

Pre-Teach Content Vocabulary

STUDENTS NEED TO:

- Learn and recognize terms that are unique to content area
- Learn specialized meanings of common words
- Learn symbols and abbreviations unique to the subject
- Learn word connotations
- Understand that words change in meaning and pronunciation.
- Learn skills to continue increasing vocabulary independently

DECIDE WHICH WORDS TO TEACH:

- List key concepts
- Pick out the most crucial terms
- Find out which words they already know
- Teach words that will lead to the learning of additional words

TEACHING CONTENT VOCABULARY

- Teach meaning - Tie to concepts
- Avoid lists of words
- Avoid unrelated exercises
- Teach strategies for learning new words
- Use new words repeatedly in conversation
- Teach use of dictionary
- Teach ways to figure out new words:
 - Context Clues
 - Phonic analysis
 - Structural analysis
 - Combination
 - Authority