

Vocabulary Workshop™, Tools for Comprehension (Grades 1–5) is a research-based vocabulary program that uses contextual and direct instruction to promote deep word knowledge through multiple exposures, word learning strategies, word consciousness, and critical thinking activity with high-utility words. Engaging digital resources include differentiated passages and audio support for pronunciation, meaning and use in a sentence.

Input Strategies

- Systematic explicit and direct instruction
- Multiple exposures
- Writing exercises
- Vocabulary building strategies
- Word relationships and meanings
- Review of words

Input Components

Student Edition (print)
Student eBook (Grade 1 only)
Interactive Student Edition (Grades 2–5)
Annotated Teacher Edition (print)
Annotated Teacher Edition eBook (Grade 1 only)
Interactive Teacher Edition (Grades 2–5)
Unit Test Prep Booklet with Answer Key
Digital Resources on SadlierConnect.com

Activities

Students experience multiple exposures in a variety of exercises and interactive games.

Unit Passage

- Introducing the Words
- Definitions
- Synonyms/Antonyms
- Completing the Sentence
- Word Associations
- Words with Greek/Latin Roots
- Words in Context
- Word Study
- Shades of Meaning

Review Units (Every three Units)

Cumulative Review Units (Every three Units)

Additional Practice

- Practice Quiz (digital and printable)
- Practice Worksheet

Interactive Activities/Games

Interactive Graphic Organizers

iWords™ Audio Program

Flashcards

Unit Review

Cumulative Tests (Interactive Edition)

- Vocabulary for Comprehension
- Classifying
- Completing the Idea

Assessments

Outputs

Number/type of completed activities

- Introducing the Words: Unit Passage
- Definitions
- Synonyms/Antonyms
- Completing the Sentence
- Word Associations
- Words with Greek and Latin Roots
- Words in Context
- Word Study: Word Families
- Shades of Meaning

Number/type of completed review activities

- Review Units (Every three Units)
- Vocabulary for Comprehension
- Review Units 1–3 (example)
- Interactive activities

Cumulative Review Units (Every three Units)

Number/type of completed online activities

Number/type of Unit Review

Number/type of Cumulative Tests

- Vocabulary for Comprehension
- Classifying
- Completing the Idea

Number/Type of completed Assessments

- Beginning-of-Year Pre-Test
- Beginning-of-Year Diagnostic
- Unit Test
- Review Unit Tests
- Cumulative Tests
- Final Mastery Test
- End-of-Year Post-Test
- Customized Assessment (item bank)

Short-term Outcomes

Students develop:

- Increased knowledge of Tier 2 and Tier 3 words
- Greater motivation to read from early success
- Ability to apply vocabulary acquisition strategies to new reading challenges
- Confidence to tackle unfamiliar words

Medium-term Outcomes

Students demonstrate:

- Increased reading comprehension
- Greater conceptual understanding
- Increased background knowledge

Long-term Outcomes

Students demonstrate:

- Comprehension of complex text
- Success in other courses through fluency with academic vocabulary
- Reinforcement of lifelong literacy skills: reading, writing, listening, speaking