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EFFECTIVE METHODS OF TEACHING VOCABULARY TO YOUNG CHILDREN

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MAQOLA TARIXI:	*This article discusses the most effective methods of teaching vocabulary to young children. It highlights how interactive activities, games, songs, and storytelling can enhance children's ability to learn and remember new words. The paper also emphasizes the importance of visual aids, repetition, and contextual learning in vocabulary development. Moreover, it explores how teachers can create a positive and engaging classroom environment that motivates young learners to actively use and expand their vocabulary.*

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Vocabulary acquisition is one of the fundamental aspects of language learning, especially for young learners. It plays a crucial role in developing their overall language proficiency, enabling them to communicate effectively and comprehend texts. Teaching vocabulary to young learners requires special attention due to their cognitive, emotional, and developmental stages. Unlike adults, children learn new words differently, and their vocabulary acquisition process is closely tied to their real-life experiences and sensory

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perceptions. Therefore, educators must adopt effective and age-appropriate methods to facilitate vocabulary learning in young learners. Challenges in teaching vocabulary to young learners.Young learners often face several challenges when acquiring new vocabulary: Short attention span: Children typically cannot concentrate for long periods, which affects their ability to absorb new words.

Memory limitations: Retaining new vocabulary requires repeated exposure and meaningful engagement, which might be difficult for young learners.

Developing phonological and linguistic skills: Young learners are still mastering the sounds and structures of language, which impacts their vocabulary learning.

Limited contextual understanding: Without sufficient background knowledge, children may struggle to infer word meanings from context. Understanding these challenges helps teachers design suitable strategies that cater to the needs of young learners.

One of the most effective ways to teach vocabulary is through visual support. Flashcards, pictures, videos, and multimedia resources help children associate new words with images, making retention easier. For example, showing a picture of an apple while saying the word "apple" helps establish a concrete connection between the word and its meaning.

Incorporating physical movement and games into vocabulary teaching engages children actively. Games like "Simon Says," "Word Bingo," or role-playing scenarios encourage learners to use new words in a fun, memorable way. Movement also helps to maintain their attention and stimulates cognitive processes related to memory.

Repeated exposure to vocabulary in different contexts is vital. Teachers should introduce new words multiple times and in various situations to reinforce learning. Recycling vocabulary through songs, stories, and activities ensures that learners consolidate their knowledge.

Young learners understand words better when they are embedded in meaningful contexts. Stories, dialogues, and role-plays provide natural settings for vocabulary use, making it easier for children to grasp and remember new words.

Using multiple senses—sight, hearing, touch—enhances vocabulary learning. For example, allowing children to touch objects while naming them or listen to related sounds alongside word presentation helps solidify word meaning.

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Linking vocabulary to learners' daily experiences makes learning relevant. Teaching words related to family, food, school, and environment connects language learning with real-world usage, improving motivation and retention.

The role of technology in vocabulary learning for young learners.

Modern technology offers various tools to support vocabulary acquisition:

Interactive apps and software: Many language learning apps feature games, quizzes, and interactive exercises designed for children.

Audio and video resources: Songs, cartoons, and educational videos provide engaging ways to introduce and reinforce vocabulary.

Online games and platforms: Digital platforms allow learners to practice vocabulary in a playful, interactive environment, which boosts engagement.

Integrating technology appropriately can enhance traditional teaching methods and provide diverse learning experiences.

Evaluating young learners' vocabulary progress is essential for effective teaching. Fun quizzes, vocabulary games, and regular reviews help monitor understanding. Additionally, providing rewards and positive feedback motivates children to keep learning. Celebrating small achievements and tracking progress encourages a positive attitude toward vocabulary acquisition. Vocabulary plays a vital role in young learners' language development, serving as the foundation for speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Teaching vocabulary effectively to children requires creativity, emotional engagement, and the use of multiple sensory experiences. Below are unique, in-depth, and less commonly discussed methods that go beyond traditional techniques.

Understanding How Young Learners Acquire Vocabulary. Children acquire words not by memorization, but through interaction, emotion, and experience. Their cognitive system learns best from stories, visuals, sounds, and context, rather than direct translation. Therefore, vocabulary teaching should activate their emotions, imagination, and social involvement.

Visual Learning — Beyond Simple Flashcards

Traditional flashcards are helpful, but modern visual techniques go further: Dynamic Flashcards

Animated visuals or short GIFs help children link words with movement and action. For example, showing a cat jumping instead of just a picture of a cat helps them learn verbs and actions naturally.

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Context Cards

Rather than teaching isolated words (e.g., "apple"), use contextual scenes (a child eating an apple). This builds semantic networks and helps children understand how and when to use words.

Dramatization and role play

Children learn faster when vocabulary is linked to movement and emotion . Role-play allows them to use new words in a real communicative context. Example activities:

"Shopping game" for food vocabulary.

"At the doctor" dialogue for body parts.

"Lost and found" scenario for objects and adjectives.

These methods develop not only vocabulary, but also confidence and social interaction skills.

Technology-Enhanced Vocabulary Learning

AI and gamified apps make vocabulary learning interactive and adaptive.

Duolingo Kids, Wordwall, Quizlet, Kahoot — use AI to personalize learning speed and level.

Chatbots (like ChatGPT) can simulate conversations using target vocabulary, allowing safe, real-time practice.

Teaching vocabulary to young learners is a dynamic and challenging process that requires creative and effective methods. Visual aids, games, repetition, contextual learning, multisensory approaches, and technology all play important roles in helping children acquire and retain new words. Tailoring instruction to young learners' developmental needs and interests makes vocabulary learning enjoyable and successful. Educators must continue exploring innovative strategies to foster rich vocabulary knowledge, which serves as a foundation for lifelong language learning.

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