

Vocabulary Work Menu

Directions: Students will be given **four to six** interesting or new vocabulary words to work on for the week. The words may be from your reading, from another class, or from a conversation you had or heard. Divide a notebook page into four to six 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 <u>ashen</u> 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 <u>stealthily</u> 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><u>Amicable</u> 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 (the study of life), Biopsy (to remove tissue from a living body), Biogenesis (living organisms develop from other living organisms).</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><u>Persnickety</u> 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>"<u>Capitulate</u> is the shrug of the shoulders your father does when giving in to where mom wants to go to dinner.</p> <p><u>Capitulate</u> 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 <u>confused</u> I did not laugh as I wasn't amused Why didn't she understand me?</p>	<p>Synonyms/Antonyms: Find two or more synonyms and two or more antonyms for the vocabulary word. Include a definition for each synonym and antonym.</p> <p>Melancholy:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Synonym</td> <td>Antonym</td> </tr> <tr> <td>somber (depressing)</td> <td>cheerful (happy)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>sorrowful (full of sadness)</td> <td>joyful (delighted)</td> </tr> </table>	Synonym	Antonym	somber (depressing)	cheerful (happy)	sorrowful (full of sadness)	joyful (delighted)	<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>
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