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.
   ① Go to [http://www.wordengine.jp/](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.lextutor.ca/tests/](http://www.lextutor.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):

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

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| 1-2    | What do you think the word means?  
|        | What do the word parts mean?     |
| 2-3    | What does the word mean?  
|        | What’s ____ in Japanese?         |
| 3-4    | Make a phrase or sentence using the word _____. |
| 4-5    | Make a couple of sentences using the word ______. |

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?