

English Learner Strategies

VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

Develop Concept Definitions

Written definitions, labeled examples, and Checking for Understanding

Attach a Label to Prior Knowledge

“There’s a name for that. It’s called _____.”

Clarify Multiple Meanings

Give known meaning (*pupil* as student); give new meaning (*pupil* as in eye)

Use Synonyms

Define with an easier synonym, as *enormous* means *large*

Define New Words

Define & generalize; *identify* means *find* as in *Identify the noun*.

Explain Homophones

Define words that sound alike, as in *whole*, *hole*

Break Words into Recognizable Parts

Teach roots, prefixes, suffixes, as in *equilateral*

Use Academic Relationship Words

Change *same* to *similar*; change *tells about* to *discusses*

Define Words in Context of Lesson

Define Content, Academic, & Support Words