

Vocabulary Teaching Top Tips



Make sure they know it is a new word!

They will listen more carefully if they know it is new.

Say the new word in isolation first.

Saying it in a sentence gives help with meaning but makes it hard to hear where a word starts and finishes and what sounds are in it. Say it in isolation first THEN in a sentence.

Clap out new words with children. This will help them to store it accurately.

Give children the chance to SAY the new word as well as hearing it.

Anchor the new word to a word they already know. E.g. "a satchel is a kind of bag".

Pictures give children something to 'hang' the word on. Use objects, photographs, symbols or drawings whenever you can!

Make time to pre-teach and review new words. It will help them stick!

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