



Big Ideas in Beginning Reading

Vocabulary

Vocabulary is the knowledge of word meanings, including oral and written words.

A strong vocabulary improves comprehension since readers can understand more of what they read. Learning, as a language-based activity, is fundamentally and profoundly dependent on vocabulary knowledge.

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Types of Vocabulary

Reading



The words that we read

Listening



The words that we hear in spoken language

Speaking



The words that we use when we speak

Writing



The words that we use when we write



Vocabulary Instruction

Attributes of Good Vocabulary Instruction



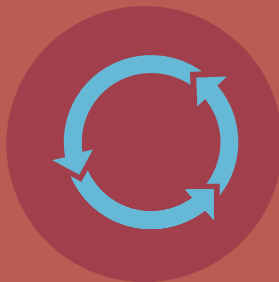
Active student engagement



Definitional and contextual information



Sufficient instructional time to ensure understanding of words



Multiple exposures to words

Vocabulary should be taught both directly and indirectly