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Teaching Children to Read: An Evidence-Based Assessment of the Scientific Research Literature on Reading and Its Implications for Reading Instruction. Washington, DC : National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Vocabulary (from Latin by name, also called wordstock, lexicon and lexis) refers to all words in a language understood by a particular person or group of people. There are two main forms of vocabulary: active and passive. An active vocabulary consists of the words we understand and use in everyday speaking and writing. Passive vocabulary consists of words that we can recognize but generally do not use in the course of normal communication. At the age of 2, spoken vocabulary usually exceeds 200 words. Three-year-olds have an active vocabulary of at least 2,000 words, and some have many more. By 5, the figure is over 4,000. The suggestion is that they learn an average of three or four new words a day. —From How Language Works by David Crystal Exactly how many words are there in English? There is no real answer to that question. In order to achieve a plausible total, one must agree on what the actual vocabulary is. Editors of the 1989 edition of the Oxford English Dictionary reported that the reference book contained more than 500,000 definitions. The average dictionary clocks it at about 100,000 entries. When you add it all together with lists of geographically, zoological, botanical, and other specialized jargon, an imperfect but credible total for the number of words and word-like forms in current English is over a billion words. Similarly, the sum of one's vocabulary is more than just the total number of words he or she knows. It also takes into account what people have been through, thought about, and either recorded or rejected. As a result, the measure of vocabulary is fluid rather than fixed. English, probably more than any other language on earth, has a mongrel vocabulary, notes David Wolman, a frequent writer on language. Contributing editor at Outside, and long time at Wired. He estimates that between 80 and 90% of all words in the Oxford English Dictionary are derived from other languages. Old English, lest we forget, he points out, was already an amalgam of Germanic tongues, Celtic and Latin, with squeezes of Scandinavian and Ancient French influence as well. According to Ammon Shea, the author of several books on obscure words, the vocabulary of English is currently 70 to 80% composed of words of Greek and Latin origin, but it is certainly not a Romanesque language, it is a Germanic one. Evidence for this, he explains, can be found in the fact that while it is relatively easy to construct a sentence without using words of Latin origin, it is virtually impossible to make one that has no words from ancient English. Canadian English Vocabulary: Canadian English vocabulary tends to be closer to American English than British. The languages of both American and British settlers remained largely intact when the settlers came to Canada. Some language variations are due to contact with the Aboriginal languages of Canada and with French settlers. While there are relatively few Canadian words for things that have other names in other dialects, there is enough differentiation to qualify Canadian English as a unique, identifiable dialect of North American English at the lexical level. British English and American English: Today there are far more American words and expressions in British English than ever before. Although there is a two-way exchange, the directional flow of loans favors the route from American to Britain. As a result, speakers of English generally tend to be familiar with more Americanisms than speakers of American English are of Britishisms. Australian English: Australian English is separate from other dialects thanks to its abundance of very informal words and expressions. Regional proverbs in Australia often take the form of shortening a word, and then adding a suffix such as -i.e. or -o. For example, a truckie is a truck driver; a milko is a milkman; Oz is short for Australia, and an Aussie is an Australian. I was with a girl once. It wasn't a squaw, but she was purty. She had yellow hair, like, Oh, if anything. Like her bobbed from a ray of sunlight? Yes, yes. I like that. You're talking well. You can hide things in vocabulary. - Garret Dillahunt as Ed Miller and Paul Schneider as Dick Liddell in The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford Crystal, David. How language works: How babies babble, words change meaning, and languages live or die. Harry N. Abrams, 2006Wolman, David. 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Cambridge University Press, 2001 Comprehensive reading in English using a good English dictionary on a variety of real-life topics is one of the ways to learn English vocabulary. Since there is a huge amount of reading material in English, a student of English has to prioritize reading in subjects according to the needs of the student for using English to first include the most necessary, relevant and often used vocabulary. The daily topics must first come to reading. Reading material can be arranged by vocabulary difficulty; for students at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Students can master the most important English vocabulary by reading thematic texts (materials), primarily on everyday subjects with important content. Such self-help books on arranging everyday items are available from the bookstore. In addition to thematic informative texts (materials), learners can read thematic dialogues (examples of life-changing conversations between people), narrative realistic stories, fine literature, newspapers, magazines, internet material, books in various subjects, general thematic English dictionaries, etc. Good general thematic English dictionaries arrange vocabulary by topic (topics) and provide clear word usage statements and also a few usage phrases for each word meaning, which is especially important. English synonym dictionaries provide useful explanations and usage examples for words with similar meanings. Thematic general English dictionaries in combination with English synonym dictionaries are a valuable tool to logically, comprehensively and intensively manage the English vocabulary for the needs of students in real life. Good public libraries have a wide selection of English reading material. It is better for students to write down unfamiliar vocabulary in whole sentences to make word meanings easier to remember. It would be a good speaking practice for students who share the content of the texts they have read. Students can use keywords and phrases write main ideas as a plan, or questions about the text that require long answers to make it easier for students to see the content of the text. I think it's a good idea to read every logical chunk or paragraph of a text and tell each paragraph separately, and then the whole text. When people practice makes perfect. Perfect.

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