



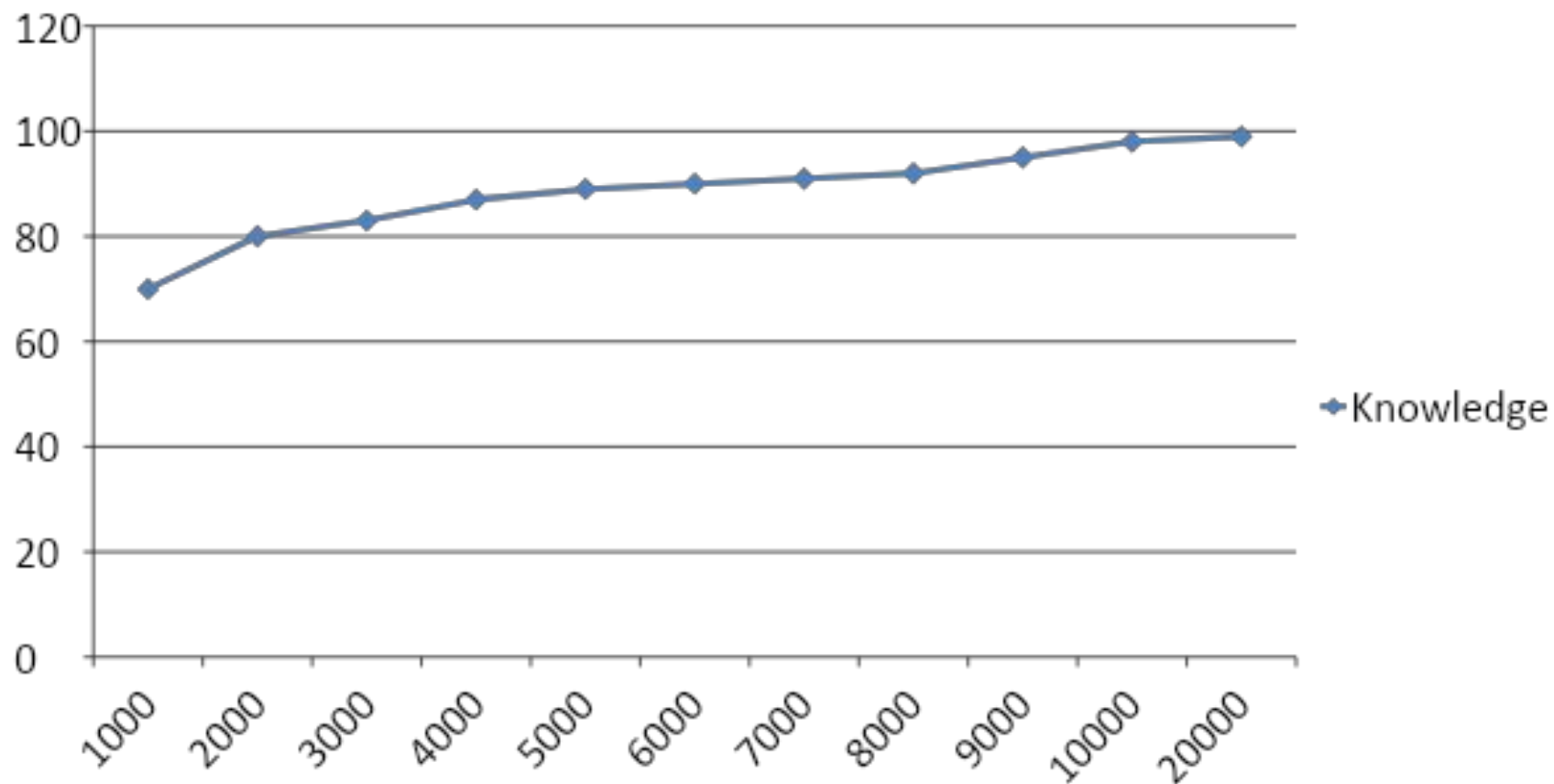
Word Family Test Results

take the test at <http://my.vocabularysize.com/select/test>

What does it all mean?

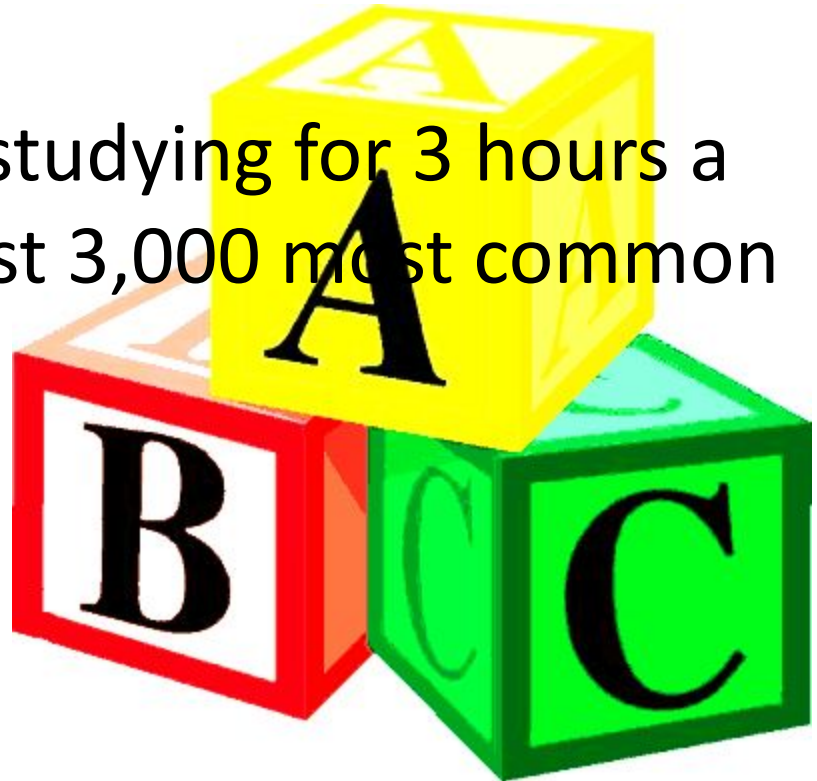


Number of words vs % of text understood



High Frequency Vocabulary

- Words like “time”, “jump” and “she”.
- Can be taught easily.
- Variety of methods.
- Takes about 6 years studying for 3 hours a week to learn the first 3,000 most common words.

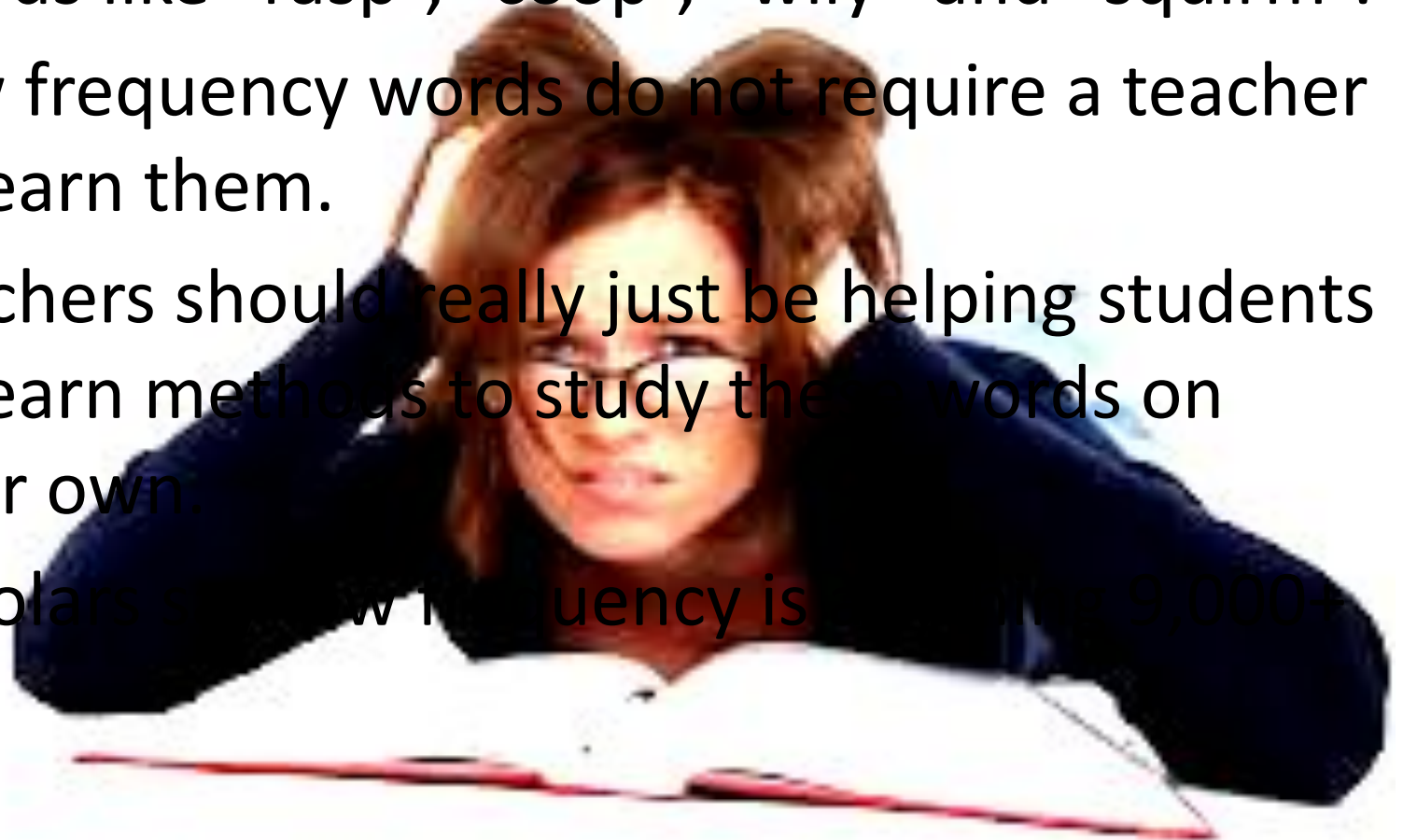


80% words known

- If ____planting rates are ____ with planting ____satisfied in each ____and the forests milled at the earliest opportunity, the ____wood supplies could further increase to about 36 million ____metres ____ in the period 2001 – 2015.
- We can clearly see how difficult this would be to a low level student.

Low frequency vocabulary

- Words like “rasp”, “coop”, “wily” and “squirm”.
- Low frequency words do not require a teacher to learn them.
- Teachers should really just be helping students to learn methods to study these words on their own.
- Scholars say low frequency is anything 9,000+

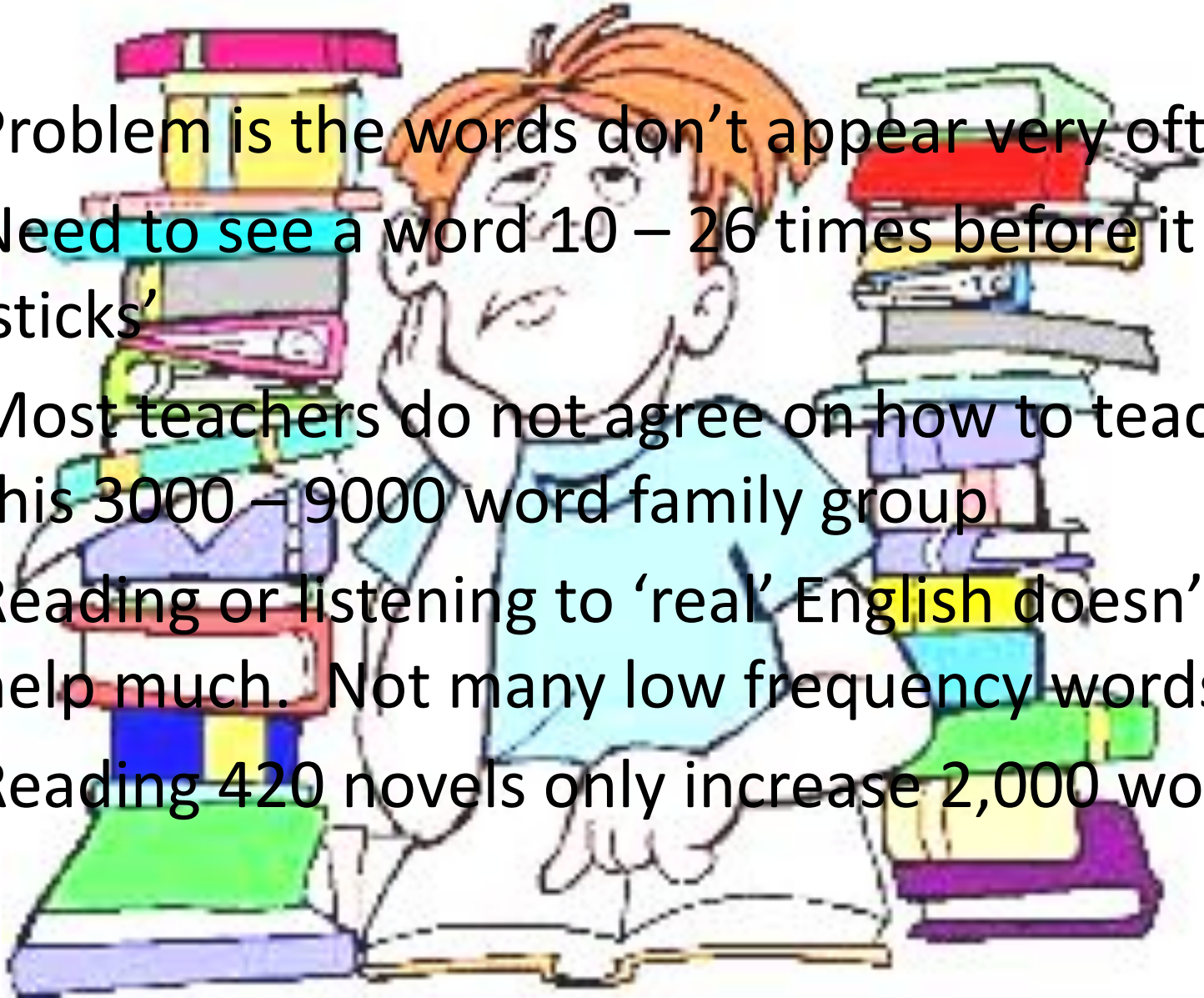


95% words known

- If current planting rates are maintained with planting targets satisfied in each_____ and the forests milled at the earliest opportunity, the available wood supplies could further_____ to about 36 million cubic metres annually in the period 2001 – 2015.
- We can see that we understand a lot more at this level but still are not completely sure.

Mid Frequency Vocabulary

- Problem is the words don't appear very often
- Need to see a word 10 – 26 times before it 'sticks'
- Most teachers do not agree on how to teach this 3000 – 9000 word family group
- Reading or listening to 'real' English doesn't help much. Not many low frequency words.
- Reading 420 novels only increase 2,000 words.



Mid Frequency Vocabulary.... continued

- Solutions? Read more factual texts. News and magazines use different vocabulary than fiction. Use quizlet.com
- Not as fun. But more useful for you.
- Look up words as you read. This helps you remember them.
- Keep a word journal.
- Don't give up!



Conclusions



- There are no easy fixes for language learning.
- Becoming that cut above student takes years of dedication.
- Just knowing lots of words will not make you proficient in English. You still need to master your grammar, essay, speaking, debating etc.

