

Vocabulary Word Map

What

A vocabulary word map is a visual organizer that helps students engage with and think about new terms or concepts in several ways.

Why

To fully understand new terms, students need to create their own definition, know what it is like, what it isn't like, be able to effectively use the terms in a sentence, and connect terms with nonlinguistic representations.

How

Students put the new term in the middle of the map. Students fill in the rest of the map with a definition, synonyms, using the word in a sentence, and a picture to help illustrate the new concept. There are multiple versions of word maps, all with similar ways to learn new terms (ex. Frayer Model).

The diagram is a large rounded rectangle divided into four quadrants by a vertical and a horizontal line. In the center, where the lines intersect, is a smaller rounded rectangle containing the text "Vocabulary Word".

- Top-left quadrant: "Your own definition."
- Top-right quadrant: "Synonyms"
- Bottom-left quadrant: "Use the word in a sentence."
- Bottom-right quadrant: "Draw a picture."