# Vocabulary

#### When teaching vocabulary,

- Use the identified words as those you are teaching to the students (additional words may be selected by the teacher).
- Use the various learning modalities and sample menu in order to deliver instruction.
- Introduce the word in context first before explicit vocabulary instruction.
- Have students repeat the word to ensure proper pronunciation. They are much more likely to use the word if they are confident they
  are saying it correctly.
- Note: Not all sample activities/modalities need to be used for each word. Base your instruction on the needs of your student population and select modalities/activities that meet their needs.

#### IFL Unit: The Power of Persuasion

	The Day the Crayons Quit	Dear Mrs. LaRue	
THE DAY the CRAYONS QUIT	<ul> <li>career</li> <li>whiner</li> <li>gorgeous</li> <li>brilliantly</li> <li>fabulous</li> <li>beige</li> <li>wheat</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>neglected</li> <li>desperate</li> <li>obedience</li> <li>impressive</li> <li>appreciated</li> </ul>	Dear Mrs. LaRue Letters from Obedience School Written and Blastrated by Mark Teague

Comprehension Club Unit: It Happened to Me (Inspired by True Stories) Read Alouds					
The Art Lesson	David Gets in Trouble	Freckleface Strawberry	The Ugly Vegetables	Bigmama's	
<ul> <li>collected</li> <li>unfinished</li> <li>smock</li> <li>turquoise</li> <li>dedication</li> <li>overcome</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>fault</li> <li>accident</li> <li>consequence</li> <li>excuse</li> <li>mischief</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>lonely</li> <li>accept</li> <li>alike</li> <li>difference</li> <li>unique</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>blooming</li> <li>aroma</li> <li>recipe</li> <li>culture</li> <li>tradition</li> <li>unusual</li> </ul>	<ul><li>plenty</li><li>carefree</li><li>memories</li></ul>	
Comp	Comprehension Club Unit: It Happened to Me (Inspired by True Stories) Book Club				
Freckleface Strawberry and the Dodgeball Bully	David Goes to School	Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale	I Lost My Tooth in Africa		
<ul><li>imaginary</li><li>notice</li><li>suspense</li></ul>	<ul><li>tardy</li><li>misbehave</li><li>punish</li></ul>	<ul> <li>machine</li> <li>bawled</li> <li>communicate</li> <li>frustration</li> <li>tantrum</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>compound</li> <li>golden</li> <li>gap</li> <li>cluster</li> </ul>		

Vocabulary Strategies: Utilizing Your Learning and Vocabulary Modalities

#### **Introduction:**

All information about the environment around us must enter through our senses (smell, taste, vision, hearing, and touch). Vision, hearing, and touch are the main senses we use in learning. These are the *Learning Modalities*. Every individual uses each of these modalities to bring in information for processing. As time passes, we all develop a preference for the modality we use often. For each learner, their primary modality can identify them as being an *auditory learner* (hearing), *visual learner* (vision) or *tactile/kinesthetic learner* (touch). Once identified, strategies for study, note taking and exam performance may be created or enhanced. Though many of us are dominate in a particular modality, learning is most effective when two or more modalities are used together. It is important when studying to utilize strategies that combine the modalities.

# **Unit 3: Sample Lesson to Use as a Guide**

# **Text: I Lost My Tooth in Africa**

Comprehension Club Unit: It Happened to Me (Inspired by True Stories) Book Club

Vocabulary Word	Context	Meaning from Context	Recall Method	Use and Application
compound	When we arrive, my aunts, uncles, and cousins are here to greet us. They	compound means a group of houses that are near each other where a	Place Association	All of the relatives helped my Grandma plant flowers around the compound we lived in.  Place Association
	all live together in one compound with N'na, my grandma.  (Prior to reading	family and their relatives live.	neighborhood	Generate a sentence that shows how a neighborhood is associated with a compound.  Living in a compound is like living in a small neighborhood where everyone is a member of your family.
	the book, put a sticky note to identify the vocabulary word in the context of the story.)		Dialogue about Text  Use the story illustrations to learn more about what it's like to live in a compound in Africa.	Dialogue about Text  Generate a sentence that explains what it's like to live in a compound in Africa.  In an African compound,  (e.g., In an African compound, people have chickens.)

			Association with Self  What would you and your family need to live in a compound?	Association with Self  Generate a sentence and a drawing that shows what your family needs to live in a compound.  If my family lived in a compound, we
			Visualization  Would you like to live in a compound with all your family? Why or why not?	Visualization  compound
Vocabulary Word	Context	Meaning from Context	Recall Method	Use and Application
golden	With the first golden rays of the sun, the noisy rooster	golden means a deep yellow color		The sunflowers growing in the garden had <b>golden</b> petals.

begins to crow.

(Prior to reading the book, put a sticky note to identify the vocabulary word in the context of the story.)

#### **Association with a Color**

bright yellow

**Association with a Color** 

Generate a drawing and a sentence about showing an object that is **golden** 

The sun looked golden as it shined

down on the house.

The sun looked golden as it shined down on the house.

# **Object Association**

Think of familiar objects or things that are **golden** (e.g., sun, ring, crown, crayons, colored pencils, egg yolk, jewelry, baby duck, paint, butter, birds, flowers, lemons, corn-on-the-cob, etc.)

#### **Visualization**

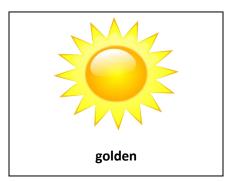
How does the color **golden** make you feel?

#### **Object Association**

Generate a class list of things that are **golden**.

A \_\_\_\_\_ is **golden**.

# **Visualization**



			Auditory/Visual/Kinesthetic  There are many versions of the song, Mr.(Golden) Sun . A favorite is the YouTube version by Raffi.	Auditory/Visual/Kinesthetic  Listen, sing and act out Mr. (Golden)Sun at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 2NdhcYnC-V8
Vocabulary Word	Context	Meaning from Context	Recall Method	Use and Application
gap	My tongue instantly finds a gap where a tooth had been.  (Prior to reading the book, put a sticky note to identify the	gap means a space between two things	Similar words are space and opening.	I have a gap between my two front teeth.  Kinesthetic with Manipulatives  To demonstrate understanding, give the students' manipulatives such as Legos, blocks, or cubes to build a wall with a gap.
	vocabulary word in the context of the story.)		Thing Association  Think of three items that have a gap. (Here are some examples: teeth, row of chairs, desks, buildings, houses, parked cars, number on a watch, rows of vegetables, flowers,	Thing Association  Generate some sentences that demonstrate items that have a gap.  A can have a gap.  (e.g., A fence can have a gap.)

alphabet, aisles in a store, bookshelves in the library, bridges, between fingers and toes, and people sitting in a row)  Visual	<u>Visual</u>
Display images of objects that have a <b>gap</b> .	Draw and write a sentence describing an object that has a <b>gap</b> .
	<u>Visualization</u>
	gap

Vocabulary Word	Context	Meaning from Context	Recall Method	Use and Application
cluster	When I help Aunt Sali with the meals, the chickens always cluster around my feet.	cluster means to be close together	Similar words are a bunch, group, and crowd. When a group of things are close together they are in a cluster.  Association with Self	The berries grew in a cluster on the bush.  Association with Self
	(Prior to reading the book, put a sticky note to identify the vocabulary		What are some people, animals or things that might form a <b>cluster</b> ?	Generate a sentence naming something that might form a <b>cluster</b> .  My Mom put a <b>cluster</b> of green grapes in my lunchbox.
	word in the context of the		<u>Auditory</u>	<u>Auditory</u>
	story.)		Fun with words: recite the chant to practice correct	Hickety Pickety Bumblebee
			pronunciation	Can you say the word with me?  Now spell it!  Now shout it!  Now whisper it!  Now clap it!  Now stomp it!
			<u>Visual</u>	<u>Visual</u>
			Brainstorm a list of objects that <b>cluster</b> for the students to	Ask the students to draw and write an illustration showing them with a

reference as they write and cluster of animals, objects or things of their choice. draw. **Visualization Visualization** Why are the kittens sitting in a cluster? cluster

#### TEACHING MODALITIES AND LEARNING MODALITIES FOR VOCABULARY

#### A. ASSOCIATION

# 1. People Association-Recall: Generating Sentences- Use and Application

A goal of vocabulary instruction is to get students to use the words they are learning verbally, as well as in writing. Students could work individually, in pairs, or in small groups to answer questions in writing. Students could also work together to create stems for others to answer.

- Provide students with sentence stems and have them complete the thought. Target words: *advocate*, *versatile* 
  - The lawyer was an *advocate* because...?
  - The player was *versatile* because...?

or

• Ask students to identify specific people, people in specific situations, or fictional characters who illustrate the targeted word. Then ask students to write a sentence about the person they chose using the context clue and the vocabulary word.

# 2. Place or Thing Association - Recall: Generating Sentences -Use and Application

• Ask a student to identify a place or thing that they can associate with the targeted word and write a sentence explaining the association using the targeted word and a context clue.

Targeted word: peculiar

- My aunt's retirement home is very peculiar because everybody lives so close to each other, so many people are jammed into small spaces, and, yet, there is no noise; it's so quiet all the time.

# 3. Association with Self - Recall: Generating Sentences - Use and Application

- Think of a time when you were feeling *melancholy*. Write about what made you feel that way.
- Think of a current event that you could describe as *catastrophic*. Write a paragraph to tell about it.
- Choose one of our words (*malicious*, *distinguished*, or *empathetic*) and describe how a character from a book you've read reflects that word. What about that word made you think of that character

#### **B. DIALOGUE**

# 1. Dialogue about Text - Use and Application

- Begin with the context of the story as a basis for discussing the words. Provide students with discussion starters:
  - Many students believe it is *inevitable* that cliques eventually will form in every school. How do you think the characters in "Freak the Geek" would respond to that statement?
  - How are the events in "Freak the Geek" a reflection of the *humiliation* suffered by many middle and high school students?

# 2. Dialogue about Everyday Life- Use and Application

- Develop comments that people might make that are associated with target words
  - What might a person say about a *distinguished* person?
  - What might a person say to another to show *empathy*?

# 3. Dialogue from Classroom - Recall: When students respond - Application

• Use the words when giving the class directions or compliments

 Have students use the words when asking for something or when complimenting one another's work

# 4. Extended Dialogue – Use and Application

- Students are asked to generate situations or scenarios for statements or questions about their words.
- Develop a situation for a specific context
- What would make a coach say the following to his team?
  - What an *exuberant* team you are today!
  - What a *lethargic* team you are today!
- Small group Activity: Different groups develop examples of:
  - Three things that a *malicious* person might say
  - Three things that your parent could say that would cause you to be astonished
  - Three things in your home you always need to replenish

#### C. KINESTHETIC/ACTION

- Develop situations across contexts (Action recall: Performance Use and Application)
  - What might a *timid* cat do when a stranger enters the house? (can be demonstrated as an action)
  - What might a person do before entering a *dilapidated* home? (can be demonstrated as an action)

#### **D. AUDITORY**

# Listening Learner

- Record yourself (GarageBand) (recall)
- Make audio quiz (recall)
- Read sentences or definitions (recall)
- Listen to the recording (recall)
- Study by having the words said out loud (recall)
- Recite everything out loud in order to "hear" it (recall)
- Create word associations and talk through them (recall)
- Read note cards aloud, recite over and over (recall)
- Have students recite a poem or speech highlighting what the word means (recall)

#### E. MNEMONICS

\*Sullen = upset
\*Sullen sounds like stolen
\*I would be upset if I had something stolen. (recall)

#### F. VISUALIZATION/PICTURE (non-verbal)

\*\*\*As much as possible, translate words and ideas into symbols, pictures, and diagrams.

- Make flashcards of key information. (recall)
   Draw symbols and pictures on the cards(recall)
- Use highlighter pens to highlight key words and pictures on the flashcards (recall) Limit the amount of information per card, so your mind can take a mental "picture' of the information

- Use graphic organizers and charts (recall)
- Group similar words together and color code(recall)
- Color code your words and definitions(recall)
- Organize the terms into groups and study them in chunks (color code) (recall)
- Quiz by writing out key words on white board (recall) limit the amount of information in order to "take" a mental picture
- Use charts or other graphic organizers to frame key ideas (use color to highlight relationships) (recall)
- Watch a video clip illustrating the meaning of the word (recall) then write a sentence about what you saw
- Add picture/emoji to the words on your word wall to trigger what the meaning is
- Color code words/definitions

# Sullen

#### G. TACTILE-KINESTHETIC /Hands on Learner

- Create a game (recall) that requires walking around the room to match (use and application) definitions (quiz time: mentally picture yourself walking to the word/definition)
- Create a game (recall) that requires retrieving the definition/word (use and application) from across the room
- Utilize a stress ball or other physical stimulus when reviewing words (recall)
- Create mini-motion, guestures, expressions (recall) for the words. Do the motions while reviewing (use and application) and while taking the test
- PlaySimon Says (recall) having students act out the motions (use and application) for the word
- Create Statues (recall) that illustrate each word then play statues (use and application)
- Create an activity using manipulatives
- Sketching Learner -draw pictures/scenes that represent the word or definition (quiz time: quickly sketch your pictures on the page, visualize yourself drawing the pictures next to the word) (recall)
- Writing learner -utilize whiteboards to write out when quizzing (recall)

# H. MORPHEMIC ANALYSIS/ Using prefixes, roots, and word families

- Break the word list into chunks, memorizing small groups of words at one time (recall)
- Break the word into its prefix and root and put it into a similar word family

#### I. PEG WORD – RHYME

- Create songs or rhymes for words (ex: I winced, (recall) I flinched, my whole face clenched) then sing the song (use and application)
- Create a rhythm for the words (recall) and recite (use and application) to that rhythm

#### J. COMBINED MODALITIES

# **Auditory/Kinesthetic**

- Say the word aloud while writing it on a whiteboard recall
- Create a game in which you must say a definition (recall) and then race across the room to find the matching term (use and application)
- Listen to a recording of the terms while moving around (jumping, walking, throwing a ball against wall) (recall)
- Recite definitions while moving around (recall)
- Have students act out a skit reciting what the word means
- Create skits(recall) that act out (use and explanation) definitions
- Group (recall) similar words & rehearse (use and application) together

Emotions Time

sullen intermittent jovial fleeting ecstatic abrupt

#### Visual/Kinesthetic

- Create a matching game using the terms and a picture (recall) and have students turn over the pictures and words in pairs. (use and application)
- Use the notecards to create dice, (recall) roll the dice and match the word to its definition (use and application)
- Create a "pictionary" style game in which you draw a picture (recall) and partner must guess the term (use and application)
- Play Pictionary with the words
- Create a game using flash cards that requires moving them around
- Matching/memory game
- Construct dice out of definition flash cards
- Utilize study games on Moodle and vocab workshop that require moving the words around the screen
- When creating flash cards put word and definition on separate cards (not front/back)
- Walk around the room while reading through flash cards



# Visual/Auditory

- Recite a definition aloud (recall) and then write the definition on a whiteboard (use and application)
- Write a mini skit (recall) act out the mini skits in which the word can be "seen" in action (use and application)

• Draw a picture of the term (recall) and then explain how it shows the meaning (recall)

# **Advanced – Relationships Among Words** (using multiple targeted words)

# **Relationships Among Words**

- Encourage students to consider how meanings interact.
  - How can you be *livid* without being *agitated*?
  - Would a *frugal* person ever host a *lavish* banquet?
  - How might someone who was humiliated still maintain integrity?
- Divide students into groups and have them create sentences using the vocabulary words. Have them share their sentences and have other students explain how the sentence demonstrated the word's meaning.
  - *Inevitable/diligent* It might be *inevitable* that a *diligent* person will succeed in life. *Skeptic/inclination* – A *skeptic* might have an *inclination* that the party would not go well.
- Provide more structure by phrasing a question around two words
  - How might someone who was *humiliated* still maintain *integrity*?
  - How might something that is *repulsive* be *gruesome*?

#### **ASSESSMENT**

# **Assessing Students' Application**

• Provide assessments that demonstrate that students know the word not just know the meaning of the word. Create assessments that move beyond typical matching, fill-in-the-blank, and

multiple-choice items. Many of the formats described above can be used to formally assess students' application of the words.

Respond to each question below:

- Why might a *versatile* thinker be helpful to someone in a *melancholy* mood?
- When might you display an *exuberant* aggressiveness?
- Explain a situation that could have *catastrophic* results.
- Present items that ask students to distinguish between an example and a non-example of a word:
  - Proclaim
  - A woman refuses to talk to reporters about the election.
  - A woman tells reporters which candidate won the election.
- Present items that require students to apply the word's meaning to understand the context of its use:
  - Rhonda sent out invitations to all the family, including Uncle Charles, who was a *hermit*. What do you think Uncle Charles's answer was to the invitation? Why?
- Read the following paragraph, and choose two vocabulary words that could represent the context. Explain how they reflect what's happening in the paragraph.
  - I can't believe we just won the lottery, the big lottery, the biggest jackpot ever! I have been jumping around the house for days. Then, along comes my wife, "Debbie Downer," to put her spin on things. She keeps telling me to keep things in perspective and not spend money, but I can't help myself. For the first time in my life, I can buy

whatever I want, and I plan to take advantage of the situation. Again, the negative one keeps saying, "Go ahead. Spend all your money, and then you'll see how bad things can really be. We'll be worse off than we are now. Winning the lottery never works out for anyone." (exuberant, pessimist)

- Have students write original paragraphs that demonstrate their application of the words and provide an explanation for how that paragraph reflects those words.
- Have students write a paragraph including the targeted vocabulary words and provide an explanation for the role those words play in that particular context.