

Build Your Vocabulary Toolkit

Building a strong vocabulary boosts your reading speed and makes reading feel more natural and enjoyable. The more words you know, the less you'll need to pause—and the easier it is to stay in the flow. Try these simple, consistent strategies to keep growing your vocabulary with confidence:



Look up and record unfamiliar words with definitions and example sentences.



Read regularly in your subject area to naturally build word exposure.



Use flashcards or apps (like Quizlet) to review and quiz yourself on new vocabulary.



Practice daily with a “word of the day” and group related words to deepen understanding.

Create a mini glossary of academic terms from your course to boost familiarity, reading speed, and comprehension. Use this table to track each word, define it in your own words, and use it in a sentence.

Word	Definition (in Your Own Words)	Used in a Sentence	Related Words

Vocabulary Expansion Resources

Expand your vocabulary by exploring reliable sources like course textbooks, syllabi, news outlets (NPR, BBC, NYT), educational videos with subtitles, and free apps like Merriam-Webster or Vocabulary.com. Learning just one new word a day can sharpen your reading, writing, test-taking, and communication skills—helping you succeed in class and beyond.