

Vocabulary Work Menu

Directions: Choose **eight** vocabulary words to work on for the week. Divide a notebook page into four sections (you creatively choose how the page will be divided). Choose a **different activity** from the menu board to complete for each word. Add color and detail to each completed section so as to distinguish it from its neighboring word.

REQUIRED: Vocabulary word is written in color and spelled correctly. The part of speech is correctly identified. A dictionary definition is included. You have recorded where you heard/found the word.

<p>Detail Detective: Write a detailed "explaining" sentence that makes use of the word in such a context that someone could guess the word's meaning. An <i>explaining</i> sentence has an action verb, not a <i>telling</i> verb, like <i>was, is, are, am, were, be, been</i>.</p> <p>"The young cop's skin was ashen and pale after he left the scene of the gruesome triple homicide."</p>	<p>Elaborate Acrostic: Write an acrostic poem or acrostic sentence based on all the word's letters; the poem/sentence must have something to do with the word's meaning.</p> <p>Loathe: "Leslie, our angry terrier, hates everything"</p>	<p>"Figure" it out: Create a stick figure drawing that represents the vocabulary word along with a dialogue bubble or caption about the word; the bubble or caption must correctly use the word.</p>  <p>She crept stealthily through the yard, careful not to step on a twig or dried leaf, as she quietly approached the house.</p>
<p>Haiku Poem: Write a haiku that contains and explains the word.</p> <p>Amicable is (5 syllables) Smiling pleasantly at the (7 syllables) Lonely little girl. (5 syllables)</p>	<p>Alliteration Sentence: Write a sentence for the vocabulary word that uses at least four examples of alliteration; the sentence must have something to do with the word's meaning.</p> <p>Gilded: With gilded sword sparkling gold in the sunlight, he attacked the gluttonous lion before it gorged on the beast.</p>	<p>It's All Relative: Research three different-but-related words. This does not mean adding a prefix or suffix to the word, like <i>un-</i> or <i>-ing</i> or <i>-s</i>. A different-but-related word means the vocabulary word shares a common root with three other words.</p> <p>Biography: biology, biopsy, and biogenesis.</p>
<p>Personified Sentence: Write a personified description of a character whose surname is the vocabulary word. The description must connect the word's meaning to the "person's" personality or job.</p> <p>Persnickety stuck her pert little nose in the air as she glared at the small and dirty child. "I don't play with filthy, poor children!" she said in a huff and stalked off in her Jimmy Choo ballet slippers clutching her pink prada purse.</p>	<p>Metaphor Poem: Write at least a two-stanza poem that uses your vocabulary word as a metaphor and then further explains how the vocabulary word is that metaphor. If my vocabulary word is capitulate, for example, the you could write:</p> <p>"Capitulate is the shrug of the shoulders your father does when giving in to where mom wants to go to dinner.</p> <p>Capitulate is the white flag tentatively waving in the breeze above the battered and beaten army."</p>	<p>Simile Poem: Write at least a two-stanza poem that uses your vocabulary word as a simile and then further illustrates how the vocabulary word is that simile.</p> <p>Avarice Is like a spoiled child Always demanding, grabbing, and hoarding All of mom's freshly baked cookies.</p> <p>Avarice Is like a vacuum It eventually sucks up All the fun out of life and leaves you surrounded by the filth of yesterday's tedious efforts."</p>
<p>"Take Two" Rhyming Couplet: Write a rhyming couplet that uses and explains the word.</p> <p>She looked at me dazed and confused I did not laugh as I wasn't amused Why didn't she understand me?</p>	<p>Etymology: Find the etymology, history of a word, of the vocabulary word. Write the etymology in your own words. Use the following website to aide you: http://www.etymonline.com</p> <p>Melancholy: The roots of the word melancholy can be found in the languages of Old French, Late Latin, Greek, Spanish, Italian, German, and Danish. Based on the languages of origin, melancholy has meant the following: black bile; sullen; gloomy; ill disposition; sadness; irritability.</p>	<p>Pictorial Representation: Choose a magazine cut-out, sticker, or taped-in clip art that represents the vocabulary word and write a detailed explanation of why the image relates to the vocabulary word.</p>