



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.



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 Effective Vocabulary Instruction



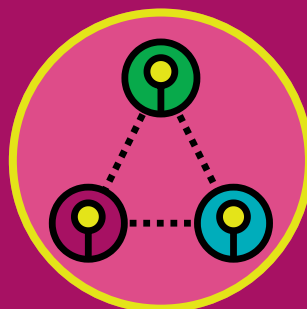
Active
student
engagement



Definitional
and
contextual
information



Sufficient
instructional
time to ensure
understanding
of words



Multiple
exposures
to words

Vocabulary should be taught both directly and indirectly



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