

# Enhancing the Vocabulary Learning Through Android Applications

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## ABSTRACT

Smartphones have become a part in our day to day life. Learning vocabulary through smartphones play a vital role in language learning. The learners with inadequate knowledge may feel difficult in enhancing learning skills. These applications usually create massive opportunities which are innovative for the learners. Android applications like Vocabulary builder-test prep, English Vocabulary master, Word of the day-Vocabulary builder improve learner knowledge on vocabulary. These apps track your progress as you study. Vocabulary apps find learning skills more effective and helpful for basic learners to improve their language. Among other applications these vocabulary apps occupy a larger share in number. The learners can even equip their structural and functional form in languages. This way of learning vocabulary through mobile applications creates positive impact among learners.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The mobile application is a type of application software designed to run on gadgets such as smartphones and tablets, computers etc., Smartphones are used for various purposes among family members, businesses, event organization and so on. These phones have access to events in an emergency. The learners tend to attach themselves more with the smartphones. These smartphones are used by millions of people in the present era. This application process connects the teachers and learners from various places. In Such a way exchanging ideas will improve the interest among learners to contribute more in learning skills in vocabulary.

The usage of vocabulary will make the sentence and the meaning more effective. A deeper vocabulary will always be more intentional about a particular message. The more usage of vocabulary will take its place widely among learners. Some of the android applications are mentioned below which improves the language proficiency among learners

- 1.Vocabulary Builder-Test prep
2. English vocabulary
- 3.English vocabulary builder for free and also English vocabulary Master: Phrasal verbs in situation (proficiency level: Intermediate/advanced B2-C1-Listen and Learn)
- 4.Mnemonic Dictionary-Faster Vocabulary Builder
- 5.VoLT -Vocabulary Learning Techniques
- 6.Vocab cloud- English Vocabulary improves knowledge among learners.

These apps contain Listening- learning of phrasal verbs in context, Repeat- Repeating and consolidating of sentences used in typical situations and Speak and Answering for teachers questions where learners can improve their efficiency of using vocabulary in English language.

## II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Language is a structural system of communication. The learners exchange their ideas, thoughts among individuals. Later, choice of words that attracts the learners. According to Ahmet Basal (2016) Effectiveness of Mobile Applications in vocabulary teaching, Basal tested the learners in an experimental form and it took 4 week-long study which aims to investigate the effectiveness of teaching on 40 figurative idioms through mobile applications, this states that the participants perform more effective in posttest. These processes will mold the learners' usage of vocabulary in language learning. Mohamed Amir (2016) Learning Technical vocabulary through mobile

app: English Language teachers perspective. Here, Amir focused on a particular application VocBlast that improves the intention and interest in enhancing vocabulary.

Learners are tested by giving hints and giving questions regarding vocabulary. The power of vocabulary is demonstrated in its structural format. The app has 14 themes which consists of questions for which the learners have to give a proper answer. These created a possibility of integrating m-learning into teaching and also learning pedagogy at tertiary level. Bor-Tyng Wang (2017) Designing mobile apps for English Vocabulary Learning, the way of teaching vocabulary through mobile application in this generation will make the student motivate themselves to improve in a positive manner. It also helps to motivate the self learning habit of learners to shape them into fine arts.

### III. METHODOLOGY

#### A) Vocabulary Builder-Test Prep:

This particular application which makes the learning of vocabulary much easier, was offered by Magoosh. Vocabulary Builder-Test Prep was composed with 1200+ words of vocabulary. The level of learners is determined through “Quiz” and it also provides the audio pronunciation for each word, it gives the exact definition and also example sentences for every word. The learners can also store the vocabulary with the meaning that will improve their language by using it in daily life. To make it more effective this app consists of levels like Basic, Intermediate and Advanced vocabulary section, the learners can improve themselves in each level and when the levels are raised it unlock new words as a boost for the learners. This enhances the vocabulary usage among learners.

#### B) English Vocabulary Master:

English vocabulary master consists of 10,000 English words which were invented on 6 April 2018. It consists of three stages, the elementary, intermediate and the advanced level. The elementary level is the basic level of learners giving an initial test with the name of foods, sports, accessories, tools ,animal’s part, vocabulary related to music and vocabulary based on nature. Then it carries out the intermediate level where it helps the learners to practice in sentences making in their daily life.

This application consists of 220 most common idioms in English, 140 most common phrasal verbs in English, 600 common word for TOEIL and 400 common word for TOEFL and then to the last stage, the advanced level with 4300

words for IELTS, GRE high frequency words the SAT, ACT, GRE, and TOEFL of top 1000 vocabulary words which will enhance the learners to use vocabulary in a sentence and also improves their fluency of English language

#### C) Word of the day-Vocabulary builder:

Word of the day-Vocabulary builder improves your vocabulary with one word at a time and also provides a daily quiz to test your vocabulary. This app practices vocabulary in multiple choice format and it also gives the definition and examples for an individual word. Its origin is from top and trusted sources. Each word has synonyms, antonyms, one word substitutions, foreign, words and phrasal, phrasal verbs and important words. Learners will experience new challenges.

#### D) Mnemonic Dictionary-Faster Vocabulary Builder:

Mnemonic Dictionary-Faster vocabulary builder helps to learn vocabulary permanently with memorable mnemonic. Ratings are used for a lot of mnemonics and also the meaning of a word is known while reading. The learners can also add their own personalized creative fancy mnemonic. They do have a popular vocabulary list with the combination of mnemonic and the learners can also play their favorite vocabulary for pronunciation. It includes Magoosh 1000 words with mnemonic, Barron 333 and Barron 800 with mnemonic, Word smart 1, 2 and also Manhattan GRE word list. This process is really fun in learning English vocabulary at an advanced level.

#### E) VoLT -Vocabulary Learning Techniques:

VoLT provides the learners with various innovative techniques to remember the difficult English-language that were invented in 2015. It can be useful to all the students who are preparing for CAT, MAT, GMAT, GATE and TOEFL ETC. The app requires an excess repetition effort. This app is tested by many researches and they proved that new information is retained in our brains. It associates with the normal life events, funny stories, pictures and other high effective vocabulary. This particular app will help the readers to learn and sustain knowledge through the entire process. Synonyms and Antonyms also provided with each vocabulary to extend the level of learners. The researchers assured that the learners of the app will never forget any word after the usage.

#### F) Vocab cloud- English Vocabulary:

Vocab cloud- English vocabulary considered learning in a fun way. This enhances the sound of vocabulary for effective communication. It contains 4000+ words. Covering the vocabulary

of competitive exams this app can easily figure out the words that the learners know already. If the learners need any help it will be provided further. Some practices are given to the learners until they attain the tough ones. The vocabulary practices in certain levels will remain fresh in the minds of learners. Visual learning helps you remember longer (vocabulary). It also helps the native English speaker to possess a mastery in English language.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Vocabulary is the most required skill in learning English language. Through this vocabulary the learners can improve the LSRW skills and they can develop it in a higher stage. Making the learners' to memorize the words will be a major drawback. The interest towards English language will also decrease in this present era. In the present era the usage of smartphones have increased in a huge manner. The learners are so much into the apps. Hereby the application helps the learners to develop the vocabulary skill at secondary and tertiary level. The game process works effectively and absorbs the attention of learners. The vocabulary apps evaluate the learners through the worksheets to check the level of learners which motivate the learners by giving options or exact marks(points) for the most difficult words. This surely creates a positive impact and also makes learning more effective among various stages of learners.

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