

## BUILDING VOCABULARY AT AN EARLY AGE

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Reading is an important aspect in one's education. To be able to read is a basic skill in learning. To be able to read with comprehension is another thing. It takes time, effort and commitment to be able to help children learn to read with accuracy and comprehension.

One small but crucial step to aid children's learning is teaching these learners on the importance of wide vocabulary. A well-versed reader has a wide array of words. This skill makes him understand the selection easier and better. It minimizes, if not fully eradicate, the difficulty in reading.

Why is building a vocabulary important? First, it teaches the child to be more interested in reading. It also eliminates the fear of reading. It gives them excitement to learn new things. It also aids them to find the joy in reading. While learning new vocabulary, they go deeper into the world of reading and efficacy.

How are we going to inculcate reading to our learners? How can help our pupils learn more vocabularies? Would it be strenuous for both teachers and learners?

Actually, it can start in simple ways as possible. Below are the following simple steps to help our pupils gain more vocabulary.

Introduce one vocabulary a day.

Having one new word a day allows children to learn more words. First, introduce the new word, then, explain the meaning. Use in the sentence and practice.

Highlight and search the difficult words that they encounter and find the meaning. Then, practice and use in different sentence.

Emphasize the power of synonyms and antonyms.

Helping them learn the synonym and antonym of some words is an avenue to be exposed to different kinds of words. With this they may use the word “small” in one sentence then shift to “tiny” on next sentences.

Inculcate the importance of learning words with multiple meanings.

Some words can mean different when used in sentence. Thus, the reader finds it hard, sometimes to understand the content of what he is reading. By instilling the importance of words with multiple meaning, they absorb the meaning of the passage.

Integrate music with vocabulary.

As we all know, children love music. If we combine music with introducing the vocabulary words, children will understand and remember it easily.

Practice and Repeat.

After learning new words, be familiar with them and use them again. Practice using them in sentences. Repeat them in passages.

Read, read and read.

To encounter more words and be familiar with them, the learners must continue reading. A wide reader encounters more words which they can use. So let us let our pupils enjoy reading.

Building wide vocabulary words is essential to our learners. Let us help them to read with comprehension.

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