



Active Strategies for Teaching Academic Vocabulary

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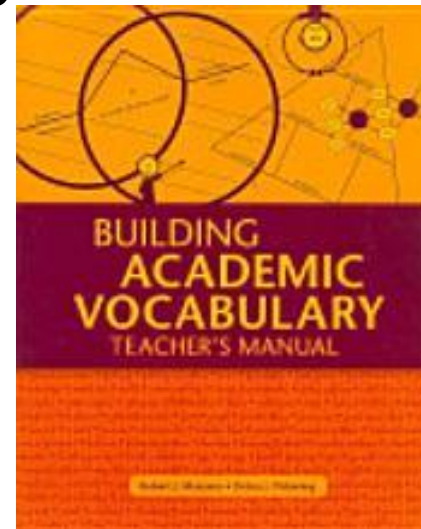
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Six Steps (Marzano & Pickering)

1. Teacher defines/explains/gives examples
2. Student puts definition in own words
3. Student creates an image of the word
4. Student engagement
5. Student discussion
6. Word play



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Vocabulary Notebook

Term	Function	My Understanding ① ② ③ ④
Forms		
Describe:		
Draw	New Understanding	

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1-Teacher Provides Initial Understanding

Teacher describes, explains and gives an example
(rich details)

- Direct Experience
- Story
- Picture or Diagram
- Video or computer image
- Describe own mental images



2. Students' own words

Students construct their own descriptions, explanations and/or examples in a vocabulary notebook

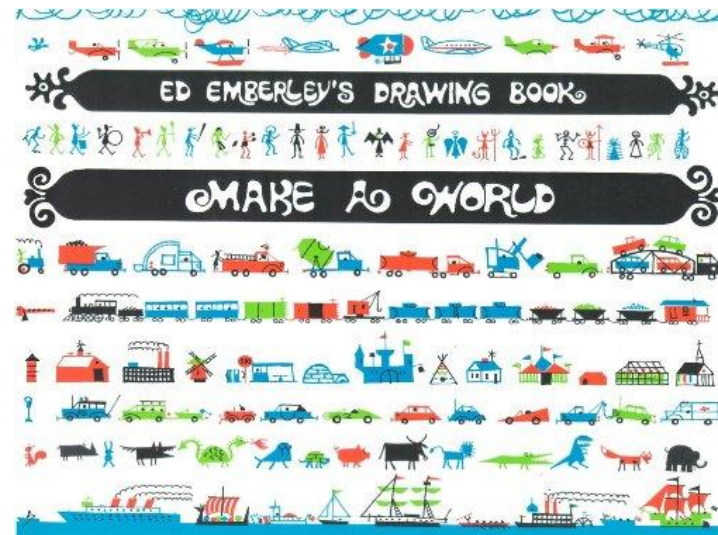
- Paraphrase teacher's explanation (not exact words)
- May work with a partner
- ELL's may use native language



3. Student Illustrations

Picture, symbol, example, dramatic or other graphic representation

- Teacher models
- Examples
- Drawing Books
- Partner work



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4. Student Engagement

- Make flashcards
- Complete a content fame
- Fill out a Frayer graphic organizer
- Draw a concept map
- Compare terms



Concept Map



Compare Terms

_____ and _____ are *similar* because they both

_____ and _____ are *different* because

_____ is _____, but _____ is _____

_____ is _____, but _____ is _____

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5. Student Discussion

Students work in pairs, trios or foursomes to complete activities

- Flashcard Partners
- Quiz-Quiz-Trade*
- Word Sorts
- Matching Words & Definitions
- Blockout
- Roll Out the Sentence (Definition)



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6. Word Play

Students play games with the words

- Vocab Bingo
- I Have Who Has
- Jeopardy
- Pyramid
- Charades
- Pictionary



Resources

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