

IMPROVING VOCABULARY THROUGH ONLINE GAMES

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The Cambridge Dictionary defines vocabulary as all the words known and used by a particular person. In other words, these are the words that a person encountered that will now be registered to his or her word bank. Since time immemorial, the English language has been engraved with our day-to-day living. From the products that we use daily to places we go, words in English are just everywhere. Therefore, it is important to get a bigger and wider range of words, or in short, vocabulary.

Since face-to-face learning is not possible these days, the students rely on modules for learning. Most of the modules are in English which made it harder for the students to understand and even for the parents. Their teachers are always ready for assistance, but it may not be enough especially when teachers are outnumbered by their students and their needs. Students then must rely upon their word bank and level of comprehension. It will be hard if their vocabulary is limited. Strategies to improve ones' vocabulary have been discussed a lot of times but now, this article shall focus only on online games.

It is a fact that most of the students are online these days whether in Social media or online games like Mobile Legends and the like. Although possible, there may be concerns in using these platforms for vocabulary improvement, this article then shall focus on other online games which are purely educational and yet are still fun.

These are just some of the online games available for download which can help widen ones' vocabulary.

Word Link, Word Life, Word Scapes, Word, Word Life, Word Bloom, Word Mocha

These games have different styles and features, but the goal is the same: create as many words as you can using the given letters. In some, the words are already flashed on the screen like a crossword puzzle to serve as clues. These games not only let the student discover words they do not know exist but rediscover the words they already know.

Vocabulary Builder

This game lets the player identify the definition of a word. Choices are given. Not only does it give you additional words, but it also introduces other words to the player. It may be a simple game but to a person who is eager to learn, this game can be very useful.

Vocabulary Power, Merriam Dictionary, Word Up

These games are straightforward and informative as they define the word as is. They also give synonyms and antonyms. Within these applications are minigames to make it exciting.

Word Search

For those who like crossword puzzles, this game is for you. The player has to look for words within a pool of letters. The words are in straight lines. This game introduces new words to players.

Falling Word

A little like a crossword puzzle, this game lets the player identify the words hidden in the pool of letters. However, in this app, there are no excess letters. Only the letters included in the hidden words are in the pool.

Word Pics, 4 Pix 1 Word

These games use pictures as clues for the hidden word. They bring out the creativity of the players as well as let them refresh their memory on the words already familiar to them.

Word Piles

Word plies let the players guess the words hidden in the given stack of letters.

Hangaroo

Known for its witty style of motivating the players to guess the words in the phrase, this game lets the player create words that can be associated with each other to come up with a famous phrase. These phrases are not limited to quotations, titles of movies, and songs.

Words with Friends

If the players are looking for a scrabble-like game, this is the app for them. It is playing scrabble online with which you can play with your friends and meet new ones too.

These are just some of the games that can improve the vocabulary of students. Depending on their interests and goals, they can choose from different games which are downloaded for free. It is always necessary to remember that no matter how great the game is, if a player is not open to learning or is not interested in learning new words, ones' vocabulary will never be improved. Learning is always only possible if done with the proper attitude.

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