Exercise 1.2: User Profiles for Vocabulary App

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Tilly Schoonhoven

Pronouns: She/Her
Age: 22
Occupation: employed with Outward Bound CA non-profit outdoor education
Educational Experience: College graduated in Outdoor Leadership

1. What kinds of tasks do you do daily, and what are personal interest?
   Lesson planning, curriculum development, yoga/physical exercise, hiking, backpacking, rock climbing, facilitating group discussions/team building.

2. What makes you want to learn new vocabulary?
   I would like to relate to people and to better understand where they are coming from.

3. What school subjects or work related events did you happen to find yourself needing to remember particular vocabulary the most in?
   This event, being at the LGBTQ Summit, is exactly where I would like to know more vocabulary. I would also like to learn more vocabulary that makes language more accessible like for the ELS people I work with.

4. When was the last time you found yourself needing to make notecards in order to learn new vocabulary?
   My comparative biology class required so much studying. I used Quizlet to help me study the animal and plant science.

5. What were the key components of your flashcards (e.g. pictures, definitions, bullet points)?
   I liked having a term on one side and definitions on the other side; especially with fill in the blank.

6. What has made learning new vocabulary difficult for you? What has made it easy?
   Mnemonic devices such as relating words to songs made learning easier. On the other hand, the lack of context for new vocab made it hard to learn new vocab.

Doing	Feeling	Thinking
I have used quizlet to help me study.	I felt overwhelmed in my science courses because there were so many new terms to learn.	I think having context for the terms I am trying to remember would be helpful.

Katie Pantell

Pronouns: She/Her
Age: 25
Occupation: software engineer (full stack web development), Udemy
Educational Experience: B.S. in mathematics, M.S. in computer science

1. What kinds of tasks do you do daily, and what are personal interest?
   Coding, planning, reading, hiking, dogs, listening to podcasts, watching Netflix

2. What makes you want to learn new vocabulary?
   I want to learn Italian and expand my vocabulary of Italian words, and I want to learn more about topics/jargon in my field.

3. What school subjects or work related events did you happen to find yourself needing to remember particular vocabulary the most in?
   I needed to learn a lot of new vocabulary in graduate school, understand it well, and remember it to apply that knowledge in my internships.

4. When was the last time you found yourself needing to make notecards in order to learn new vocabulary?
   Probably in graduate school. I remember some exams that had matching/fill in the blank questions with vocabulary words.

5. What were the key components of your flashcards (e.g. pictures, definitions, bullet points)?
   I usually used a list of vocabulary words without making flashcards - covering up the definitions and quizzing myself on the meanings of the words.

6. What has made learning new vocabulary difficult for you? What has made it easy?
   It probably would have helped to make flashcards - a list wasn't a great format for studying so that made it difficult. I found that using the words in context made it easier to remember.

Doing	Feeling	Thinking
I have made lists in the past, not flashcards.	I feel empowered when I learn more Italian.	I think having contextual background of a word would make it easier to remember.

Alvin Chan

Pronouns: He/Him
Age: 37
Occupation: bike sales
Educational Experience: BA degree in English/Creative Writing

1. What kinds of tasks do you do daily, and what are personal interest?
   I ride my bike, cook, read, write. Personal interest: cyclocross races, kendama, making music, jazz, baking

2. What makes you want to learn new vocabulary?
   I want to be able to communicate with people who use a different vocabulary. Learning new vocabulary allows you to understand why people use certain words.

3. What school subjects or work related events did you happen to find yourself needing to remember particular vocabulary the most in?
   Creative writing.

4. When was the last time you found yourself needing to make notecards in order to learn new vocabulary?
   When I worked at a grocery store.

5. What were the key components of your flashcards (e.g. pictures, definitions, bullet points)?
   Pictures with 4 digit code.

6. What has made learning new vocabulary difficult for you? What has made it easy?
   Memorizing is difficult. Practicing everyday makes it easy.

Doing	Feeling	Thinking
My creative writing helps me improve my vocabulary.	I like to feel intelligent when I can bring in colorful vocabulary into my writing.	I think having a place to make learning new terminology interesting daily would be helpful.

Amber Marsh

Pronouns: She/Her
Age: 34
Occupation: Graphic Designer and full time student

1. What kinds of tasks do you do daily, and what are personal interest?
   I walk my dog and work as a graphic designer remotely.

2. What makes you want to learn new vocabulary?
   I would like to be a better ally to queer people by knowing the context of words.

3. What school subjects or work related events did you happen to find yourself needing to remember particular vocabulary the most in?
   My critical race theory course was tough. There were a lot of terms that I didn't know anything about.

4. When was the last time you found yourself needing to make notecards in order to learn new vocabulary?
   I really haven't because of my time management. I tend to Google terms and then forget them and have to look them up again later.

5. What were the key components of your flashcards (e.g. pictures, definitions, bullet points)?
   I think fill in the blank would be great. I think it would also be especially helpful to put vocabulary in context. It would be nice to have multiple definitions of a term in one place.

6. What has made learning new vocabulary difficult for you? What has made it easy?
   Every web source has a different definition for the same terms, which makes it difficult to keep track of the meaning of words. This could be made easier if there was a way to organize the definitions of terms from different sources into one place.

Doing	Feeling	Thinking
I actively look up terms on the internet.	I felt behind in understanding the terminology brought up in some of my course work.	I think having a single place to organize the words I look up in different sources would make remembering new terms easier.