

How to Improve Your Vocabulary

English is an expansive language that can be hard to grasp. An important part of becoming fluent in English is increasing vocabulary. One process for building your English vocabulary is outlined below.

1. **Pick a category of words** – You could choose to focus on scientific words, musical words, or even slang.
2. **Find information** – The best ways to learn new vocabulary words within your category are reading and listening.
 - Reading – magazines, newspapers, textbooks, instructions, brochures, flyers, menus
 - Listening – music, telephone calls, radio, lectures
3. **Tips for memorizing new words**
 - Write it down – Jot the new word down in a notebook with the definition beside it. On another line, write a sentence using this word.
 - Context clues – Use context clues to understand the word’s meaning without looking up the definition.
 - Flashcards – Write the word on one side and the definition on the other.
 - Repetition – When someone says a new word, have them slowly repeat it. Then try to correctly say it back to them.
4. **Use the word** – Writing and speaking help you remember how and when to use the word.
 - Writing – notes, letters, essays, poetry, novels, reminders
 - Speaking – talking with friends and family, delivering a speech, giving directions

Remember: Your language learning style is different from others. Try out different styles of learning and find one that fits you. Be patient and keep working!