

Expert Talk on

“ How to build Good Vocabulary”

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Venue: Room no. 206

Introduction:

The expert talk on "How to Build a Good Vocabulary" was held on 7 February 2025 in Room No. 206 for Second Year CSE Students of Ist Shift and IInd Shift. The session aimed to help participants understand the importance of having a strong vocabulary and the various techniques and strategies to improve it over time. The talk was attended by a diverse audience ranging from students to professionals who were keen to enhance their communication skills.

About the Speaker

Pawan Kumar is a Senior Verbal Faculty at Triumphant Institute of Management Education (T.I.M.E.), with extensive expertise in preparing students for a range of competitive exams. With over seven years of experience in the field, he has helped thousands of students achieve top scores in prominent exams such as CAT, GMAT, CUET, CLAT, and IPMAT.

Key Highlights from the Expert Talk:

1. Importance of Vocabulary in Effective Communication:

- The speaker began by emphasizing that vocabulary is the foundation of effective communication. A rich vocabulary not only improves verbal and written expression but also boosts confidence in public speaking, writing, and everyday conversations.
- A well-developed vocabulary helps convey thoughts clearly, leaving a lasting impact on listeners or readers.

2. Common Misconceptions About Vocabulary Building:

- The expert clarified common misconceptions such as assuming vocabulary building is a quick process or only involves memorizing words.



- Participants were encouraged to shift focus from "learning" words to "using" them in real-life scenarios to make vocabulary a living part of their communication.

3. Practical Techniques to Build Vocabulary:

- Reading Regularly:

One of the most effective ways to build vocabulary is through reading. The speaker stressed the importance of reading diverse materials, including books, newspapers, blogs, and articles. The more varied the reading sources, the more exposure to new words one will gain.

- Contextual Learning:

It's essential to learn words in context rather than by rote memorization. The expert recommended making a habit of identifying unfamiliar words while reading and trying to understand their meaning through context. This strengthens retention and helps in the proper use of words.

- Use a Dictionary and Thesaurus:

The speaker highlighted the value of having a good dictionary and thesaurus at hand. When encountering new words, understanding their meanings, synonyms, antonyms, and usage can deepen comprehension. Digital tools like online dictionaries and vocabulary apps were also suggested as practical resources.

- Active Usage of New Words:

Actively using new words in speaking and writing helps solidify them in one's vocabulary. The speaker encouraged participants to write daily, keep a journal, or engage in conversations using newly learned words to make them part of their regular vocabulary.

- Word of the Day Technique:

The expert suggested a fun and manageable technique of learning one new word a day. By committing to learning and using one new word daily, a person can significantly expand their vocabulary over time.

- Engaging with Language Games and Apps:



Language games, puzzles, and vocabulary apps can be both enjoyable and effective tools for improving vocabulary. The speaker recommended apps like "Quizlet" or "Memrise," which use gamification to make learning engaging.

4. The Role of Consistency and Patience:

- The expert emphasized that building a good vocabulary is a gradual process that requires consistent effort. Regular practice and repetition are key to retaining words and using them correctly in different contexts.

5. Importance of Listening and Conversation:

- Listening to conversations, podcasts, debates, or speeches by skilled speakers can help expose individuals to advanced vocabulary. The expert suggested paying attention to how well-spoken individuals use words and incorporating such language into one's own vocabulary.

6. Challenges and Solutions:

- Common challenges include forgetting new words or feeling overwhelmed by the volume of words to learn. To combat this, the expert advised setting realistic goals, such as learning 5 new words a week, and reviewing them periodically to ensure long-term retention.

- Another challenge is the tendency to overuse certain words. The speaker recommended making a conscious effort to diversify word choice to avoid repetition and strengthen language proficiency.

7. Vocabulary and its Impact on Career Growth:

- In a professional context, a strong vocabulary is an asset in writing reports, presentations, and emails. It helps build authority and enhances credibility. The expert mentioned that professionals with a good vocabulary are often perceived as more articulate and competent.

Conclusion:

The expert talk concluded with an encouraging message that building a good vocabulary is an ongoing journey that requires dedication and practice. The speaker urged attendees to stay motivated and adopt the techniques discussed to enhance their vocabulary over time.

Participants left the session equipped with practical strategies to integrate into their daily routines, making vocabulary-building an enjoyable and rewarding process.

Key Takeaways:

- Vocabulary development is a gradual process requiring consistency.
- Reading widely, learning in context, and using new words actively are essential strategies.
- Vocabulary improvement can boost both personal and professional communication skills

This session was a valuable learning experience for all attendees and will undoubtedly lead to improved communication skills for those who put the strategies into practice.



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