

Outcomes

Better Vocabulary Outcomes

Learner Training 1 Worksheet

Look at the ideas below about learning vocabulary. Then discuss these questions in small groups.

- 1 Do any of these ideas surprise you?
- 2 What are the implications of each idea for learning?

Make notes about how you could use these ideas to improve your learning.

- 1 Educated native speakers know around 17,000 word families – base words plus words formed from this base.

- 2 Normally, you have to see / hear and understand a word anything from six to eleven times before you can use it!

- 3 You may remember some words more quickly if you link them to a word in your own language or a mental picture.

- 4 People forget 50% of what they learned after one hour – and after a week they forget 80%.

- 5 On average, people remember seven items at any one time. These items could be pairs of words or expressions.

- 6 People remember more at the beginnings and ends of lists.
