

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY NEWSLETTER - SUMMARIZE

WHAT?

Academic Vocabulary Boards are a way of ensuring all students are exposed to the critical vocabulary words necessary for better understanding and academic performance.

WHY?

Leveling up in *Academic Vocabulary* is crucial in developing the necessary skills students need to succeed academically.

Vocabulary acquisition improves reading comprehension, language development, oral and written communication skills, academic and occupational success in students. It is an integral part of our students' education and future success in society.

Researcher Johnson O'Connor found that "a person's vocabulary level is the best single predictor of occupational success."

HOW?

*Embed the Academic Language into all areas of instruction and conversations. Students need to see that these words translate across all of the subjects and even into their real lives through various media sources and their future careers.

*Provide multiple opportunities to correctly use the Academic Vocabulary words throughout the day including the use of a variety of methods of instruction to meet the needs of all of your students (visuals, oral practice, written form, digital, practice, hands on activities, games, home connections etc.) .

THIS WEEK'S SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

CLASSROOM TEACHERS, SPECIALISTS, & SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTORS:

This week let's play, "Word up!" This can be played in small groups or whole class.

Write an academic vocabulary word on a card. Set a timer for a couple minutes and have a student place the card up to his/her forehead so everyone else can read the card. Other students are to give clues to the student with the card on their head and that person is to attempt to guess the word. Students may not say the word in any form outright. If the player guesses correctly then they get to draw another card and repeat the process. If the player guesses incorrectly then a new player or other team gets a turn depending on how you're playing the game.

***This could be played while transitioning, during breakfast, end of the day, brain break where everyone is standing and playing, fast finisher activity etc.**

Here's the link to the article for this game:

<https://www.weareteachers.com/downloadable-vocabulary-activities/>

EVERYONE ON CAMPUS:

Let's push students to use the vocabulary words in conversations more by making a big loud deal out of it! If you catch a student correctly using the word of the week then shout (yes shout, make a huge deal out of it so others turn and look), "WOW" (got it... Word Of the Week... WOW). We want students to hear our excitement in learning vocabulary so it resonates with them. I want to hear lots of, "WOW" in the halls, lunchroom, playground etc. this week!

SUMMARIZE

SUMmarize It
Shorter than the text
Use your own words
Main ideas only 

sum·ma·rize

'sə-mə-rīz

Part of Speech:

Verb

Definition: to tell or reduce to a short statement of the main points.

// I summarized the article for my teacher.

Synonyms: words that are similar to summarize.

Give main points
Compile
Simplify
Concentrate
Recap
Rehash
Sum up
Abridge
Cipher
Condense
Recapitulate
Outline
Shorten
Review
Cut down
Put in a nut shell
Run through
Synopsisize



Antonyms: words that mean the opposite of summarize.

Increase
Lengthen
Breakdown
Enlarge (on or upon)
Add
Expand (on or upon)
Elaborate
Elongate
Prolong
Amplify
Supplement
Draw it out

