

BUILDING A VOCABULARY FOR ADULT LEARNERS

Words to avoid:

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| Always | Should |
| Never | Ought |
| Stupid | "If I were YOU" |
| There is no excuse | Lazy |
| Totally | Nonsense |
| Ridiculous | Absurd |
| Not AGAIN | "Sweetie"/ "Honey" |
| Absolutely | How many times have I told you? |
| But | Don't |
| However | |

Words to use:

Information words work best for adults:

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| Who | "In my opinion" |
| When | Unknown |
| Where | "Try..." |
| How | Steady |
| How much | Improvement/progress |
| In what way | Appreciate |
| Probable | Continue |
| Possible | That was better |
| Comparative | "I believe" |
| True | "Please" |
| False | Thank you |
| Objective | Incorrect |
| "I think" | "Have you tried....?" |

Use any word or phrase that encourages the positive side of the creative, sensitive nature of our singers.

Encourage—creativity, curiosity, the desire to explore and know about our craft and about singing in general, the urge to feel and experience (especially in the area of vocal production), the joy of being part of an ensemble that is greater than the sum of its parts, a feeling of being special and unique, yet stronger when joined with the group.