

He makes word power easy

BUILDING VOCABULARY Dhruv Raj Sharma from Allahabad teaches students 10,000 English words in just a few hours and in the fun way

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LUCKNOW: Do you know that your child learns a mere 1% of the total words in the English language all through school? There are 10 lakh words in the world's largest language and school teaches your child just 10,000 of them, right upto Class 12.

Not to worry. Here is a man from Allahabad who teaches 10,000 words in a few hours. Dhruv Raj Sharma, 30, not only enhances children's vocabulary but also educates them on how to become free of using a dictionary because it makes reading difficult.

Sharma has delved deep to go to the roots of the English language. "Latin and Greek are to English what Sanskrit is to Hindi. In fact, the Queen's English mostly comprises Latin, French and Greek. One just has to understand it," he said.

During his two-day visit to the state capital, he met principals of top schools of the city. He has already held sessions with some of these schools. "Many of the schools promised to start the next academic session with my English vocabulary workshops," he said. He has also taken vocabulary classes in several IITs and other top institutions in several states.

To understand the origin of the English language, he took an intensive course of Latin in Ireland. Now he has set up a company called Logophilla Education Private Limited.

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IN THE CLASSROOM

Logophilla conducts powerful English vocabulary programmes, based on etymology, to help you see how words are made and how they connect to each other. So stop memorising and start understanding.

"Logophilla means in love with words. Logo means words and philla mean love for. We have designed various programme for schoolchildren," he said. Sharma claims it to be the world's only etymology education organisation.

He believes that words are fundamental to knowledge and a student with a weak vocabulary is a weak student. So how should words be learnt? "A large number of words can be

ON THE STAGE

Logophilla is now partnering schools, colleges and universities to organise English Olympiads, to demonstrate that English is not a 'funny' but a 'fun' language. How good are you in vocabulary, spelling and pronunciation?

deciphered using a functional understanding of etymology. It is entirely ridiculous that students should have to waste time memorising words or concepts", Sharma explained.

What is etymology education? It is a system of education in which students learn the concepts of various academic disciplines from their word origins or roots. Given that words are the most fundamental units of knowledge, a rich understanding

EASIER WAY OF LEARNING

Infructuous

'In' means not + 'fruct' means fruit + 'uous' means of that type

Democracy

'Demo' means people and 'cracy' means rule by

Bureaucracy

'Bureau' means office or officer and 'cracy' means rule by

Invisible

'In' means not + 'vis' means to see + 'able' stands for capable of



of words directly correlates to refined knowledge acquisition ability.

Sharma is against mindless learning of English words by students. In his view, the habit of referring to a dictionary makes reading difficult. "Unfortunately, in our schools vocabulary is not taught as a separate subject. The schools' approach has remained very simple which is just to teach grammar in class," he said.