

USEFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.er.uqam.ca/nobel/r21270/levels/>

This site will allow you to test your vocabulary and find out what level you have reached.

<http://my.vocabularysize.com/select/test>

This site allows you to find out how many word families you know as well as your knowledge of form, meaning and use

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/word-of-the-day/>

Set your computer to give you a new word once a day. Notice the amount of information it gives on a new word, not just the definition, but examples as well.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/language/>

This site gives you words that are in the news currently as well as phrases and expressions used often by English speakers today. It also allows you to hear how the words are pronounced

<http://www.vocabulary.co.il/>

This site has lots of games and fun ways to work on your vocabulary

http://www.examenglish.com/IELTS/IELTS_vocabulary.htm

You can work your way through tests on the Academic word list. Some exercises are set against a timer if you like that kind of pressure!

<http://www.time4english.com/aamain/lounge/awl.asp>

Meanings and activities to learn the 570 words on the academic word list.

<http://www.windowsphone.com/en-us/store/app/flashcards/9ce5b6ca-a1e5-4afb-8e8b-f43f1058c0ef>

A free app. Make your own vocabulary flashcards.

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VOCABULARY



English STUDY GUIDE

10 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ENGLISH VOCABULARY

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| <p>1. The word 'alphabet' comes from the first two letters of the Greek alphabet; alpha & beta.</p> <p>2. 'S' is the most common consonant in English.</p> <p>3. More words begin with the letter 's' than with any other letter.</p> <p>4. Some words in English don't have a singular form; trousers, glasses (spectacles), binoculars, jeans, pants, pyjamas, scissors.</p> <p>5. Only 4 common words in English end in 'dous;' tremendous, horrendous, hazardous and stupendous.</p> <p>6. 'Underground' is the only word in English that both begins and ends with the letters 'und.'</p> | <p>7. The longest English word has 45 letters. It is 'pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis.' It is the name of a lung disease that miners sometimes suffer from.</p> <p>8. 1600 years ago most people in Britain spoke Celtic. Then three tribes arrived from what is today Germany and Denmark; the Saxons, the Jutes and the Angles. The Celts were pushed north and west into what is today Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The language of the Angles, English, became the dominant language and is the basis of the language we know today as English.</p> <p>9. Every child is born with the</p> | <p>ability to make every sound in every language. As we grow older, we filter out the sounds that our own language doesn't use and we lose the ability to make the sounds easily.</p> <p>10. Contronyms are strange words because they have two opposite meanings. Examples are:</p> <p>LEFT (to leave) / (to remain)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He left the building. • There were only three people left. <p>PUT OUT (to produce) / (to extinguish)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They put out an extra edition of the newspaper. • They put out a fire. |
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THREE WAYS TO USE YOUR PHONE

1. Practice pronunciation. Say the word correctly or record a native speaker saying it correctly. Then listen and repeat until you have got it.
2. Record 5 target words. Listen to them the next day and see if you can remember the meanings.
3. Study vocab with an app like:
 - Kaka Flashcards
 - Spelling-practice-2
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/spelling-practice/id439549405?mt=8>
 - tiny classroom
<http://www.appbrain.com/app/tiny-classroom-flash-cards/com.tinyclassroom>
 - flashcards to go
<http://www.flashcardstogo.info>



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Where can I find new vocabulary?

- in class
- from your teacher
- course books
- self access materials
- casual reading
- day to day communication with others
- social media
- watching television and films
- listening to songs

2. I meet lots of new words, but I find it difficult to remember them later. What can I do?

The problem is that your favourite strategies do not help with long term retention. Look at the next story about 'strategies' to get some new ideas.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you know 90% of the words in a text, it is almost impossible to read. If you know 95% it is challenging. If you know 98% it is relatively easy.

STRATEGIES for LEARNING NEW VOCABULARY

Common approaches favoured by learners

Many learners look up the meaning of a new word and record it in a book. However, you need to do more than this if you want to remember the word and be able to use it later.

Here are some additional strategies

- Keep a record of new words; either a note book or cards
- Check what they mean by using a dictionary or asking someone
- Review them from time to time, but **the most important thing is you must make an effort to use the new words.**
- You can play a word game called WORD with friends using your iPhone or iPad. See the article on the other page to find more ways of using your phone to increase your vocabulary.
- Try to find out more about a word than just its meaning. See the table below for an example.

TYPES OF INFORMATION ABOUT A WORD	Example SNOW
What is the opposite?	
Which other words have a similar meaning?	
Do you know how to spell it?	
How is it pronounced?	Rhymes with 'no'
Which other words does it often appear with?	cold / ice / winter/ frost/ white/ blizzard
Is it affected by any grammar rules?	It's an uncountable noun (no plural form) It's a regular verb (snows, snowed, snowing)
Does it have other related grammatical forms/ parts of speech?	Adjective - snowy
Related words?	snowman, snow plough, snow drift
Related phrases?	as white as snow
Is it formal or informal?	It is neither informal nor formal so no restrictions on use