

TIPS TO MEMORIZE NEW VOCABULARY IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE

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Annotation

Learning new vocabulary is considered to be the backbone of language learning process. During my experience of teaching a language, I realized most students often struggle to memorize new words. This article, therefore, intends to help learners to find their own way of memorizing vocabulary.

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One of the most important parts of understanding or learning an another language is increasing your vocabulary in that very language. Even if people are excellent at grammar, they should, first of all, learn new words at least to be able to apply grammar rules. However there is not any fits-for-all magic technique to make you memorize all the new words in the blink of eye. Everyone has their own of memorizing and below mentioning tips are for you to help find your own way of doing it.

1. Using flash cards

Although this method is the most viral one, there are some confronting ideas about their efficiency. Some experts think that flash cards may remove the words from the context , this leads them to confuse the meaning of the word or to get the meaning wrong completely. On the other hand, if the beginners who newly start the language learning cannot find any better of way of memorizing new words other than using flash cards. For example, if you learn lots of food words, try reading a recipe in English too to see how they are used in practice.

1. Learning from the context itself.

This is the method, I personally used to improve my vocabulary range to an advanced level, and I am still applying this to learn the German language. In this very method, learners should try to read books, articles and other writings in a language, they are learning. As English is considered to be a diverse, one single word may have tenth of meanings. For example, the word 'get' can come in totally different context

1. I got a call from Dave this morning .
2. The bullet got him in the neck.

In the first sentence 'get' means to receive something, and the other meaning of it in the second sentence means to hit or wound somebody.

That's why lots of people swear by a technique called "sentence mining" — learning lists of full sentences. Fans claim that it makes them able to use new vocabulary faster since they memorize its grammar and common use cases from the start.

3. Using mnemonics

Mnemonics are a memorization technique that many people swear by. A mnemonic is a strange image or a story that learners make to help them remember a word and its meaning. For example, if you have to learn the word 'carrot' in English, you allocate this word to the Uzbek word 'karate' which means a particular type of sports. You can also add the definition like 'carrot trained with 'karate' a lot, so it is fit. This is so funny a description, which can help you easily memorize the word. The stranger and sillier the image, the more likely it is to stick in your brain. Mnemonics require a little bit of imagination to come up with, but they are astonishingly effective!

4. Being a prolific note-keeper.

It is highly recommended to keep small notebooks to the language learners, so that they can easily write down the word they come across anywhere. In order to make this happen, language learners should also immerse themselves to the language. Immersing means to create an atmosphere at the language, they are learning. For example, learners should read books, watch movies, cartoons, listen to the songs, find a partner to speak to or even they can try to cook a national cuisine of the country where the language, they are learning is native. This is the method that definitely works, I convince, because I also used to have 3 or 4 notebooks to write down new vocabulary, dividing in to sub-categories like phrasal verbs, word patterns, collocations.

5. *Creating your own 'Memory Palace'*

The technique was developed by ancient Greeks, but it doesn't make it any less effective. Many people use it today to remember all sorts of information such as cards in a game of poker, names at a party, formulas needed for an exam, grocery lists, and, of course, vocabulary.

A memory palace is a place you visualize in your mind where you can store mnemonic images and other information. It doesn't have to be an actual palace – in fact, it works much more effectively if you imagine a place that you know well, like your home or office.

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