



Developing Language and Communication

by Education Endowment Foundation

“Much more extended vocabulary being used.”

What I Wanted to Improve

As a mixed ability class coming from a wide variety of languages and exposure to English, vocabulary choice is often limited. I am looking for strategies to help develop this..

What Would Success Look Like?

1. Pupils use new vocabulary in their writing

How Did I Approach It?

- Whole class guided reading sessions, with dedicated lessons on new vocabulary that are repeated throughout the week as 'words of the week', used on working wall and modelled by teacher whenever possible.
- Feeding these into Talk For Writing in English and cross curricular when appropriate
- Methods to develop vocabulary are:
 - Providing a rich language environment (implicit teaching)
 - Directly extended vocabulary (explicit)
 - Develop the number of words children know (breadth)
- Changes made to guided reading practice and focused learning objectives.
- Emphasis on cross curricular links.

My Context

International School, Brunei

Ofsted Rating **N/A**

Free School Meals **N/A**

(National Average 24.9%)

Pupils **1400+**

Ages **2-18**

Gender **Mixed**

School Type

International School

Resources and Cost Required

None

Results and Conclusions

Success criteria	What changed?	Why?
<p>Use new vocabulary in their independent writing</p>	<p>Much more extended vocabulary being used in descriptive writing and identified and used cross curricular opportunities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct vocab teaching and praise reward schemes to encourage participation. Display and interactive resources that were taught.

Overall Rating and Recommendation

