so that you can refer back to the list and slowly build them into your everyday vocabulary. Plus, [redacted] can provide positive reinforcement for learning even more words -- especially when you can see how [redacted] learned.

4. [redacted]. Using a word-a-day [redacted] your own list of words to learn -- is a great technique many people use to learn new words. This [redacted] so even if you do use this [redacted] a new word every day.

5. [redacted]. One of the most [redacted] words -- and for deciphering the meaning of other new words -- is studying Latin and Greek roots. Latin and [redacted] a significant part [redacted]

6. [redacted]. Word games that challenge you and help you discover new meanings and new words are a [redacted] expanding your vocabulary. Examples include crossword puzzles, anagrams, word jumble, Scrabble, and Boggle. ([redacted] this article.)

7. [redacted]. Simply [redacted] you learn and discover new words. As with reading, once you hear a new word, remember to jot it down so that you can [redacted] word to your vocabulary.

From: <http://www.enhancemyvocabulary.com/improve-expand-vocabulary.html>

TEST Questions **ANSWERS**

2. Match sub-headings to paragraphs

1	Keep a journal. [3]
2	Record yourself speaking.

ALL ANSWERS ARE INCLUDED IN PAID VERSION...