

VOCABULARY

English is the local languages of the global village called World .To establish our stronghold in any and every arena life is indispensable for each one of us to be proficient in writing and speaking English.

If it is paramount to be grammatically correct it is equally imperative to beautify our speech and writing with new and good words.

If you can refine your grammar by sheer learning the correct rules and sheer practice, how do you augment your balance in the WORD bank?

Should you cram words? But then for how long you will be able to remember a word you have learned in isolation?

If that is not the strategy, then how to should you go about it?

The methodology you can follow is:

- a) Identifying the roots of the English words: Like all the other languages English too has borrowed from other languages and especially from Latin and Greek. To make your task simpler, try to break a word into its roots and link it up with other words (already known to you) using the same root to derive the flow if not the meaning of the word. It is true that all the words cannot be explained through roots, but root study makes the process of learning very easy. Some of the roots may be prefixes, some may be suffixes and yet others may be common words to derive the words of the English language.
- b) Using a thesaurus: Other useful strategy is that whenever you come across a new word; look up to a thesaurus for its alternatives. This helps you to supplement your vocabulary with more than word with same meaning and you can link them up to remember their meanings.

Working with Roots:

What is philanthropy? 'Phil' means to love and anthrop means 'man'. Therefore 'philanthropy is a desire to help mankind, especially as shown by gifts to charitable or humanitarian institutions.

Similarly let's work out the meaning of the word philosophy. 'phil' means love and 'sophos' means wise. Therefore philosophy means love of, or the search for, wisdom or knowledge.

Let us go a step further. Who's a sophomore? 'Sophos' means wise and 'moros' means foolish. Therefore, sophomore a student in the second year of college or the tenth grade in high school who is often regarded as self-assured, opinionated, etc. though immature.

Another set of words:

What is 'astrology'? 'astro' means star and 'logy' is the science.. Hence astrology is the study of foretelling the future by studying stars and other heavenly bodies.

If that is so then who is an astronaut? 'astro' means star and 'nautis' means sailor. Hence astronaut is the pilot of the airship.

Some simple roots:

S.No	Root	Examples
Ama/ami	Love	Amiable,amataeur ,amity
Ante	Before	Antebellum, antecedent, anterior
Bellis	War	Rebellion,bellicose,belligerent
Chron	Time	Chronicle,anachronism,synchronize
Cracy	Rule	Aristocracy, democracy.theocracy
Dem	People	Demagogue,endemic,pandemic
Dict	Speak	Abdicate,diction,dictation
Ego	Self	Egoist, egomaniac, alterego
Face	Face	Deface,faade,facet
Flor	Flower	Florid,floral,flora
Geo	Earth	Geocentric,geography,geology
Hetero	Different	Heterodox,heterogenous,heteronym,
Hypo	Less than	Hypocrisy,hypodermic,hypothermia
Iso	Equal	Isobar,isosceles,isotope
Jud	Right	Judge,judicious,prejudice
Loq	Speak	Obloquy,colloquy,eloquent
Mono	Single	Monologue,monogamy,monarchy
Neuro	Nerve	Neuralgia,neurotic,neuritis
Omni	All	Omnivorous,omnipotent,omniscient
Ped	Teach	Pedantic,encyclopedia,pedagogy
Ped	Foot	Peddler,impede,pedestrian
Psyche	Mind	Pychiatry,psychic,psychologist
Retro	Backwards	Retract,retrograde,retrospect
Sanc	Holy	Sacrosanct,sanctity,sanctum
Sub	Under	Subdue,sublime,submarine
Trans	Carry	Transport,transcend,transparent