

VOCABULARY

Vocabulary

Knowing and using developmentally appropriate words.

Assessments

What are you noticing in reading groups and conferences? What are you noticing in writing and writing conferences?

Tier 3
Words
that belong to
specific subjects.
Tier 2

Robust, academic words that students encounter across topics and content areas.

Tier 1

Everyday words familiar to most students through everyday conversation.

Vocabulary Building Exercises

- Shades of Meaning K-2
- Shades of Meaning 3-5
- Classroom Tier 2 Vocabulary
- Oral language activities
- Concept building
- Word games
- Word webs to show connections between topics
- SWAP
- Semantic Maps to categorize words
- Pre-teaching vocabulary

- Think alouds to model how to use context clues to make meaning
- Notice new vocabulary and provide definition and provide synonyms
- Word walls of new vocabulary or vocabulary of content areas
- Model the use of online dictionaries
- Visuals to support vocabulary
- Teach new vocabulary in context
- Word maps