

The Wonder of Words Draíocht na bhFocal





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Oral Language



Vocabulary



Stage 1

Junior & Senior Infants

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Stage 2

1st & 2nd Class

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Stage 3

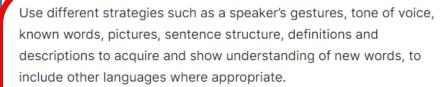
3rd & 4th Class

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Stage 4

Fifth and Sixth class

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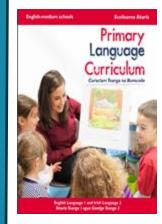


Use sophisticated oral vocabulary and phrases, including the language of text, topic and subject-specific language, and express and use decontextualised language.

Select and apply a variety of strategies to acquire a wide range of words and phrases from different sources such as literature, subject-specific texts and other languages.



Critically select and use a wide-ranging, complex oral vocabulary, phrases and figurative language for familiar, abstract and subject-specific concepts and topics, as appropriate to audience and purpose.



Reading



Vocabulary



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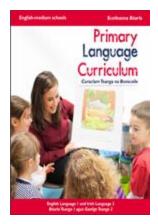
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Acquire appropriate vocabulary to support the comprehension of text shared by the teacher or read independently.

Talk about and use new vocabulary as it arises, drawing on context and identifying words with similar meaning and words with similar sounds but different meaning.

Acquire appropriate vocabulary to support the independent comprehension of text.

Draw on a developing knowledge of word structure and word parts, including some prefixes and suffixes, to clarify and discuss the meaning of words.



Acquire deep and broad vocabulary knowledge to facilitate independent comprehension of texts, to include subject-specific texts.

Draw on an increasing knowledge of word structure and word parts, including prefixes, suffixes and root words, to independently uncover the meaning of words encountered in texts. Use knowledge of synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, homographs and homophones to clarify and discuss the meaning of new and known vocabulary.

Use appropriate reference materials to independently uncover the meaning of unknown words.



Writing



Vocabulary



Stage 1

Junior & Senior Infants

Through appropriately playful and engaging learning experiences, children should be able to

Use a growing range of vocabulary from their personal experiences and engagement with text and use language playfully and creatively in their writing.



Stage 2

1st & 2nd Class

Through appropriately playful and engaging learning experiences, children should be able to

Use a more sophisticated range of vocabulary from many sources and explore the aesthetic, creative and imaginative dimensions of language in their writing.

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Stage 3

3rd & 4th Class

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Examine, select and justify appropriate vocabulary to create text across a range of genres and other languages where appropriate for a variety of purposes and audiences.



Stage 4

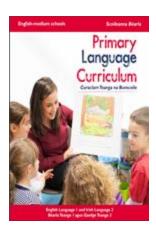
Fifth and Sixth class

Through appropriately engaging learning experiences, children should be able to

Examine, select and justify appropriate vocabulary to create text of increasing complexity across a range of genres and other languages where appropriate for a variety of purposes and audiences.

Evaluate the aesthetic, creative, figurative and imaginative dimensions of language in their writing.

Evaluate how vocabulary is used in various contexts in their writing.





What does it mean to know a word?

the race	9!
Will you	the raffle?
Thin paint car	n!
Will they	_ in the election?
Watch the dog!	
the car!	
Will you	an errand?



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What does it mean to know a word?

Run the race!

Will you run the raffle?

Thin paint can run!

Will they run in the election?

Watch the dog run!

Run the car!

Will you run an errand?



What does it mean to know a word?



No knowledge

General sense

Context-bound knowledge

Knowledge of a word, but unable to recall it readily for appropriate situations

Rich and decontextualised knowledge

Increasing complexity



Run

(Beck, McKeon & Kucan, 2013)

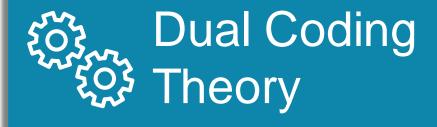
Educational Theories and Vocabulary Instruction







Psycholinguistic Theories





Source: Black & Wright, 2024

Educational Theories and Vocabulary Instruction



Knowledge is constructed through social interaction

A reader's background knowledge interacts with text structure and processing skills to produce comprehension.

Connecting verbal and nonverbal through multisensory activities Foster intrinsic motivation by providing choice and autonomy. Cultivate interest or curiosity about a topic

Educational Theories and Vocabulary Instruction



Students engage cooperatively with teachers and/or peers to define and discuss new vocabulary

Multisensory approaches include using visuals, drawing pictures, charades, finding real world examples and using actions or sounds

Vocabulary instruction involves exploring morphology, matching synonyms and antonyms, concept mapping and activating prior knowledge

Use of word-learning games, technology, working from children's interests and developing independence

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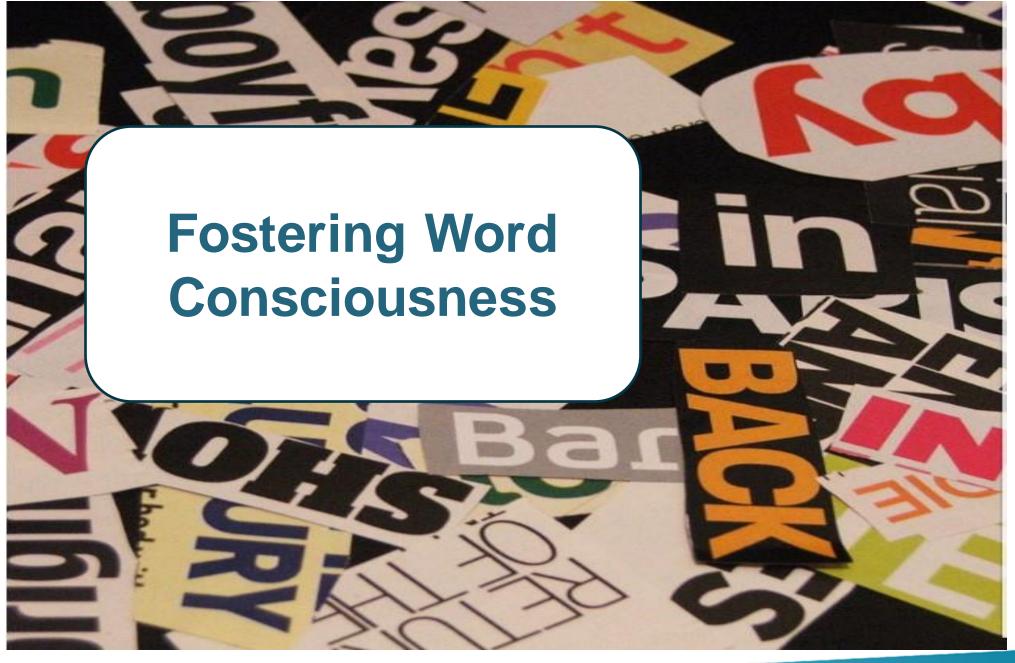
A Four-Part Vocabulary Programme

Fostering Word Consciousness

Teaching Individual Words

Teach Word Learning
Strategies

Provide Rich and Varied Language Learning Experiences





Energising the Verbal Environment



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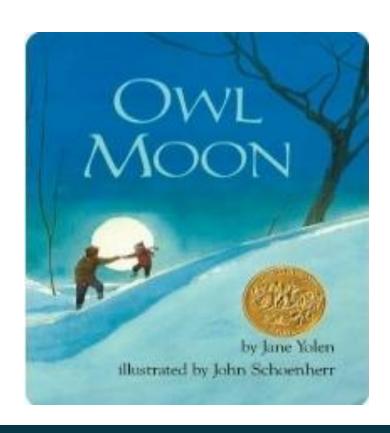
The idea of an energised verbal environment is to have words in play nearly all of the time; ...a classroom where words are constantly being noticed, investigated, celebrated

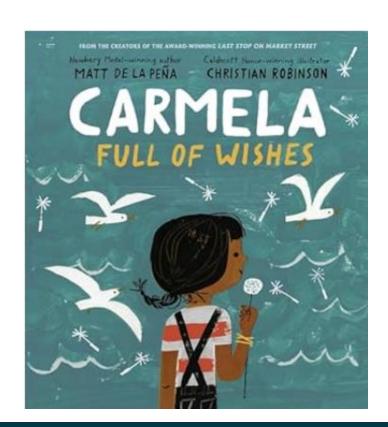
(Beck, Mc Keown and Kucan, 2013).

and savoured



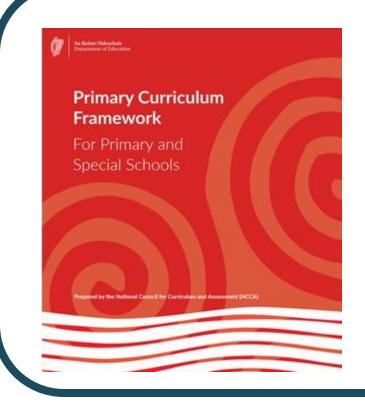
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The Primary Curriculum

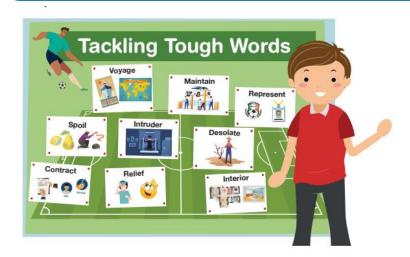
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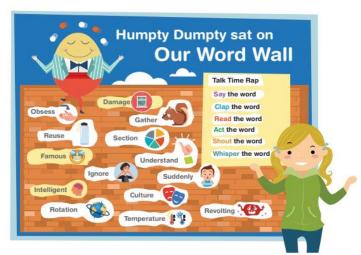












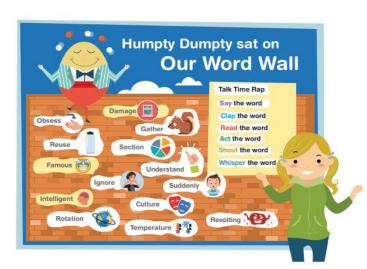
Riddles

Icebreaker Riddles

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The English Alphabet

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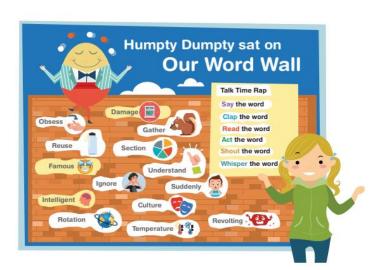
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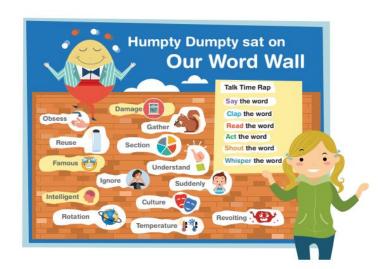
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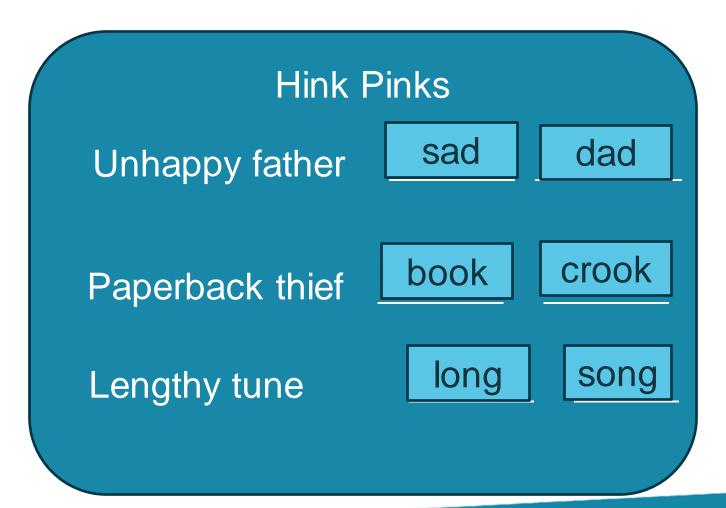
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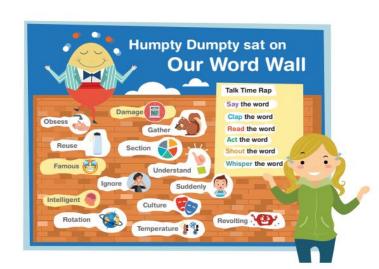










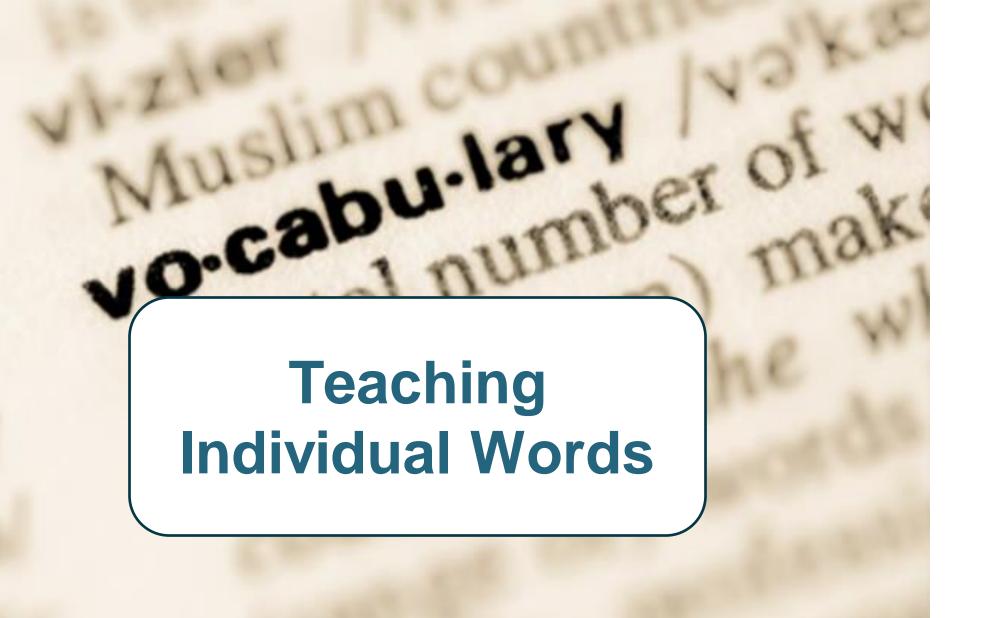


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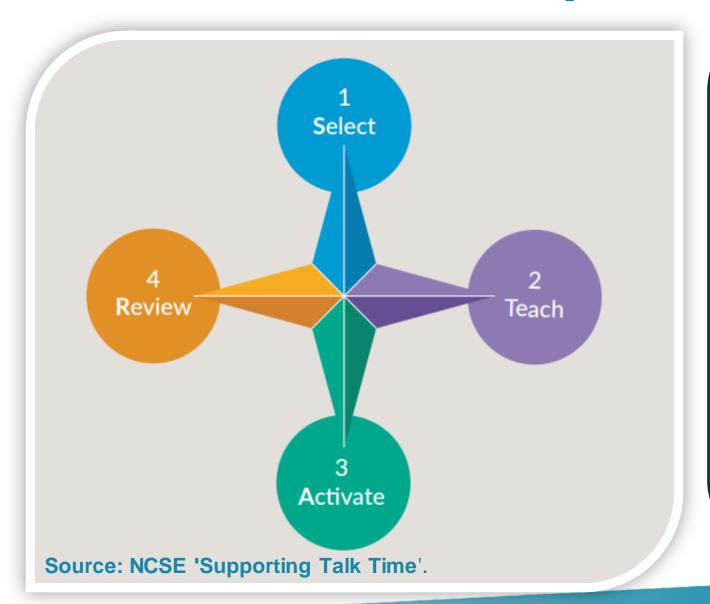


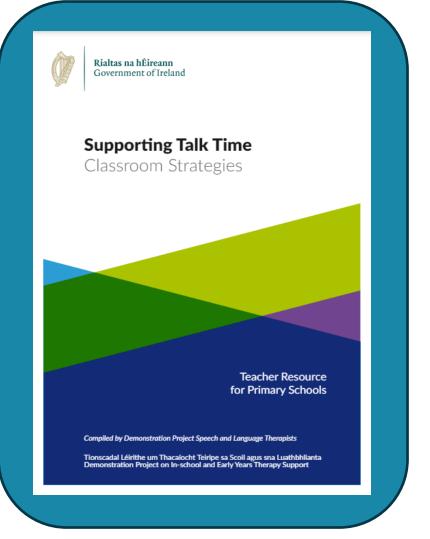




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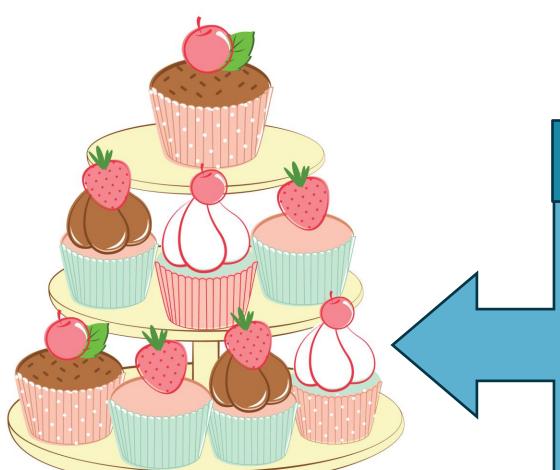






1. Select Words for Instruction





Tier 1: warm, dog, tired, walk

Words learned from everyday experience

Some learners may need explicit instruction

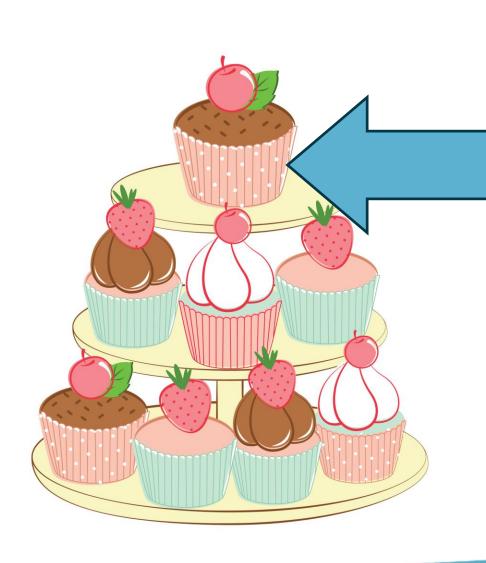
Tier 1 Vocabulary





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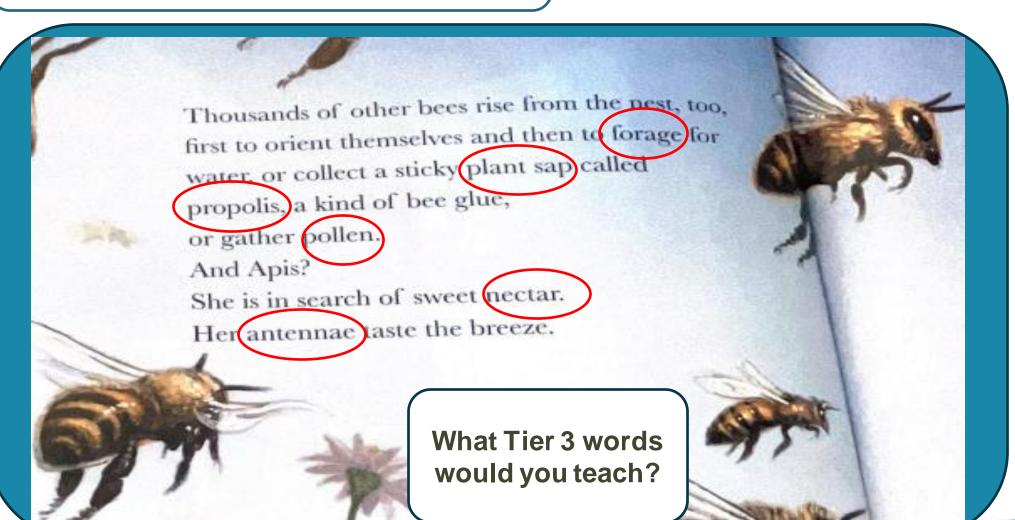
Tier 3: photosynthesis, staccato, peninnsula

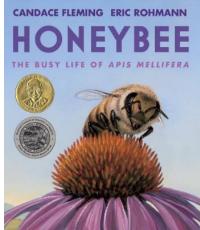
Low frequency in everyday use. Subject specific words.

Learnt when need arises and in context.

Tier 3 Vocabulary

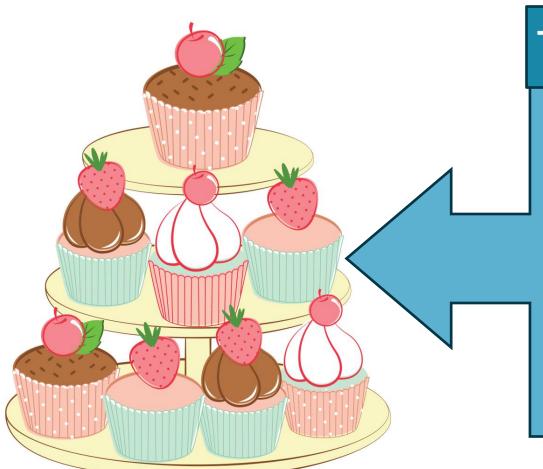






1. Select Words for Instruction





Tier 2: ferocious, ravenous, astonished

Appear frequently in texts read with/by pupils.

Less commonly used in conversations.



Children have some conceptual understanding of the words.

Tier 2 Vocabulary





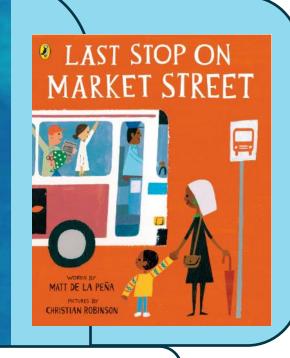
And in the darkness
the rhythm lifted CJ out of the bus,
out of the busy city.

He saw sunset colours swirling over crashing waves. Saw a family of hawks slicing through the sky.

Saw the old woman's butterflies

dancing free in the light of the moon.

CJ's chest grew full and he was lost in the sound and the sound gave him the feeling of magic.

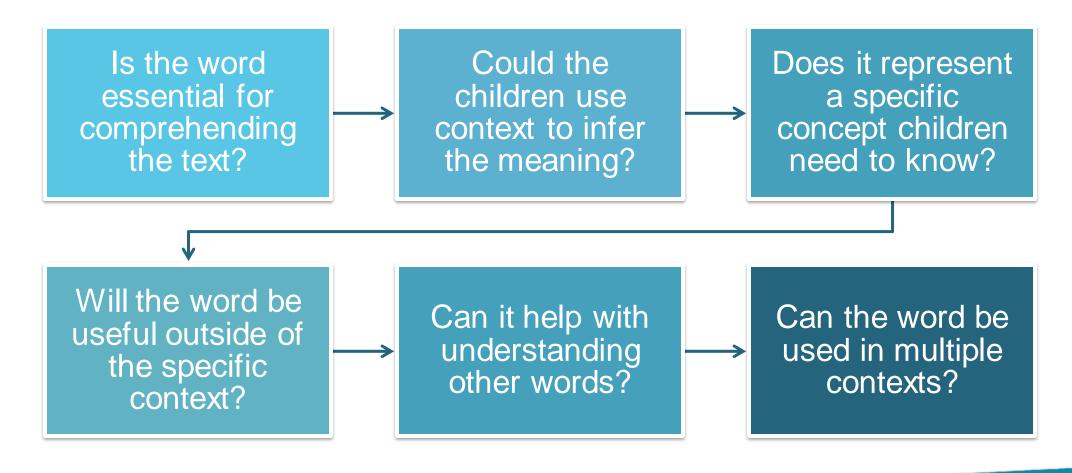


What Tier 2 words would you teach?

Criteria for Selecting Words for Direct Instruction

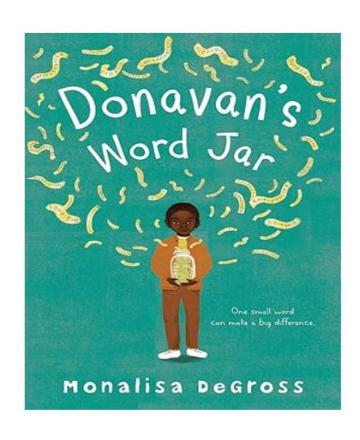


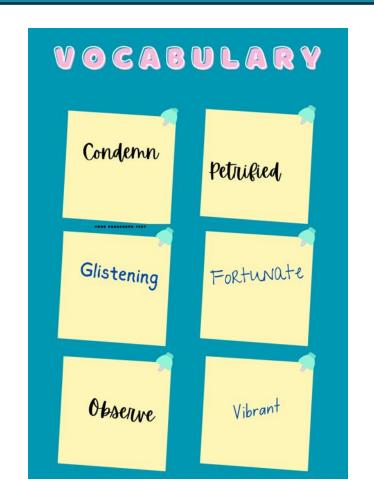


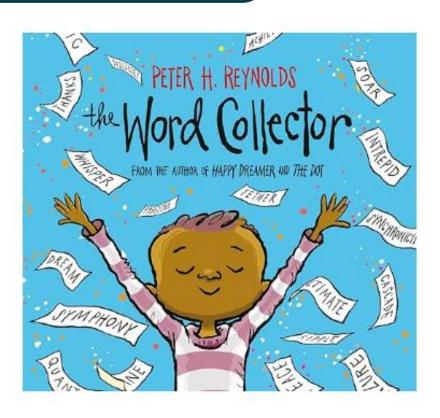


Motivation and Choice









How Many Words to Teach?



Suggested Number of Words for Intensive
Instruction NCCA, 2019

Stage 1	Stage 2
4 per week	6 per week

Short frequent interactions with target words are more effective than longer sessions once or twice a week.

2. Teach

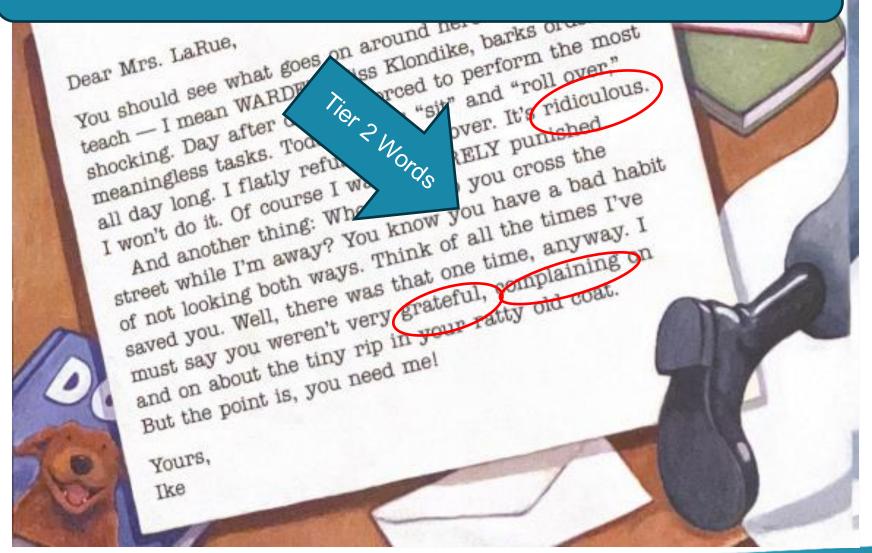


Direct Instruction

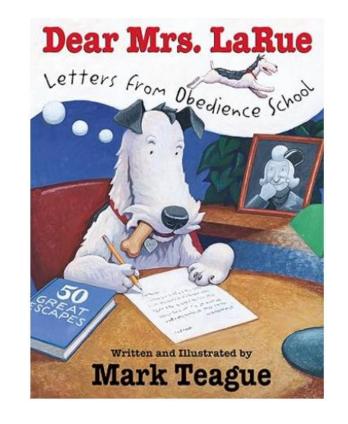
Brief Explanation

Infer Meaning

Preparing for Direct Instruction







Preparing for Direct Instruction





Create a child-friendly definition of the target word

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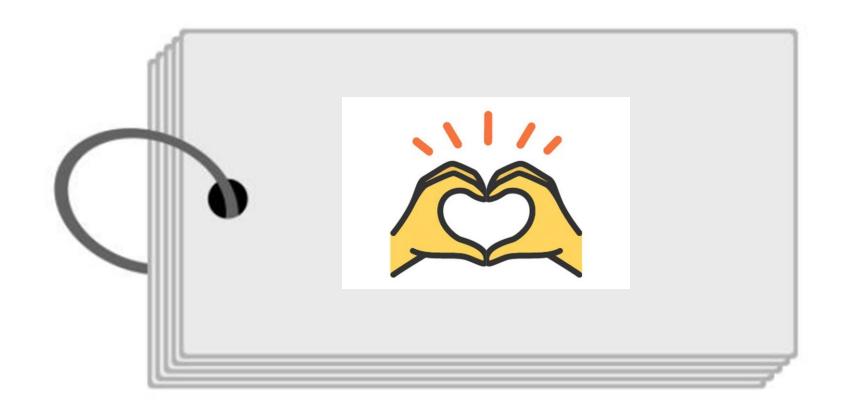




Create a child-friendly definition of the target word

Preparing for Direct Instruction





Create a child-friendly definition of the target word

Give the children opportunities to use the words in context.



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Example / Non- Example

Sentence Stems

Choices

Which would...?

Give the children opportunities to use the words in context.



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If you hear me say something that you would be <u>grateful</u> for, say <u>grateful</u>.

If you hear me say something that you wouldn't be grateful for, say how rude.

Target words: grateful, complaining

If the teacher said you had no homework today, would you be **grateful** or **complaining**?

Ike the dog thought it was ridiculous that he was asked to roll over.

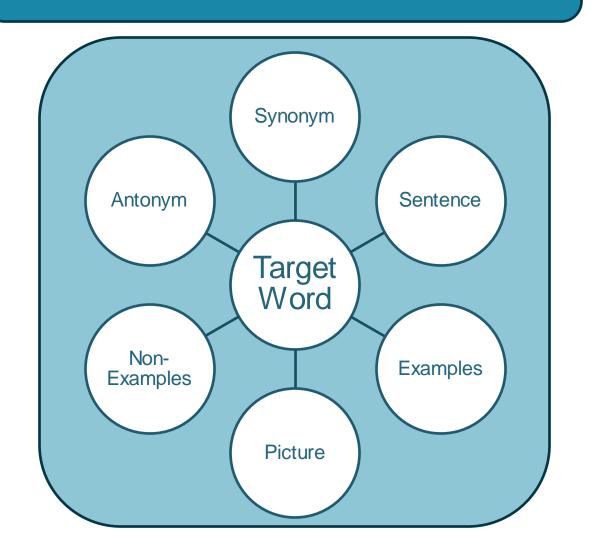
What else would be **ridiculous** for a dog to be asked to do?

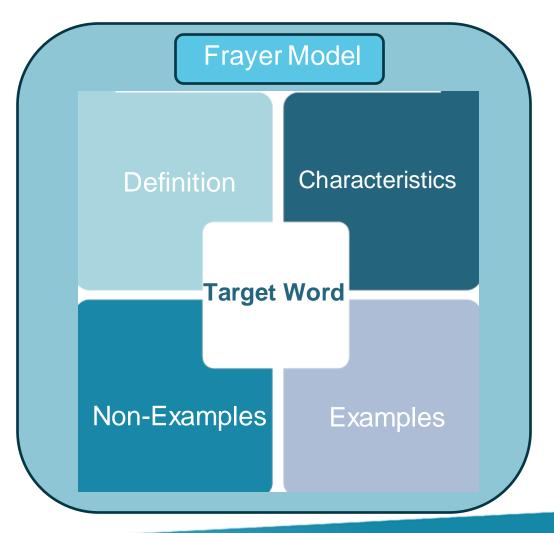
Which would you be grateful for?

A cold drink on a sunny day. A hot drink on a sunny day.

Visual Organisers

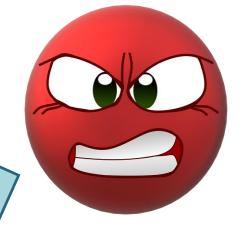














Word Cline

angry

livid

cross







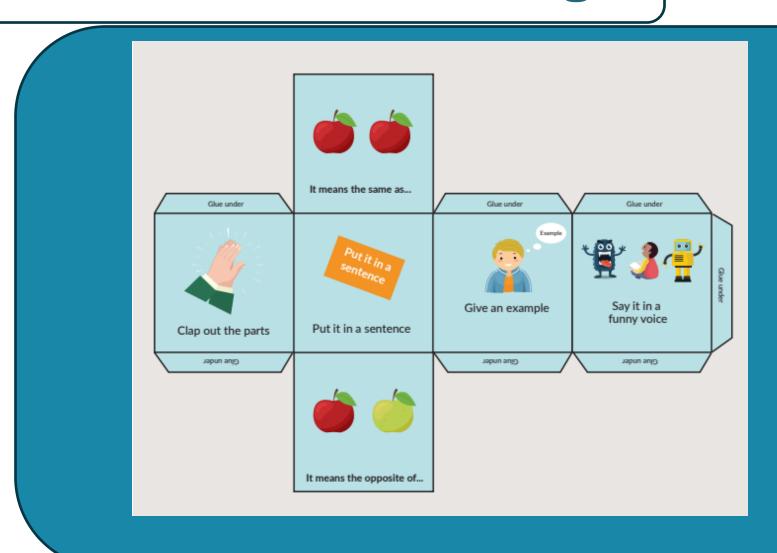
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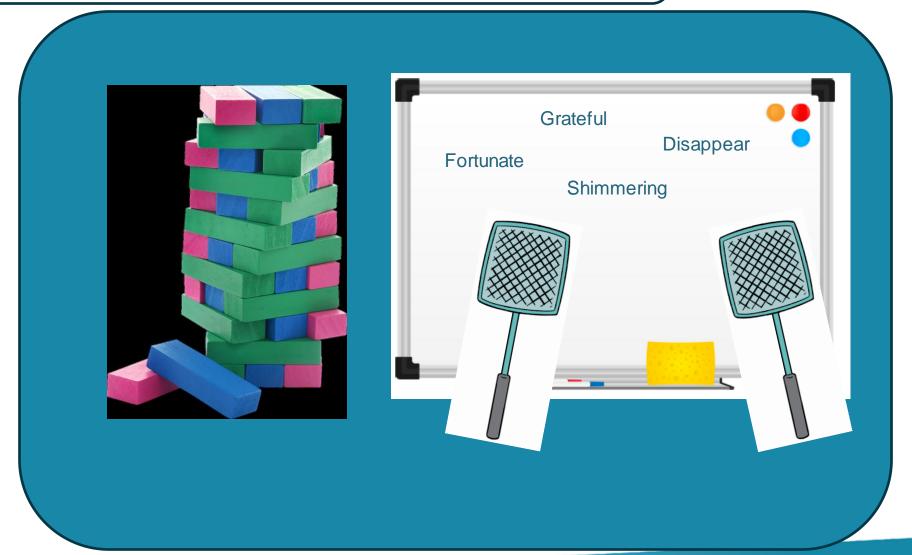


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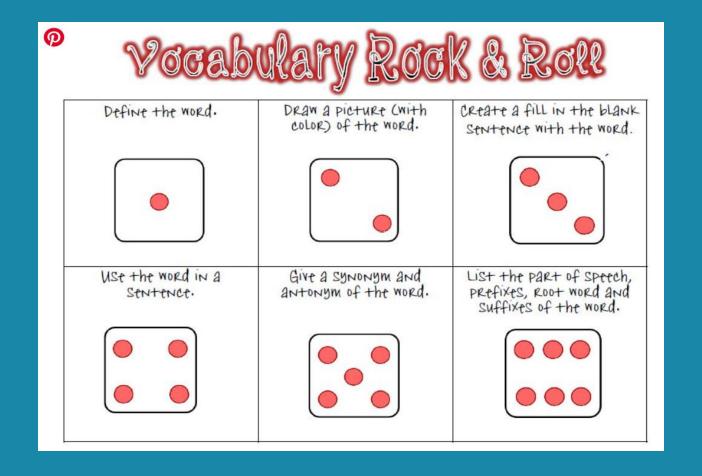






















Source: NCSE Activities for Vocabulary Development

4. Review and Maintain Words





Words taken down from the word wall can be added to a word pot and reviewed every so often.



Create opportunities for children to use the target words.



Children can record new words in a word journal and use to support their reading and writing.

Maintaining Words Outside the Classroom







Encourage children to bring in evidence of target words they saw, heard or used outside the classroom.

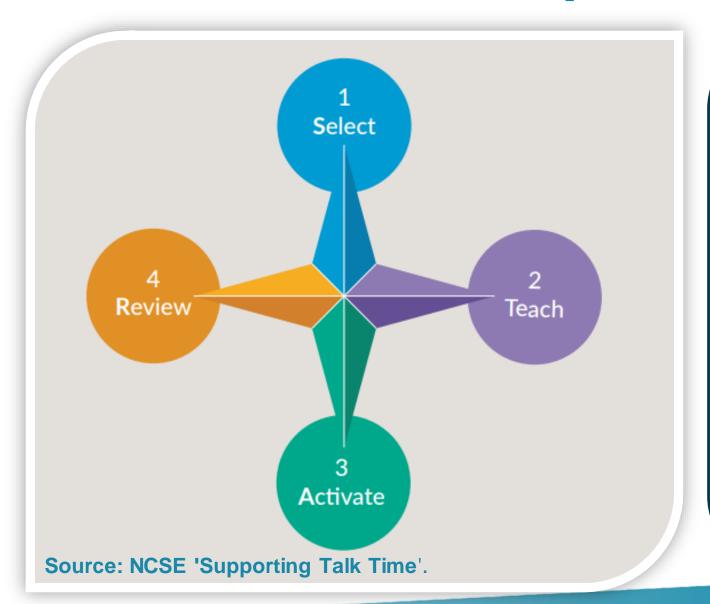
Ask children to identify or create a situation that could be described by a target word outside the classroom.

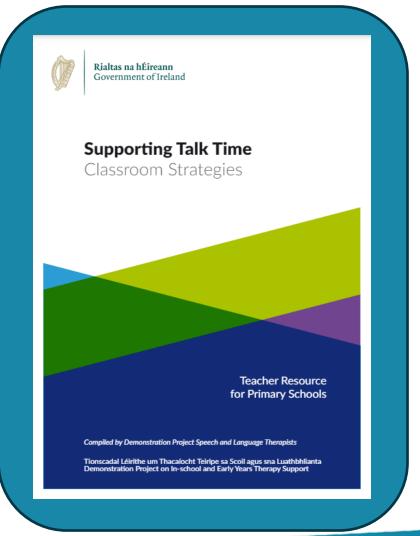
Share target words with parents

Nominate a Word Wizard of the Week.

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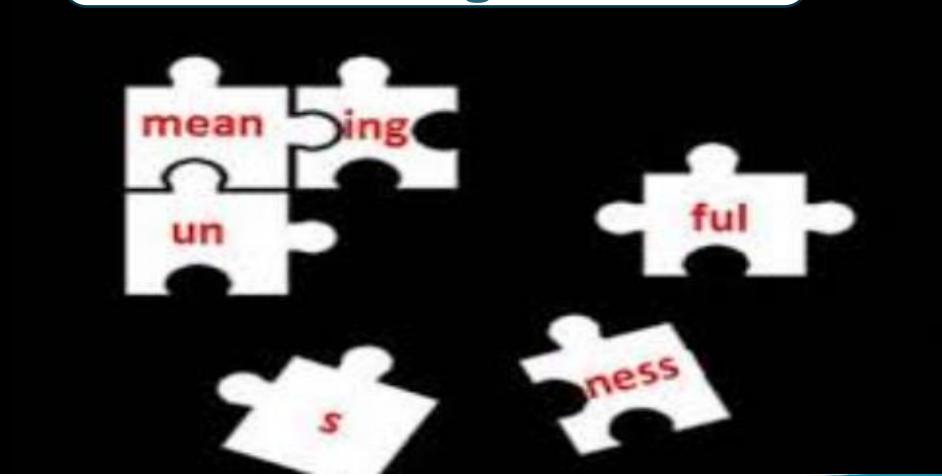






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Teaching Word Learning Strategies





Word Learning Strategies







Using Word Parts

• Explicitly teach prefixes, suffixes and root words.

Using Context

Read the surrounding words and sentences to look for context clues.
 Try out your inferences to see if it makes sense.

Consulting a Reference

 This could include asking a classmate, teacher or parent for help or using a dictionary.

Sample Morphology Instructional Sequence (Goldup, 2010)



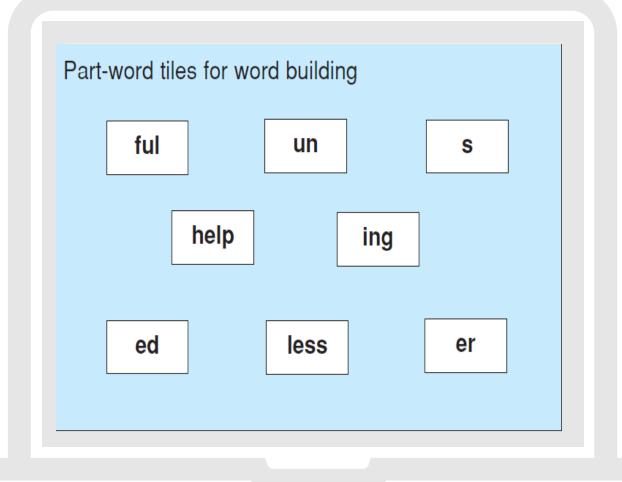
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helping
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helper

unhelpful

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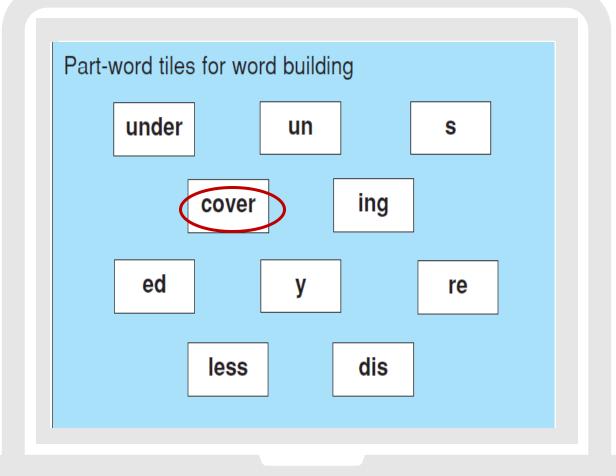
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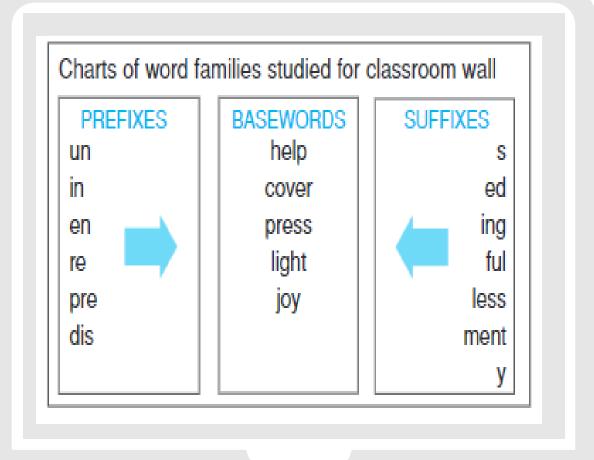
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Underline the base word, ring the prefix, box the suffix.
                enjoy
                enjoys
                enjoyed
                enjoyable
                enjoyment
                   joyful
                   joyous
               overjoyed
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Sample Morphology Instructional Sequence (Goldup, 2010)



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Greek and Latin Roots

Root	Definition	Example	Picture		
anti-	Against	Antisocial	0		
bio-	Life	biology			
con-	Together	Conversation			
egui-	Equal	Equation =			
inter-	Together	internet			
rupt-	Burst	erupt			
struct-	Build	structure	\uparrow		



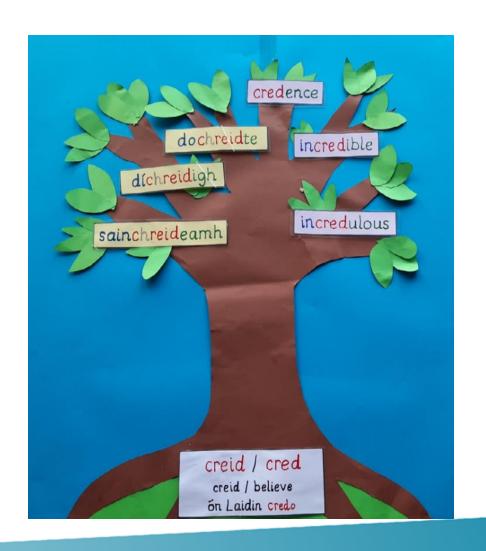




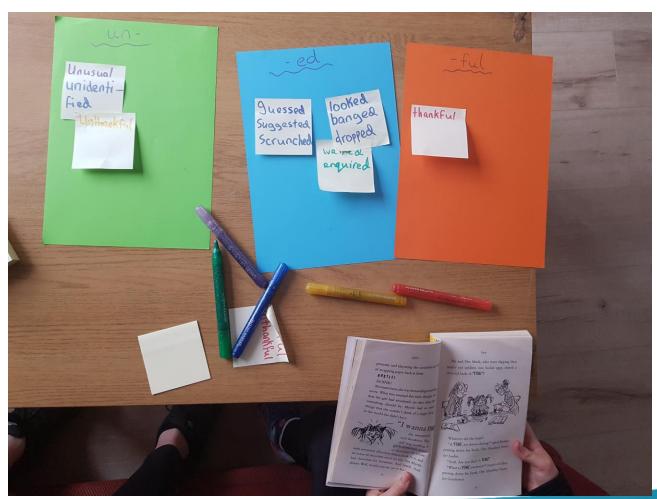


The root word "tele" comes from Greek and means "far off" or "at a distance". It is used in words like television, telephone and telescope.







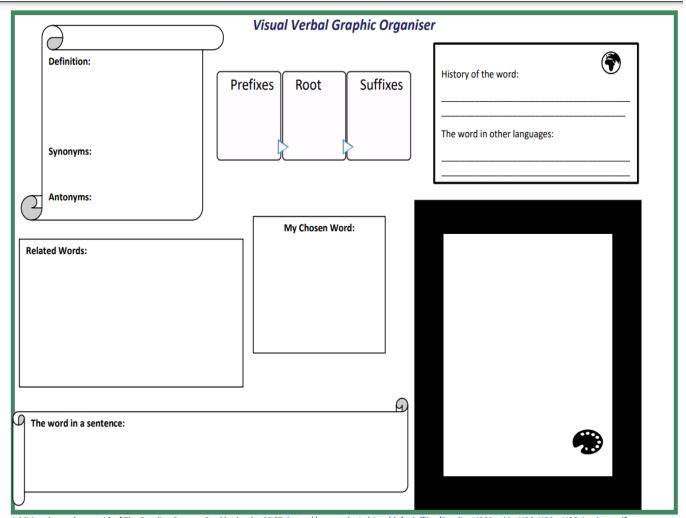




Rebecca Reaves and the Renaissance Report

Once upon a time, there was a little girl called Rebecca Reaves. On Monday morning, her teacher told the class they would be learning about the Renaissance in history. 'Don't forget to do your research before you start your report' she told the class. When she went home, Rebecca began writing up her report. Do I need to write about all of the artists' she thought? There are so many! After an hour, she decided that she would rewrite the last paragraph, because it didn't look right.
'Don't forget to **review** your work' she could hear
her teacher say in the back of her head. Rebecca
was not happy with her report. Her mam had to
reassure her and tell her that she had done a great job! 'The next day, her teacher told the class 'I don't think I can recall a report quite as good as that,' and she asked Rebecca to reread her work to the class.



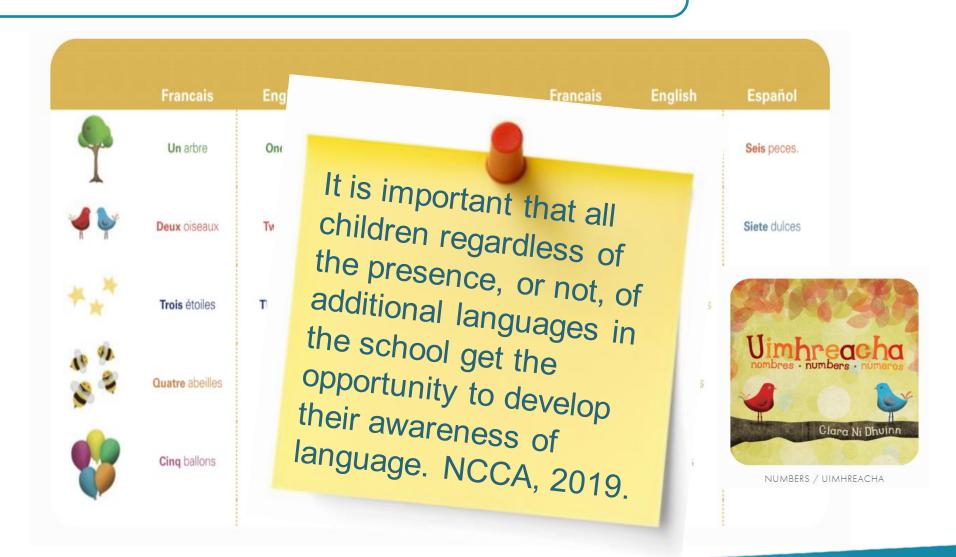


Additional sample on p.18 of The Reading Process Booklet by the PDST https://www.pdst.ie/sites/default/files/Reading%20Booklet%20-%20to%20circulate.pdf



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S	Deux oiseaux	Two birds	Dos pájaros	X	Sept bonbons	Seven sweets	Siete dulces
*	Trois étoiles	Three stars	Tres estrellas	98 " 84 " " 20	Huit papillons		
94	Quatre abeilles	Four bees	Cuatro abejas		Neuf fleurs	Uimhr nombres - nur	eachanbers números
	Cinq ballons	Five balloons	Cinco globos	جاز جاز جاز اله اله اله اله	Dix fourmis		Giara Ní Dhuinn





Exploring Words-Etymology



ONLINE ETYMOLOGY DICTIONARY

Search



Trending words: immolation emotion nostalgia bad forgive



Word Building and Spelling Experiments in English Morphology

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"a happy feelina" able ed

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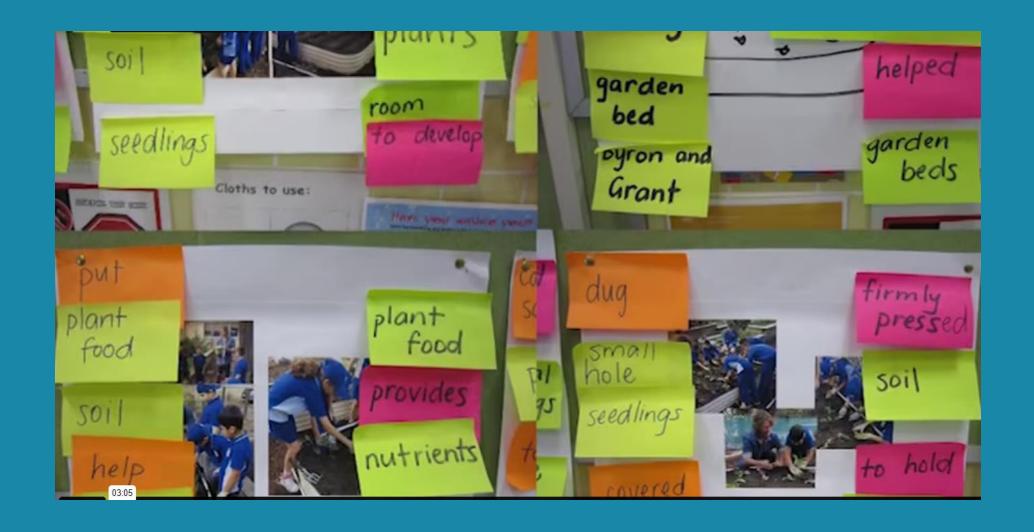
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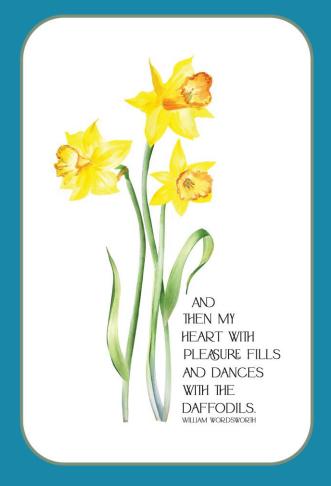


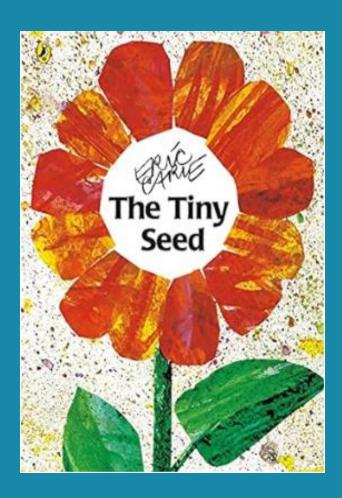
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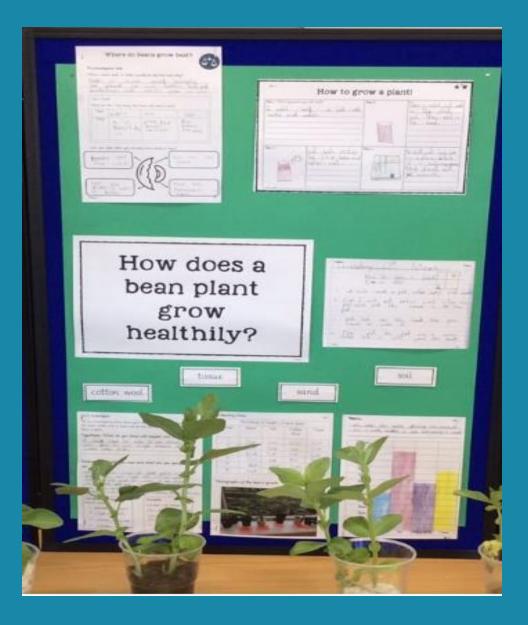














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Describing Bubble



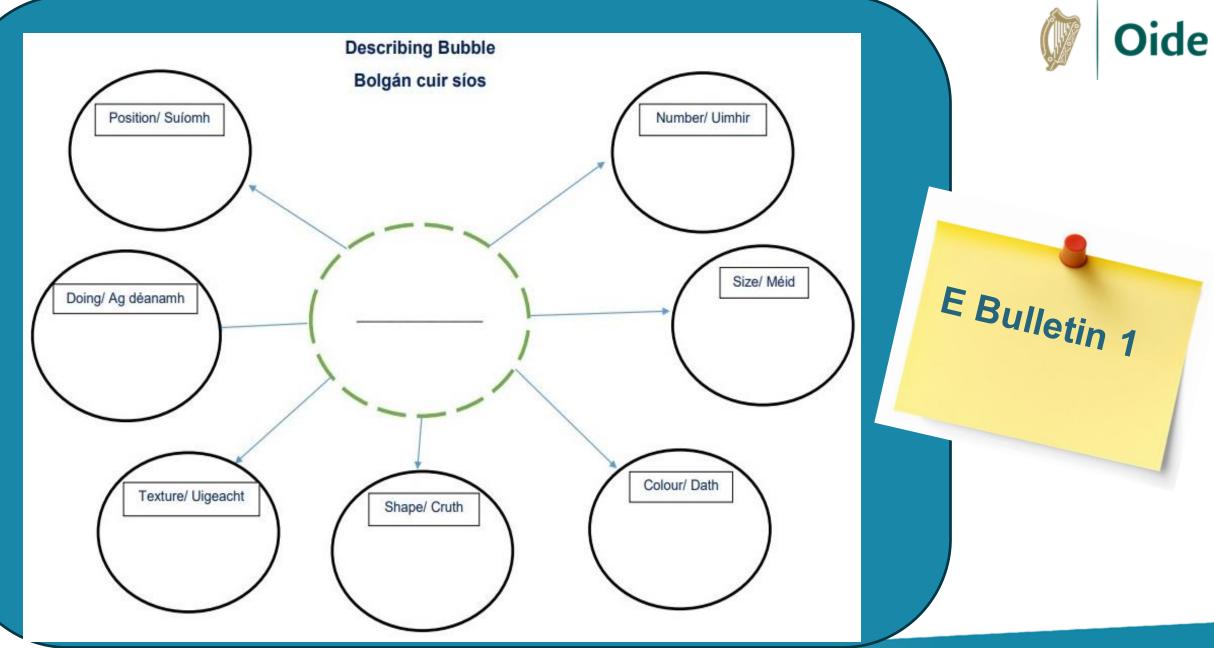


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Expanding Sentences

Theme

Spiders







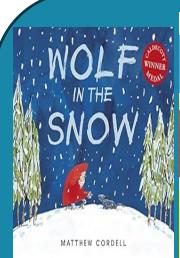
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Scary
Black
Sneaky
Horrible
Long-legged

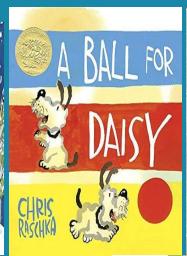
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Bite
Sleep

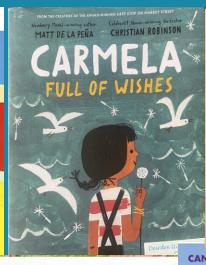
Places
In the garden
Inside the light shade
In their webs
In the bathroom

Access to a Variety of Texts

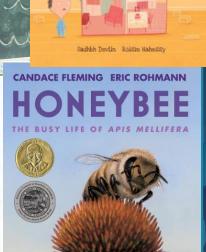


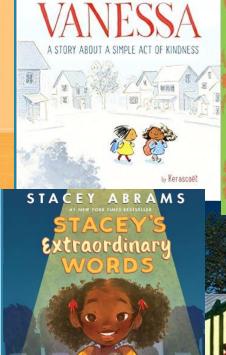


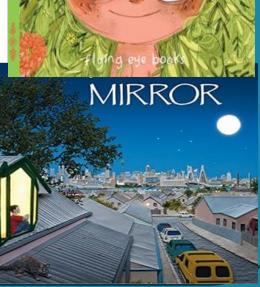


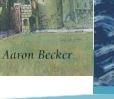


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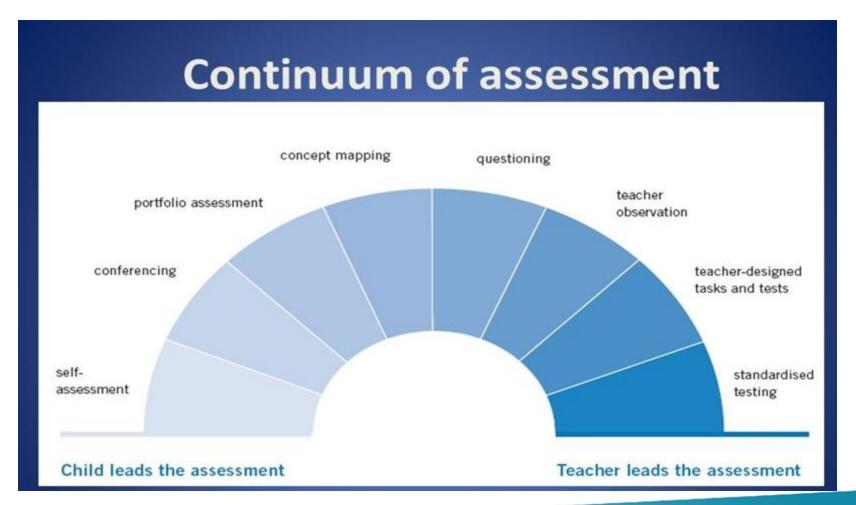
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Source: Rooted Linguistics







Self and Peer Assessment Rubric

Target Word	I can recognise the word.	I can define the word.	I can use the word in sentences.	I can use the word in several different contexts.



Create a jeopardy game

https://jeopardylabs.com

	Water Cycle	Clouds	Weather Vocabulary	Stormy Weather	Tornado Safety and Trivia
	100	100	100	100	100
3	200	200	200	200	200
3	300	300	300	300	300
23	400	400	400	400	400
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Vocabulary Choice Board

- This activity is based on selecting five new words taught during the week.
- 2. Each game must be explicitly taught to children prior to their engagement with the choice board.
- 3. Choose an activity you wish to complete and once finished, colour in the box.

Quiz Creation	Dúshlán:	Artful Artist
Using <i>Kahoot</i> create a quiz to test a classmate's understanding of the vocabulary words.	Flashcards Create a flashcard for each word. Write the word as Gaeilge and draw a picture on the back. Be creative and think of an action associated with this word.	Draw a picture to show the meaning of each of your vocabulary words.
Game Time Design a game to practise the meanings of your vocabulary words. Don't forget to include directions, materials, and rules. e.g. Vocabulary Snap	Free Choice - Do Rogha Féin Design an activity of your choice to show that you know the meanings of the words.	Free Writing Write a story using your vocabulary words.
IT Time Use one of your vocabulary words, and using ne app Popplet create a mind association word chart. http://popplet.com/	Role-Play Create a short drama/improvisation using your five vocabulary words.	Music Write a verse of a song, sung to your favourite tune about one of your amazing vocabulary words.

Motivation and Choice

Foster motivation by providing choice in how to demonstrate knowledge of target words

A Four-Part Vocabulary Framework

(Graves, 2016)

Fostering Word Consciousness

Teaching Individual
Words

Teach Word Learning
Strategies

Provide Rich and Varied Language Learning Experiences





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Resources:

Online Teacher's Toolkit



Support Material

ENGLISH | ORAL LANGUAGE | READING | WRITING | Stage I - Stage 4

Developing Vocabulary Within a Balanced Literacy Framework

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Children develop concepts, dispositions and skills in relation to:

- Oral Language: Outcomes 5 & 6:

The Importance of Vocabulary Vocabulary knowledge is one of the

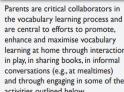
skills critical to literacy development (the others are phonological awareness, phonics, fluency comprehension, and writing). It is best nurtured within a developmentally appropriate researchbased balanced literacy framework. learning. Opportunities for both Interaction within meaningful contexts, such as pretend play, read aloud, guided reading, shared writing and writing workshop, supports children in acquiring a rich vocabulary. The breadth and depth of a young child's vocabulary is a strong predictor of their reading

comprehension at both primary and secondary level. Variation in children's vocabulary knowledge is common, and vocabulary gaps can be bridged by intensive and focused intervention from a very early stage (i.e., age 3 or 4 onwards). Such an early focus can not only improve oral vocabulary, but can also impact positively on later reading comprehension. This link is an important one, as children can more easily and swiftly segment, read and understand words that are already in their oral vocabularies.

No one instructional method is sufficient for optimal vocabulary incidental word learning and explicit intentional teaching are necessary. The activities described here can be completed orally only (rendering them suitable for all age levels), or in combination with reading, writing, drama or art activities.



the vocabulary learning process and are central to efforts to promote. enhance and maximise vocabulary learning at home through interaction in play, in sharing books, in informal conversations (e.g., at mealtimes) and through engaging in some of the activities outlined below.







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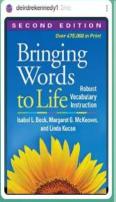
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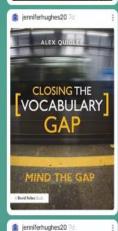
















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