

Studying Strategies



Struggling to be a successful student? Don't get discouraged, it isn't magic! But it does require desire, dedication and a lot of work.

The most common barrier to success encountered by students is a lack of effective techniques for study and exam preparation.

Here are some suggestions to increase your effectiveness as a student.

1) Underline the **key words** and/or sentences during reading (recording your teacher during the lesson could help with pronunciation).

2) **Learn** them by heart.

3) If some words are difficult to memorize **find out synonyms**.

4) If you find a **topic of interest**, figure out how you would introduce it to your classmates (for example: drawing a chart to explain how prices affect the demand of a product).

5) Consider the possibility to develop a topic of interest in your "**tesina**" for the final exam.

6) **Working in pairs** is a powerful way of practicing. Take advantage of every opportunity your teacher will give you during lessons to make the most out of it (for example: making a list of questions, asking them to your partner and checking his/her answers in your textbook).

7) **To develop your vocabulary** put into practice the strategies mentioned during the course.

This is an example of how to do it:

a) you find the verb "sell" and you don't know what it means

b) go looking for it in your dictionary. Don't close it as soon as you find out it means "vendere". Check if it's regular or not

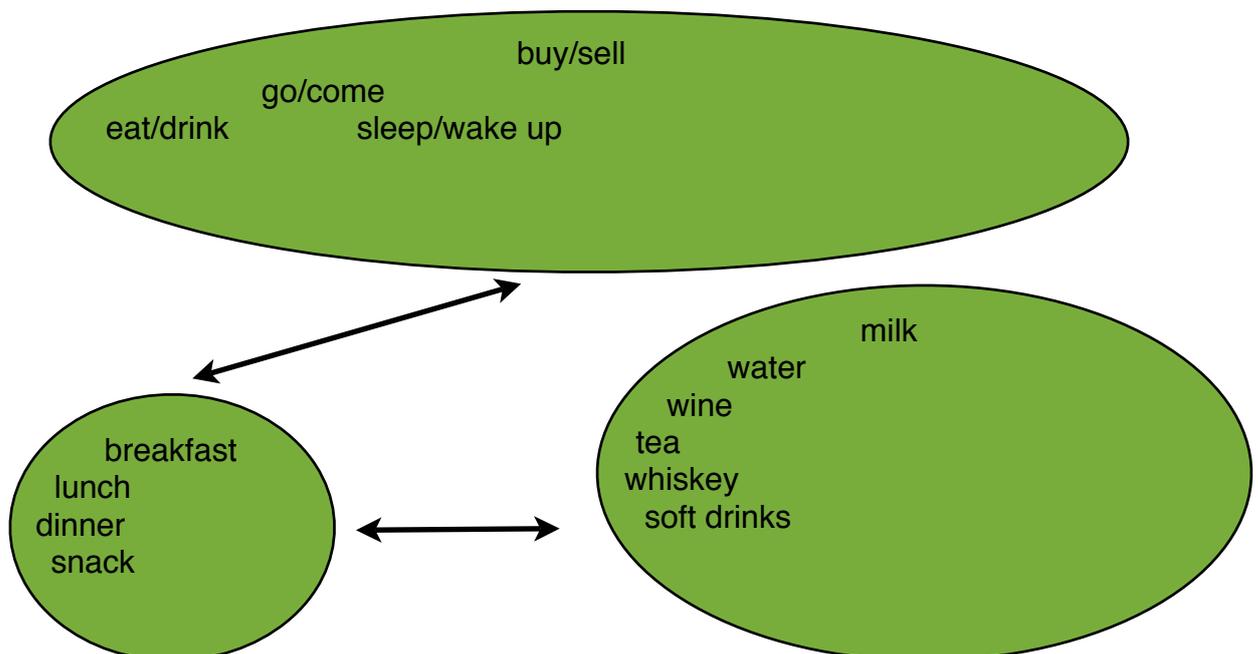
c) if it is not (and this is the case) find out what its paradigm is (to sell/sold/ sold)

d) is there a noun you can link to it? Yes there is: "sale"

e) what are the **antonyms**? For the verb to buy/bought/ bought and for the noun "purchase"

f) you will probably learn the verb "to purchase" exists, too. It's a **synonym** of "to buy".

8) At this point it could be useful to add the new words to a **mind map** grouping, for example, irregular verbs you can use to talk about your daily routine



9) This approach takes **time and patience**.

10) Last but not least: take your time and be patient!