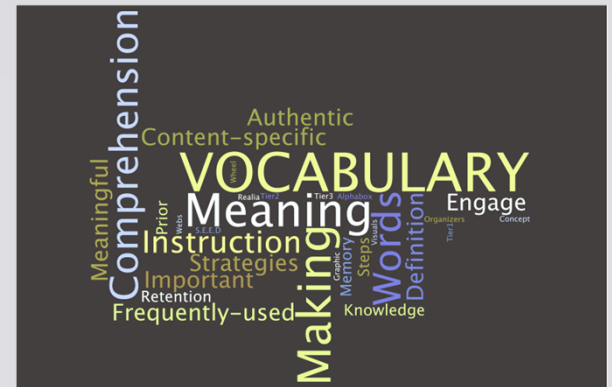

Building Vocabulary Through Journaling

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Using Vocabulary Journals

- Have you used a vocabulary journal in your own language learning? What does it look like?
- As a language teacher, do you encourage (or require) your students to use vocabulary journals? Why or why not?






Research says ...

- Vocabulary knowledge is a key indicator of a learner's success in school, on assessments, and in life overall. The knowledge an individual has about a topic is based on the vocabulary understanding of that topic. A six-steps process helps in learning vocabulary. (Marzano, 2010)
- Language learners need approximately 10,000 words to comprehend academic texts. (Folse, 2005)
- Practicing productive retrieval is an effective means of building vocabulary knowledge. (Radwan & Rikala-Boyer, 2011)

Journals are an excellent way to address this research and develop vocabulary!



What should a vocabulary journal include?

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Context sentence	More information	My sentence	
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sweet	adjective Adv: sweetly V: to sweeten Comparative: sweeter Opposite: sour, not sweet/unsweet	/swit/ /SWIT-li/ /SWID-r/	dulce (Spanish) 1. tastes like sugar, honey, etc. 2. nice, pleasant In British English, can also be a noun meaning a piece of candy



Let's try it! (2)

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How sweet do you like your coffee? She's a very sweet girl who is always kind to others.	Sweetener = something that makes something sweet Sweet on (informal) = in love with Kisses sweeter than wine. Sweet as candy Short and sweet	No sugar, please. I prefer my coffee unsweetened. He added tickets to the ballgame as a sweetener to the deal.

Collocation

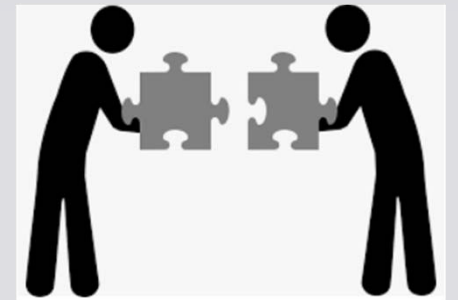
- What are collocations?

Collocations are words which commonly appear together

- Why are collocations important?

Using collocations makes your language sound more natural

Knowing collocations helps you to predict what is coming next



Online OXFORD collocation dictionary

- <http://www.freecollocation.com/>

mail *noun*

ADJ. **first-class, second-class** | **surface** | **express** | **registered** | **internal** *If we want to send something to another department, we use the internal mail.* | **international** | **direct** *direct mail advertising* | **incoming, outgoing** | **unopened, unread** | **electronic, video, voice** | **junk** *I throw junk mail straight in the bin without reading it.* | **hate** *He has received death threats and hate mail from angry fans.* | **fan**

QUANT. **item, sackful**

VERB + MAIL. **send** | **get, receive** | **deliver** | **forward, redirect** *We got the Post Office to redirect our mail when we moved.* | **collect** *The mail is collected twice a day.* | **sort** *The postcode allows the mail to be sorted automatically.* | **check** *She checked her mail before leaving the hotel.* | **pick up** | **open** | **read** | **answer, deal with**

MAIL + VERB **come, go** *Has the mail come yet?*


MAIL + NOUN **order** *All our products are available by mail order.* | **message** | **item** | **program** | **system**

PREP. **by** ~ *Send it by first-class mail.* | **in the** ~ *My reply is in the mail. Is there anything interesting in the mail?*

mail *verb*

ADV. **direct**

PREP. **to** *The brochures are mailed direct to members.*



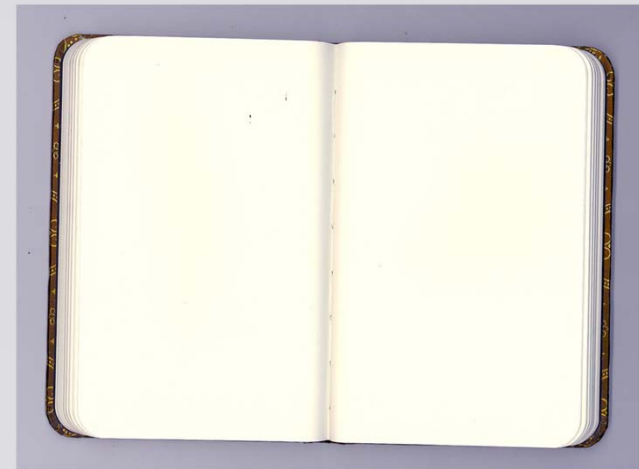
Your turn

With your group, fill out the vocabulary journal template for your assigned word. You can use your own knowledge or use your phone to access resources. You can divide up the categories or work on them together.

What's your vote?



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