

Vocabulary Concept Cards

Purpose: Help students learn content specific terminology while increasing their depth of word knowledge which will lead to greater comprehension.

Strategy Procedures: Demonstrate how to create a card by drawing a large rectangle on the board or overhead. Write a new term in the middle of the card and leave the corners open for things like definition, characteristics, examples, and an illustration. Create one card together as a class. Discuss with students how everything they need to know about the vocabulary word is right there on the card for easy learning and recall. Outline a list of vocabulary words and have the students write them in the middle of index cards. As the material is learned, allow the students to stop and fill out the corners of their cards. Allow the students time to review their cards both individually and with a partner.

Materials: Several index cards for each student

Reference: Brozo, Dr. William. (2008) Content Literacy Strategy
Descriptions for Louisiana Comprehensive
Curriculum.