IMPROVING YOUR VOCABULARY SKILLS

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A rich vocabulary can make you a better reader and learner, a better contributor to class discussions. It can increase your ability to communicate better by writing or conversing. It will help you understand others’ ideas better and to have satisfaction of getting your ideas more effectively.

At least fifteen minutes a day of concentrated study can bring about a rapid improvement in your vocabulary skills. Having a large vocabulary can benefit you in school, at work, and socially.

Easy Ways to Improve and Expand You Vocabulary

1. Read more

Read magazines, newspapers, novels, literary works or and The Internet. As you read unlock new words, use a combination to derive the meaning by using context clues as well as the dictionary.

2. Keep a dictionary and thesaurus handy

You can use different versions in which you are comfortable– in print, software, or online. When you meet unfamiliar word, look it up in the dictionary and get its pronunciation and its meaning. Then use the thesaurus and find similar words and phrases and their opposites.
3. **Learn a new word each day**

If you learned only one word each day over a year, you would add hundreds of new words in your vocabulary. Many tools are available to corporate learnings with new words every day, including a word-a-day calendar or Website. Here are some of the websites that can help you:

- merriam-webster.com
- wordthink.com
- dictionary.com
- learnersdictionary.com

4. **Use a journal**

Have a list of unfamiliar words. Look for the meaning, the pronunciation, and the uses of these words. Write the information in a journal. Make it a habit to use these words in your daily speech and in the themes, compositions, or letters that you may write.

5. **Use new words in conversation**

Making conversations with other people can help you discover new words. Just like in reading, once you hear a new word, jot it down and study it later.

6. **Play some games**

Word game is a fun tool in your quest for expanding your vocabulary. Examples are scrabble, word jumble, crossword puzzles, anagram and boggle. Here are some available websites:

- Vocabulary.com: Free Word Puzzles and Activities
- Wordplays.com
- Manythings.org: anagrams
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