

TIPS FOR TEACHING

VOCABULARY

Your students may acquire vocabulary in different ways, consciously or unconsciously but remember that it can take some time before they actually *own* it.

Tip 1 – Have your students develop strategies to...

- understand/get new vocabulary
⇒ Use visual support – provide clear, predictable context – activate prior knowledge...
- remember/memorize new vocabulary
⇒ Have students match, categorize, classify vocabulary – have them reflect on the construction of words – have them reflect on the link between written and spoken forms...
- recognize new vocabulary
⇒ Provide extra documents that contain the new vocabulary – switch the language focus (reading, speaking, listening, and writing) but not the topic...
- use new vocabulary
⇒ Assign communicative tasks that require students to use the new vocabulary over and over again ...

Tip 2 – Because your classes contain different types of students use a multi-faceted approach to vocabulary learning.

Have your students use:

- semantic maps
- vocabulary logs
- ...

TIP 3 – last but not least, have them play with words and discover the power of rightly-chosen words

Food for thought  :

<https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos/making-vocabulary-lesson-interactive>

<https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos/improving-student-vocabulary>

<https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos/teaching-hard-vocabulary-words>