10. Glossaries

Glossaries are lists of words to help you understand a topic or subject area. You can find them online or you can make your own as you come across more new words in any subject or topic. Usually you write the word and then either a translation or a short definition of the word to help you understand the meaning. You could also include a picture.

Here is an example of a maths glossary:-

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| **Addition +** | **add, plus, and, total of, increase by, sum of, altogether, more, extra** | |
| **Subtraction -** | **subtract, minus, take away, less, decrease by, reduce by, difference between** | |
| **Multiplication x** | **multiply by, times, groups of, lots of, the product of** | **5a = 5xa** |
| **Division ÷** | **divided by, share equally, each, part of, portion** | |
| **Equals =** | **equals, is, is the same as, makes, has the same value as** | |
| More than >, less than < | > more than, is greater than, is bigger than  < is less than, is smaller than, is not as big as  ≥ greater than or equal to  ≤ smaller than or equal to | |

There are lots of glossaries online that you could use:-

Maths - <https://ealresources.bell-foundation.org.uk/resources/maths-glossary-english>

There are a number of different word lists in different languages available here

<http://www.ealhighland.org.uk/?s=glossar>

Here is an example of a Polish English glossary for Science:-

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| A |  |
| absorbent | chłonny/wsiąkliw |
| activity | działanie/aktywność |
| adaptation | adaptacja |
| adult | dorosły |

So make your own glossaries for different subjects so that you can look at it when you have to use the new words or find a meaning.

You can also do lots of activities with your words to practice (see previous post on Learning New Words).

* Pre-teaching words and phrases before starting a new topic
* Flashcards with pictures and / or words or definitions in first language
* Games, e.g. snap, vocabulary bingo, freeze chanting, pairs games
* Graphic organisers, e.g. tables, diagrams, pyramids, flow charts
* Crossword puzzles (online you can put in words and a crossword can be generated <https://worksheets.theteacherscorner.net/make-your-own/crossword/>)
* Substitution tables
* Word or phrase of the day / week
* Word walls