

Student Tasks:

- Complete word map for two selected terms
- Share interpretations with the class

Online ThinkCERCA Modules:

- ThinkCERCA provides vocabulary with each reading module as well as student guides with graphic organizer for vocabulary exploration and retention.

Word Mapping

Students will explore a key conceptual term that will help them deepen their exploration and interpretation of the reading selection.

Suggested Time 15-20 Minutes

Rationale/Research Base

Exploring key concept words related to the reading helps students deepen conceptual understanding and build vocabulary to express their reasoning about the meaning of a text.

Optimal Application Notes:

Use vocabulary terms found in class readings or related to an overarching class unit.

Before:

- Strategically select terms that occur frequently throughout unit or in class readings and are necessary to developing strong conceptual knowledge. Prepare student-friendly definitions.
- Create an exemplar Word Map sample for each vocabulary word.
- Share a sample word map (see p. 3) and discuss.

During:

- Frame to Students: Introduce the idea that keywords in the text will be important as they read, discuss, and write about the theme/unit/reading.
- Model the thinking steps necessary to produce a successful word map, including where to find information when stuck (e.g. glossary, dictionary, Google, etc.)
- Direct students to begin with partners or independently.
- Circulate and monitor student work, prompting and praising when appropriate.

After:

- Students share out in large group, focusing on the examples or the explanation in their own words.

Scaffolds & Supports:

- Complete one word map as a class if guidance is needed.
- Provide students with bilingual glossaries, alternate versions of the task, and options for recording responses.
- Give extended time to complete the Word Map or provide an adjusted version of the worksheet.
- Give sentence frames to help the students practice using the words in context.

Word Mapping

Map a Word: _____

Instructions: Analyzing key vocabulary words will help you better understand the texts you are reading. Use this technique to help the words "stick" in your memory. Complete the map below with one of the vocabulary words. Use a dictionary if necessary. Fill in as many boxes as you can.

Vocabulary Word and Definition

Part of Speech

Root Word or Origin

Picture of Vocabulary Word

Synonym (similar or like word)

Antonym (opposite word)

Sentence Using Vocabulary Word

Word Mapping

Map a Word: *Example*

Instructions: Analyzing key vocabulary words will help you better understand the texts you are reading. Use this technique to help the words "stick" in your memory. Review this sample vocabulary map below before trying it yourself.

Vocabulary Word and Definition

Example: something that is characteristic of its group or that illustrates a general rule

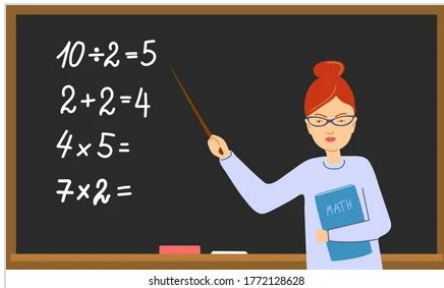
Part of Speech

Noun

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Example

Picture of Vocabulary Word



Synonym (similar or like word)

Exemplar, Sample, Prototype

Antonym (opposite word)

Counterexample, Antithesis

Sentence Using Vocabulary Word

She showed us an example of how to do the math problem, and then had us practice solving some problems before giving us the answers.