

Academic Vocabulary Word of the Week Home Connection: *Locate*

Dear Parents,

Vocabulary instruction is important to all students' academic success and can be made more meaningful by practicing at home the strategies learned at school. Here's why from: [Infercabulary](#), *Deena Seifert, 2016*

1 It Improves Reading Comprehension: Research has shown that kids need to understand 98% of the words they read to understand what they are reading. Improving vocabulary skills will improve their understanding of novels and textbooks.

2 It's Important to Language Development: Children who develop a rich vocabulary tend to be deeper thinkers, express themselves better and read more. Improving language and literacy skills early in life will help them be more successful academically, occupationally and communicatively.

3 Expressing Yourself in Writing: Having a good vocabulary to draw from can help you write more effectively. Students need to use a more formal tone when writing – not conversational language – and to do that, they need a richer vocabulary to tap into those words we don't use when we speak.

4 Occupational Success: Researcher Johnson O'Connor found that **"a person's vocabulary level is the best single predictor of occupational success."**** Success in the business place depends on your communication skills.

Vocabulary Resource Links:

1. [Vocabulary - RUNDLE](#)
All Rundle Vocabulary activities, past & present, featured here, check them out!
2. [Sunrise Library](#) - check out up to 50 books at a time plus other great programs!
3. [InferCabulary Homepage - InferCabulary](#) -link to article referenced
4. [Vocabulary games and information](#) - play games and create word consciousness

Locate

lo·cate

'lō, kāt

Definition:

1. to find the position or place of; discover the exact place or position of
//Locate your neighborhood on a map.

Sentence Frames: I can locate _____. Or I located _____.

Part of
Speech:
Verb

Greek & Latin Roots:

- **Locus:** a place, establish something
- **ato:** verb “to” (suffix to change adjective to verb in latin)
- **English/Spanish Cognates:** **locate/localizar**



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What?

Academic vocabulary words are:

- the words used in the classroom & workplace
- the language of text: reading & writing
- the language of assessments
- the language of academic & occupational discussions
- the language of empowerment

How?

Incorporating Academic vocabulary in multiple ways across the curriculum will help students master the words and commit them to long term memory. Some examples could be: Discuss where to locate __text features, locations on a map, locations around town, items within their homes, directions on an activity etc.__, study the word and its meaning, write directions including where to locate the item, practice program functions during a meet asking the student to locate the button, hunt for the word in a grade level appropriate text, practice geography skills by locating specific places on a map, Etc. The possibilities for practicing the word **locate** are endless!

Why?

Teaching specific terms in a specific way is probably the strongest action a teacher can take to ensure that students have the academic background knowledge they need to understand the content they will encounter in school. When all of the staff in a school focuses on the same academic vocabulary the school has a powerful comprehensive approach.

- Marzano & Pickering, *Building Academic Vocabulary*, 2005

Word of the Week Activity:

1. Complete the graphic organizer to learn about the word, “locate” (slide #6)
2. Play a version of, “I spy..” as “I located___.”
3. Play VINGO, academic vocabulary bingo all about the word, “locate” (can be assigned to independent work, played in small groups, or completed whole group by choosing an activity from the board to do together) slide #7

Synonyms:

find
discover
pinpoint
detect
track down
come across
reveal
bring to light
sniff out
search out
turn up
come up with

pin down
light on
stumble across/on
chance on
put one's finger on



Antonyms:

lose
miss
overlook
pass by
displace
depart
leave
move
misplace



What can you locate?

Here are some ideas:



Places on a map, information about your family origins, directions on an assignment/assessment, items around your house, items in a store, functions on a computer program, definitions in a dictionary, information in a Google search, etc.

Now let's practice using this vocabulary word in conversations!

I can locate _____.

I located the _____.

Will you help me locate my _____.

Definition:

Write a sentence using the Academic Vocabulary Word:

Word:

Illustration:

Synonyms:

Antonyms:

(Greek or Latin) Roots of the word:

VINGO

Directions: Complete *at least 5* of the Vocabulary BINGO activities in a row, column, or on a diagonal. Share your favorite activities on the Rundle Website under the Vocabulary link by sending a video or a picture to your teacher.

Create a song, chant, or rap about the word: LOCATE	Go for a walk and play “I spy” using the word LOCATE. Example: “I can locate something that is ____.”	Create an acrostic poem for: Locate	Write a definition in your own words for: LOCATE	Create a picture to help you remember the word: LOCATE
Write all of the Academic Vocabulary Words in ABC order	Use an online puzzle maker to make a crossword or word search using the Academic Vocabulary Words	Locate information on your family’s ancestry & origins	Write “ LOCATE ” on paper and hide it in your house. Give clues for your family to find the word.	Create an Academic Vision Board by locating relevant pictures & words from magazines, newspapers, or online
Play “Hangman” using the Academic Vocabulary Words	Play Memory Game using the Academic Vocabulary Words	Write 3 sentences using the word: LOCATE	Make quizzes using the Academic vocabulary Words and quiz your family!	Create a superhero character and write about him/her for the word: LOCATE
Make a sensory bag with little objects inside to “LOCATE” (<i>I CAN LOCATE A ____.</i>)	Design an exercise routine to spell out: LOCATE (ex: make an “L” shape with arms)	LOCATE 3 important places to you on a map	Word art- Build the word LOCATE using objects and take a picture of it	How many times can you LOCATE the word LOCATE in a magazine, newspaper, or online?
Play Charades using the Academic Vocabulary Words	Count and sort the Academic Vocabulary Words by the number of syllables of each	Write a list of the all the things you can LOCATE at different locations	Make a tongue twister for: LOCATE (ex: locate lollipops left on leaves)	Learn how to sign the word: Locate Bonus: teach a family member how to also!