



LEARNING VOCABULARY FOR UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERS THROUGH NEWSPAPER

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ABSTRACT

The main intension of this research paper is to show how to improve the vocabulary of undergraduate Engineers. Learning vocabulary is essential for undergraduate students for getting employability as well as to survive in their jobs. For learning vocabulary, English newspaper plays a great role. A good reader is by nature a good reader of newspapers. The present study is going to investigate the vocabulary learning strategies through Newspaper by Indian college English major students and find a relationship between the strategies they use and their leaning efficiency.

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INTRODUCTION

Vocabulary, as an integral part of a language, plays a crucial part in the language learning process. The primary thing in learning a language is the acquisition of a vocabulary, and practice in using it. Vocabulary is the basic factor necessary for mastering a language. The purpose that we learn second language is for communication. When we want to learn language, we need to master in four skills which are listening, reading, speaking, writing. Meanwhile, vocabulary knowledge is fundamental to them. One cannot understand a sentence without

knowing the meaning of words. The lack of vocabulary affects all the four language skills. Unfortunately, many students find it hard to acquire vocabulary. Lack of adequate vocabulary knowledge is an obvious and serious obstacle for many students who learn English as second language. Learners themselves readily admit that they experience considerable difficulty with vocabulary, and most learners identify the acquisition of vocabulary as their greatest single source of problems (Meara 1980) Meanwhile, vocabulary is an area which has been neglected in foreign language teaching for a



number of years. Vocabulary is a great problem, especially for the students in Asian countries.

A large dictionary contains about 128000 words families "The average college students turned out to know approximately 58,000 common basic words 17,00 rare basic words and 96,000 derivatives and compounds. The overall total comes to over150,000. Vocabulary is huge and its acquisition takes time, even for a native speaker. In india, more and more people start to learn English. Children start to learn English at very young age, already in primary school Research on vocabulary acquisition used to be minimal compared to what was going on in other area such as syntax and phonology. The lack of vocabulary resulted in many Indians learners facing difficulties in English language English as second language learning recent years has moved away from the quest for the perfect teaching method, focusing instead on how successful teachers and learners actually achieve their goals. Vocabulary is important and as stated Actually , it is indeed a challenge to most learners deal with this problem, we have to explore the knowledge of vocabulary and offer efficient strategies of vocabulary learning. Learning strategies can indeed facilitate the acquisition of vocabulary and influence second language acquisition as well. The present study is going to investigate the vocabulary learning strategies through Newspaper by Indian college English major students and find a relationship between the strategies they use and their leaning efficiency.

For teacher the newspaper offers a special attraction. It has been called the living textbook and it lives up to that name. The English newspaper enhances our language skills.

Methodology and approach

With the help of communicative approach through pair work I would do this research for vocabulary development. For developing vocabulary, I introduce the importance of suffixes and prefixes before that I would teach the root words from English language and I take some new words in the English newspaper. Later, I explain how we can learn new vocabulary by adding suffixes and prefixes in the English classroom using English news paper. In the meanwhile I give the meaning of every word.

ROLE PLAY

Role play is an activity where one is given a role to play. Role play is any speaking activity where you either put yourself into somebody else's a you may stay in your own way into a imaginary situation. In this speaking activity, the students can assume the role of anything. The most important components of role play are speaking skills, listening skills and non verbal communication. It is important to use simple, uncomplicated English as far as possible. High-sounding words jargon and slang are not advisable. It is also important to note that spoken form of language has to be observed and used by students in the English classroom. Choose an interesting article or story from the newspaper because they are often human interest stories in the newspaper which adopt themselves well to role play. Ask learners to first read the newspaper and find out some new vocabulary from that story or article.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Group discussion is all about a group of individuals sitting around a table to discuss an issue, a topic, a problem or a situation. In selection processes, group discussions are conducted to test the communication skills of the candidate. By conducting group discussions in the class, students will get used to speaking in groups and there by enhance their vocabulary.

Improvement of vocabulary through ads and media;

Language is a meant for communication. And it is in the words that concepts and ideas are enshrined. Without the use of meaningful words no communications is possible. The class room activities using media and ads play a very important role in developing the vocabulary of the students. Keywords of ads and media will help the students to get involved with interest and thus to develop their vocabulary. Media is a modern way to acquaint with language. Even cricket commentary. Radio jockey activities are useful tools of language games in the class room.

The add agency experts study the psychology of the customers to whom the particular product belongs, like wise a teacher also should understand the psychology of the students to select particular



advertisements: text and images, which will help the students in a great extent to learn.

CONCLUSION

Using newspaper for learning vocabulary in class room through pair work activity with help of communicative approach produces good results.

News papers are a mirror of public opinion.

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