

Vocabulary Maps



Steps for Instruction

- 1. Show students the **map**.
- 2. Identify the **purpose**.
- 3. **Pronounce** the word.
- 4. Give the **translation** and a **cognate** (when appropriate to English learners).
- 5. Give a student-friendly definition.
- 6. Describe how the **illustration** is representative of the word.
- 7. Identify familiar **synonyms** to help strengthen word meaning.
- 8. Use the **word in a sentence** from the text and a sentence from a more familiar/different context.
- 9. Use **Turn and Talk prompts** to help students practice appropriate uses of the word.
- 10. Follow-up with **multiple exposures** of the word across a variety of contexts.

Elaborated Steps for Instruction

Introduce the Word

- 1. Pronounce the vocabulary word or concept.
- 2. Ask students to repeat it.
- 3. If the word is difficult to pronounce or unfamiliar, ask students to repeat the word a number of times.

Identify a Cognate

- 1. When working with English learners, read the cognate or translation.
- 2. Invite students to offer a translation in their native language.
- 3. Point out when the word is a cognate for a word in their native language and any similarity in spelling and pronunciation.

Give a student-friendly definition

- 1. Read the student-friendly definition.
- 2. Ask, "does anyone have another way to say that?"

Describe how the illustration is related

- 1. Point out the visual image by stating what it is.
- 2. Model an explanation on appropriateness of image:
 - What about the image makes you think of the vocabulary word?
 - How does the image capture important information about the word?
- 3. Invite student explanations on appropriateness of image:
 - Ask students how the image is representative of the vocabulary word.
 - Praise the content and quality of their explanations.
 - Elaborate on student explanations as needed.

Read the synonyms

- 1. Point to the synonyms as you read them.
- 2. Ask, "can you think of other synonyms?" Ask how the synonym is related.

Read the word in context

- 1. Read each sentence to students.
- 2. Briefly explain how the target word is used to convey meaning in each sentence.

Use Turn and Talk discuss to practice using the word

- 1. Ask students to turn to a shoulder partner to discuss.
- 2. Give students one minute to discuss each prompt.
- 3. Monitor students' conversations to check for understanding.
- 4. Invite students to share out with the whole group.

