

The importance of teaching vocabulary

Vocabulary constitutes all the words that someone knows or uses. I would like to emphasize the fact that vocabulary is one of the aspects of the language to be taught by learners of English. In connection with this the question arises, what English words, idioms expressions and basic texts should be taught for learning and communicating? Learners eagerly follow the light-hearted stories and benefit from the variety of activities that will help them communicate naturally using English idioms. The words and idioms must be carefully selected according to the subject. The words and idioms selected should be of high frequency, easily combined and valuable from the point of view of word-formation. It should be born in mind that *an idiom is a group of words that has a special meaning that is different from the ordinary meaning of each separate word*, therefore, the sense of the idiom is not easily deduced from the meanings of the individual words that form it. An idiom must be used accurately and in appropriate situation. Meanwhile, *word* is the smallest unit of the language that people can understand if it is said or written on its own. Learning words is not very easy task. To know a language is to know its structure and words. Every word has its form and meaning. It is necessary to combine words in such a way as to get sentences. The teacher's role is not that of a corrector or a judge, but rather that of facilitator. Teachers assist with the processes of language learning and avoiding errors, therefore, they should not replace the students' perception with their own.