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## iEARN Professional Development Program

**Workshop Title:** *Teaching Vocabulary: Some Important Ideas, Some Interesting Techniques*

**Time:** 09:00 am - 04:00 pm

**Target Participants:** English Language teachers of Primary and Secondary levels

### **Abstract:**

While the teaching of macro-skills (reading and writing mainly) along with grammar remains the major focus in or ESL classroom, vocabulary receives little comparable attention. The most common mode of teaching vocabulary is to have the learners memorize long lists of words and their meanings. Unfortunately, however the method of trying to learn ‘words-meanings’ in isolation turns out to be rather unproductive and inefficient.

In this workshop the presenter places vocabulary building in a wider perspective and suggests that the ESL teacher must have a proper understanding of the vital role that vocabulary learning plays in the overall language development of language learners. While the discussion will be intense yet interactive, a number of hands-on activities will be offered to the participants. Some specific methods, techniques, and skills needed for effective teaching and learning will be shared and demonstrated

### **Aims and Objectives:**

During the workshop the participants will

1. develop a proper and productive understanding of what is meant by ‘vocabulary’;
2. learn about some general habits and attitudes, conducive to vocabulary development, among the learners; and
3. use some specific vocabulary building skills and methods (including ‘dictionary skills’) in the classroom.