

Maximising Input

Through Extensive Reading and Listening Resources

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Why?

Today

General thoughts

Vocabulary

Listening

Reading

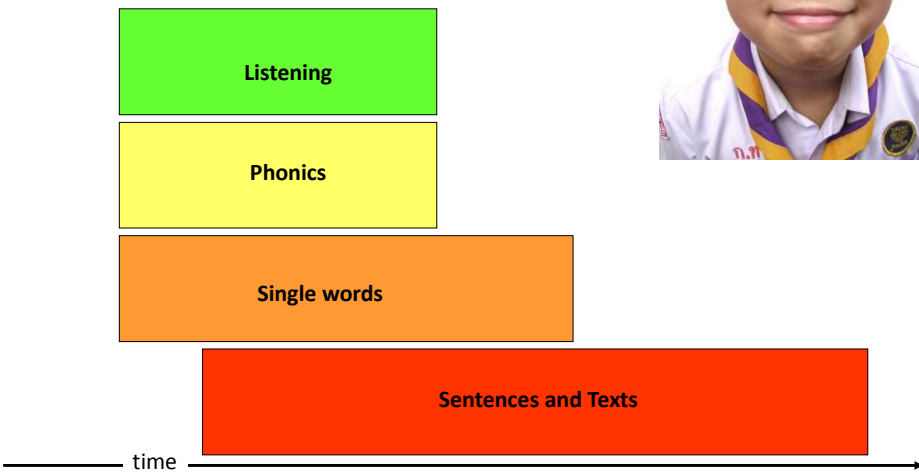
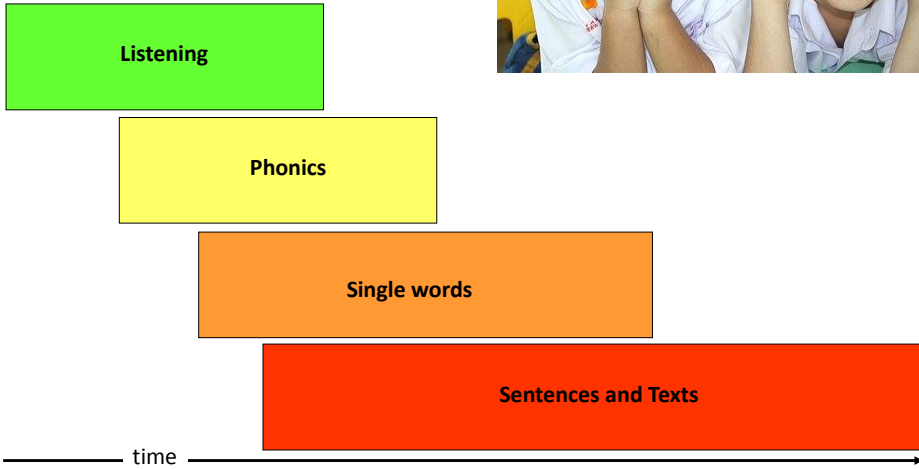
The path to language mastery

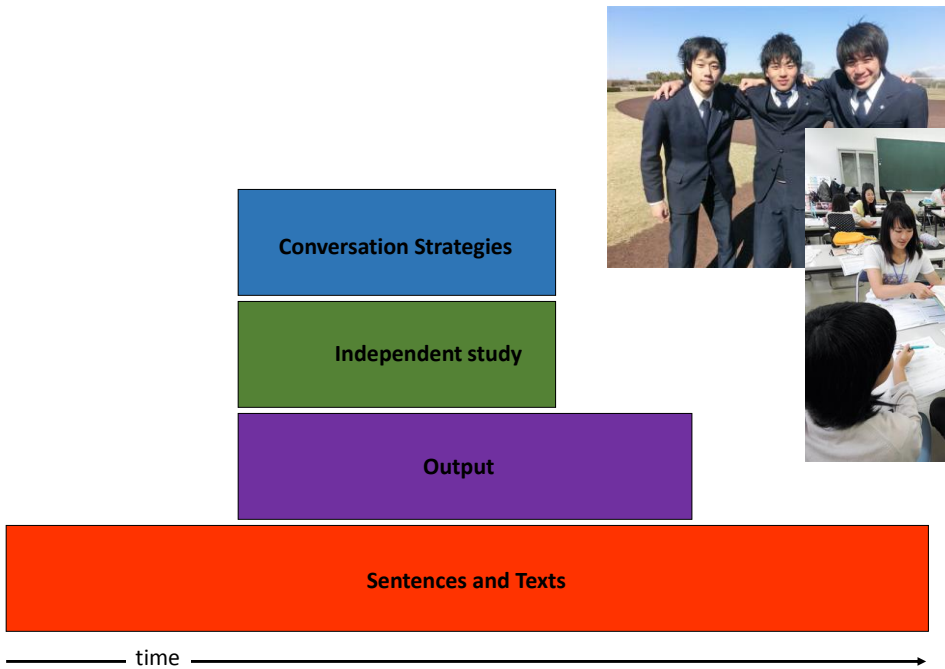
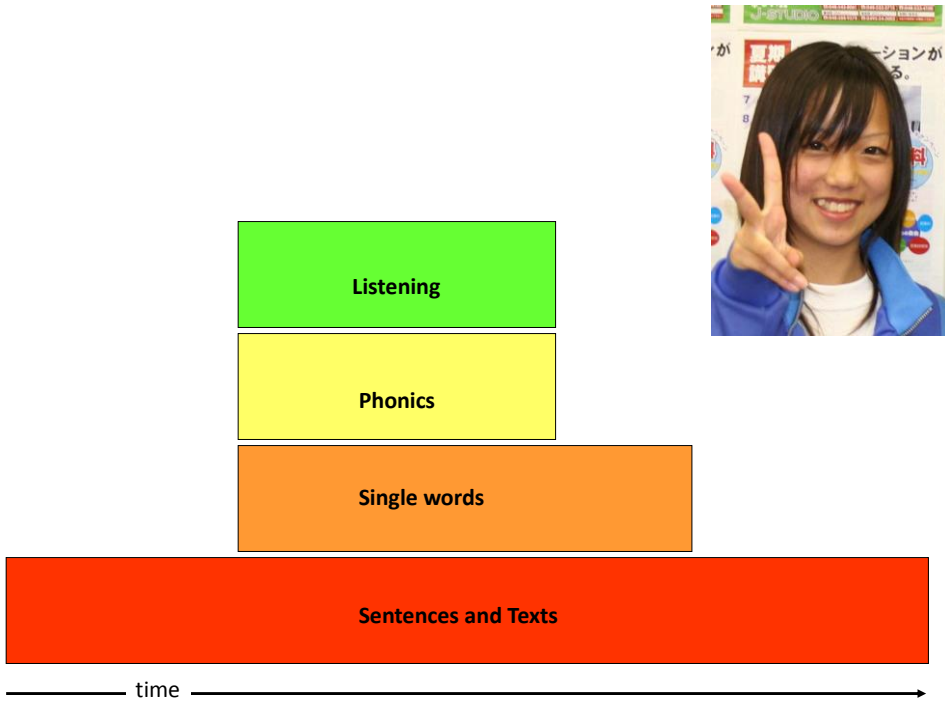


The only thing that matters



A taxonomy of ELLs in Japan





The Missing Link



Not enough

Students

- can't become successful language learners in the classroom
- can't succeed if they just follow instructions
- teach them to fish
- teacher's most important roles (p,t,t,t)

The Four Strands

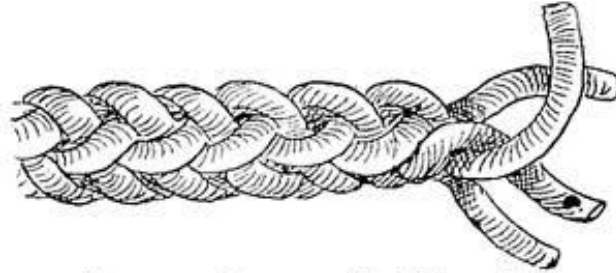


FIG. 142.—Four-strand braid (complete).

The Four Strands

- (meaning-focused) Input
- (meaning-focused) Output
- Language study
- Fluency practice

The Four Strands (discuss)

Vocabulary

“Without grammar, very little can be conveyed. Without vocabulary, nothing can be conveyed.”

– David Wilkins (1972)

Vocabulary

“A man with a scant vocabulary will almost certainly be a weak thinker. The richer and more copious one's vocabulary and the greater one's awareness of fine distinctions and subtle nuances of meaning, the more fertile and precise is likely to be one's thinking. Knowledge of things and knowledge of the words for them grow together. If you do not know the words, you can hardly know the thing.”

— [Henry Hazlitt](#), *[Thinking as a Science](#)*

Efficiency

... there are, at the very least, *a quarter of a million distinct English words*, excluding inflections, and words from technical and regional vocabulary not covered by the OED, or words not yet added to the published dictionary, of which perhaps 20 per cent are no longer in current use. If distinct senses were counted, the total would probably approach *three quarters of a million*.

-Oxford Dictionaries Online

Efficiency

- Around 54,000 word families
- A university graduate will have a vocabulary of around 20,000 word families
- Need to memorize most common 3,000 words first
- Then focus on strategies for guessing and learning new vocab as it arises

-Paul Nation and Rob Waring

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Context

- Students should learn vocabulary in context
- Phrases, sentences, dialogues, pictures, and short text can all be used to situate
- The 'hotondo' example

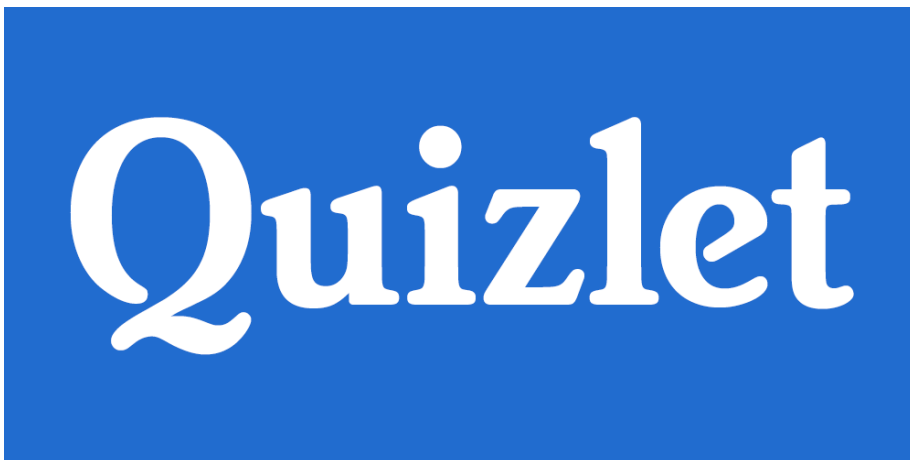
Hotondo

	→ alone 形		
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37	almost [ɔ:lmaʊst] 副 ほとんど	81	Ann
14	alone [ə'ləʊn] 副 形		anot
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	all alone 1人ぼっちの	●	代

Dictionaries, Vocab Notebooks, Word Cards

- Explain the importance
- Train students to use them
- Make students use them
- Follow up regularly
- (create habits)

Quizlet



Popjisyo

POPjisyo

Dictionary - Company - Products - Contact - **Home** - Bookmarks (0) [日本語]

Read the web with pop-up font

URL: Dictionary: Japanese → English [GO]

Save in the "Favorite Sites" list at right.

OR enter a block of text to add links to:

English → Japanese [Full Text] [Word Lookup]

Read News Feeds RSS/OP/HTML

Email News (Del)

Options

Display Mode: [Minimum Window Size]

Encoding: [Save]

Site News

2008.4.23 POPjisyo.com is now running on Mac OS, NET for Linux

2007.6.25 Launching Cosh-Hunter Health Search (medical dictionary)

2005.2.24 Thanks to Joram.org for the links (a great Japanese Grammar study site)

2003.9.24 POPjisyo Bookmarks/Address POPjisyo shortcuts to your IE toolbar for one-click lookup

Read Favorite Sites

Refresh Dictionary

Study List

Word Feeds

Anki



Vocabulary.com



The screenshot shows the Vocabulary.com website interface. At the top, there is a green navigation bar with the site logo and links for HOME, HOW IT WORKS, and LEADERBOARD. Below this, there are tabs for THE CHALLENGE and THE DICTIONARY, with a search bar and a LOOK IT UP button. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a welcome message and a brief description of the site's purpose. The right column features a quiz question: "grisly means :". Below the question, there are four radio button options: horrible, threadbare, gnarled, and confining. At the bottom of the quiz area, there are links for "Not sure? Get a hint:", "50/50", "Word in the Wild", and "Definition".

ASSESSMENT : 100 POINTS

Welcome to **Vocabulary.com**, the quickest, most intelligent way to improve your vocabulary.

Regardless of your education level or age, Vocabulary.com will help you to master the words that are essential to academic and business success.

Simply answer the question to the right to get started!

grisly means :

- horrible
- threadbare
- gnarled
- confining

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Listening

Every good conversation starts with good listening.

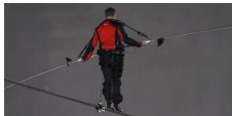
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News in Levels


 **News in Levels** News for students of English

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Man walks on a rope
06-02-2013 13:00
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The tallest building in Europe was open
05-02-2013 15:00
People in London have a new tall building. For a long time,...

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Extreme windsurfers in Ireland
05-02-2013 10:00
It is a competition for the best windsurfers. The competition

Videojug



TED



Phonics

Teach basic phonics

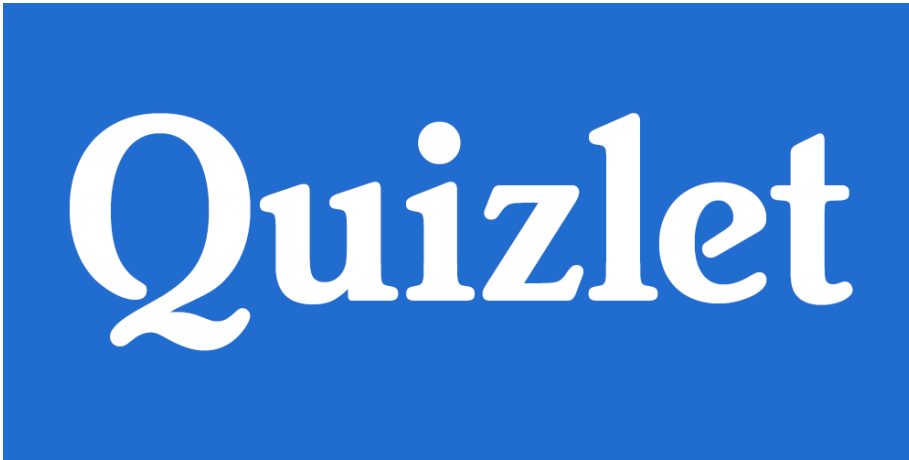
Manipulate to practice

Start reading decodable material

Starfall



Quizlet



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Stories for Writing												
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Assess & Progress												

Oxford Owl



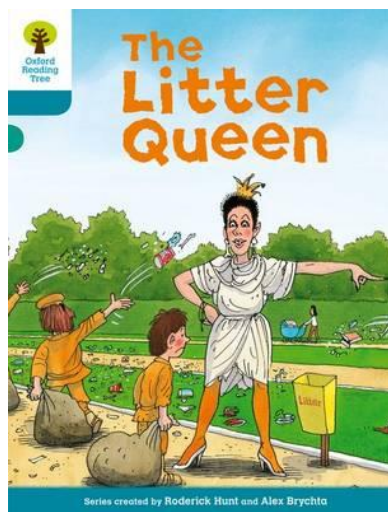
Reading

- Reading is how native speakers learn most of their language
- It is probably the easiest skill to practice
- Success depends on developing a reading habit

Survey results 2013: reading habit

あなたの母国語での読書習慣（新聞や雑誌も含む）ともっとも合っているものを選んでください。						
2	あまり読書をしない。	188	58.4%	164	56.7%	
	週に2回以上読書をする。	92	28.6%	92	31.8%	
	ほとんど毎日読書をする。	42	13.0%	33	11.4%	
		322		289		

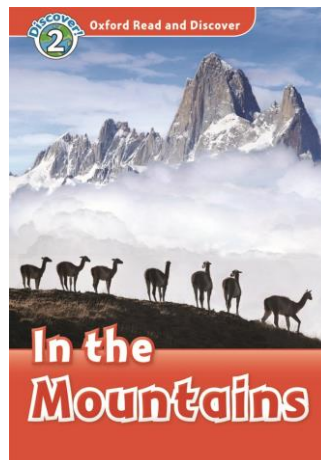
Oxford Reading Tree



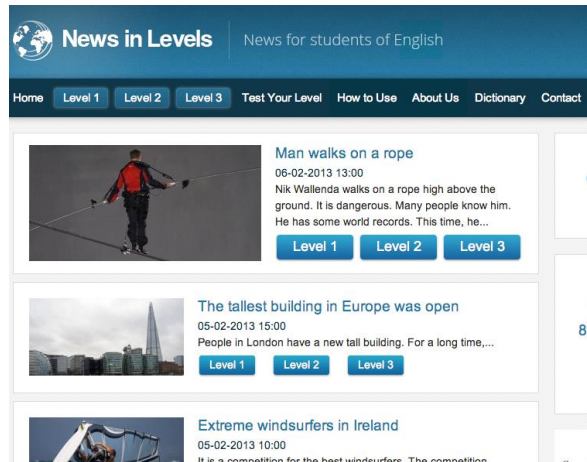
Dolphin Readers



Read and Discover



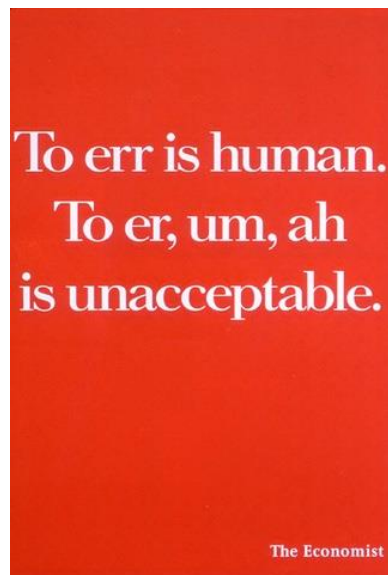
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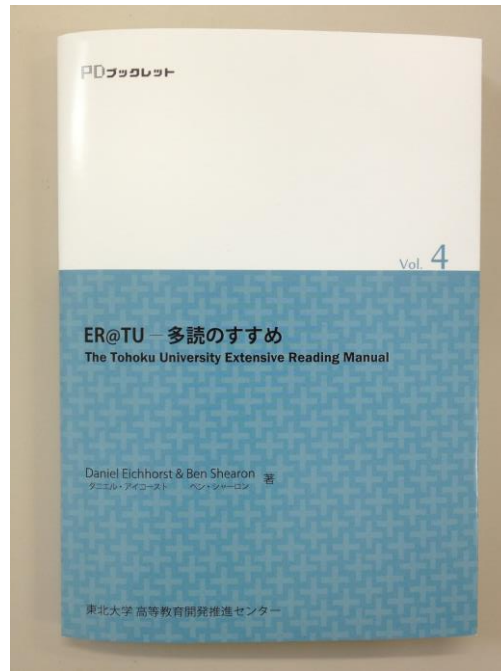


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05-02-2013 10:00
It is a competition for the best windsurfers. The competition...

Economist





The mission

- Introduce
- Train
- Impose
- Monitor
- Encourage
- Liberate

Any questions?

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