

IMPROVING STUDENTS' VOCABULARY USING DIGITAL PLATFORMS

Abstract

Vocabulary is an important element in any language. Through many years of teaching, I have learned that to improve the effectiveness of teaching and learning English, in addition to effectively apply learning activities, helping learners consolidate and improve vocabulary is an extremely important task for teachers. Besides, in recent high school graduation exams, the amount of vocabulary in each exam paper accounts for a relatively large proportion. Therefore, if students do not master vocabulary, the test results cannot be high no matter how good their grammar is. The writer, thus, chose the topic "Improving students' vocabulary using digital platforms" to research and experiment in her teaching with the desire to contribute to helping students improve their vocabulary and exam grades.

Aims: + Help students practice and improve their topic-based vocabulary

+ Help students improve self-study skills, promote their activeness and initiative.

Scope: The matrix of high school examination, periodical tests, and IT platforms to enhance students' vocabulary. The subjects of the study are 12th graders studying the 10-year English program.

Research Methods: interview, observing, discussing and analyzing data

Result: The writer has applied a part in her lectures, guiding and encouraging students to use applications on Canva, Padlet, Quizlet or flipbook, which has brought positive effects when students approach the lessons more actively, flexibly and effectively.

Suggestions: Teachers need to be active in learning, applying information technology, and designing appropriate activities and exercises to develop vocabulary for their students. Schools can support by purchasing annual app accounts for teachers.

Key words: improve vocabulary, digital platforms

Main text:

While teaching, researching and observing, I have carried out my ideas in 5 steps:

Step 1: Assign students the task to learn the previous lesson, take notes of the words that they find new, learn the meaning of words, encourage students to present on the Canva platform.

Step 2: Ask students to upload their word preparation to the Padlet.

Step 3: At the beginning of each lesson, the teacher and the whole class check, comment, and add the vocabulary that students have posted on the Padlet.



Step 4: The teacher collects the vocabulary in each unit, expands some structures related to the lesson topic, creates a flipbook, and posts it to the class group for students' reference.

Step 5: Assign and correct supplementary exercises on apps like Quizlet and distribute learning handouts

Below are illustrations and specific application for the above steps:

1. Products on Canva and Padlet

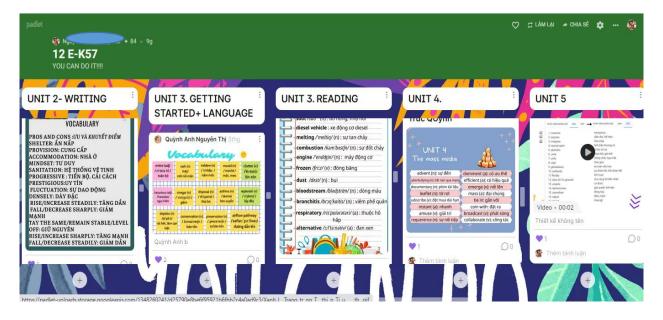
For this part, the teacher assigns tasks to students, setting a time to finish uploading the prepared word file to the Padlet before each lesson. In addition to learning the meaning of words, students are encouraged to record the pronunciation, stress of words, and find synonyms or antonyms for the word they consider "new word" in the lesson. This is a very important step in helping learners self-study, learn, memorize and expand vocabulary.

At the beginning of each lesson, the teacher will show a number of image files that students designed on Canva and uploaded on Padlet, asking students to comment, supplement, or detect typographical errors and mistakes about semantics in the above files. The teacher gives final comments, and adds some new structures/words if needed.

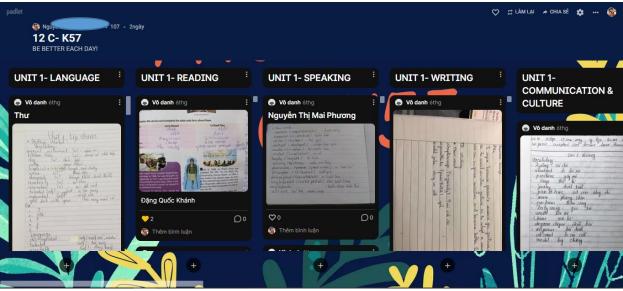
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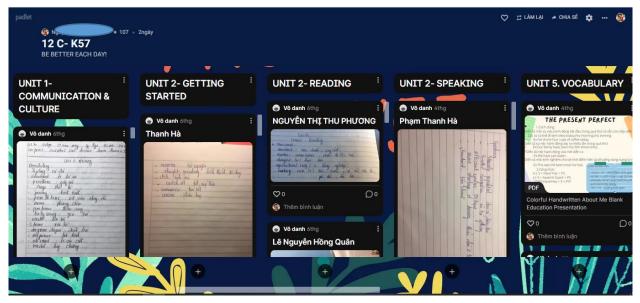


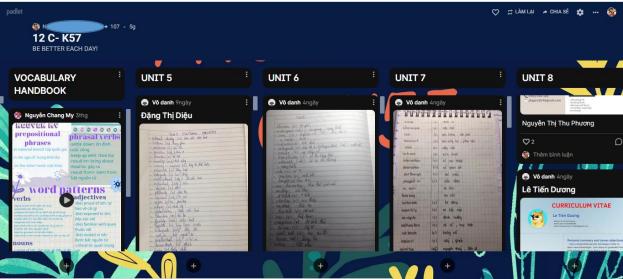












Unit 7: Artificial Intelligent

- 1. artificial intelligent (n) trí tuệ nhân tạo
- 2. in vain : vô ích
- 3. resu'rrect (v): phục hồi = bring smt back into use 13. 'futurist (n): người theo
- 4. de'cease (n) : cái chết
- 5. corpo'ration (n): công ty, tâp đoàn
- 6. mal'function (v) = break down: hong hoc
- 7. compli'cation (n): sự biến chứng
- 8. navigate (v): định vị, làm hoa tiêu
- 9. surpass (v): vuot xa
- 10. primitive (adj): khai sơ, nguyên thuỷ

- 11. im'plant (v): thực thi
- 12. sce'nario (n): kịch bản
- 'futurist (n): người theo
 CN tương lai
- 14. ex'terminate (v): huỷ diệt
- 15. pre'cisely (adv): = exactly
- 16. 'malware (v): phần mềm độc hại

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UNIT 6

- 1. ex'tinguish (v) dập tắt
- 2.evo'lutionary (a) thuộc tiến hóa
- 3. 'vulnerable (a) dễ bị tổn thương
- 4. nest (n) tổ chim
- 5. 'mammoth (n): ma mút
- 6. poach (v) săn trộm
- 7. 'livestock (n) vật nuôi, thú
- 8. at'tribute (v) quy cho, gán cho
- 9. be 'designated as : được chỉ định, chọn
- 10.enclosure (n): sự rào lại xung quanh
- 11. whaler (n) tàu để săn cá voi
- 12. shellfish (n) đv có vỏ
- 13.go snorkerling: lặn có ống thở venue: St John's Clubhouse & C



- 1. Costume (n): trang phục
- 2. Express (v) : diễn đạt, thể hiện
- 3. Integrate (v) : hoà nhập
- 4. Multicultural: đa văn hoá
- 5. Take st for granted: cho cái gì là hiển nhiên
- 6. Acquire (v) : có được
- 7. Inherit (v) : thừa kế
- 8. Urge (n): sự thúc giục
- 9. Globalisation: sự toàn cầu hoá
- 10. Flexibly (adv): linh hoat
- 11. Demonstrate (v): giải thích, thể hiện, biểu thị
- 12.unite (v): đoàn kết, gắn kết
- 13. Unify (v): thống nhất, hợp nhất
- 14. Assimilate: đồng hoá
- 15. Adjust (v) điều chỉnh
- 16. Confine (v) giới hạn
- 17. Abandon (v) từ bỏ, bỏ rơi
- 18. Custom: phong tuc
- 19. Solidarity : sự đoàn kết, tình đoàn kết
- 20. Martial spirit: tinh thần thượng võ



The mass media



advent (n): sự đến

cyberbullying (n): bắt nạn qua mạng

documentary (n): phim tài liệu

leaflet (n): tờ rơi

subscribe (v): đặt mua dài hạn

instant (a): nhanh

amuse (v): giải trí

requerence (n): sự nối tiếp

dominent (a): có ưu thế

efficient (a): có hiệu quả

emerge (v): nổi lên

mass (a): đại chúng

tie in: gắn với

coin with: đặt ra

broadcast (v): phát sóng

collaborate (v): công tác

Van Anh 12E

- Perseverance / pa:.sa'vır.əns/: Sự kiên trì, bền bỉ
- 2. Orphanage /ˈɔːr.fən.ɪdʒ/: cô nhi viện
- 3. Foster
- (v): nhận nuôi
- (a): Foster parent (foster mother/father) Foster child
- 4. Do babysitting: làm việc trông trẻ
- 5. Prothestic(a): giả (thường là bộ phận cơ thể được lắp vào) -> Prothestic leg/hand

False cũng là giả, nhưng dùng với false teeth / false beard/false eyelashes.

- 6. Parathlete: vận động viên là người khuyết tật
- 7. Get in one's way: can đường ai
- 8. Where there's a will there's a way: Khi quyết tâm đủ lớn, bạn sẽ tìm ra cách đạt đượ điều bạn muốn, dù có khó khăn đến đâu.

UNIT2:URBANISATION Reading

Urbanisation and its causes

Vocabulary:

onomically: /i.kəna.mı.kəl.i/

kinh tế

Rapid: /ræp.id/ nhanh

Expand: /ɪkˈspænd/ mở rộng

Double: /dʌb.əl/ đôi

Migrate: /maɪ.greɪt/ di cư

scale: /skeɪl/ tỉ lệ

pull:/pʊl/ sự lôi kéo

Seeking /sik/ tìm kiếm

Expect /ikspekt//du đoán

- Push (v): đẩy, thúc đẩy
- Health facility: cơ sở vật chất y tế
- · Proportion: tỷ lệ
- Scale (n): quy mô, phạm vi
- Counter-urbanisation (n): phản đô thị hóa
- Mở rộng: phân biệt Migrate Immigrate Emigrate
- _ Migrate (v): di chuyển nơi sinh sống (dùng cho cả người và

động vật di cư), "Migrate" bao trùm cả "Immigrate" và

"Emigrate"

Immigrate (v): Nhập cư -> <u>đi vào</u> một nước khác để nhập

cư, sinh sống tại đó, thường đi với "to" (chỉ dùng cho người)

Emigrate (v): Di cư -> <u>ra khỏi</u> 1 đất nước/vùng đất ở định cư

ở nơi khác, thường đi với "from" (chỉ dùng cho người)





VOGABULARY

Hường 12e

Writing:where there's a will, there's a way



-overcome \ov.va k/m/ khắc phục -adopted \a 'da:p.tid/ nhận nuôi, áp dụng -babysitting /'bei.bi .sit.in/trông trẻ

-hesitate \
hez.I.teIt\ do dự
-perseverance \
p3:.sI'vIə.rəns\ kiên
trì
-parathletes: vận
động viên nhảy dù

-obsessed \ab'ses
bị ám ảnh
-helpless \'help.las\
bơ vơ
-champion \
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quân

orphanage \'D.:fan.Id3\\
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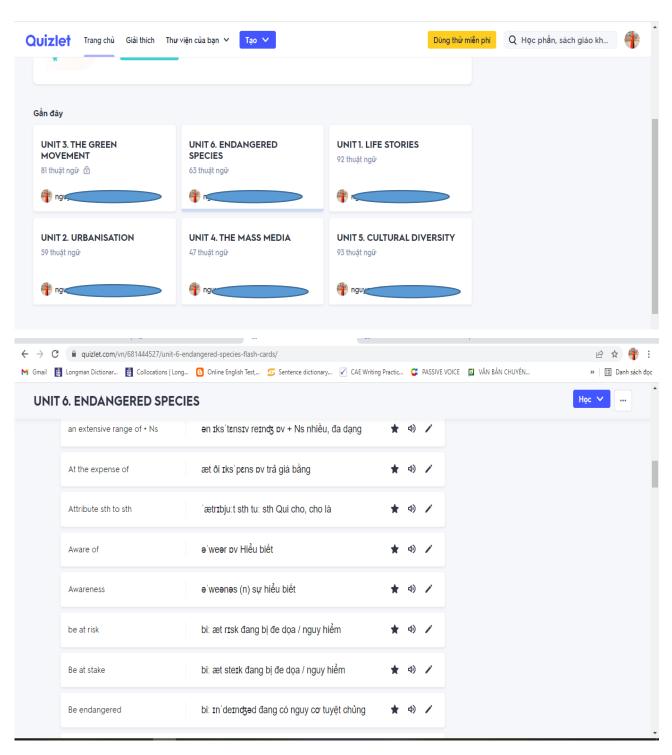
2. Vocabulary and theme-based exercises designed on Quizlet

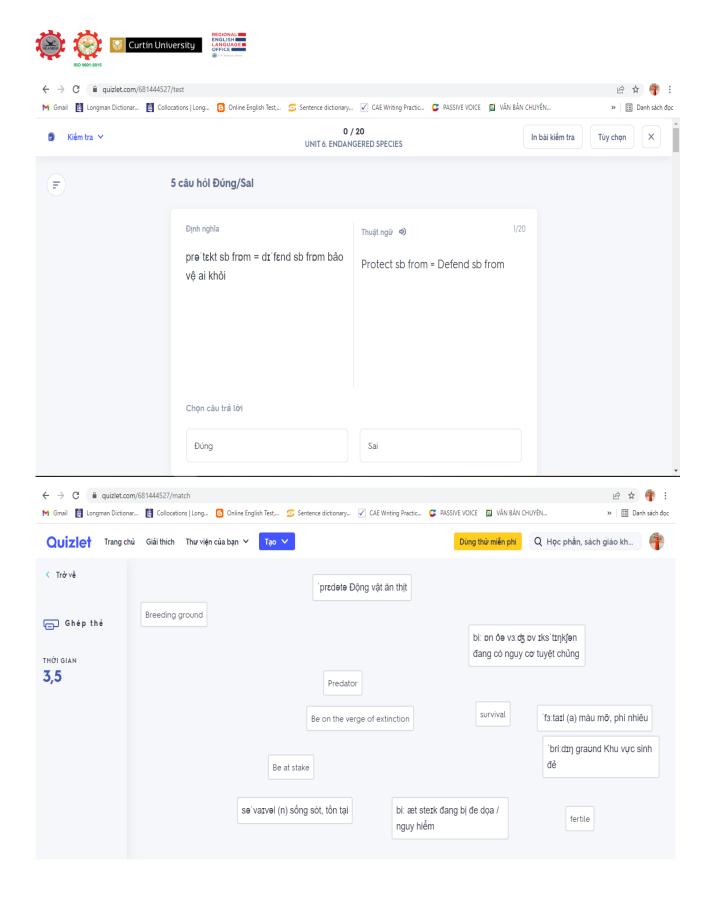
For the Quizlet application, the writer has based on the vocabulary prepared by the students, and has added some other structures, phrasal verbs, and collocations.

The next step is to upload it to Quizlet and send the link to the students so that they can practice at their own pace. There are many review methods on this app such as: Matching, Checking, Spelling.... The teacher asks students to practice immediately after being sent the link, then can check the probability of any student. to see if they actually practice at home.

Here are pictures of exercises on Quizlet:

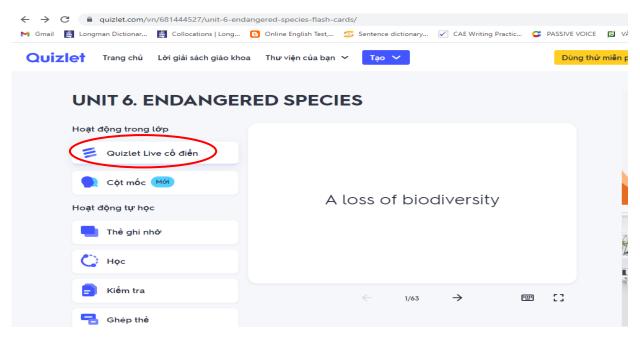


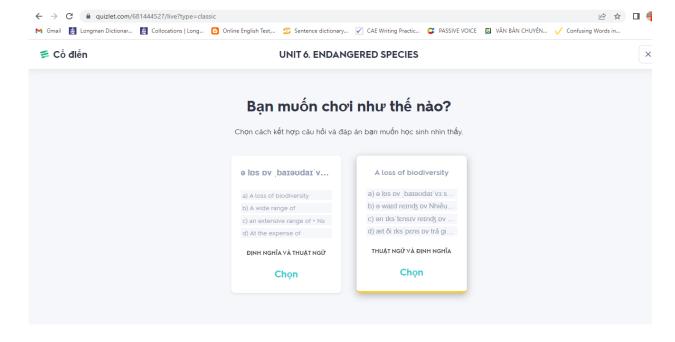




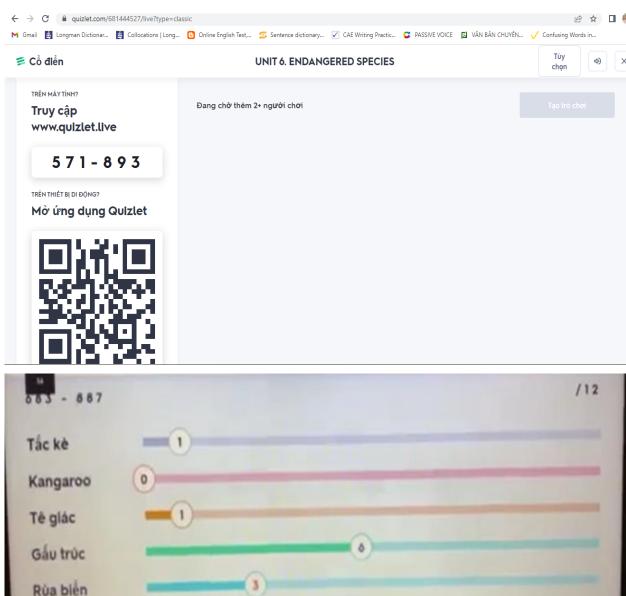
Another way teachers can check students' memorization is to choose the "Classic Quizlet live" feature for students to "play" and compete against each other. However, this method requires students to have a phone connected to wifi or 3G; or suitable for online lessons.











3. Flipbook design (Flipbook)

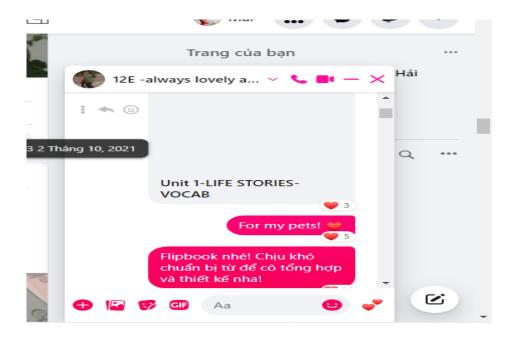
Flip books are very convenient, because with just one link, students can review the vocabulary they have learned quickly. The author of this initiative has designed a flip book on https://heyzine.com/ and applied it in teaching according to the following steps:

- Step 1: Teachers register an account on https://heyzine.com/
- Step 2: The teacher synthesizes the vocabulary according to the topic that the students have prepared (on Canva, Padlet), adds other words and structures to remember and saves as a PDF file
- Step 3: Design vivid vocabulary pages on CANVA
- Step 4: Press the share button on CANVA, select "Heyzine flipbook" and wait for the browser to process
- Step 5: Send links to students using flipbooks

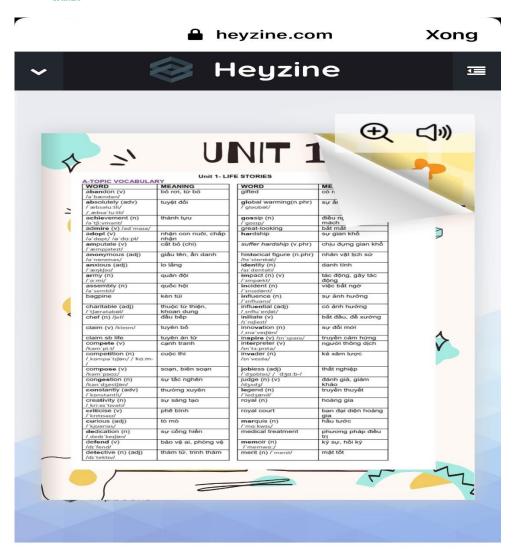


Step 6: Check students' word learning by having some students write about 10 words/structures students have learned in each unit on the board; In addition, teachers also assign exercises from various reference books to units, and conduct corrections in elective periods arranged by the school.

Here are some images of flipbooks that I have designed for students to use:







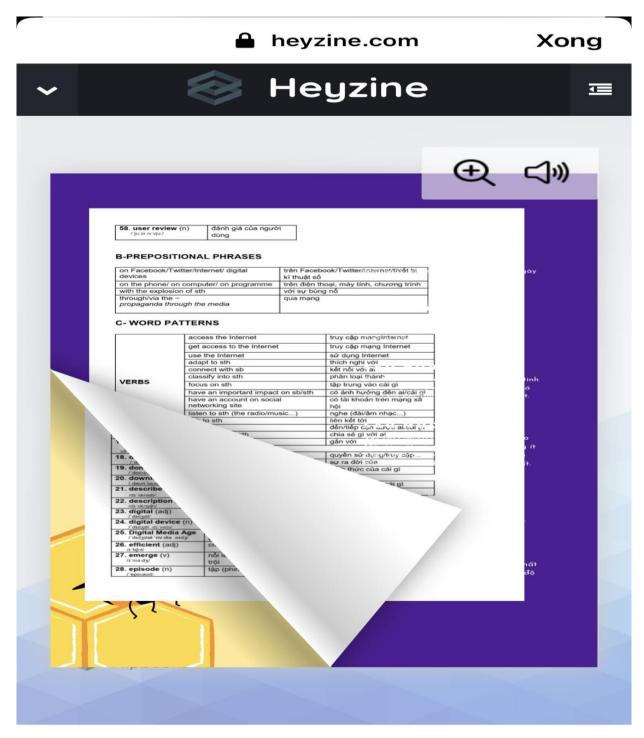


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However, there is a limitation to the free registration account on Heyzine, which is that each account can only design up to 5 flipbooks. This will limit a lot of other flipbook design ideas for students.

With the solutions that I proposed, combined with observing students' activities, and the suggestions of colleagues, over a period of applying the initiative, I have obtained encouraging results.



The pictures above show that the majority of students actively participate in learning, preparing vocabulary before coming to class and completing assigned exercises. This shows that they also have a desire to practice and improve knowledge for themselves. Students' scores are divided and spread at the levels of Excellent, Fair, Average and below Average.

To evaluate the results and quantitative progress after applying the initiative, the writer compared the students' periodic test scores after the end of term 1 between class 12 C, 12E with another class (12A) to which the writer did not apply the above initiative.

	Score		5.0-7.8	8.0-9.0		9.3-10	
Class	Size						
		Mid-	First	Mid-	First	Mid-	First
		term	term test	term	term	term	term
		test 1		test 1	test	test 1	test
12 C	39	12/39	5/39	12/39	17/39	15/39	17/39
		(25,64%)	(12,82%)	(35,9%)	(43,59%)	(38,46%)	(43,59%)
12 E	45	15/45	10/45	18/45	22/45	12/45	13/45
		(33,33%)	(22,22%)	(40%)	(48,89%)	(26,67%)	(28,89%)
12A	40	18/40	17/40	16/40	17/40	6/40	6/40
		(45 %)	(42,5%)	((40 %)	(42,5 %)	(15 %)	(15 %)

From the above data, it can be seen that the number of students achieving excellent marks in the control class (12A) remained unchanged, while in the experimental class group (12C, 12E) there was a slight increase. The percentage of students achieving Excellent grades in grades 12C and 12E has increased positively. The above data partly reflects the effectiveness of the application of initiative in improving the quality of students' vocabulary learning.

APPENDIX

1.Link flipbook (flipbook): https://bit.ly/3uyA4A3

2. Links to vocabulary and exercises on Quizlet:

https://quizlet.com/_b9ppyn?x=1jqt&i=2s02tp

https://quizlet.com/_b9phzj?x=1jqt&i=2s02tp

https://quizlet.com/_b9pkxb?x=1jqt&i=2s02tp

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