



Effective Vocabulary Instruction Using Marzano's Six Steps

What to do: Use these six steps to help students understand new vocabulary terms and later recall what they've learned. For more about this process, search online for "Marzano's six steps for effective vocabulary instruction."

Why it matters: Having a systematic approach that is proven effective maximizes your efforts and increases student achievement.

Step 1: Describe



The teacher provides a description, explanation, or example of the new term.

Step 2: Restate



Students restate the explanation of the new term in their own words.

Step 3: Create



Students create a nonlinguistic representation (a drawing or model) of the term.

Step 4: Participate



Students do activities that help them add to their knowledge of vocabulary terms.

Step 5: Discuss



Students are asked to discuss the terms with one another.

Step 6: Play



Students are involved in games that allow them to play with the terms.

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