

Chapter 1 : Becoming a Word Learner: A Debate on Lexical Acquisition - Oxford Scholarship

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The related term didacticism defines an artistic philosophy of education. Terminology[edit] Various terms are used to describe self-education. One such is heutagogy, coined in by Stewart Hase and Chris Kenyon of Southern Cross University in Australia; others are self-directed learning and self-determined learning. In the heutagogy paradigm, a learner should be at the centre of their own learning. Before the twentieth century, only a small minority of people received an advanced academic education. As stated by Joseph Whitworth in his influential report on industry dated from , literacy rates were higher in the United States. However, even in the U. High school education was necessary to become a teacher. In modern times, a larger percentage of those completing high school also attended college, usually to pursue a professional degree, such as law or medicine, or a divinity degree. Whereas in the past, one of the main benefits of going to college was to gain access to their superior libraries, today access to facts and books is available online. Financial analyst and author Peter Schiff , for one, says, "Never before in history has it been so easy to be self-educated". There were few if any institutions of higher learning offering studies in engineering or science before Institutions such as the Royal Society did much to promote scientific learning, including public lectures. In England, there were also itinerant lecturers offering their service, typically for a fee. James Watt was a surveyor and instrument maker and is described as being "largely self-educated". In the eighteenth century these societies often gave public lectures and were instrumental in teaching chemistry and other sciences with industrial applications which were neglected by traditional universities. Academies also arose to provide scientific and technical training. Years of schooling in the United States began to increase sharply in the early twentieth century. This phenomenon was seemingly related to increasing mechanization displacing child labor. The automated glass bottle-making machine is said to have done more for education than child labor laws because boys were no longer needed to assist. For males in the U. This model adopts the idea of inquiry-based learning where students are presented with scenarios to identify their own research, questions and knowledge regarding the area. Successful self-teaching requires self-discipline and reflective capability. New knowledge must be incorporated into previously existing information as its value is to be assessed. Ultimately, these scaffolding techniques, as described by Vygotsky and problem solving methods are a result of dynamic decision making. The secular and modern societies gave foundations for a new system of education and a new kind of autodidacts. While the number of schools and students raised from one century to the other, so did the number of autodidacts. The industrial revolution produced new educational tools used in schools, universities and outside academic circles to create a post-modern era that gave birth to the World Wide Web and encyclopaedic data banks such as Wikipedia. As this concept becomes more widespread and popular, web locations like Udacity and Khan Academy are developed as learning centers for many people to actively and freely learn together. In history, philosophy, literature, and television[edit] This section includes a list of references , related reading or external links , but its sources remain unclear because it lacks inline citations. Please help to improve this section by introducing more precise citations. February Learn how and when to remove this template message The first philosophical claim supporting an autodidactic program to the study of nature and God was in the philosophical novel Hayy ibn Yaqdhan Alive Son of the Vigilant , whose titular hero is considered the archetypal autodidact. It is a story about a feral boy, an autodidact prodigy who masters nature through instruments and reason, discovers laws of nature by practical exploration and experiments, and gains summum bonum through a mystical mediation and communion with God. The hero rises from his initial state of tabula rasa to a mystical or direct experience of God after passing through the necessary natural experiences. The focal point of the story is that human reason, unaided by society and its conventions or by religion, can achieve scientific knowledge, preparing the way to the mystical or highest form of human knowledge. In his book Reading Hayy Ibn-Yaqzan: Pleas for autodidacticism echoed not only within close philosophical discussions; they surfaced in struggles for control between individuals and establishments. By

the end of the novel, Eden has surpassed the intellect of the bourgeois class, leading him to a state of indifference and ultimately suicide. Comic-book superhero Batman is frequently depicted as an autodidactic polymath who has acquired a vast range of skills over the years either by various trainers or having trained himself, and his expertise in various disciplines is virtually unmatched in the DC comics universe. *Hunting* demonstrates his breadth and depth of knowledge throughout the film but especially to his therapist and in a heated discussion in a Harvard bar. One of the main characters in *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*, by Muriel Barbery, is an autodidact. The story is told from the viewpoint of Renee, a middle-aged autodidact concierge in a Paris upscale apartment house and Paloma, a year-old daughter of one of the tenants who is unhappy with her life. These two people find they have much in common when they both befriend a new tenant, Mr. Ozu, and their lives change forever. In the Hindu epic, the *Mahabharata*, Ekalavya is depicted as a tribal boy who was denied education in the science of arms from royal teachers from the house of Kuru. Ekalavya went to the forest, where he taught himself archery in front of an image of the Kuru teacher, Drona, that he had built for himself. In *Suits*, the protagonist Mike Ross possesses a highly competent knowledge of the law despite not receiving any formal education in any law school. His knowledge is attributable to both his affinity for reading autodidacticism, in addition to his eidetic memory. There are very few countries allowing autodidacticism in architecture today. The practice of architecture or the use of the title "architect", are now protected in most countries. Self-taught architects have generally studied and qualified in other fields such as engineering or arts and crafts. Le Corbusier had an academic qualification in decorative arts. Tadao Ando started his career as a draftsman, and Eileen Gray studied fine arts. When a political state starts to implement restrictions on the profession, there are issues related to the rights of established self-taught architects. In most countries the legislation includes a grandfather clause, authorising established self-taught architects to continue practicing. In the UK, the legislation, [14] allowed self-trained architects with 2 years of experience to register. In France, [15] it allowed self-trained architects with 5 years of experience to register. In Belgium, [16] the law allowed experienced self-trained architects in practice to register. In Italy, [17] it allowed self-trained architects with 10 years of experience to register. In The Netherlands, the "wet op de architectentitel van 7 juli" along with additional procedures, allowed architects with 10 years of experience and architects aged 40 years old or over, with 5 years of experience, to access the register. All architects must be autodidacts to keep up to date with new standards, regulations, or methods. While he was primarily interested in naval architecture, William Francis Gibbs learned his profession through his own study of battleships and ocean liners. Through his life he could be seen examining and changing the designs of ships that were already built, that is, until he started his firm Gibbs and Cox. Future role[edit] The role of self-directed learning continues to be investigated in learning approaches, along with other important goals of education, such as content knowledge, epistemic practices and collaboration. Several studies show these programs function most effectively when the "teacher" or facilitator is a full owner of virtual space to encourage a broad range of experiences to come together in an online format. Furthermore, massive open online courses MOOCs make autodidacticism easier and thus more common. A Stack Overflow poll [25] reported that due to the rise of autodidacticism,

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If you use this style, you find it easy to express yourself, both in writing and verbally. You love reading and writing. You like playing on the meaning or sound of words, such as in tongue twisters, rhymes, limericks and the like. You know the meaning of many words, and regularly make an effort to find the meaning of new words. You use these words, as well as phrases you have picked up recently, when talking to others. Common pursuits and phrases Pursuits that use the verbal style include public speaking, debating, politics, writing and journalism. You may tend to use phrases like these: Let me spell it out for you. In other words Learning and techniques If you are a verbal learner, try the techniques that involve speaking and writing. Find ways to incorporate more speaking and writing in techniques. For example, talk yourself through procedures in the simulator, or use recordings of your content for repetition. Make the most of the word-based techniques such as assertions and scripting. Use rhyme and rhythm in your assertions where you can, and be sure to read important ones aloud. Set some key points to a familiar song, jingle or theme. Mnemonics are your friends for recalling lists of information. Acronym mnemonics use words, focusing on the first letter of the word to make up another word or memorable sequence. You can also make up phrases using the items you want to memorize. Scripting is also powerful for you. Record your scripts using a tape or digital audio recorder such as an MP3 player , and use it later for reviews. When you read content aloud, make it dramatic and varied. Instead of using a monotone voice to go over a procedure, turn it into a lively and energetic speech worthy of the theatre. Not only does this help your recall, you get to practice your dramatic presence! Try working with others and using role-playing to learn verbal exchanges such as negotiations, sales or radio calls.

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Demonstrations from the blackboard, diagrams, graphs and charts are all valuable tools for the visual learner. Generally, analytic visual learners will process the printed word before iconic pictorial information. Generally, global visual learners will process iconic pictorial information before reading the printed text. Learning Strengths of the Visual Learner Remembers what they read and write. Enjoys visual projects and presentations. Can remember diagrams, charts, maps well. Understands information best when they SEE it. Learning Strategies for the Visual Learner Write down things that you want to remember. You will remember them better that way. Look at the person who is speaking to you; it will help you focus. Try to work in a quiet place. Wear earmuffs or earplugs if necessary. Some visual learners do, however, like soft music in the background. If you miss something a teacher says or do not understand, ask politely if they could repeat or explain. Most visual learners learn best alone. When studying, take many notes and write down lots of details. When trying to learn material by writing out notes, cover your notes then re-write. Use colour to highlight main ideas. Before starting an assignment, set a goal and write it down. Even post it in front of you. Read it as you do your assignment. Before reading a chapter or a book, preview it first by scanning the pictures, headings and so on. Try to put your desk away from the door and windows and close to the front of the class. Write your own flashcards. Look at them often and write out the main points, then check. Where possible, use charts, maps, posters, films, videos, computer software, OHPs both to study from and to present your work where appropriate. Teaching Strategies for the Visual Learner Provide lots of interesting visual material in a variety of formats. Make sure visual presentations are well-organized. During lessons, ensure auditory learners are in a position to hear well. Make handouts and all other written work as visually appealing as possible, and easily read. Make full use of a variety of technologies: Major Traits of the Visual Learner Prefers to see words written down When something is being described, the visual learner also prefers to have a picture to view. Prefers a time-line or some other similar diagram to remember historical events. Prefers written instructions rather than verbal instructions. Observes all the physical elements in a classroom. Carefully organizes their learning materials. Enjoys decorating their learning areas. Prefers photographs and illustrations with printed content. Remembers and understands through the use of diagrams, charts and maps. Appreciates presentations using OHP transparencies or handouts. Studies materials by reading notes and organizing it in outline form. Enjoys visual art activities. Activity Suggestions for the Visual Learner Diagrams.

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There are many learning options other than schools. We must take personal responsibility for the learning process. In this post-modern knowledge-based world we will need to spend our entire lives learning. In recent years, things have become twisted around. Somehow the focus has shifted from the learning end of things human curiosity, human need-to-know, and the appropriateness of self-directed exploration to the teaching end of things schools, teachers, and classrooms. Learning is fundamental; teaching is secondary, incidental, instrumental. Skilled teachers, and parents, and friends can help us learn, but the learning itself is up to us. There will no doubt continue to be a place in our lives and the lives of our children for schools of some sort, but learning is not just a time-limited school-connected thing. Learning is up to us. We are responsible for our own learning. As individuals, we must decide that we want to learn, what we want to learn, and take responsibility for making it happen. Many people emerge from their schooling never having learned that, and today find themselves in a terrible bind. The days are long gone when what you learned by age 20 or 25 would do you for the rest of your life. Rapid changes in world and workplace are rendering whole industries obsolete within breathtakingly short periods, and this pace of change seems destined to continue. Lifetime learning is here, and here to stay, and the fortunate ones will be those who are drawn to it with enthusiasm. There are today, and always have been, people who saw the appropriateness of self-directed learning. It is not a new idea. A century ago it was championed by the Chautauqua movement. A few decades later the American philosopher and educator John Dewey promoted it. And since the s, the resources available to self-directed learners have greatly increased, both in variety and quantity. Concerning the education of children, there have always been parents who focused on learning rather than schooling. The education of anthropologist Margaret Mead is an example. Margaret grew up in a family that valued academic achievement. Her mother was a graduate of the University of Chicago who later in life, after the demands of child rearing waned, went back to work on her Ph. Yet between kindergarten and high school Margaret spent only one year in school. The rest of the time she learned under the guidance of her grandmother who spent about an hour a day with her. As Margaret put it in her autobiography, *Blackberry Winter*: "But I learned to observe the world around me and to note what I saw" to observe flowers and children and baby chicks. She taught me to read for the sense of what I read, and to enjoy learning. Looking back, my memories of learning precise skills, memorizing long stretches of poetry, and manipulating paper are interwoven with memories of running" running in the wind, running through meadows, and running along country roads" picking flowers, running through meadows, hunting for nuts, and weaving together old stories and new events into myths about a rock or a tree. It would be hard to find a better example of a lifelong learner than Margaret Mead. Whether the young people in our lives attend school or are home schooled, we parents and grandparents can help them get into the curious, excited, self-directed learning mode. And if they attend school, we can encourage the school to be responsive to their real needs. The turn of the century Russian, Peter Kropotkin, had some excellent advice for all us learners, young and old: "What do you need to know? Demand that your teachers teach you that. Our schooling was whatever it was, and left its residue" some good, some bad. It failed to give us an ideal preparation for life, and now, no one is knocking on our doors offering to fill in the holes or repair the damage. It is up to each of us, as individuals, to do that. What are our options? What can we do to help ourselves and those we love to become enthusiastic life-long learners? What do the intentions you have about your life say about your next arena of action? And what skills do you need to develop to move into that arena? Are there any credentials that you need to acquire? Some sort of certification? What sort of learning strategy would allow you to accomplish what needs to be accomplished with an acceptable balance of time, money, and fun? Do you, for instance, take a Spanish course evenings at the local community college low cost, little time, little fun? Or do you spend three months in Cuernavaca, Mexico attending classes at a local language institute higher cost,

more time, more fun? Exploring for resources is a highly individualized process. And different people have different learning styles. For some, sitting in a classroom works and feels right. One reason that self-directed learning is highly individualized is that learning resources are unevenly distributed. If one special person is your resource of choice, or one special educational institution, then you must be where that person or institution is. At the other extreme, if you are fortunate enough to learn readily from books and other print materials, or through on-line interaction at a computer screen and keyboard, geographical constraints may disappear entirely. Information about the offerings of educational institutions is available in many communities. Check your local library for college catalogs and other descriptive material. And if the information you need is not there, your librarian can help you find addresses to write to for that information. Tracking down non-institutional resources can be more of a challenge. Besides reading, what other kinds of self-directed learning options are there? Three popular ones are one-on-one mentoring and apprenticeship, learning through computer communication, and learning-oriented travel. In times past it was common for would-be learners to seek out highly skilled people and arrange to learn from them. If you were academically inclined, you tried to become associated with an institution where the great minds in your field hung out. Fewer people are willing to humble themselves enough to say: If your proposed path of learning is in an unusual or specialized area, finding the right person to teach you could be a challenge in itself. One approach is to subscribe to magazines, journals, and newsletters that deal with the specialty. Read each issue carefully, and then follow up leads. Write to authors of articles, answer classified ads, or insert one of your own. The Internet is one of two significant doors-to-learning that the computer has recently opened up. Because there are so many people on the Internet, so much information available, and so many groups devoted to specialized interests, Internet involvement presents the user with vast possibilities for interpersonal conversation, information exchange, and learning. Much of the interaction and learning takes place in Usenet News Groups, and many Internet users find these groups a perfect place to meet knowledgeable people in their areas of interest. Each news group has a short Internet name and a defined topic area. You can join any group or leave it at your pleasure, and there are no costs beyond those associated with connecting to the Internet network itself. When you check into a news group you have the opportunity to read messages posted by members of that group, starting with those most recently posted. Especially if you are looking for esoteric information, posting a message can be very fruitful. Whatever your question is, it is very likely that within a few hours of posting your query, one or more people would have posted reply comments. News Group interactions frequently lead to friendships and to one-on-one exchanges of information by e-mail. The listserv function allows whole groups to be served by e-mail. An e-mail message to a listserv address results in duplicate messages being sent to all members of that listserv group. Electronic publications are magazines or academic journals that are distributed to subscribers usually at no cost by e-mail. The Internet is vast, complex, and constantly changing. That said, the Internet is also very easy to get involved with and explore. You just need a basic computer, a modem, and communications software all of which can be set up for you by some computer-literate other person, perhaps the teenager next door. The exploring itself involves typing short commands on the computer keyboard something that grade-schoolers soon get quite adept at. If you can hunt and peck type on a typewriter, you can cruise the Internet on a computer keyboard. If what you see there twigs your interest, the next step is to track down a service that will give you and your computer access to the Internet. These differ greatly in the level of service offered and the cost to the user. Talk with computer-savvy people about the connection options available in your area. Distance education or distance learning is the second computer-assisted door to learning. Using a computer and a modem, you can go to class at any time from work, from home, or on the road just turn on your computer and be at The New School. All travel helps us learn even the most unplanned, unstructured, casual travel. Actually going there makes places come alive and people become real in ways that reading about them never could. On the other hand, well-prepared travelers do get more out of their travel experiences than poorly-prepared ones. Some of my friends read extensively before they travel. One of my friends is an architecture buff, and he reads up beforehand on every cathedral and other major building he plans to visit, and enjoys them all the more for having done that. Some people combine travel and taking courses. Naturally, if you have the time and the

money, you can simply arrange with a far-away educational institution to attend classes there for a single term or longer. More feasible for many people over age 60 are the short courses and low-cost accommodations offered through Elderhostel. My Earlier Years, New York: What has your reading brought to mind?

Chapter 5 : Becoming a Word Learner by Lois Bloom

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Chapter 9 : Verbal (linguistic) learning style

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