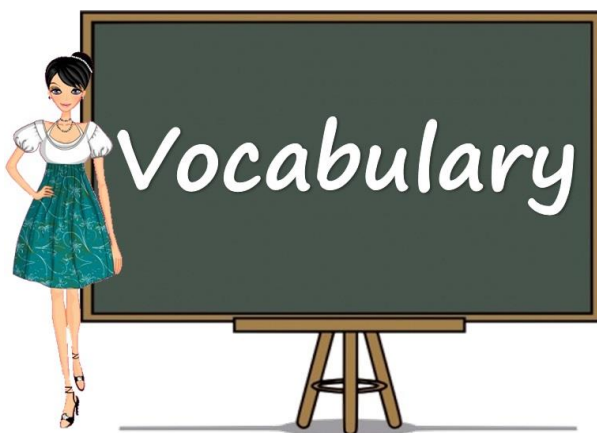


Spotlight on Vocabulary

By Jessica Ives

Learning a language is a complex process. Typically, grammar is seen as the most important component for learning a language. While grammar is certainly important, the role of vocabulary to convey the speaker's message during communication is often left in the background. As Wilkins (1972) states, "without grammar, very little can be conveyed; without vocabulary, nothing can be conveyed" (p. 111).

Generally, knowing vocabulary constitutes knowing the definition. However, is knowing only the definition enough? With this in mind, the focus of this workshop is to place a spotlight on the importance of vocabulary and how teachers can help students gain a deeper understanding of the words being learned.



Based on Scott Thornbury's ideas, this workshop will encompass a range of activities to address

various factors related to teaching vocabulary: how to introduce vocabulary, multiple meanings of words, a word's relationship with other words (collocation), and how to practice newly introduced vocabulary.

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Jessica will present on innovative ways to teach vocabulary at the September 9th workshop of the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of KOTESOL at Gwangju National University of Education (Room 811).

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Roundtable Discussion & Upcoming Events

September 9: Collaborative Workshop Roundtable Discussion

This session will be a set of Roundtable Discussions. Several roundtables (workstations) will be set up around the room, and every teacher will be expected to have prepared at least one item to present to the group for discussion – two or three or more would be even better.



Here is a list of possible items to bring to the meeting:

- A problem that's driving you up the wall (concerning ELT, students, colleagues, the administration, etc.).
- A question about the English language that makes you go "Hmmm..."
- A head-scratching question about why Korean learners make certain English mistakes.
- A teaching method- or technique-related question that you have.
- A half-finished idea that's looking for help for completion.
- An activity or game you love (i.e., a swapshop type of item).

- An activity that seems like it will work fabulously, but has hidden pitfalls. (Things to beware of!)
- A longing to listen and help your fellow KOTESOL teachers!

October 28th Meeting (4th Saturday) Super SwapShop & Halloween Party

Following on the success of last year's October meeting, the upcoming October meeting will feature a 90-minute swapshop, followed by a Halloween party.

For the swapshop session (2:00–3:30 pm), attendees are asked to prepare at least one item to share with the group on any of the following three topics:

- Halloween-Related SwapShop Topics
- Favorite Take-Aways from the International Conference
- General ELT SwapShop Topics

For the Halloween Party portion of the day (3:30–5:00 pm), everyone is encouraged to come in masks, make-up, and/or costumes. Halloween-themed refreshments will be available, but snack and drink contributions by attendees are welcome.

September 30th Reflective Practice SIG Event Day of Reflection 2017

Reflective Practice Workshops featuring Dr. Thomas Farrell

The annual RP-SIG Day of Reflection is coming up the last Saturday of September. The full day of workshops will feature a 90-minute workshop by worldwide reflective practice authority, Dr. Thomas Farrell of Brock University, Canada. Two of the other one-hour workshops will be by Jocelyn Wright and Maria Lisak. At Sookmyung Women's University in Seoul.

Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL September Chapter Meeting

- Time: Saturday, September 9, 2017, 1:45–5:00 p.m.
- Place: Gwangju Natl. University of Ed., Teacher Training Bldg., Room 811 (1st Floor)

■ Schedule: Chapter Meeting, Main Session

1:45 pm: Sign-in and Meet-and-Greet (Admission is free for first-timers. Future membership is welcomed.)

2:00 – 2:50 pm: PRESENTATION

Spotlight on Vocabulary (See page 1)
Jessica Ives (Dongshin University, Naju, Jeonnam)

2:50 – 3:15 pm: Refreshment Break

3:15 – 4:05 pm: COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOP

Roundtable Discussions (See page 3)
David Shaffer (Chapter Vice-President)

4:15 – 4:45 pm: SwapShop Session (Open to All)

Everyone is encouraged to share their Teaching Discoveries and Secrets with the group.
Share your Teaching Tips, Ideas, Classroom Activities, Games, ELT Books, or other Teaching Wisdom. (Handouts welcomed.)

4:45 – 5:00 pm: Announcements / Drawing for Door Prizes / Closing

After-Meeting Dinner at The First Alleyway downtown.

Upcoming Chapter Events

October 28, 2017. Super SwapShop & Halloween Party.
Gwangju National University of Education

October 29, 2017. GIC Day. ACC, 5.18 Plaza

November 11, 2017. Meeting & Elections.
Gwangju Natl. University of Education

Upcoming KOTESOL Events

September 23, 2017. Christian Teachers SIG Symposium

Restorative Approaches in ELT
Hadong University, Pohang

September 30, 2017

Reflective Practice SIG: “Day of Reflection”

RP Workshops Featuring Dr. Thomas Farrell
Sookmyung Women’s University, Seoul

October 21–22, 2017.

25th KOTESOL International Conference

Why Are We Here? Analogue Learning in a Digital Era
Sookmyung Women’s University, Seoul

Reflective Practice SIG

Sept. 9 Morning Meeting (11-12:30)

“Investment” and “e-Journaling”
Jocelyn Wright & Maria Lisak

At Coffee Lab Mujii (Woori Church)