

Paul Nation's Quiz about Vocabulary Teaching and Learning

1. How many word families does an average adult native speaker of English know?

- A) 150,000
- B) 100,000
- C) 50,000
- D) 20,000

2. If learners know the most frequent 2000 words of English, what percentage of running words in an academic text will be known to them?

- A) 60%
- B) 80%
- C) 90%
- D) 98%

3. What is the most important factor in formal measures of readability?

- A) background knowledge
- B) vocabulary knowledge
- C) reading skill in L1
- D) grammatical knowledge

4. The most effective way of beginning to learn the meaning of a word is by

- A) the use of a picture
- B) translation into the first language
- C) a dictionary definition
- D) seeing a word in context

5. Initially opposites like hot and cold should be learned

- A) at the same time
- B) in quick succession
- C) as part of a bigger lexical set
- D) at widely separated times

6. In order to have a good chance of guessing the meaning of an unknown word from context clues, what percentage of the running words in the text does the learner need to know?

- A) 78%
- B) 80%
- C) 90%
- D) 98%

7. Which of these most helps vocabulary learning?

- A) meeting or using the word in a new way
- B) having its meaning explained
- C) meeting the word in context
- D) searching for the word in a dictionary

8. Quickly providing meanings for unknown words while listening or reading

- A) has little effect on comprehension of the text
- B) upsets comprehension of the text
- C) greatly increases the amount of vocabulary learned
- D) results in little vocabulary learning

9. How many closely related members does a typical English word family have?

- A) 3
- B) 5
- C) 7
- D) 9

10. To test learners' productive knowledge of vocabulary we must get learners to

- A) produce words in spoken or written sentences
- B) produce spoken or written forms from a meaning cue
- C) produce or recognize spoken or written word forms from a meaning cue
- D) produce a first language translation of words