

How to improve my vocabulary?

Which words should I learn?




“There are so many words in English!!! Which ones do I really need to remember?”

Answer these questions to help you decide:

Question	Yes ✓	No ✗	Comment
Is the word in your Cambridge Learner’s dictionary?			<i>If the word is not there, you probably don’t need to learn it now.</i>
Is the word used in one of your school subjects, e.g. the word ‘infrastructure’ in Junior Humanities?			<i>Check if the word is on a word list for the subject, or ask your teacher if it is important.</i>
Is it a common word?			<i>Your learner’s dictionary can tell you how frequently the word is used. Learn the more frequent words first.</i>
Do you like the word?			<i>If you like it, and want to use it, it should be easier to learn.</i>
Can you guess its meaning without checking a dictionary?			<i>When reading you will meet many new words. Some of their meanings can be guessed. You may not need to remember these words.</i>

Remember!!

-  Set yourself a reasonable target. Aim to learn 10-20 words a week **MAXIMUM!!** Learn these 10-20 words thoroughly. Try using them in your writing and speech.