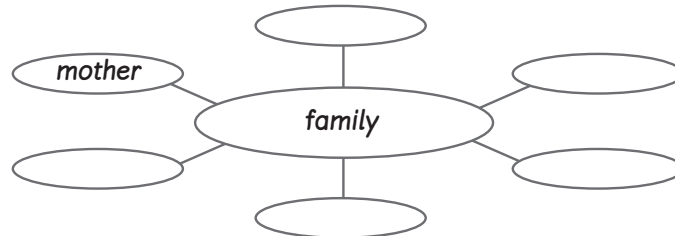


02 Boost your vocabulary – Techniken zum Wortschatzerwerb erlernen

① Word webs

A word web is a visual organizer for vocabulary of the same word family or category.



A1 Create a poster with three word webs. The topics are “classroom”, “family” and “clothes”.

A2 Explain to your classmates how you made your word webs and show your examples.



② Words in pictures

A word picture is a picture of the new word using one of the letters of the word.



A1 Create a poster with six new word pictures.

A2 Explain to your classmates how you made your word pictures and show your examples.



③ Mnemonics (=Eselsbrücken)

Mnemonics are memory aids that help you remember your vocabulary with patterns of letters, numbers or associations. Mnemonics include special rhymes and poems, acronyms, images, songs, outlines, and other tools.



→ lecturer – Dozent: Der Dozent liest eine Lektüre.



→ wind directions – North, East, South, West – Naughty Elephants Spray Water



→ soaking – durchnässt: Soaking sounds like “Socke”. Imagine a pair of really wet socks than you will remember the German meaning of the word “soaking”.

A1 Create a poster with six new mnemonics.

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Explain to your classmates how you made your mnemonics.

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My vocabulary learning strategies

A1 Choose your four favourite learning strategies and make notes.

- Note the name of the strategy.
- Explain it in one sentence.
- Write down two examples.

① _____

explanation: _____

examples: → _____

② _____

explanation: _____

examples: → _____

③ _____

explanation: _____

examples: → _____

④ _____

explanation: _____

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Eight Tips for Learning New Words

A1 Read these tips for learning new words

How to learn new words? – Eight tips to learn words more easily.

1. Read, read ... and continue reading.

Reading is a great way to learn new words. It does not matter what you are reading – books, magazines or blogs – every time you read you will come across new words. Even though reading in English seems like a tricky task because you may stumble over unknown words, you will still understand what is going on – either because you get the meaning of these unknown words via the context or by looking them up.



If books are still too difficult for your English level, maybe try comic books. There is not as much text as in other literature formats and the illustrations will help you to understand the context.

2. Get a dictionary

Did you maybe stumble over unknown words while watching your favourite Netflix series in English, while playing the latest PlayStation game or while watching a YouTube video? Get a dictionary and check the meanings of unknown words and how they are pronounced. Can they be used in different contexts in which the meaning may change? What are their synonyms? What are their antonyms?



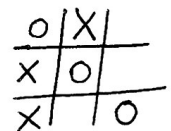
3. Keep a list

When learning new words, we tend to forget them quite fast. That is why keeping a list of newly learned vocabulary is a great tip on how to learn and memorize new words. Every time you learn a new word – write it down. This way you will not only memorize new words, but you will also see how many new words you have learnt which motivates you to continue doing that. Check out if there are any online vocabulary books!



4. Play games

Have you ever tried playing Scrabble, Jumble or Hangman in English? Playing word games is a great way to memorize and learn new vocabularies. There are many apps that can make learning fun, like “Inkle’s 80 days”, “Elegy for a dead world” or “Storium” where you can even improve your writing skills.



5. Listen to music

Most of the songs we listen to are sung in English. Did you ever wonder what those songs are about? What your favourite song is about? A great way to learn new words is to translate your favourite songs. This way you are not only able to sing along and get the song’s meaning but you can also expand your vocabulary. In addition, the words will stick since you will always connect them to your favourite songs!

