Learning New Vocabulary

There are many ways to learn new words. The traditional way, looking words up in the dictionary and memorizing them, is probably the least effective way. Here are some other ways to learn new vocabulary:

I. **Context Clues**: Look for meaning in the sentence or paragraph surrounding the unfamiliar word.

II. **Mnemonic Devices**: Tricks to help you remember the new word.
   A. Words or phrases associated with the word
   B. Rhymes or sounds associated with the word
      (to hoard is stored stuff)
   C. Create a mental image of the word
   D. Learn word families (prefix, root, and suffix)
   E. Reinforce Learning: Use the word often in conversation and writing
   F. Create concept cards: Cartoon drawings to illustrate meaning of word

III. **Play with Words**: Play games with words, such as Scrabble, Boggle, and Crossword Puzzles to gain a broader vocabulary.