

Project Outline/ Overview

Conference date & Time: I-TESOL 2014 conference held on October 17th and 18th.
My presentation is on Friday October 17th at 4:00pm.

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Interest Section: Higher Education-Applied-linguistics

Presentation Title: BUILDING VOCABULARY FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING:
APPROACH FOR ESL LEARNERS TO STUDY NEW VOCABULARY

Scope of the project: Vocabulary learning strategy to assist ESL students overcome how they study for new words. I call my strategy "**Vocab-Backup**".

Basically, **Vocab-Backup** strategy is a vocabulary learning strategy for ESL students to assist their language learning. Based on over five years of teaching EFL & ESL students, I looked at building a strategy of five steps (*Vocab-backup*) to assist ESL learners to expose and acquire sufficient vocabulary data in a sequence of words' search that will allow them easily maintain their vocabulary knowledge.



Vocab-Backup Strategy diagram (5 sequential steps to learn new words)

Vocab-Backup 5 step Strategy

⊙ Look for Synonyms

- *Use semantic map for each word*
- *Check synonyms first for new words*
- *Synonyms mean more words.*
- *Build up global knowledge of new words by knowing synonyms.*
- *Experience different contexts of new words.*

⊙ Meaning Vs. Context

- *Guess the meaning from context before knowing the meaning*
- *Check words' context in dictionaries.*
- *Apply different contexts of a word in speaking & writing.*
- *Check the meaning that fits the new words' context.*

⊙ Practice the sound of the new words

- *Listening is the best practice of all*
- *Syllable is for sound*
- *Private Speech has it all*

⊙ Bookmark your vocabulary search!

- *Set up a vocabulary notebook*
- *Check new words daily and weekly.*
- *Repetition & retention practices.*
- *Deliberate Vocab. Learning.*

⊙ Don't forget to Write them!

- *If I write them I will keep them in my mind*
- *Picture your word.*
- *Use them in writing.*
- *Check syllable for spelling practices.*