

A rich vocabulary lets students understand what they read and express what they think. Direct instruction plus repeated exposure is key.

Weekly Look-Fors

- ☐ Choose 3-5 high-utility words per read-aloud
- ☐ Give student-friendly definitions, examples, non-examples
- ☐ Teach prefixes, roots, and suffixes with morphology webs
- ☐ Build semantic maps before and during reading
- ☐ Spiral back to target words all week (12-14 exposures)
- ☐ Quick check: can students use the word in a new sentence?

Quick Tip

Students need 12-14 meaningful exposures to a new word before it sticks.

Notes
