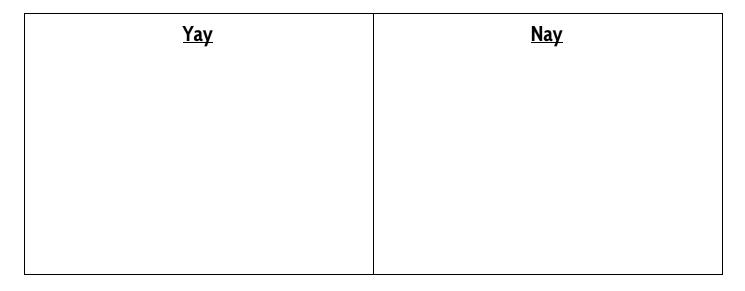
Vocabulary Activities

Strategy #1: Yay or Nay

Directions: Sort the words based on whether you feel they have a positive or negative connotation. There is no "right" answer - just be prepared to defend your choices.



Strategy #2: Word Associations

Directions: Determine which vocabulary word goes best with the word or phrase in *italics*. Explain your reasoning.

Which word goes best with Rosa Parks? Why?

Which word goes best with my pet guinea pig? Why?

Strategy #3: Sentence Stems

Directions: Complete the sentence stems using your knowledge of the vocabulary word in bold.

| The amount of time I have for homework declined because | | | | | | |
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| The teacher thought the students were acting suspiciously when | | | | | | |

Strategy #4: Generating Situations and Word Relationships

Directions: Answer the questions using the vocabulary words in bold.

Would you rather be *obliged* to work in a group or complete a *solitary* project? Why? Answer in ONE sentence.

Would you rather live across from a *vacant* lot or a *vacant* house? Why? Answer in ONE sentence.

Write ONE sentence using *immigrate* and *thrive*.

Additional Vocabulary Strategies

The rest of these activities come from the book, *Bringing Words To Life* by Isabel Beck. There are some new strategies, and new variations of strategies you have seen already.

Strategy #5: Example/Non-Example

Directions: Read these similar definitions for each vocabulary word and determine which is the best and correct definition. Circle your answer.

Immigration:

- A. To come to a country because you are forced to because of things like war or hunger
- B. To come to a country because you choose to for new opportunities

Stereotype.

- A. An often untrue belief that someone has about people with certain characteristics
- B. A belief that is proven true that someone has about people with certain characteristics

Oblige:

- A. To require something because it is necessary because of a rule or law
- B. To require something because you want it that way

Strategy #6: Matching

Directions: Match each vocabulary word from the table with its synonym.

| Stereotype Vacant Oblige | Decline Foe | Thrive Dignified | Domestic Solitary | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| 1. Alone/Separate = | | | | |
| 2. Empty = | | | | |
| 3. Enemy = | | | | |
| 4. Decreased = | | _ | | |
| 5. Grow = | | | | |
| 6. Distinguished/Formal = | | | | |
| 7. Obligate/Command = _ | | | | |
| 8. Home/Homelike= | | | | |
| 9. Judgement = | | | | |

Strategy #7: Example/Non-Example

Directions: Circle or underline your answer.

Which are you more likely to *decline* - an offer to go to Cedar Point or an offer to go to the library?

Which would make a better *domestic* touch - a vase of flowers or dish soap?

Which would be your *foe* - your kind grandfather or your mean older cousin?

Which would be a *solitary* activity - a game of capture the flag or taking a test?

Which is more likely to *thrive* - a plant in a closet or a plant in the sun?

Which is more *dignified* - a newborn baby or the Queen of England?

Strategy #8: Example/Non-Example

Directions: Circle or highlight the words listed below that are things that you would *want* to be *solitary* for.

| Reading | Watching TV |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| A vacation to the beach | Playing video games |
| Swimming | Going out to dinner |
| Running | Going to a movie |
| Going to a parade | Studying |

Circle or highlight the words listed below that are things that you would want to decline.

| Your bank account | Your grades |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Your screen time | Your homework |
| Your chores | The number of vacations you take each year |
| The price of plane tickets | The time you have for recess |
| The number of days off each summer. | The number of bees on the patio |

Strategy #9: Word Associations

Directions: Answer the questions with a word from the table that you think is best. There is more than one possible answer. Be prepared to defend your answer.

| Stereotype Vacant Obliged | Declined Foe | Thrive Dignified | Domestic Solitary | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| What word goes with Voldemort? | | | | | | |
| What word goes with doing chores, but not getting an allowance? | | | | | | |
| What word goes with Rosa Parks? | | | | | | |
| What word goes with the Queen of England? | | | | | | |
| What word goes with my pet guinea pig? | | | | | | |