Activities for Teaching Academic Language for Any Content Area[[1]](#footnote--1)

Resource Guide Item 8

1. Academic Vocabulary Journal: Students keep a record of the vocabulary that they learn in any content area.
2. Direct Teaching of a New Term: Include the part of speech, synonyms, explanations, examples, non-examples, and using it in context.
3. Interactive Reading Log
4. List-Group-Label: This activity gives students the opportunity to not only define words, but also compare how they interact with other words—higher order thinking.
5. Rating Vocabulary: This practice gives students the opportunity to share with the teacher their knowledge about the words they will be or are using in a lesson or unit.
6. Teaching Word Parts: Includes direct teaching of prefixes, suffixes, and roots. This way, students can make connections between words in order to discern meaning.
7. Word Mapping: Teaching words while giving the students the opportunity to discover other key components of a word, including characteristics, examples, comparisons and category.

1. Taken from San Diego County Office of Education, Practices, http://kms.sdcoe.net/getvocal/73-DSY.html [↑](#footnote-ref--1)