

## My 5 best tips to learn vocabulary effectively (tools, strategies, my experience, etc.)

By Eva: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zBI82ybc8I>

In this video, the host, Eva, draws from her experience as both a qualified English teacher and a language learner to share her top five tips for mastering vocabulary effectively. She emphasizes that while there isn't a single "magic tool" for everyone, these core strategies and principles can help anyone find what works best for their learning style.

Here is a summary of her 5 best tips:

- **Tip 1: Use Quizlet [00:55]** Eva highly recommends the Quizlet app (noting it is not a paid promotion) as an excellent digital tool. She uses its free features to build vocabulary sets step-by-step for her students, edit words, and play learning games to keep the process engaging.
- **Tip 2: Keep an "Old School" Notebook [01:37]** When app learning feels repetitive, switching to a physical notebook can renew your focus. Eva shares a structured approach for writing down words: include the word itself, the definition (ideally in English if you are advanced), the native translation, an example sentence from a reliable dictionary, any tone/formality constraints, and the pronunciation.
- **Tip 3: Always Learn in Context [02:51]** Learning isolated word lists is ineffective and a waste of time. Instead, learn vocabulary through context—like movies, books, or articles. She highly recommends the website **YouGlish** [03:56] to look up new words and see short YouTube clips of real native speakers using them in real-life conversations.
- **Tip 4: Prioritize Consistency [04:16]** Language is a skill built on habit, and studying a little bit every single day is vastly superior to cramming for hours once a week. To help learners stay on track, Eva offers a free "English tracker" calendar download on her website to visualize daily progress.
- **Tip 5: Take a Proactive Approach [05:06]** Be active instead of passive. Seek out immediate opportunities to use your new words, whether by mentally placing them into imaginary scenarios with colleagues or pushing yourself out of your comfort zone to speak. She notes that stepping out of your comfort zone and risking embarrassment is an essential part of the learning journey.

Eva wraps up by encouraging viewers to share their own language learning experiences in the comments and mentions that she tried the popular "Gold List method" in the past, but it didn't personal work well for her [06:26].