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 word in isolation first THEN put it in a sentence. Saying it in a sentence helps with the meaning but makes it hard to hear the sounds in it clearly.

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!