# Vocabulary Lesson #2

Now that we know why Vocabulary matters, let's focus on how we can actually learn it.

# Context Clues

When you are reading a passage you may come across a word that you don't know if so there are two main ways to guess its meaning.

1. By looking at what aws in the sentences previous to the word.

2. By looking at the prefixes suffixes and roots

# Memory techniques

To help remember the definitions and uses of words you don't understand put them in a list.

Ways to organize your list

1. Separate words Alphabetically
2. Place words in groups with similarities
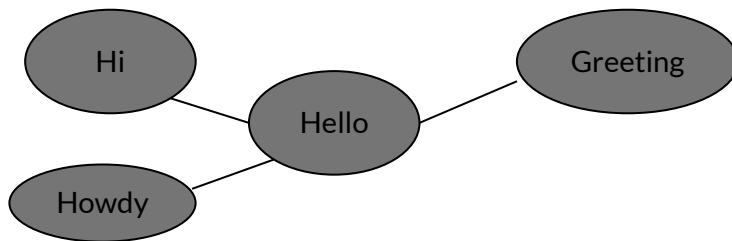3. Organize by part of speech ie: Noun, Adjective, Verb

# What do I do now?

Now that you have a list you can do several things

- Make flashcards with the word and definition
- Write a sentence with each word
- Create a word map of words that connect to your word

Ex:

# Let's Practice

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## Context

The boy was very smart. Not only was he intelligent, but also he was hard working.

The word smart helps us understand the meaning of intelligent to be synonymous with smart.

## Roots

The root Bene means good

This lets us know that the word *Benevolent* means one who is good.

Ex:

He is a very caring and *benevolent* person

# Recap

If you are stumped about the meaning of a word in a text you are reading look at the context clues and roots.

If you are still struggling to understand a word then add it to a list and use your preferred study technique.

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