

Marzano's Six Step Process Teaching Academic Vocabulary

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Introducing the Term:

Step 1: Explain-Provide a description, explanation, or example of the new term. (Include a non-linguistic representation of the term for ESL kids.)

Step 2: Restate-Ask students to restate the description, explanation, or example in their own words. (Allow students whose primary existing knowledge base is still in their native language to write in it.)

Step 3: Show-Ask students to construct a picture, symbol, or graphic representing of the term.

Reinforcing the Term:

Step 4: Discuss- Periodically ask students to discuss the terms with one another.

Step 5: Refine and Reflect- Engage student periodically in activities that help them add to the knowledge of the terms.

Step 6: Apply in Learning Games- Involve students periodically in games that allow them to play with the terms.