

VOCABULARY STUDY TECHNIQUES

(e.g. for words related to “Shops and things to buy”, *face2face Elementary*, p.142/143)

1. Always **write down** the words when you study them. It will help you memorize them.

2. Write down not only the word, but make a **sentence using the word**:

newsagent's *I went to the **newsagent's** to buy a newspaper.*

You can also write down a **translation** of the word in a third column.

3. Use **colours** when working with vocabulary lists or worksheets (e.g. **red** for **nouns**, **blue** for **adjectives**, and **green** for **verbs**).

4. Put the words of a list into **groups** (creating new lists or marking them with different colours):

newsagent's:

a newspaper

a map

a magazine

a guide book

stamps

cigarettes

...

5. Use **pictures** to make the words more visual:



6. Create **mind-maps** (here are some examples):

http://www.onestopenglish.com/Pictures/Web/DocImages/Image/teacher_support/methodology/images/money.gif

<http://imavex.vo.llnwd.net/o18/clients/smekenseducation/images/Vocabulary/semantic.gif>

http://hollyfait.wikispaces.com/file/view/spring_fun.jpg/209255690/spring_fun.jpg

<http://www.sswm.info/sites/default/files/toolbox/GENOVESE%202011%20Mind%20Map%20Climate%20Change.jpg>