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| **Vocabulary Development** Research emphasizes that vocabulary development is a vital part of all content learning, but it is too often ignored. The link between vocabulary knowledge and comprehension is undeniable. While wide reading increases a student’s vocabulary significantly, teachers must realize that direct and explicit instruction in vocabulary must also occur daily in all classrooms. Students enter school with vastly different levels of word knowledge. Teachers must build word-rich environments in which to immerse students and teach and model good word learning strategies. Because research shows that having students look up words and write definitions is the least effective way to increase their vocabulary, this page features many strategies and methods for teachers to use in classroom instruction.[**Vocabulary Graphic Organizers**](http://wvde.state.wv.us/strategybank/VocabularyGraphicOrganizers.html)[**Vocabulary Strategies**](http://wvde.state.wv.us/strategybank/VocabularyStrategies.html)[**Word Play**](http://wvde.state.wv.us/strategybank/WordPlay.html)[**Vocabulary Tips & Hints**](http://wvde.state.wv.us/strategybank/VocabularyTipsHints.html)**Links to Vocabulary Websites:**Building the Foundations of Literacy: The Importance of Vocabulary and Spelling Development<http://www.eduplace.com/rdg/hmsv/expert/research.html>Reading Rockets: Teaching Vocabulary <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/9943/>Doing It Differently: Tips for Teaching Vocabulary<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/vocabulary-instruction-teaching-tips-rebecca-alber>Effective Strategies for Teaching Vocabulary<http://www.k12reader.com/effective-strategies-for-teaching-vocabulary/>Top Ten Ways to Teach Vocabulary<http://www.trcabc.com/resources/top-ten-ways-to-teach-vocabulary/> Common Word Roots: Expand Your Vocabulary by Studying Greek and Latin Word Roots<http://grammar.about.com/od/words/a/wordroots.htm>Learn an Ivy League Vocabulary: SAT Prep<http://www.freevocabulary.com/>[Teach 21 Home](http://wvde.state.wv.us/teach21/)[Activating Prior Knowledge](http://wvde.state.wv.us/strategybank/activating.html)[Vocabulary Development](http://wvde.state.wv.us/strategybank/vocabulary.html)[Comprehension Strategies](http://wvde.state.wv.us/strategybank/comprehension.html)[Summarization Techniques](http://wvde.state.wv.us/strategybank/summarization.html)[Writing Across the Curriculum](http://wvde.state.wv.us/strategybank/writing.html)[Getting to Know Students](http://wvde.state.wv.us/strategybank/getting.html)[Technology Tools](http://wvde.state.wv.us/strategybank/techtools.html) |
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