

Vocabulary Workshop™, Tool for Excellence (Grades 6-12+) is a research-based program that promotes deep word knowledge, word consciousness, and critical thinking through word learning strategies and explicit instruction for learning **300 high-utility words per level, 20 words per unit**. Students build deep knowledge through multiple exposures to new vocabulary in using a variety of exercises, interactive games and digital resources including differentiated passages and audio support for pronunciation. Many words are drawn from academic vocabulary word lists.

Input Strategies

- Systematic explicit and direct instruction
- Unit-driven high utility word lists
- Words introduced in context – informational text passages
- Multiple exposures and opportunities to apply vocabulary
- Vocabulary learning skills, e.g., Word Study
- Ongoing assessment
- Exposure to leading standardized test formats

Input Components

- Student Edition** (print/interactive)
- Teacher Edition** (print/digital)
- Unit Test Prep Booklet with Answer Key**
- Online Assessment System**
- Standardized Test Prep Booklet with Answer Key**
- Professional Development**
- Digital Resources on SadlierConnect.com**

Activities

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Unit practice and application

- Unit Passages
- Definitions
- Choosing the Right Word
- Synonyms/Antonyms
- Completing the Sentence
- Writing: Words in Action
- Vocabulary in Context

Review Units

- Vocabulary for Comprehension: Part 1
- Vocabulary for Comprehension: Part 2
- Two-Word Completion
- Word Study (Denotation/Connotation, Idioms, Classical Roots)

Digital Resources

- Unit Passage and Differentiated Passage (with audio)
- Definitions/Instructional Videos (IE)
- Practice Worksheets
- Interactive activities/Online games
- *iWords™* audio program
- Interactive Flash Cards
- Pronunciation Key
- Word Part Gallery
- Interactive Graphic Organizers
- Printable Differentiated Reading Passages

Additional Practice

- Passage-based reading
- Identifying Sentence Errors
- Timed Essay
- Practice Quiz (printable and digital)
- Practice Quiz Worksheet

Assessments

Outputs

Number/type of completed activities

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Beginning-of-Year Pre-Test of completed Additional

Practice Activities

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Number/type of completed Assessments

- Beginning-of-Year Pre-Test
- Cumulative Reviews
- Unit Reviews
- Unit Practice Tests
- Unit Tests
- Standardized Test Prep Exams
- Standardized Test Prep Cumulative Test
- Interactive Quizzes
- Final Mastery Test
- Post-Test
- Customized Assessment (item bank)

Short-term Outcomes

Students develop:

- Deep knowledge of new Tier 2 and 3 vocabulary words
- Improved reading comprehension
- Ability to apply vocabulary acquisition strategies to new reading challenges
- Confidence to tackle unfamiliar words

Medium-term Outcomes

Students demonstrate:

- Deeper reading comprehension
- Greater conceptual understanding
- Enhanced higher-order critical thinking skills
- Improved performance on standardized tests
- Improved communication skills

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, and speaking