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Effective Approaches for Memorizing and Maximizing Vocabulary

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Abstract

In this article methods, which are the most practical and easy to apply for memorizing vocabulary, are elucidated. While learning any languages, almost all learners have a hard time in remembering vocabulary but this part is a foundation of a languages. This article gives assistance to language learners and students to overcome this barrier by explaining effective approaches to enhance and maximize vocabulary.

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Introduction

Vocabulary offers doorways to other worlds and contributes to the enjoyment and satisfaction of language acquisition. Even if you are proficient in a language's grammar, your language abilities will remain limited if you lack appropriate vocabulary. Vocabulary plays a key role in becoming fluent, particularly when it comes to fostering all other skills like speaking, writing, reading, and listening. On the other hand, developing and remembering vocabulary is far more difficult. Everyone in this circumstance needs to determine what kinds of approaches, strategies, or study habits work best for them. When using different methods to memorize and increase vocabulary, it's important to remember that the vocabulary should be retained for a long time. Students should also be aware of their preferred learning modes. This is due to the fact that some people learn better by seeing or hearing, while others retain information better through writing or other means, and it aids students in retaining vocabulary in their memory. There are several approaches to use to remember any new words in an efficient way. They are followings:

1. Flashcards: Flashcard- a little card that contains information on both sides, for instance, a word is on one side and its definition is on another one. Especially these days, using flashcards while learning new words are so beneficial that they certainly should be in your language learning toolkit. Why it is important is because you can practice any kinds of new words at anywhere, at any time you want and carry with yourself. When

you create flashcards, you should incorporate images as well as words because pictures activate both sides of learner's brain, which helps them retain and retrieve the visual cues presented. Some people say that using flashcards to learn words removes them from their contexts frequently results in the loss of significant layers of meaning. To avoid, if you learn a lot of word on one topic (for example, about nature), try reading various publications about nature to see the usage of these words in practice.

2. Create an atmosphere: This approach assists you to memorize vocabulary better. If you want to apply this way, you should create an atmosphere of the language you are learning. For that, in everywhere you walk or lie, everything you touch or use, you should write or stick every item's names there. These places may be kitchen, study-room, living room and you should involve everything you don't know how to name in the language you are studying. Every time you look at these words, your brain will get acquainted with them and memorize automatically.

3. Antonyms: This method aids in a better understanding of the word as well as its opposite. To better understand them and retain their meanings, you can also practice applying them in sentences. Finding the opposing (antonym) pair of a new word is the best method to go about learning it. You will soon have a larger vocabulary through this. Your comprehension and memorization of new words can be greatly enhanced by consistently learning a word together with its antonym.

4. Find and write from text: Another tip for memorizing and increasing your vocabulary is to read any text on any topic, then find all new words you don't know and write them down on your notebook. Compared to typing out new information, writing it down using a pen and paper increases your chances of remembering it. Maybe it's because writing by hand requires conscious movement. It is like a paper book has more effectiveness than e-book while reading. So, the more you find and write down new words, the more vocabulary storage you have.

5. Use mnemonics: A memorization technique that surprised a lot of people is mnemonics. A mnemonic is an odd picture or story that students create to aid in recalling the definition of a word. For example, someone is trying to remember the Russian word- "сок"- "juice», he may think about English verb "soak" and for example, someone is trying to remember the Russian

word- "сок"- "juice», he may think about English verb "soak" and he can make an imagination that if someone spilled "juice" on me, I would get "soaked". If you pay attention, by recalling the English sentence, you pronounce the Russian word connectively and you can easily find the word you need. An image is more likely to stick in your brain if it is strange and ridiculous. Though they take some creativity to come up with, mnemonics are remarkably amazing.

Conclusion

From the conversation above, it is clear that having a wide range of vocabulary is the basis of language and promote all aspects of language. So, one of the most important things is to set smart goals and maximize vocabulary by using advantageous method types that are suitable for every individual while learning a language.

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