



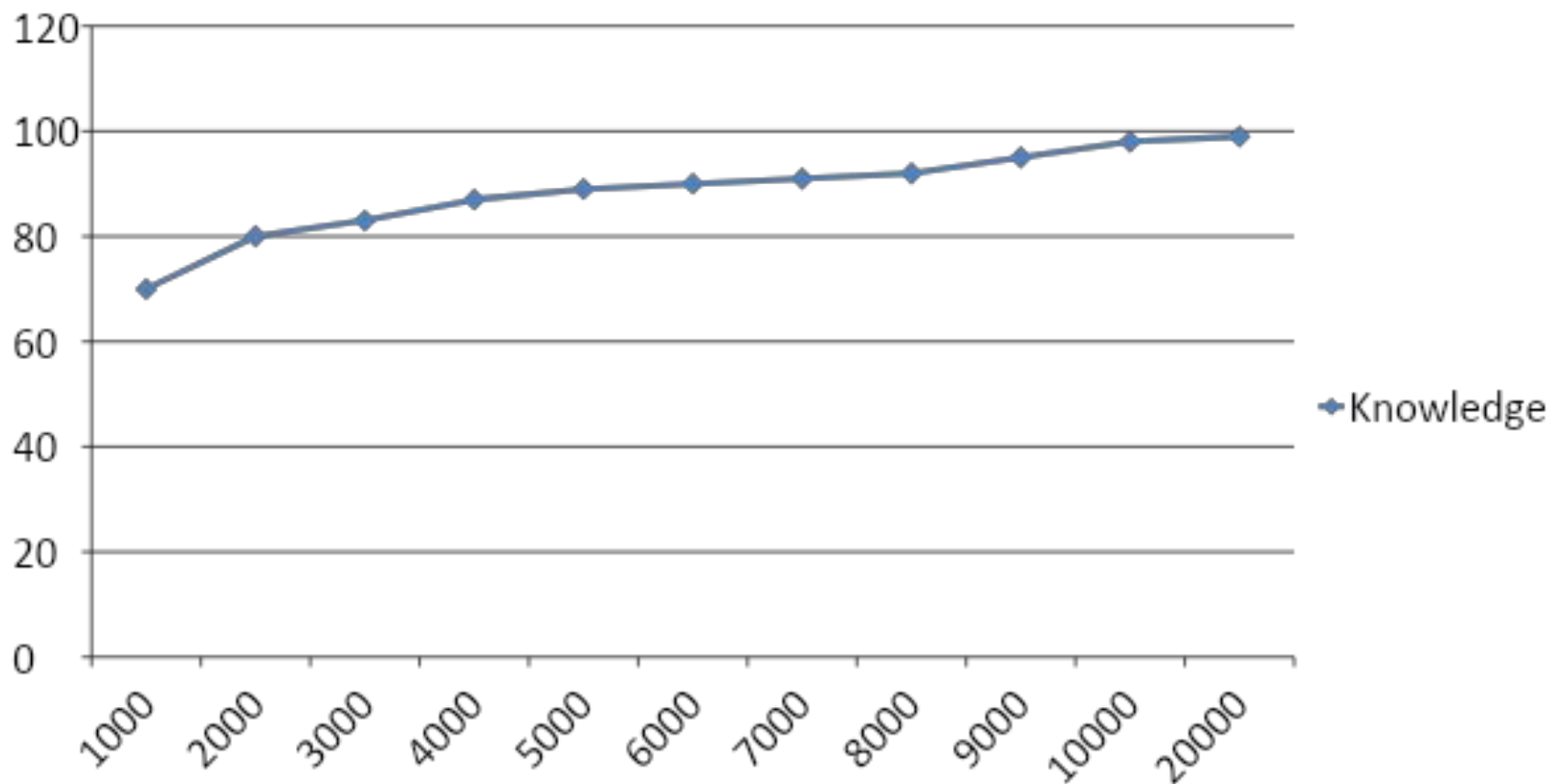
# Word Family Test Results

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

*What does it all mean?*

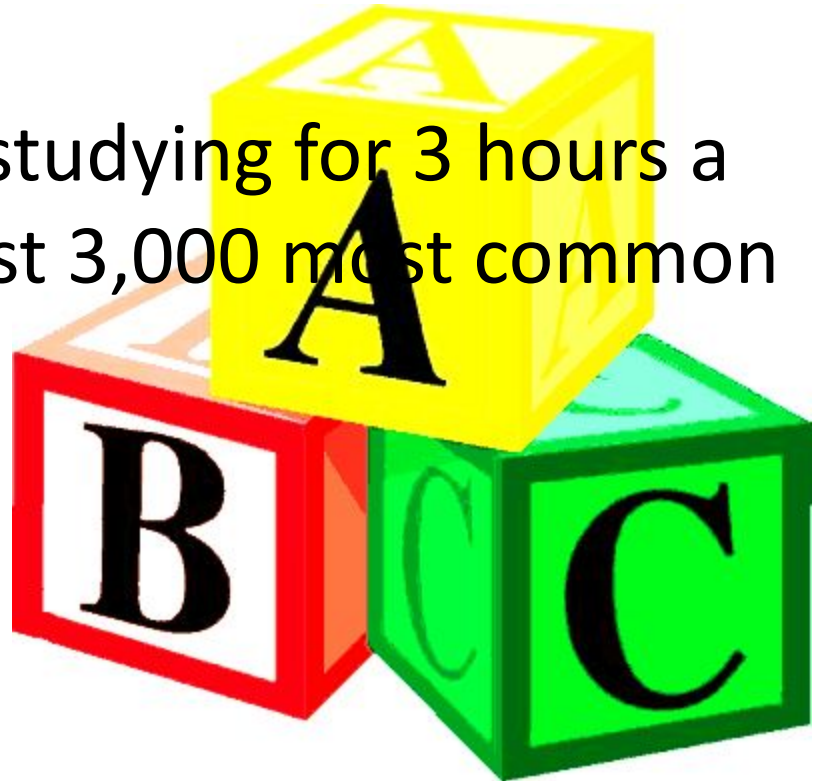
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**tap** rub  
crash impact feel  
**caress** click contact  
kiss embrace nudge brush  
**touch** manipulate  
graze grasp swipe  
stroke blow grope hug  
peck handle lick  
hit shock

# 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.

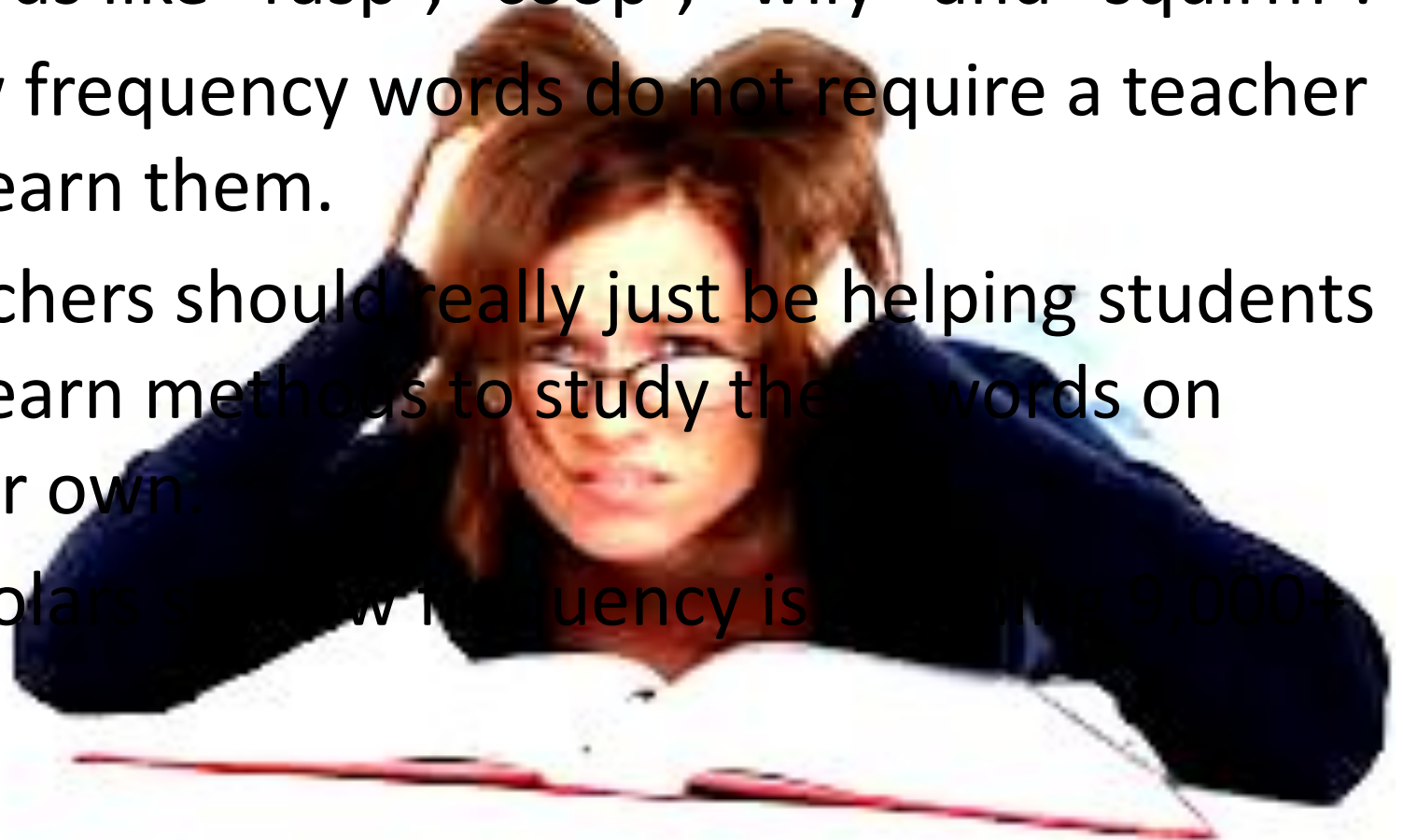


# 80% words known

- 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 agree low frequency is 9,000+

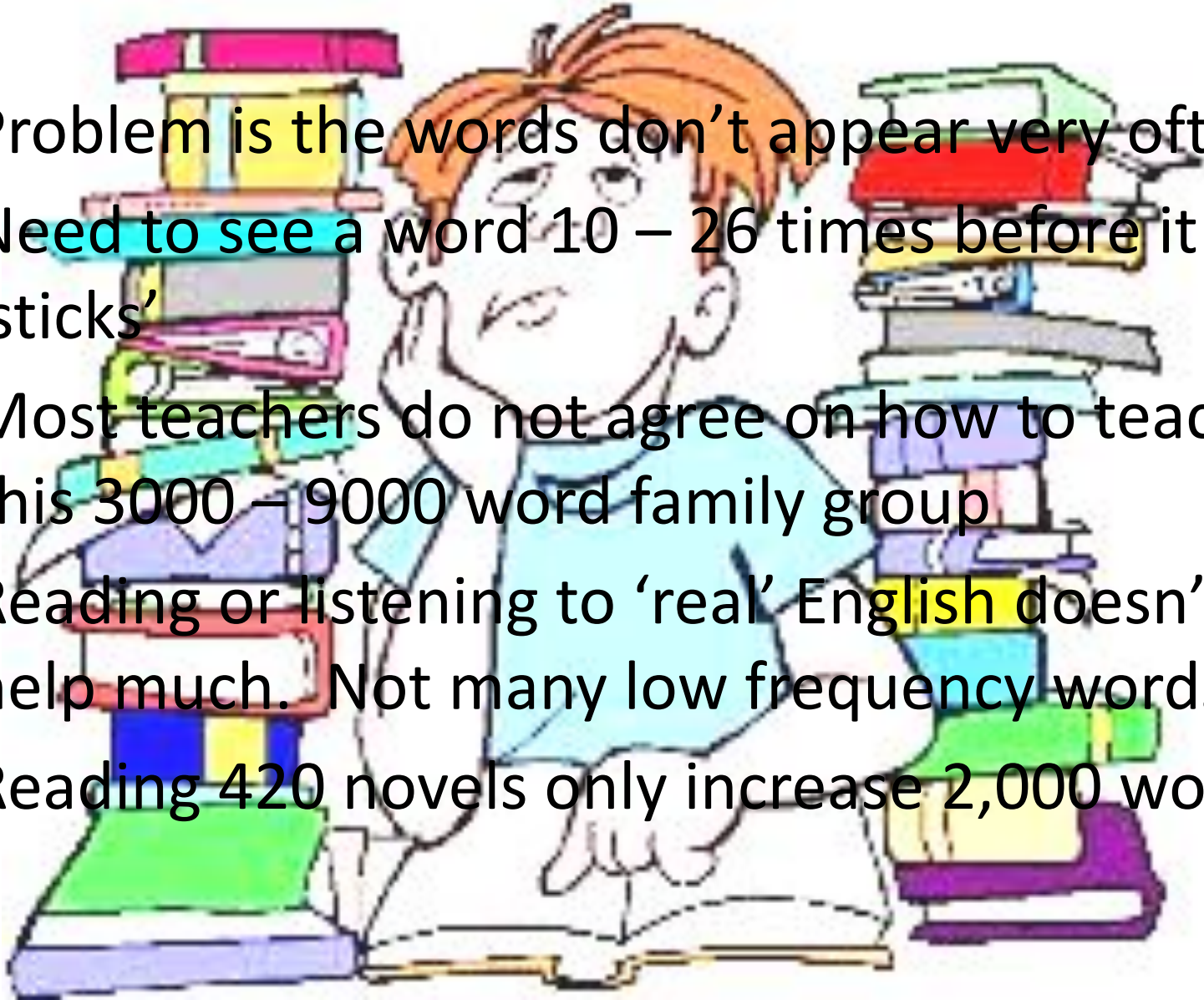


# 95% words known

- 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](http://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.

