

Summer Reading Activities



	Third Grade – Activity #4	
Title	Vocabulary	
Parent Information	Building vocabulary is a critical component to becoming an effective communicator and skilled reader. Vocabulary is learned through speaking, listening, reading, and writing. As third grade readers advance with phonics and fluency, they will most likely experience new or unfamiliar vocabulary words. Taking the time to explore these words will support building knowledge and reading comprehension.	
	Words often fall in 3 categories. 1. Words used in everyday speech (ex. big, small, family). 2. Generalized words that often appear in text (ex. explain, summarize). 3. Content specific or academic words (ex. agriculture, ecosystem).	
	When focusing on vocabulary with your child it is important to go beyond the dictionary definition. Help your child make connections with possible synonyms, antonyms, parts of speech, comparisons, real-life examples, and/or visual representations. It is also important to review, use, and practice words once they have been introduced.	
	While reading, encourage your child to note new or unfamiliar vocabulary words in their Reading Response Journal. Use those words with the suggested activities below.	
Objective	Build vocabulary and knowledge	
Time	10-15 minutes	
Materials	Paper, pencil and or colored pencils	
Procedures	Choose an activity to learn and review new or unfamiliar vocabulary words.	
	4-Corner Vocabulary	
	Word plunge	Picture 
	Word in Context We decided to <i>plunge</i> into the deep end of the pool.	Definition To jump or dive quickly

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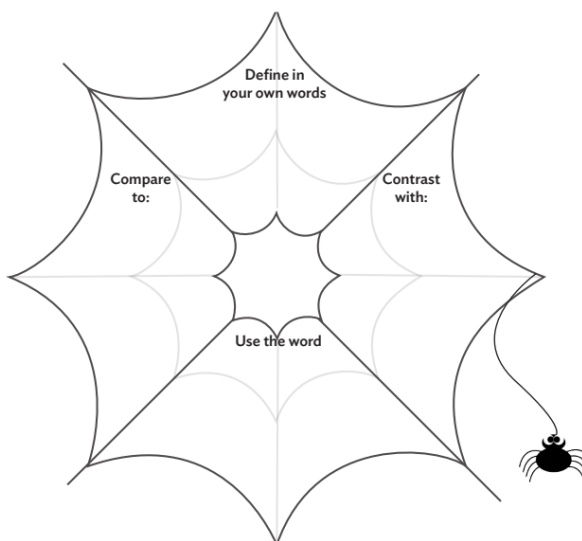


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Frayer Model

Definition	Characteristics
Shape with 4 straight sides and 4 angles	• Closed shape • Quad means 4
quadrilateral	
Examples	Non-Examples
Square Rectangle Rhombus   	Triangle Circle Hexagon   

Word Web



Additional Resources and Information

Visit Reading Rockets:

- [Vocabulary: An Introduction](#)
- [Choosing Words to Teach](#)

Visit Scholastic:

- [Vocabulary is Vital](#)