Vocabulary cards is one of the best ways to increase your vocabulary and memorize new words. When you read or hear a new word and want to remember it, you should make a vocabulary card. This is also a good technique to memorize terms or equations in your classes.

**To Make Vocabulary Cards:**

- Use an index card (such as a 3x5 card)
- On the Front, you should write:
  - the word (spelled correctly)
  - The pronunciation, if needed
  - An example sentence
- On the Back, you should write:
  - The dictionary definition, or the definition in your own words.

**How to Use Vocabulary Cards:**

- Make a card for every new word you want to add to your vocabulary.
- Carry the cards with you. When you have a moment, take out the cards and look through them.
- Look at just the word first to see if you recognize it. Then, look at the example sentence if you need to refresh your memory.
- Try to recall what the word means. If you can’t remember, read the definition on the back.
- For difficult words, practice making a new sentence with the word.
- Once a week, go through the deck and remove words that you are now very comfortable with.
- Enjoy your expanded vocabulary! Use your new words as often as possible to keep them alive in your memory.