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Vocabulary Enrichment and grammar
in context

Definition of vocabulary -

Vocabulary is commonly defined as
"all the words known and used by
a particular person". Knowing a word
however, is not as simple as merely
being able to recognize or use it.

There are several aspects of word knowledge that are used to measure word knowledge.

Types of Vocabulary

Reading vocabulary: A literate person's vocabulary is all the words they can recognize when reading. This is generally the largest type of vocabulary simply because reader tends to be exposed to more words by reading than by listening.

Listening vocabulary: A person's listening vocabulary is all the words they can recognize when listening to speech. People may still understand words they were not exposed to before using cues such as tone, gestures etc. (संकेत)

Speaking vocabulary: A person's speaking vocabulary is all the words they use in speech. It is likely to be a subset of the listening vocabulary. Due to the spontaneous (स्वातंत्र्य) nature of speech, words are often misused

2. The spontaneous recall of words.

3. Grammatical accuracy - i.e. use of correct tense.

4. In speech, fluency and ability to reproduce correct sounds, pronunciation etc.

b. Passive Vocabulary: The passive vocabulary consists of those words, meaning of which can be understood when they appear in speech or writing of others but which we cannot use in our own speech and writing because we are not fully conversant with them.

Passive vocabulary

calls for:

1. A recognition of vocabulary in speech or writing.

2. An acquaintance (जानना) with major grammatical items or forms.

3. The skill of stimulating rapidly the sense of large word groups.

Writing vocabulary: words are used in various forms of writing from formal essay to social media feeds. Many written words commonly appear in speech. Writers generally use a limited set of words when communicating.

Final vocabulary: The American philosopher Richard Rorty characterized a person's "final vocabulary" as follows. All human beings carry about a set of words which they employ to justify their action, their beliefs and their lives.

on the basis of its application, vocabulary is divided into two types :-

a. Active vocabulary :- Active vocabulary consists of those words over which one can use in his speech and writing. He knows the meaning of those words accurately. Active vocabulary refers to the productive side of language. Active vocabulary of a language calls for:

1. The use of right word in right place.