Vocabulary Workshop
Using A Dictionary & Keeping A Vocabulary Notebook

A Note About Vocabulary Acquisition

▪ Effort = Results
▪ C.O.F.I.E. - Consistent, Organized, Focused, Intensive, Effort
▪ Patience

Vocabulary Workshop: Three “Easy” Goals

✓ Goal 1: Evaluate & Define Your Learning Strategies & Objectives
✓ Goal 2: Explore Uses of the English Dictionary
✓ Goal 3: Establish a Format for a Vocabulary Notebook

Evaluate Present Strategies & Goals

Active Learners

Highlight when Reading
Create & Use Flashcards
Ask Questions

Pronounce Words Silently
Tape-up Notes
Read Notes Out Loud

Goal 1: Evaluate & Define Your Learning Strategies & Objectives

What do I want to learn?

How am I going to learn this?

When am I going to spend time learning?

Evaluate Your Vocabulary Knowledge

Identify: Have I seen this word before?

Meaning: Do I know what this word means?

Use: Can I use this word in a sentence that is useful & meaningful to me?
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Practice Exploring an English Dictionary

Group A: Pronunciation
- Task: Find the differences in pronunciation for the list of words.

Group B: Grammar
- Task: Find the different forms of words from the list.

Group C: Notes
- Task: Find the different uses for the specific word.

Goal 2: Explore Uses of the English Dictionary

A Good Dictionary:
- IPA: Pronunciation
- Examples
- Notes on Usage
- Collocations
- Grammatical Information
- Easy to understand Definitions

Unlock the Secrets of Your Dictionary

Practice Keeping a Vocabulary Notebook

- Note cards
- Notebook
- Flashcards
- Preview Examples
- Decide Topic/Focus
- Format your Notebook
- Select & Record Content
Applying New Knowledge

How will you use it?
✓ Everyday Life
✓ Academics
✓ Career
✓ Personal Interest

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Additional Textbook Resources for Vocabulary Learning

Vocabulary In Use: High Intermediate 2nd Edition 2010 M. McCarthy & F. O’Dell
Academic Vocabulary in Use 2008 M. McCarthy & F. O’Dell
Oxford ESL Dictionary Workbook 2004
Focus On Vocabulary 2 Mastering the Academic Word List 2011 D. Schmitt, N. Schmitt
Mastery: A University Word List Reader 1999 G. Vakaut, L. Wells
Longman Dictionary of American English New Ed
Oxford Correlation Dictionary

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