



# *Using Technology Tools to Teach Vocabulary*

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## Session Overview

- Effective Vocabulary Instruction
- Active Engagement of Learners
- Digital Natives
- Technology Tools
- Resources

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## *Effective Vocabulary Instruction*

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## National Reading Panel Report

As children learn to read more advanced texts, they must learn the meaning of new words that are not part of their oral vocabulary



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## Types of Vocabulary

- Listening – the words we need to know to understand what we hear.
- Speaking – the words we use when we speak.
- Reading – the words we need to know to understand what we read.
- Writing – the words we use in writing.

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*Good vocabulary teaching makes students excited about words and leads to them attending more closely to them.*

Stahl et al., 1998

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## Direct Vocabulary Learning

Students learn vocabulary directly when they are explicitly taught both individual words and word learning strategies.

Direct vocabulary instruction aids reading comprehension.

National Reading Panel Report

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## Vocabulary Strategies

- Before Reading
- During Reading
- After Reading

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## *Active Engagement of Learners*

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## Active Engagement

- Gain and Maintain Attention
- Elicit Responses
- Monitor Student's Responses
- Provide Corrective Feedback
- Stay on Topic

Anita Archer

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## Gain and Maintain Engagement

- Cue or words to ask for attention
- Start only when you have attention
- Maintain close proximity
- Keep a perky pace
- Connect with students
- Add joy
- Teach with enthusiasm

-Anita Archer

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## Monitor Students' Responses

- Walk around
- Look around
- Talk around
  
- Trying to be the omnipresent teacher!

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## Types of Active Engagement

- Group Responses
- Paired Partner Responses
- Individual Responses – Oral
- Individual Responses – Written
- Physical Responses

- Anita Archer

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## *Digital Natives*

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## **Digital Natives**

*A person for whom digital technologies already existed when they were born, and hence has grown up with digital technology such as computers, the internet, mobile phones and MP3s.*

Wikipedia

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## **A Vision of K - 12 Students Today**



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## *Technology Tools*

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## **Technology Tools**

- Laptops & Computers
- LCD Projectors
- Student Response Systems
- Interactive White Boards
- MP3's & IPODS

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## *Laptops, Computers, and LCD Projectors*

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## Student Response Systems



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## Poll Everywhere

What is the most exciting activity in Anaheim California this week?

- A. Disneyland
- B. Angel Stadium
- C. Shopping
- D. 2010 National Reading Institute

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### Student Response Systems

Goliad Elementary School  
Goliad, Texas

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**Interactive White Boards**

Goliad Elementary School  
Goliad, Texas

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**MP3s**

Goliad Elementary School  
Goliad, Texas

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**Book Buddies**



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**21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners**

Goliad High School  
Goliad, Texas

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***Technology Instructional  
Facilitator***

**The next generation of literacy  
coaching – technology coaching.**

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**Remember!**

- Focus on your learning goals and objectives.
- Don't use technology just for the sake of using it.
- Use technology tools to engage the learners.
- Use your technology tools to expose your learners to new and exciting vocabulary everyday.

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