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## **Human dictionary - A new way to vocabulary acquisition**

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### **Abstract**

Vocabulary acquisition can be particularly challenging for esl learners. One highly effective activity I've used in the classroom is having students act as a "human dictionary." This activity helps students to internalize the word's meaning and usage. Understanding words from context, remembering and applying the words are some of the key features of this activity.

The process encourages several key skills:

- Understanding words in context
- Using a dictionary
- Translanguaging
- Critical thinking

A key takeaway of this activity is fostering deeper engagement with the language, encouraging both peer and independent learning

### **Biography**

I have been an ESL teacher in Australia for the past 8 years. Prior to that, I taught English and Hindi in India. I have taught all the courses offered at ILSC this includes EAP, IELTS, PTE, Cambridge and skill classes such as Cafe work skills, English through travel and hospitality, and the traditional courses such as grammar and vocabulary, writing, conversational skills.

Teaching is my passion and I love using Task based learning in my classes as I believe that language acquisition is successful when it is applied appropriately.