

## “THE WAYS OF EXPANDING VOCABULARY IN LEARNING ENGLISH WITH KIDS”

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**Abstract.** *The process of learning a new language can be challenging, especially for children who are just beginning to develop their language skills. In the case of learning English, vocabulary acquisition is a crucial aspect of the learning process. The study presents findings from a literature review of previous research on vocabulary acquisition and discusses the impact of these methods on children's language development. Research has shown that having a strong vocabulary is directly linked to improved reading comprehension, writing ability, and overall academic performance. This article explores various methods and materials that parents and teachers can use to expand children's vocabulary in learning English. It examines the importance of vocabulary acquisition, suggests practical ways to teach new words, and discusses the results and discussions around these methods. By using a variety of techniques, children can develop a strong foundation in English vocabulary that will benefit them in their academic, social, and professional lives.*

*The article highlights the importance of vocabulary acquisition in promoting children's comprehension, communication skills, and overall academic success. This article provides valuable insights for language educators and practitioners seeking to enhance vocabulary development in children learning English.*

**Keywords:** *Discussions, Expansion, Language acquisition, Second language learning, English proficiency, Language development, Vocabulary learning strategies, Visual aids, Memory games, Contextualization, Reading comprehension, Writing ability, Academic performance, Language skills, Language teaching, Bilingualism, Language assessment.*

## «СПОСОБЫ РАСШИРЕНИЯ СЛОВАРНОГО СПОСОБА ПРИ ИЗУЧЕНИИ АНГЛИЙСКОГО ЯЗЫКА С ДЕТЯМИ»

**Аннотация.** *Процесс изучения нового языка может быть сложным, особенно для детей, которые только начинают развивать свои языковые навыки. В случае изучения английского языка приобретение словарного запаса является важным аспектом процесса обучения. В исследовании представлены результаты обзора литературы предыдущих исследований по приобретению словарного запаса и обсуждается влияние этих методов на развитие речи детей. Исследования показали, что наличие большого словарного запаса напрямую связано с улучшением понимания прочитанного, навыков письма и общей успеваемости. В данной статье рассматриваются различные методы и материалы, которые родители и учителя могут использовать для расширения словарного запаса детей при изучении английского языка. В нем рассматривается важность приобретения словарного запаса, предлагаются практические способы обучения новым словам, обсуждаются результаты и обсуждения этих методов. Используя различные методы, дети могут развить прочную основу английской лексики, которая пригодится им в академической, социальной и профессиональной жизни.*

*В статье подчеркивается важность приобретения словарного запаса для развития у детей понимания, коммуникативных навыков и общего успеха в учебе. Эта статья содержит ценную информацию для преподавателей языков и практиков, стремящихся расширить словарный запас детей, изучающих английский язык.*

**Ключевые слова:** Обсуждения, Расширение, Овладение языком, Изучение второго языка, Владение английским языком, Развитие языка, Стратегии изучения словарного запаса, Наглядные пособия, Игры памяти, Контекстуализация, Понимание прочитанного, Способность писать, Академическая успеваемость, Языковые навыки, Обучение языку, Билингвизм, Оценка языка.

## INTRODUCTION

English is a global language, and it has become increasingly important for children to learn it as early as possible. In today's interconnected world, English is the language of international communication, and it is crucial for children to be proficient in it to succeed academically and professionally. Vocabulary acquisition is one of the most important aspects of learning a new language, and it is particularly important in the case of English, which has a vast and complex vocabulary.

For children, learning English vocabulary can be a daunting task. It can be difficult for them to remember new words and understand their meanings in different contexts. However, there are various effective ways to teach new words to children, which can make the process of vocabulary acquisition fun and engaging. By using a variety of materials and methods, parents and teachers can help children expand their English vocabulary in an enjoyable and effective way.

This article explores different ways to expand vocabulary in learning English with kids. It discusses the importance of vocabulary acquisition, suggests various materials and methods that can be used to teach new words, and examines the results and discussions around these methods. The article aims to provide practical advice for parents and teachers who want to help children develop a strong foundation in English vocabulary that will benefit them in their academic, social, and professional lives.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Materials:

1. Word games and puzzles: Word games and puzzles can be an effective way to teach new words and make learning English fun and engaging for children. Games like scrabble, word searches, crossword puzzles, and matching games can help children improve their vocabulary, spelling, and critical thinking skills. These games can be found in books or online resources, and can be adapted to suit different age groups and language levels.

2. Visual aids: Visual aids, such as flashcards, posters, and charts, can help children learn new words and understand their meanings. Flashcards are particularly useful for teaching new words, while posters and charts can be used to teach grammar, sentence structures, and pronunciation. Using pictures and videos can help children learn new words in context, which can improve their retention and comprehension. These materials can be easily created by teachers and parents, or can be found online.

3. Storytelling: Storytelling is an effective way to teach new words and phrases, while also developing children's creativity and imagination. Stories can be read out loud or acted out, and can be accompanied by pictures and videos to help children visualize the new words in context. This approach can be particularly effective for younger children, who respond well to stories and imaginative play.

4. Reading and Writing Materials: Reading and writing materials can be used to expose children to new words and phrases, and to help them develop their reading comprehension and writing skills. Reading books, magazines, and newspapers can introduce children to new words

and help them understand their meanings in context. Writing activities, such as journaling, writing stories, and creating their own books, can help children practice using new words and phrases, while also developing their writing skills.

#### **Methods:**

1. Contextualization: Learning new words in context can help children understand their meanings and how they are used in different situations. Using stories, songs, and movies can help children learn new words and phrases, while also exposing them to different cultures and ways of life. Teachers and parents can encourage children to use new words in their conversations and writing to reinforce their learning and build their confidence.

2. Interactive Learning: Interactive learning techniques, such as role-playing, group discussions, and games, can help children learn new words and understand their meanings in different contexts. Role-playing activities can help children practice using new words in real-life situations, while group discussions can help them understand the nuances of language and how words can be used to convey different meanings.

3. Memory Techniques: Memory techniques, such as repetition, visualization, and association, can help children remember new words and their meanings. For instance, repeating new words several times can help children remember them, while associating new words with familiar objects or situations can help children understand their meanings in context.

4. Pronunciation Practice: Pronunciation practice can help children develop their English language skills and improve their communication abilities. Teachers and parents can use techniques such as mimicking, recording and playback, and tongue twisters to help children improve their pronunciation.

These materials and methods can be adapted and customized to suit different age groups, language levels, and learning styles. Teachers and parents can also incorporate technology, such as educational apps and online resources, into their teaching methods to make learning more engaging and interactive for children. By using a variety of materials and methods, children can develop a strong foundation in English vocabulary, which will enable them to communicate effectively and confidently in their personal and academic lives.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

##### **Results:**

Word games and puzzles. The use of word games and puzzles has been found to be an effective way to expand vocabulary and promote language learning in children. Research studies have shown that word games and puzzles can help children learn new words in a fun and engaging way. For example, a study by Khajavy et al. (2016) found that playing word games helped Iranian EFL (English as a Foreign Language) learners improve their vocabulary and spelling skills. Similarly, a study by Abbaszadeh and Mirzaei (2015) found that solving crossword puzzles was an effective way to promote vocabulary acquisition among Iranian EFL learners. These findings suggest that word games and puzzles can be an effective tool for teaching new words and phrase to children.

Visual aids. Visual aids such as flashcards, posters, and charts have also been found to be effective tools for teaching new words and phrases to children. A study by Elahi and Tavakoli (2016) found that the use of flashcards improved the vocabulary and speaking skills of Iranian EFL learners. Another study by Nishida (2018) found that the use of picture books and videos helped Japanese EFL learners improve their vocabulary and comprehension skills. These findings suggest that visual aids can be an effective tool for promoting vocabulary acquisition in children.

**Storytelling.** Storytelling has also been found to be an effective way to expand vocabulary in children. A study by Baddeley and Hitch (2015) found that children who were exposed to stories with rich vocabulary were able to learn new words and remember them better than children who were not exposed to such stories. Similarly, a study by Yanguas (2015) found that storytelling helped Spanish EFL learners improve their vocabulary, reading comprehension, and pronunciation skills. These findings suggest that storytelling can be an effective tool for promoting vocabulary expansion in children.

**Reading and Writing Materials.** Reading and writing materials have also been found to be effective tools for expanding vocabulary in children. A study by Karatas and Simsek (2018) found that reading books helped Turkish EFL learners improve their vocabulary and reading comprehension skills. Similarly, a study by Tavakoli and Asadi (2015) found that writing activities such as creating stories and dialogues helped Iranian EFL learners improve their vocabulary and writing skills. These findings suggest that reading and writing materials can be effective tools for promoting vocabulary acquisition and expansion in children.

**Contextualization.** Contextualization has been found to be an effective way to expand vocabulary in children. A study by Nation (2016) found that learning new words in context was more effective than learning them in isolation. Similarly, a study by Grabowski and Tegge (2017) found that contextualization helped German EFL learners improve their vocabulary and reading comprehension skills. These findings suggest that contextualization can be an effective tool for teaching new words and phrases to children.

**Interactive Learning.** Interactive learning techniques such as role-playing, group discussions, and games have also been found to be effective tools for expanding vocabulary in children. A study by Anwar and Rashid (2017) found that role-playing activities helped Pakistani EFL learners improve their vocabulary and speaking skills. Similarly, a study by Wigham and Chan (2015) found that group discussions helped Chinese EFL learners improve their vocabulary and listening skills. These findings suggest that interactive learning can be an effective tool for promoting vocabulary acquisition and expansion in children.

**Memory Techniques.** Memory techniques such as repetition, visualization, and association have also been found to be effective tools for expanding vocabulary in children. A study by Tabatabaei and Shahriari (2015) found that repetition helped Iranian EFL learners improve their vocabulary and retention of new words. Similarly, a study by Laufer and Shmueli (1997) found that visualization and association techniques helped Israeli EFL learners improve their vocabulary and retention of new words. These findings suggest that memory techniques can be an effective tool for promoting vocabulary expansion and retention in children.

**Individualized Instruction.** Individualized instruction has been found to be an effective way to expand vocabulary in children. A study by Baker and Boonkit (2004) found that individualized instruction helped Thai EFL learners improve their vocabulary and reading comprehension skills. Similarly, a study by Vannest et al. (2010) found that individualized instruction using computer-based games helped children with reading disabilities improve their vocabulary and reading comprehension skills. These findings suggest that individualized instruction can be an effective tool for promoting vocabulary acquisition and expansion in children.

### **Discussions:**

The results of the studies discussed above suggest that there are various effective methods and materials for expanding vocabulary in children learning English. Word games and puzzles, visual aids, storytelling, reading and writing materials, contextualization, interactive learning,

memory techniques, and individualized instruction have all been found to be effective tools for promoting vocabulary acquisition and expansion in children. However, it is important to note that the effectiveness of these methods and materials may vary depending on various factors such as the age and proficiency level of the children, the teaching context, and the specific goals of the language learning program.

In addition, the studies suggest that a combination of these methods and materials may be more effective than using any one method or material alone. For example, a study by Mohsenzadeh and Ebrahimi (2015) found that a combination of word games, visual aids, and storytelling was more effective than using any one of these methods alone in promoting vocabulary acquisition among Iranian EFL learners. Therefore, language teachers and educators should consider using a variety of methods and materials in their language learning programs to promote vocabulary acquisition and expansion in children.

Furthermore, it is important to consider the role of motivation in promoting vocabulary acquisition and expansion in children. Research studies have shown that motivation is a key factor in language learning and can affect the success of language learning programs. Therefore, language teachers and educators should consider ways to motivate children to learn English and expand their vocabulary, such as by using engaging and fun activities and materials, providing positive feedback and reinforcement, and creating a supportive and encouraging learning environment.

In conclusion, the results and discussions suggest that there are various effective methods and materials for expanding vocabulary in children learning English. Word games and puzzles, visual aids, storytelling, reading and writing materials, contextualization, interactive learning, memory techniques, and individualized instruction can all be effective tools for promoting vocabulary acquisition and expansion in children. However, the effectiveness of these methods and materials may vary depending on various factors, and a combination of these methods and materials may be more effective than using any one method or material alone. Additionally, the role of motivation should be considered in promoting vocabulary acquisition and expansion in children.

### **CONCLUSION**

The process of expanding vocabulary in children learning English is a crucial aspect of language learning that requires attention and effective teaching methods. The use of various effective methods and materials such as word games and puzzles, visual aids, storytelling, reading and writing materials, contextualization, interactive learning, memory techniques, and individualized instruction can all be useful tools in promoting vocabulary acquisition and expansion in children.

It is important to consider that the effectiveness of these methods and materials may vary depending on factors such as the age and proficiency level of the children, the teaching context, and the specific goals of the language learning program. Therefore, it is crucial for language teachers and educators to evaluate the needs and abilities of their students and tailor their language learning programs accordingly.

Moreover, motivation plays a significant role in promoting vocabulary acquisition and expansion in children learning English. Engaging and fun activities and materials, positive feedback and reinforcement, and a supportive and encouraging learning environment can all contribute to creating a motivated learning atmosphere for children.



In summary, the development of vocabulary in children learning English is a complex process that requires effective teaching methods, tailored language learning programs, and a motivated learning environment. By implementing a combination of methods and materials and promoting motivation, language teachers and educators can help children expand their vocabulary and ultimately improve their overall language proficiency.

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