

Vocabulary Notebooks II

There are many ways to study vocabulary. Here's another.

Get or continue to use your vocabulary notebook or cards. It is small, easy to carry in your pocket or handbag. Or, use the notes function on your smartphone.

A famous vocabulary expert, Paul Nation, suggests that to really learn and know vocabulary, you need to encounter each word between 8 to 50 times, and you need to learn the native-pronunciation to store it in your memory. Please read and listen for pleasure to automatise recognition and recall. And practice speaking to automatise production. Enter *one word per page* in your vocabulary notebook, organise it like in the picture below.

Example page:

The types of knowledge you need for a work:

Recognition

見覚え Recognise the meaning

Recall

思い出す Recall the meaning from memory

Receptive

分かる understand

Think /eɪŋk/:

- a. 働く
- b. 思う
- c. 食べる
- d. 寝る

Think = ?
/eɪŋk/

Productive

用いる Produce meaning

おもう:

- a. Work
- b. Think
- c. Eat
- d. Sleep

思う = ?

Square /skweə/

(n) A shape with four equal sides 四角

(n) (negative meaning) A person who is unhelpfully rule-abiding. 真面目な

"I can't date him, he's such a square!"

(n) A part of a town, like a piazza. ピアッツア、広場

"He has a shop in the town square".

(v) To do the right thing. ~を適合 (一致) させる。

"I was wrong. I need to square this with her"

Source: Textbook, page 33. "Tom, you're such a square. I'll find someone who can help me."

_____ = ?

- 1. 四角
- 2. 真面目な
- 3. ピアッツア、広場
- 4. ~を適合 (一致) させる。

/skweə/ = ?

Study steps

1. Each week, study a maximum of 8 words (9 is too many, and you forget them all).
2. Choose words that are important or interesting to you (you can't remember boring things).
3. Study them for 10 minutes a day, every day (7 days a week), as a routine (example, when you take the morning train, or when you are waiting on the train platform, when you arrive to class early at the start of the day, etc...).
4. Study the new word, pronunciation, and one or two Japanese meanings
5. Study the word, pronunciation, and a sample sentence
6. See the Japanese, and try to *recall* the word, a sample sentence, and type of word (n, v, adj)
7. Shuffle your words and study them in a different order to avoid list "order effect"
8. Play "test your memory" games with your friends on Saturday night 😊