Link It!

Building word knowledge and conceptual understanding using vocabulary lists.

Suggested Time: 15 minutes

Rationale/Research Base

Building vocabulary in-context helps students deepen conceptual understanding, access grade level texts, and make meaning and express themselves effectively.

Optimal Application Notes:

Provide the word list from the lesson or have students navigate to the online version of the list in the Close Reading and Writing Lesson or the Reading Lesson. Model for students how they can access support through the online supports. Look for the icon:

Before:

- Decide if you will assign a single word per student, assign all words to all students, or narrow the list to support differentiated instruction or use the strategy within a shorter amount of time.

During:

- When you come to the vocabulary step, if new, show students how to use accessibility tools, audio support, picture dictionary, and translation tools in ThinkCERCA by clicking on the icon for the immersive reader.
- Demonstrate the process of linking words that come to mind with a think aloud. For example, vocabulary makes me think of words, speaking, spelling, and tests.
- Have students begin linking one or more words in a two-column chart.
- Have students share their links!

After:

- (Today) Have students engage in the reading.
- (Today and Tomorrow) Once students are comfortable with Link It! Consider gamifying it by having teams race to see which team can link two words, the greatest number of words on the vocabulary list, in 10 minutes.

Scaffolds & Supports:
- Print the Vocabulary list.
- Provide a smaller list of keywords.
- Use pairs instead of groups.
- Allow students to practice as a class or in groups, saying the words out loud.

Student Tasks:

- Review Vocabulary List
- Encourage students to read through the entire list.
- Have students link words
- Move to pairs or small groups and share links or share as a whole group.

Online ThinkCERCA Resources

- Vocabulary Lists

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Instructions: Link the words in the vocabulary lists to the words and images that you associate with the original word.

Original Word	Linking Words