

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.

<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>

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 _____

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
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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 A vacation to the beach Swimming Running Going to a parade	Watching TV Playing video games Going out to dinner Going to a movie Studying
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Circle or highlight the words listed below that are things that you would **want** to **decline**.

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