Guidelines and Resources for Teaching Vocabulary

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Introduce **new words** making certain that the reason for selecting and teaching the vocabulary words is sound	● Choose words that are useful and relatable to students' prior knowledge ● Use new words as a gateway for learning other words ● Refer to new words commonly in the reading ● Connect new words to the topic being studied ● Connect new words to a real-world application	Academic Vocabulary List and Resources

Employ **rich oral language** in the classroom using high level words and displaying an attitude of excitement and interest in words and language	● Use new words in the classroom as much as possible
	● Use and make note of high level words
	  ○ During teacher-led presentations
	  ○ During class discussions
	  ○ When reading aloud
	
	● Have students rank words in tiers: tier 1-common words, tier 2- frequent academic words, tier 3- infrequent field of study words
		Three Tiers of Words

Approach **a variety of texts in a variety of ways** to discover new vocabulary words in context, including fiction, nonfiction and multi-media	● Select meaningful words in context ● Discuss the target words in context to determine meaning ● Use read-aloud, think-aloud, shared and guided reading experiences ○ Stop and discuss new words demonstrating how to learn new words before, during and after reading ● Provide multiple exposures of and contexts for target words ● Spend time on repeated readings	Teacher Read-Aloud That Models Reading for Deep Understanding Think-Alouds
Use meaningful **word parts and word relationships** to discover the meanings of unfamiliar words	● Use structural analysis or morphology ● Study prefixes, suffixes and root words and how words change with the addition or removal of those parts ● Explore idioms and figures of speech	Visualizing Vocabulary (word parts) Connecting Word Meanings

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	● Use and discuss semantic webs and graphic organizers ● Cluster words that share a common element or origin ● Create definition maps using key words, their definitions, and related words	Through Semantic Mapping English Language Roots: Quick Chart Root Words, Roots and Affixes Word Info (Information about English words) Flip a Chart (Students flip two chips to mix and match four word parts and make four words. Students then insert the four words into a paragraph, using context clues to determine where each word belongs)
Provide a **variety of resources** to determine the definition of the new words	● Provide access to dictionaries, thesauri, synonyms, antonyms-- both print and electronic forms ● Model how to use these resources	The Free Dictionary Dictionary.com Thesaurus.com Visuword- visual dictionary
Aid students in developing **independent strategies** by	● Inspire students to read ● Invite students to select new words individually or in	Effective Strategies for Teaching Vocabulary

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teaching, modeling and encouraging their exploration of new words	cooperative groups ● Model researching and discovering definitions of new words ● Teach conceptually related words or semantically related words and word families ● Have students create personal word books or journals to keep track of what they are learning ● Use new vocabulary in writing and discussions as much as possible ● Study analogies and word relationships ● Model how to connect new words with familiar words ● Have students explore the new words' parts of speech and/or multiple definitions ● Provide opportunities for students to share the strategies that they used to determine and remember the meaning of new vocabulary words	Analogies Online Game Variety of Analogy Games for Grades 3-12
Use new words in **exciting and meaningful ways**	● Use new words in games that allow students to play with the words in creating visual mnemonic devices or images, puzzles, word games, etc. ● Create a word wall where students post words they like, don't like, and think are funny	Video Playlist: 5 Vocabulary Strategies Five Ways to Make Teaching High School Vocabulary Fun and Interesting 15 Vocabulary Strategies Word Matrix (This interactive tool can be used to o Teach students the concepts of connotation

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		and register ○ Clarify differences between seemingly similar words ○ Help students explore the concept of diction in literary analysis ○ Encourage more precision in word choice in student writing)

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