FOREIGN LANGUAGE VOCABULARY: THE KEY MEANS OF ENHANCEMENT

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Abstract. The article considers the continuous necessity of improving and expanding any language vocabulary and the actuality of clear and concise communication at an international level. Vocabulary is a skill based on all areas of communication. Extensive vocabulary, along with grammar, listening, speaking, reading, and writing, is an essential tool and one of the largest challenges in learning a second language. Thus, building vocabulary is one of the easiest ways to improve communication. In view of the great importance and constant need for learning new words in a foreign language, efficient vocabulary has been the subject of multiple research. The purpose of the article is to determine the key enhancement means of a foreign language vocabulary. The research findings suggest that by using the means outlined in this article, one should be well on his way to discovering and learning new words to expand his vocabulary and strengthen his use of a foreign language.

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FORMULATION OF THE PROBLEM.

Vocabulary is one of the keys to people's efficient communication. Having a poor vocabulary has been proven to have serious repercussions for an individual's progress, and development in life, at work, as well as socially.

Vocabulary is commonly defined as "all the words known and used by a particular person". A vocabulary is a set of familiar words within a person's language. A vocabulary, usually developed with age, serves as a useful and fundamental tool for communication and acquiring knowledge. Acquiring an extensive vocabulary is one of the largest challenges in learning a second language [1].

A great vocabulary is just one essential tool, along with grammar, listening, speaking, reading, and writing, that will help you choose the best word for every job and avoid vague words that do not give a good sense of your meaning.

Vocabulary is not an isolated skill. It is based on all areas of communication – listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Thus, having a robust vocabulary is the building block for success [2]. Building your vocabulary is one of the easiest ways to improve your communication, as you will have several synonyms in your repertoire to pull from every time you need to say exactly what you mean.

Developing an effective communication style relies on a strong vocabulary foundation. Reading comprehension is based on how well students are able to process and understand the meaning of passages they read. By developing enough essential word knowledge, a student can understand new complex concepts and ideas being delivered.

The correlation between writing and reading skills are intertwined. Both processes involve generating ideas and finding the right words. Too often students become frustrated at the task of descriptive writing since they do not have the skills to properly convey their ideas. We can ease this frustration by helping them develop a strong vocabulary toolbox to pull from, in turn making them successful writers. As vocabulary increases, so do student performance levels since they become skilled experts in all areas of communication.

ANALYSIS OF THE RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS.

According to the resources analysis, most researchers agree that words are the basic blocks of the language. Good vocabulary is one of the key predictors of someone's education level, profession and social status. Efficient vocabulary command of a foreign language is not an exception, but rather a benefit. In view of the great importance and constant need for learning new words in a foreign language, it has been the subject of multiple research [3; 4; 5; 6; 7].

THE PURPOSE OF THE ARTICLE.

Considering the continuous necessity of improving and expanding any language vocabulary and the actuality of clear and concise communication at an international level, the purpose of the article is to determine the key enhancement means of a foreign language vocabulary.

THE MAIN MATERIAL.

Developing vocabulary is one of the most important aspects of learning a foreign language. The size of your vocabulary matters. To express yourself clearly, you need a good active vocabulary. That is not just being able to recognise lots of words – it means actually being able to use them correctly.

For non-native speakers it places great demands on so many cognitive functions like memory, attention, auditory processing, reasoning, and so on. Improving your vocabulary need not be difficult or painful, but interesting and productive.
Whether you are trying to strengthen and broaden your vocabulary for school or personal growth, the key is a commitment to regularly learning new words.

Due to the methods of monitoring and comparative analysis of internet resources [3; 4; 5; 6; 7], the research outcomes reveal that the key means of enhancement a foreign language vocabulary appear to be the following:

- **connect**
  It is easier to memorize words based on a common theme. Make your own connections between words and possibly organize them in a spider diagram or on the same pages of your notebook. The theme might be a topic or situation, phrasal verbs using a common word or words that have a grammar point in common.
- **draw**
  Actually using vocabulary can help it stick in your mind. Write sentences with new vocabulary words or compose a story using a group of words or expressions. If you are out and about, you can make the example sentences in your mind if you don’t have a pen and paper handy.
- **act**
  Get your moves on by acting out words and expressions you learn. Or, imagine and act out a situation where you would need to use them. If you have a study partner act out a word or expression from your notebook and see if he or she can guess what it is, then swap over and try to guess what your partner is acting out. If you are alone, use a mirror and pretend you are having a conversation with someone using your new vocabulary.
- **create**
  Design flash cards or index cards and study them in your spare time. Each week make new ones, but continue to review all of them. The act of making them yourself will help you remember the words.
- **associate**
  Assign different colours to different words. This association will help you recall vocabulary later. To prevent the system from becoming confusing make sure you have a consistent theme. For example, you could use different colours for verbs, nouns and adjectives.
- **listen**
  Use resources like different news broadcasts to hear new words in context. This will help you understand the pronunciation of words and how to use them in real sentences.
- **choose**
  Remember that topics that interest you will be easier to learn. Therefore, carefully select words that you will find useful or interesting. Choose topics that relate to your life at the moment to make the words you learn more relevant. For example, if you have a meeting next week, learn some vocabulary to use in meetings. Even if you do not use the foreign language in the actual meeting, connecting the words to a real situation will help you remember them.
- **limit**
  Do not try to memorize the dictionary in a day! Limit yourself to 15 words per day to avoid feeling overwhelmed and you will be more successful in remembering the vocabulary.
- **observe**
  Keep an eye out for the words you are studying when reading or listening to a foreign language. Make a note of real-life examples of the words you are learning as you see them to find out how to use the words correctly. Do not just make a note of the individual word, though – the words around it are just as important, especially for learning common collocations.

**CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.**

There are various ways to learn new words. We all learn differently so means that work well for one person might not work so well for other people. Not everybody needs to use all the means above, just choose the ones that work best for himself. Whichever means one may use, he ought to make sure to keep a record of the new words so he can track his progress.

By using the means outlined in this article, one should be well on his way to discovering and learning new words to expand his vocabulary and strengthen his use of a foreign language.

Finally yet importantly, only practice makes perfect. Every day should be an opportunity to learn new words. So now is the best time to get started and hold the key to a better vocabulary.

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