

Vocabulary Knowledge Tests

Choose which tests work best for you!

1. *V-Check* (Bilingual English & Japanese)

This online test quickly estimates
how many words you know.



Word Engine
High Speed Vocabulary Learning System

- ① Go to <http://www.wordengine.jp/>
- ② Choose English (top right) or use the site in Japanese
- ③ Register a username and password
- ④ Take the free *V-Check* (in only 5-10 minutes!)
Note: Only answer YES if you are **100% sure** you know the word! If you are not sure, answer NO
- ⑤ Print your results
- ⑥ Read *How it works* and try the **Free Trial course**

2. Vocabulary levels tests <http://www.lex tutor.ca/tests/>

(a) Recognition test (English)

This estimates how many words you know, based on meaning.

- ① Select [1-14k Size Test](#) (Nation, 2007; print; interactive + print; **VP-BNC Format**) **NEW Dec 09: Diagnostic**
- ② Read the Instructions (blue link at the top right)
- ③ Take the test (in about 20-30 minutes)
NOTE: When you reach a level that is too difficult for you or finish the 5000-word level, just stop ☺
- ④ Click the yellow 'Score' button at the top left
- ⑤ Record your results, including the synopsis, and date

(b) Productive test (English)

This test estimates how many words you can use.

- ① Select [Test Menu](#) (Laufer & Nation, 1999; 5 levels, 3 forms; interactive; no convenient print; **VP-Classic Format**)
- ② Start with the Version A 2000 level test, then try the University Word List or 3000 level next
- ③ Write down your results and the date

3. Vocabulary Knowledge Scale

This is an excellent way to **measure ongoing progress learning individual words**. It works especially well with **Word Cards**, **word lists**, and **paper dictionaries**. (See also **Which Words?**). A vocabulary knowledge scale measures **how well you know and can use words** on a rating scale (1-5):

	Description/Meaning
1	I've seen or heard this word but I don't know or remember its meaning
2	I can guess the meaning or know part of its meaning
3	I know this word's meaning in English and/or I can give a translation
4	I can use this word in a phrase or sentence
5	I can use this word comfortably and easily in a number of different ways

How do I use a vocabulary knowledge scale?

- ① **Rate** the words you are studying or wish to learn
- ② **Study** the words
- ③ **Test** yourself and/or each other at or just above your current level:



Rating	Example review/test questions
1-2	<i>What do you think the word means? What do the word parts mean?</i>
2-3	<i>What does the word mean? What's _____ in Japanese?</i>
3-4	<i>Make a phrase or sentence using the word _____.</i>
4-5	<i>Make a couple of sentences using the word _____.</i>

- ④ **Rate** the words again to reflect your new levels of knowledge.

Note: If you use Excel, you can easily record, compare and analyze your results, as well as make graphs and charts ☺

Three key points

- **Learn** the top 2000 words *really well*
- **Vocabulary learning** is an *ongoing process*
- **Test** *how well* as well as *how many* words you know to **improve your WORD POWER!!** ☺
- See also ***What's my Vocabulary Level?***

