



Student Tasks:

- Review Vocabulary List
- Create vocabulary cards
- Play Vocabulary Memory Match

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Vocabulary Memory Match

Building word knowledge and conceptual understanding using key vocabulary

Suggested Time: 15 minutes

Rationale/Research Base

The Vocabulary Match strategy is an engaging and effective way to enhance students' vocabulary skills in a classroom setting through memory enhancement and active learning.

Optimal Application Notes:

Choose a set of vocabulary words that align with the learning objectives of the lesson or unit. Consider the difficulty level based on the student's proficiency.

Before:

- In small groups, ask students to prepare sets of cards with each card containing a vocabulary word and another card with its corresponding definition/synonym.
- Explain the rules of the Vocabulary Match Game. Clarify the objective, which is to correctly match each vocabulary word with its corresponding definition or synonym.

During:

- Place all cards face down on a flat surface.
- Students take turns turning over two cards while making a note of the information on the cards.
- When a student makes a match, they collect the pair.
- Continue until all cards are collected.

After:

- If time allows, consider rotating the cards among groups for additional rounds. Alternatively, you can extend the game by introducing new sets of vocabulary words for continued practice.
- Conclude the activity with a brief reflection. Ask students to share their thoughts on the game, what they learned, and any challenging aspects. Reinforce the importance of the vocabulary words in the context of the lesson.

Scaffolds & Supports:

- Provide a smaller list of keywords.
- Consider variations such as pictures or images as well as definitions and synonyms.

Vocabulary Memory Match

Instructions: Discover important themes, concepts, and issues in the text through play. With performance techniques, you and your peers can illustrate your take on the main ideas.

Review:

- Review the vocabulary, definitions, and parts of speech. Make sure you understand the meaning and context of each word.

Guidelines for Vocabulary Memory Match:

- **Prepare Materials:** Arrange the vocabulary word cards and their corresponding definition cards face down on the playing surface.
- **Understand the Rules:** In this game, the objective is to match each vocabulary word card with its correct definition card. You will take turns flipping over two cards at a time to find matches. If the cards you flip over match (i.e., a vocabulary word and its correct definition), you keep the pair and get another turn. If they do not match, you turn them back over, and it becomes the next player's turn.
- **Begin the Game:** Decide who will go first.
- **Take Turns:** The first player flips over two cards, trying to find a match. Remember where each card is located on the playing surface, as this will help you in future turns.
- **Find Matches:** If the cards flipped over by the player match, the player keeps the pair of cards and gets another turn to flip over two more cards. If the cards do not match, the player turns them back over, and it becomes the next player's turn.
- **Continue Playing:** Players take turns flipping over pairs of cards until all matches have been found. The game ends when all pairs have been matched.
- **Review Matches:** Once all matches have been found, review the pairs of cards to ensure that each vocabulary word matches its correct definition. Discuss any challenging matches or concepts with your classmates.
- **Reflect and Discuss:** After the game, take a moment to reflect on the vocabulary words and definitions you matched. Discuss any new insights or connections you made during the game with your classmates.

Extension Activity (Optional):

- To further reinforce your understanding of the vocabulary words, consider using them in sentences or discussing real-life examples of their usage.

Vocabulary Memory Match

3rd – 5th

Instructions: Explore new words in your reading by having fun and playing a matching game.

Review:

- Think about the new words you've learned, what they mean, and what type of word they are (like a noun, verb, or adjective).

Guidelines for Vocabulary Memory Match:

- **Prepare Materials:** Put all the word cards and their matching definition cards face down on the table.
- **Understand the Rules:** The goal of the game is to find pairs of matching word and definition cards. Each turn, you flip over two cards to see if they match. If they match, you keep the pair and get another turn. If not, you turn them back over, and it's the next player's turn.
- **Begin the Game:** Decide who will go first.
- **Take Turns:** Take turns flipping over two cards. Remember where each card is for future turns.
- **Find Matches:** If you find a match, keep the cards and go again. If not, turn them back over.
- **Continue Playing:** Players take turns flipping over pairs of cards until all matches have been found. The game ends when all pairs have been matched.
- **Review Matches:** Once all matches have been found, review the pairs of cards to make sure that each vocabulary word matches its correct definition. Talk about any difficult definitions or words with your classmates.
- **Reflect and Discuss:** After the game, take a moment to think about the vocabulary words and definitions you matched. Talk about any new ideas or connections you made during the game with your classmates.

Extension Activity (Optional):

- To help you understand your new words even better, try using them in sentences or talking about how they're used in real life.