

Words, Collocations, and Technology

Teaching and Learning Vocabulary in the 21st
Century



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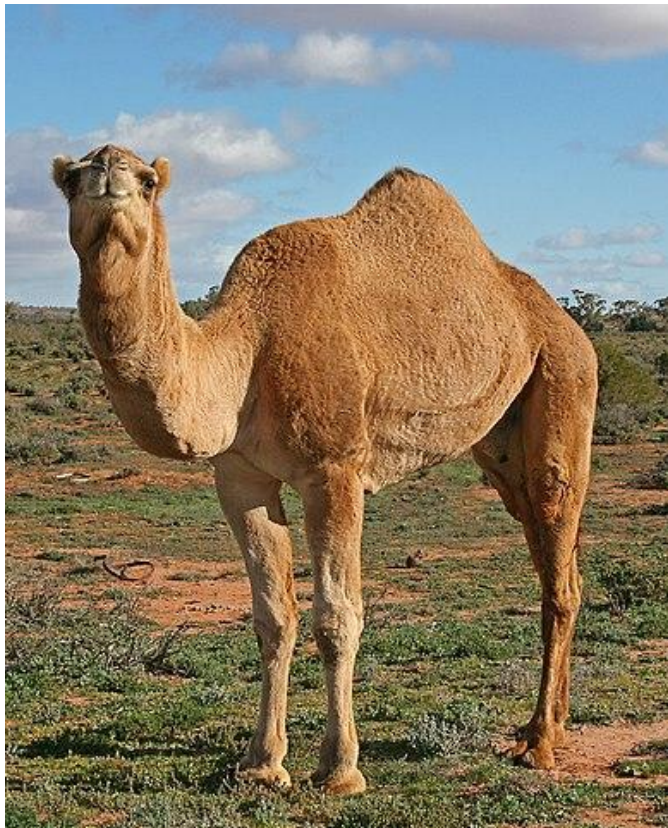
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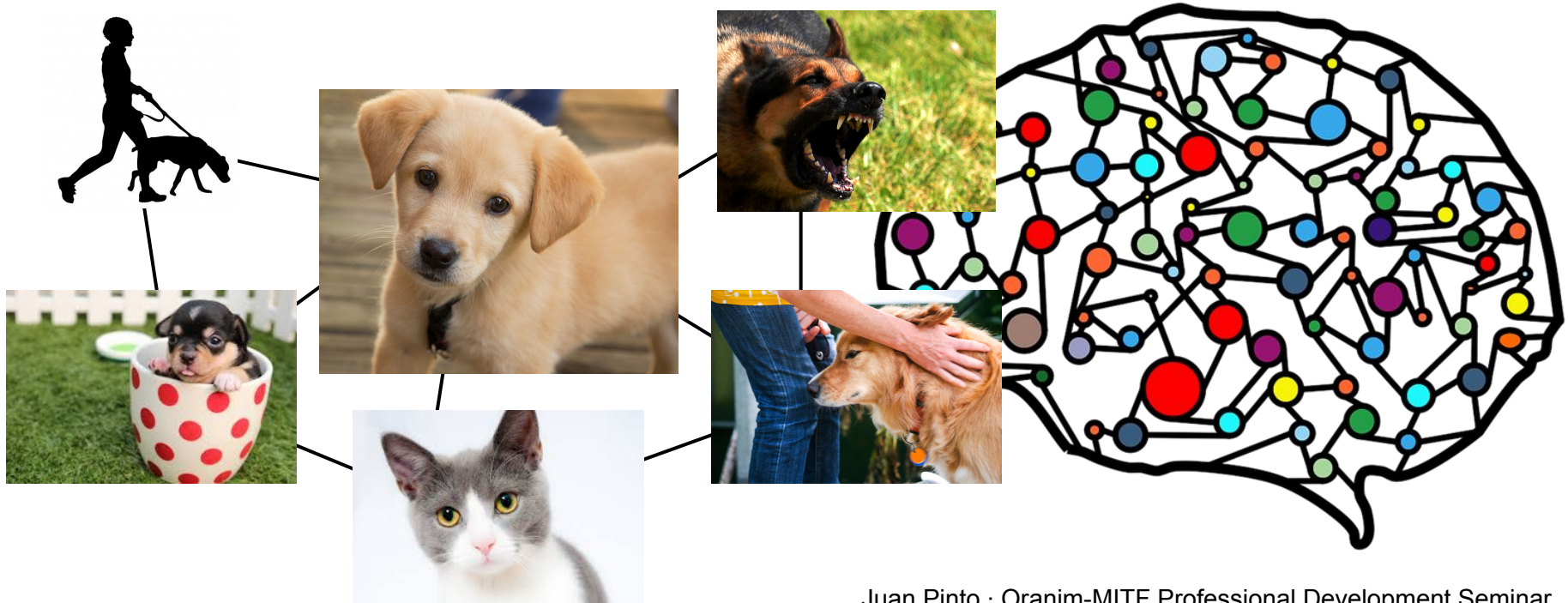
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Why vocabulary?

- Lacking in students.
- Israel's Ministry of Education places heavy emphasis on vocabulary teaching.
 - "A Practical Guide for Teaching Vocabulary"
 - Vocab bands

Vocabulary acquisition theory

CONNECTIONS, CONNECTIONS, CONNECTIONS!!

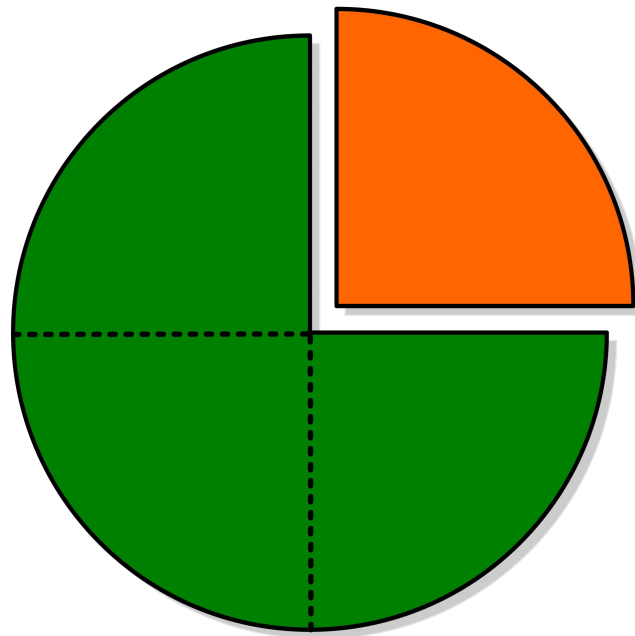


Vocabulary acquisition theory

- Common myths (in some circles)
 1. You should never translate new words into L1.
 2. It's more important to teach reading strategies than vocabulary.
 3. Vocabulary should always be taught and reviewed in (sentence or longer) context.
 4. Students can always guess meanings from context.
 5. It's enough to expose a learner three or four times to a new word for them to learn it.
 6. Words should be learned in closely-related semantic sets.
- Remember: **YOU** know your students.

Vocabulary acquisition theory

- Deliberate vs. incidental acquisition
- Paul Nation: four strands
 1. Meaning-focused input
 2. Meaning-focused output
 3. Language-focused learning
 4. Fluency development
- “How should I teach vocabulary?” —> “How should vocabulary be learned?”





Vocabulary teaching strategies

- Make students responsible for vocabulary learning.
 - Homework!
 - Example: vocabulary notebooks
 - Let them own their learning
- Quick, consistent reviews
 - Introduce > connect > review > connect

Vocabulary teaching strategies

- Assessment for learning
 - Formative vs. summative
 - Written vs. oral
 - Receptive vs. productive
 - Recall vs. recognition

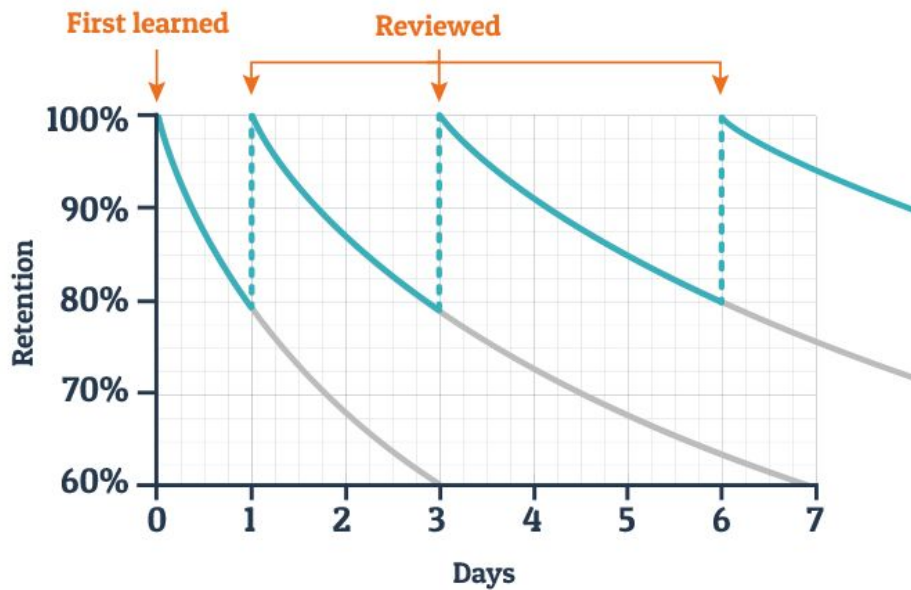
Vocabulary teaching strategies

- Classroom management: find what they like, and make it fun!
 - Card games / competitions on the board / Kahoot / music activities
- Some tools

Vocabulary teaching strategies

- Spaced repetition
 - Self-assessment

Typical Forgetting Curve for Newly Learned Information



Classroom Hebrew

- Anki
- Memrise course: Oranim-MITF Classroom Hebrew