



THE TECHNIQUES OF TEACHING VOCABULARY ASPECT TO ELEMENTARY LEVEL LEARNERS

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Abstract: This article based on the use of strategies, activities and games on teaching vocabulary for young learners.

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Introduction

Vocabulary development is a crucial aspect of language learning, especially for young learners. An enriched vocabulary allows students to express themselves more effectively, understand diverse texts, and think critically. As teachers, it is essential to provide students with the tools and techniques necessary to expand their vocabulary. In this article, we will explore various techniques for teaching vocabulary to elementary level learners, ensuring a strong foundation for their linguistic growth.

There are different kinds of various techniques for teaching vocabulary:

1. Engaging Storytelling

Storytelling is a powerful tool for teaching vocabulary. By weaving new words into engaging stories, teachers can create a context that helps students remember and understand the meaning of unfamiliar words. Teachers can use picture books, role-plays, or even create their own stories to introduce new vocabulary, ensuring that the learning experience is enjoyable and interactive.

2. Word Walls and Visual Aids Creating a visual representation of new words can help students better remember and understand the meanings of these words. A word wall, also known as a vocabulary chart, is a display of words and their definitions, organized alphabetically. Teachers can encourage students to contribute to the word wall by adding new words they learn, fostering a sense of ownership and engagement in the learning process.

3. Flashcards



Flashcards are a time-tested method for teaching vocabulary. Teachers can create flashcards with the word on one side and its definition, example sentence, or synonyms on the other. Students can use these flashcards for self-study, reviewing the words at home or during free time. Flashcards can also be used in group activities, such as quizzes or memory games, to reinforce learning.

4. Word Games and Activities

Incorporating word games and activities can make learning vocabulary more enjoyable for students. Some popular activities include: Crossword puzzles: Students can practice using new words in context while solving puzzles.- Word searches: These can help students identify words in a sea of letters, reinforcing their understanding of the vocabulary.- Synonym and antonym games: Students can practice using synonyms and antonyms in sentences to understand the nuances of word meanings.- Bingo or memory match: These games can help students associate words with their definitions or example sentences.

5. Contextual Integration

Integrating new vocabulary into the context of the curriculum helps students understand the relevance of the words they are learning. For example, when teaching science, teachers can introduce scientific terms and their definitions, then use these terms in discussions, activities, or writing exercises related to the science topic. This approach not only helps students remember the words but also reinforces their understanding of the subject matter.

6. Differentiated Instruction

Recognizing that students learn at different paces and have varying proficiency levels, teachers should differentiate their instruction to meet the needs of each student. This can include providing additional support for struggling students or offering more advanced activities for those who are ready for a challenge. By differentiating instruction, teachers can ensure that all students are effectively learning new vocabulary.

Conclusion

Teaching vocabulary to elementary level learners is an essential aspect of language education. By using engaging storytelling, creating visual aids, using flashcards, incorporating word games, integrating vocabulary into the context of the curriculum, and differentiating instruction, teachers can effectively teach vocabulary and set their students on a path to linguistic success.



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