

Vocabulary Learning Tips

Keep a vocabulary journal

- If a new word is useful, write it in a special notebook. Also write a short definition in English and the sentence or situation where you found the word (its context). Write your own sentence that uses the word.
- Carry your vocabulary notebook with you at all times. Review the words whenever you have free time.
- Choose vocabulary words that will be useful to you. Some words are rarely used.

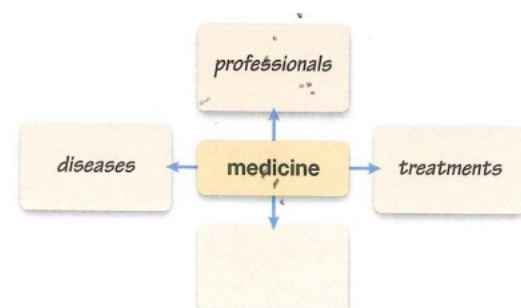
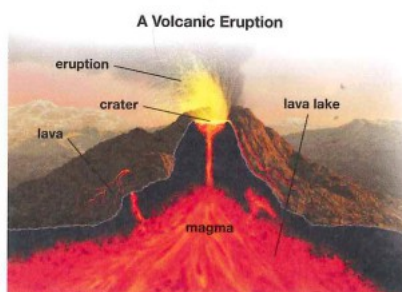
Experiment with new vocabulary.

- Think about new vocabulary in different ways. For example, look at all the words in your vocabulary journal and make a list of only the verbs. Or, list the words according to the number of syllables.
- Use new vocabulary to write a poem, a story, or an email message to a friend.
- Use an online dictionary to listen to the sound of new words. If possible, make a list of words that rhyme. Brainstorm words that relate to a single topic that begin with the same sound (student, study, school, skills, strategies, studious).

Use new words as often as possible.

- You will not know a new vocabulary word after hearing or reading it once. You need to remember the word several times before it enters your long-term memory.
- The way you use an English word – in which situations and with what other words – might be different from a similar word in your first language. If you use your new vocabulary often, you're more likely to discover the correct way to use it.

Use vocabulary organizers.



- Label pictures
- Make word maps
- Make personal flashcards. Write the words you want to learn on one side. Write the definition and / or an example sentence on the other.