

Vocabulary Study Guide

- When you take a lesson, study that lesson the same day.
- For each new word, try to identify the following: Part of speech, whether the noun is count or non-count, what the plural form is, does it contain silent letters, double letters, hidden sounds, is it a compound, what is its synonym or antonym, what does it mean in English and Arabic,
- Reorganize the new words according to the categories in your notebook.
- Make vocabulary cards every time you take a new lesson.
- Memorize the new words, and test yourself.
- Review the new words using the vocabulary cards 3 times (3 days in a row).
- When you study idioms, read each idiom in the lesson and figure out the meaning from the example and context. Figure out the meaning in Arabia. Use each idiom 3 sentences of your own. Make vocabulary cards with an idiom on one side and the English/Arabic meaning on the other. Review idioms 3 days in a row.
- At the end of the week, quickly review all the lessons that you have taken throughout the week.
- Do the exercises in the book and check your answers in the answer key at the end of the book.

Study skills:

- Divide your notebook into sections: words with silent letters, words with double letters, words hidden sounds, words with 2 spellings, word derivatives, word synonyms, word antonyms, prefixes, suffixes, compounds, American and British variants ...etc.
- Prepare vocabulary cards.
- Learn, practice, review, concept maps, word families.
- Mnemonic devices
- Build a daily, weekly and monthly study schedule.

Extensive Reading & Listening:

- Bring a story/book of her choice to class. An extra reading hour is given in the garden, where the students and I bring stories, magazines and other books. We discuss and each student gives a 5-minute summary of her book.
- Read a story for half an hour a day.
- Watch T.V. news (BBC or CNN for 15-30 minutes a day).

Vocabulary websites that the students can check:

- One Look Dictionary
- Cambridge Dictionary
- spell check: <http://www.spellcheck.net/>
- English Language Activities, Exercises and Tests: <http://www.world-english.org/>
- Beginner vocabulary:
http://esl.about.com/library/courses/blcourses_beginner_vocabulary.htm
- ESL Vocabulary:
<http://depts.gallaudet.edu/englishworks/reading/main/vocabulary.htm>
- English Vocabulary from English Club:<http://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/index.htm>
- Language Tools: <http://www.itools.com/lang/>
- Power Words: <http://www.executive-vocabulary.com/>
- Learning Vocabulary Can Be Fun: <http://www.vocabulary.co.il/>
- Countries & Nationality:
<http://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/world-countries-nationality.htm>