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Tips for Developing Academic Vocabulary using the AWL and OPD

➤ IT PAYS TO INTRODUCE ACADEMIC AND TECHNICAL VOCABULARY RIGHT FROM THE START!

- Building a vocabulary in a new language takes time. Beginning-level learners have to learn high-frequency words to become conversant, but they can easily incorporate academic words such as *culture*, *data* and *various* into their vocabulary. These words occur in academic discourse but can make their way into everyday conversations as well, and certainly into everyday reading. When academic vocabulary is introduced regularly, as part of meaningful conversations or texts, learners begin to see the terms outside the classroom in media and hear them in more formal workplace discourse. Note that technical vocabulary often has Latin roots so may be more accessible to a language learner who speaks and/or reads a romance language than you might think. For example, the terms *agriculture*, *dominant*, and *genetics* are cognates in Romance languages. (Of course, learners' educational background plays a role in their familiarity with these terms in their first language.)
- Learners will be motivated to learn technical vocabulary that they hear or see on the job or that relates to their career interests. Have learners complete an interest inventory to let you know which career areas are of interest to them, in order to identify the type of vocabulary that would be most useful for them to develop. You can use pages 170 – 173 in the OPD for an initial inventory, or you can use the career clusters from the Occupational Outlook Handbook's occupation groups list. You can also have higher-level learners use the Occupational Index in the OPD TRC to identify jobs of interest.

➤ TEACH THE WORDS THAT LEARNERS CANNOT LEARN EASILY ON THEIR OWN

- The picture dictionary makes it relatively easy for learners to determine the meaning of concrete words and concepts. Allow learners to teach themselves the vocabulary that is easily understood through a photo or illustration (or bilingual caption). Learners can do this in numerous ways such as keeping a vocabulary notebook, doing "jigsaw" vocabulary learning tasks with different pages in the OPD, or categorizing one or more topic's words to confirm their comprehension. (See the Graphic Organizers file for categorizing templates).
- Spend instructional time on teaching words that are more abstract and will give learners better access to academic or training materials in the future. The AWL – OPD word chart provides examples of words on the Academic Word List that can be integrated into lessons on the various OPD topics.

➤ HOW TO USE THE OPD-AWL CHART TO INTRODUCE ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

- The OPD – AWL chart suggests one or more words from the Academic Wordlist (sublists 1 and 2) for each OPD topic. The word(s) can be introduced in conjunction with the content on each OPD topic page or the definition can be used as a short reading task. Each word is asterisked to indicate whether it is from sublist 1 (highest frequency AWL terms) or sublist 2 (second-highest frequency AWL terms).
- Once you write the target word on the board or project it, you can introduce the word by
 - Saying it and asking learners to indicate whether they...

1 finger: have never seen it	3 fingers: think they know what it means,
2 fingers: have seen it but don't know the meaning	4 fingers: know what it means.

Ask for learners with 4 fingers up to give a synonym or define the word as best they can.

- Underline or highlight any part of the word that learners may already know. Build on learners’ knowledge of the word’s parts to tease out the meaning.
- Ask learners to use different online and learners’ dictionaries to look up the word and report back on what they learn.
- Project the definition of the word and have learners decide which of the meanings is/are associated with the topic they are studying.

➤ **USING THE CONTEXTUALIZED DEFINITIONS AS COMPLEX TEXT.**

- There is a contextualized definition for most of the suggested words on the OPD – AWL chart. The definition either relates to the image on the OPD page or to the topic in general. For example, the AWL term: *identity* is suggested for the topic of **Personal Information**, because (unfortunately) it’s relevant and useful to connect the term and personal information to the crime of identity theft. The definition reads:

Personal Info	identity*	When someone takes your personal information and your social security card, that person can take your identity. This is called identity theft.	identity theft
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This definition can be used to build learners’ reading strategies. It’s short but it’s also complex—at a 12th grade reading level according to Flesch-Kincaid! But with your guidance, learners can read this definition and learn strategies for attacking complex text. First, with your guidance, learners look for and underline and/or highlight the words they learned from the topic as well as the target academic word(s):

When someone takes your personal information and your social security card, that person can take your identity. This is called identity theft.


Then, learners can go back into the reading and find the verbs in the first sentence (“takes, take”). Through text dependent questions, you can continue to verify learners’ understanding of the text. *Who takes these things? What does he take first? What does he take after that?* (This allows you to demonstrate how “When” can tell you that one situation happens first.) *Look at the second sentence. Is the word “called” about a phone call or a name?* It would be possible to teach the phrase *identity theft* as a chunk, but you could also work on its definition as well.

Using these short “bursts” of text will allow learners to dive into more sophisticated text relatively painlessly, while still staying on the general topic of the lesson and acquiring academic words along the way.

➤ **WORKING WITH THE COLLOCATIONS**

In some cases, (especially when an academic word has already been introduced and appears again in a new topic), it may be better to only work with the collocations listed in the chart. Understanding the way words collocate or co-occur is critical in developing learners’ fluent speaking and writing (CB Zimmerman, 2008). Set phrases (*identity theft*) and words that generally appear together (*assist with* rather than *assist for*) can only be learned by calling them to the learners’ attention. Providing collocations with academic word study is an economical approach for teacher and learner alike.

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY SUGGESTIONS FOR EACH OPD TOPIC



Note that the following suggestions are focused on sublists one and two of the Academic Word List (AWL). See <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/resources/academicwordlist/> for details on the research behind the list. The list of 570 word families consists of 10 sublists, the first sublist being those words that appear most frequently across academic texts, the second being the second most frequent and so on. The charts on the following pages identify AWL terms that appear in the word lists of the OPD topics and suggest additional words that could be introduced in light of the topic. (For example, in a story about twins, introducing the word identical makes sense.) Beginning-level and intermediate learners will benefit greatly by the introduction of this more abstract vocabulary within the concrete language and context of the OPD page. Learners need to amass a sizable amount of vocabulary in order to navigate informational texts in workplace, career training, and secondary and postsecondary settings. These charts will help you select and define academic vocabulary and identify collocations you may want to share as well.

ACADEMIC WORDS YOU CAN TEACH WITH OPD TOPICS			
Topics	RED term is on the topic page * highest frequency on AWL **second highest frequency AWL	Defining words in the context of the topic or illustration on the topic page	Common expressions and phrases (collocations)
Meeting and Greeting	similar*, culture**	"Hello" sounds similar to words like Hola and Allo. What other greetings are similar between countries?	similar to similarities between
Personal Info	identity*	When someone takes your personal information and your social security card, that person can take your identity . This is called identity theft.	identity theft
School	authority*, administrate**	Principals, assistant principals and counselors are school administrators . Our teacher is an authority on U.S. history. He knows everything about it!	administrative staff
A Classroom	variety*	Binders come in a variety of sizes and colors. I have a 2-inch blue binder. My friend has a 3-inch pink binder.	a variety of...
Studying	individually*, various*	People like to study in various ways, in groups, alone or individually , with the teacher, without the teacher.	various ways
Succeeding School	achieve**, evaluate**, grade	Your grade is an evaluation of your work and participation in class. A 95% means that you did an outstanding job.	achieve a goal achieve results
A Day at School	assists**	The young man often assists the book clerk. Today he's helping her by carrying some books upstairs.	assist someone with something
Everyday Conversation	approach*	It can be difficult to approach people and start a conversation. They may get nervous when you walk up to them. It can be easier to talk when you are standing in a line with people.	approach someone to do something
The Weather	create*	This storm is terrible. I can't see the road! Bad weather creates problems for drivers.	create a problem; create problems; create a difficult situation

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The Telephone	data*, identity*, ID*	I don't know that phone number so I don't know the identity of the caller. I'm so glad I have caller ID . The data on your phone includes text messages and photos.	Caller ID data plan
Numbers	process*	A process has many steps. The first step, second step, third step, etc. What's a process you do every day? What are the steps?	slow process
Measurements	calculate, estimate*	Can you give me a rough estimate of the box's measurements? It looks to me like it's 2 feet by 3 feet.	estimate the cost, size; rough estimate
Time	appropriate**	In the U.S., it's appropriate to arrive early for an interview. It is not appropriate to arrive early for a party.	appropriate behavior
The Calendar	availability*	You want an appointment in May? I'll need to check my availability . I'm very busy in May.	check [your] availability
Calendar Events	function*, multicultural	December is a month of multicultural celebrations. Hanukkah, Kwanza and Christmas are all celebrated during the winter season. I can't get any work done in December! I don't function well because I don't sleep and I eat too much!	function well function smoothly
Describing Things	categorize**, features**	We can categorize these photos according to the way they look: pictures that are beautiful, pictures that are good, and pictures that are bad. They have a cute baby. All his features are cute: his nose, his mouth, his chin and his eyes, too!	categorize according to...

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Colors	design**, discriminate	The website design is very colorful! It shows 18 different colors on the page. Individuals with colorblindness cannot see the difference between red and green. They cannot discriminate between red and green.	discriminate between
Prepositions	item**	The items in this store are on the walls, behind the cashier, under the counters---they're everywhere!	Individual item, single item
Money	economy*, finances*	When the US economy is good, the dollar is strong. Bankers manage people's finances or their money.	strong economy, weak economy
Shopping	purchase**, credit**	I would like to purchase this lamp. How much is it?	make a purchase/purchase
Same and Different	identical, features**	The two girls have identical features . They both have the same dark hair, large brown eyes, and long nose. It's difficult to know who is Anya and who is Manda.	identical twins identical
Adults and Children	consequence**	Juan is pulling Sandra's hair. He has to stop or there will be consequences . He will not get dessert!	potential consequences far-reaching consequences
Describing People	individuality*	Laura's tattoo expresses her individuality .	express one's individuality
Describing Hair	method*	Hairstylists use different methods to cut hair. One method is to called "scissor and clipper over comb." Another way is called overdirecting: lifting the hair over the head and cutting.	different methods traditional method
Family	role*, significant*	The role of the parents is to care for their children. Parents are very important in children's lives. They play a significant role in their children's future.	play a significant role play a minor role

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Childcare and Parenting	regulate**	There are safety regulations for children in cars. All children must be in a car safety seat until they are 4 feet 9 inches tall.	safety regulations
Daily Routines	journal**, structure*	Some people like the structure of a daily routine, while others never make a schedule. Jae Young writes his daily activities in his journal . It's a small blue notebook next to his bed.	private journal (diary) professional journal (magazine)
Life Events and Documents	legal*, obtain**	Keep all your legal documents, your passport, your social security card, your birth certificate, etc. in a safe place. You must obtain a new driver's license when you move to a new state. You have to go to the DMV to get it.	legal documents legal fees obtain something
Feelings	range**, interpret*	Three-year-olds can experience a range of feelings or emotions every 3 minutes. During that time they may go from very happy to very angry to very sad! Faces can be easy to interpret . Look at someone's eyes. His eyes can tell you if he is sad or angry or tired.	a range of easy to interpret; difficult to interpret
A Family Reunion	potential**	A family reunion has the potential to be stressful. The host sometimes worries about what might happen: relatives might have an argument; children might misbehave.	have the potential to be
The Home	structural*, significant*	Stairs are a structural component of the house. They connect the top floor to the bottom floor.	be a structural component

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Finding a Home	process*, purchase**	The process of looking for a home can be a lot of work. You have to look through ads, call realtors, view properties and fill out paperwork before you can purchase the home.	the process of...
Apartments	area*, residents**	When you move into an apartment building, meet the other residents in the building. They probably know good stores and restaurants in the area .	in the area, around the area
Different Places to Live	residential**, areas*	City traffic is usually heavy compared to the traffic in the suburb's residential areas .	residential area
A House and Yard	labor*	Home gardeners labor for hours in their vegetable or flower gardens. They get paid for their hard work in tomatoes and roses.	hours of labor
A Kitchen	assisting**	The son is assisting his dad. He's helping him cook breakfast for Mother's Day.	assist someone with something
A Dining Area	tradition**	On Sundays the Azarians have dinner with their daughter and son-in-law. It's their family tradition .	family tradition
A Living Room	various*	There are various ways to relax on the couch after a long day at work. You can read a book, watch TV or take a nap!	various ways
A Bathroom	indication*	When a small child crosses his legs and dances around, it's a clear indication that he needs to use the bathroom.	clear indication that
A Bedroom	design**, select**	You can use a website to design your bedroom. You click on pictures to select the paint color, the furniture, the bedspread and the rug!	design a room; design a car; design a dress

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The Kids' Bedroom	occurred*	Before toy chests had safety lids, accidents frequently occurred . Young children hurt their fingers or hands when the toy chest closed quickly.	accidents occur; events occur: frequently occur, rarely occur
Housework	maintain*	To maintain your health, vacuum your carpet often and wash dishes in hot water.	maintain health; important to maintain
Cleaning Supplies	environment*	Some cleaning products have natural ingredients and are good for the environment . They don't put chemicals in the ground or water.	be good for the environment; be bad for the environment; harm the environment
Household Problems and Repairs	identify*, assess*	In order to make a repair, a plumber must first assess the situation. " <i>There's a leak.</i> " And then he identifies the problem. For example, he looks at the leak and asks " <i>Is the problem with the pipe or the faucet?</i> "	assess the situation; assess the damage
The Tenant Meeting	communal*	Some apartment buildings have a communal area for all tenants to use, a recreation room or TV room for example.	communal area; communal kitchen
Back from the Market	item**	The couple bought all of the items on their shopping list: bread, butter, cream and carrots.	individual item; main item; household items;
Fruit	export*	The U.S. exports tangerines, apples, and grapes to other countries. Guatemala sends thousands of bananas to the U.S. Bananas are an important export for Guatemala.	export a crop; export goods
Vegetables	source*	Carrots are a good source of Vitamin A. You can get Vitamin A from other vegetables too. For example, sweet potatoes and bell peppers have a lot of Vitamin A.	source of something; good source; important source
Meat and Poultry	selection*	In a supermarket, there is usually a wide selection of meat. Customers can choose many different cuts of beef.	wide selection; varied selection

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Seafood and Deli	consist*	A BLT sandwich consists of bacon, lettuce and tomatoes.	consist of something; largely consists of, mostly consists of
A Grocery Store	purchase**, item**, various*	You may purchase your items at the register with a cashier or at the self-checkout. We accept various payments, including debit card, credit card and check.	15 items or less* lane *fewer
Containers and Packaging	individual*	Sometimes it's difficult to buy an individual can of soda. You have to buy the six-pack.	individual item, individual [container]
Weights and Measurements	estimate*	Can you estimate how much meat I should buy per person? I would guess 3 ounces per person.	estimate how much
Food Preparation and Safety	regulations**, process*	At the restaurant, employees must follow health regulations before they can prepare food. Employees must wash their hands and put their hair in a net.	health regulations; safety regulations
Kitchen Utensils	method*	Each chef has his or her own method of preparing food. This chef's method is to open a can!	own method of doing something follow a method; improve a method
A Fast Food Restaurant	percent**, issue*	More than 33 percent of American children eat fast food every day. This is a serious issue because there is a lot of sugar and salt in fast food. It's not a healthy way to eat.	more than __ percent of... less than __ percent of... serious issue; major issue; burning issue; complex issue
A Coffee Shop Menu	consuming**	Menus often have this warning: Consuming raw or uncooked meat, poultry or seafood may make you very ill.	consuming something
A Restaurant	selection**	"Good evening sir. We have many different wines available. Would you like to see our wine selection ?"	make a selection
Farmer's Market	community**	The farmer's market brings people in the town together, creating a strong sense of community .	sense of community,

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Everyday Clothes	perceive**, assume*	What a man wears can change how people perceive him. For example, if a man wears expensive clothing, people may assume he has a lot of money. But if the same man wears old, dirty clothes, people may think he has no money.	automatically assume, naturally assume, might assume
Casual, Work, and Formal Clothes	normally**, appropriate**	People normally wear casual clothing on the weekend, during the day. They wear formal clothing when it is appropriate , for example at a wedding or special restaurant.	extremely appropriate, entirely appropriate (Inappropriate)
Seasonal Clothing	area*, require*	Certain areas , like the northeast, are cold in the winter. Walking around in the winter requires many layers of clothing.	require something
Underwear and Sleepwear	selecting**, restrict**	When selecting sleepwear, it is important to choose pajamas that fit well and don't restrict your movement. Your legs and arms need to move easily when you sleep.	seriously restrict try to restrict
Workplace Clothing	required*, function*	A construction worker is required to wear a hard hat. The function of a hard hat is to protect the worker's head.	required to do something
Shoes and Accessories	derive*	Some people derive great pleasure from shoe shopping.	derive pleasure from derive comfort from
Describing Clothes	policy*	If this dress doesn't fit, I want to know if I can return it for cash or store credit. What is the store's return policy ?	clear policy, official policy
Making Clothes	concept*, create*, creation*, designer**, finally*, select**	From concept to creation ! A fashion designer has a concept for a dress and draws his idea on paper. He selects the fabric. The pattern maker creates the pattern. Garment workers sew the pieces of fabric together. And finally , a model wears the dress	a design concept
Making Alterations	proceed*	Once the dressmaker puts the dress on the dummy, she will proceed to pin up the hem. After that she will take the dress to the sewing machine and make the alteration.	proceed to [action]
Doing the Laundry	economical*	This washing machine uses less water, so water bills are less expensive. That's economical !	This car is more economical than that one.

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A Garage Sale	indicates*	At the garage sale, each item has a sticker. The color of the sticker indicates each item's cost.	clearly indicates something is used to indicate something
The Body	assume*, assumption*	We can make assumptions about the people in the park. For example, the man on the left likes birds. We can assume this is true because he has a bird book and is looking through binoculars.	make assumptions basic assumption false assumption
Inside and Outside the Body	function*	The function of the nervous system is to send messages throughout the body.	Important function valuable function useful function
Personal Hygiene	affect**, perceive**, perception**	Employees' hygiene can affect the way their co-workers perceive them. With good hygiene, coworkers (and supervisors) see a professional. With poor hygiene, their perceptions change.	deeply affect barely affect
Symptoms and Injuries	injuries **, require*	Some injuries can be healed at home, while others (like a deep cut) may require a trip to the hospital.	serious injuries life-threatening injuries minor injuries
Medical Care	specific*	When you have a fever, the doctor will ask you for specific information about your other symptoms. Tell her your temperature, the number of days you have had the fever, and describe any aches, pain, or rashes.	specific information specific set of instructions
Illnesses and Medical Conditions	analysis*, analyze*, interpret*, previously**, seek**	When the lab analyzes a patient's blood, it sends the analysis to the doctor in a report. She interprets what the lab report says. For example, high blood sugar can mean diabetes. If you have a drug allergy, or you previously had a reaction to a medication, tell your doctor. Even a one-time reaction in the past can be trouble in the present.	careful analysis; thorough analysis

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A Pharmacy	text**, seek**	Read the text on your prescription label and the information from the pharmacy. Be sure to seek out your pharmacist if you don't understand the instructions.	seek out
Taking Care of Your Health	contract*, normal**, required*	Stay in bed, get rest, take medicine and drink fluids until your health has returned to normal. When you travel to other countries, get the required immunizations. You don't want to contract Yellow Fever, or other dangerous illnesses.	<u>contract</u> (v) a disease
Medical Emergencies	seek**	Call 911 and seek help immediately if you see someone swallow poison or overdose on drugs.	Seek help Seek advice
First Aid	injured**, restrict**	A splint on a wrist restricts movement. The wrist can't move. This helps an injured wrist to heal.	restrict movement seriously restrict; severely restrict
Dental Care	maintain**	In order to maintain good dental hygiene, it is important to brush your teeth at least twice a day.	maintain dental hygiene; maintain healthy gums and teeth
Health Insurance	complex*, policy *	Your insurance policy may be complex . It's not always easy to understand the language of the policy..	fairly complex, very complex, enormously complex
A Hospital	transferring**	They are transferring the patient from the emergency room to a hospital room.	transfer to; transfer from
A Health Fair	participant*	The Fadool Health Fair was a success. There were 17 participants at 10 a.m. and by 2 p.m. there were more than 100 people.	attract participants; bring in participants

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Downtown	major*	Grand Ave and Main Street is a major intersection in this city. There are many government offices at this intersection, so it's always busy.	major intersection; major thoroughfare; major artery
City Streets	restrictions**	Some city streets have parking restrictions . It is important to check the signs to make sure parking is allowed. Otherwise, your car may be towed!	parking restrictions; travel restrictions
An Intersection	regulates**	The timing of the traffic light changes at different times of day. It helps regulate traffic.	regulate traffic; regulate the use of something
A Mall	purchase**, item**	Many people do their holiday shopping at the mall. At the mall, they can purchase items for the whole family in one place.	purchase items; purchase a gift
The Bank	finance*, financial*, income*, institution*, percent*	At many banks, you can look at your finances online. You can also speak to a teller to learn how much money is in your account. A bank is a financial institution . Many people suggest that you put 20 percent of your income in a savings account.	financial advisor financial institution manage your finances
The Library	research*, resource**	The library is an excellent resource for students. For example, they can learn about any period in history by researching the subject in the library's books, periodicals, videos and online on the library computers.	research something = do research on
The Post Office	select**	It is important to select the correct postage for your package. If you choose the wrong postage, the package will be returned.	select something; carefully select; randomly select

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Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	issue (v)*	After you complete your written test and driving test, the DMV will issue you a driver's license.	issue a license issue a certificate
Government and Military Service	military, federal, impact**, legislation*, legislator*, region**, sector*	The representatives, or legislators , we elect have a powerful impact on our country's future. They decide which legislation will pass and become the law. When the U.S. military is in another country, they identify regions or areas of the country as sectors .	powerful impact make an impact have an impact pass legislation block legislation identify as
Civic Engagement	individual*, commission**, evaluate**	Every individual in the U.S has the right to religious freedom. Each person's religious beliefs are protected by the First Amendment. The President created a Community Rights Commission . The group will evaluate how well police and community members are working together.	evaluate how well something does evaluate how someone does something
The Legal System	legal*, process*	Many legal terms can be difficult for people to understand. A good lawyer will help you understand words like incarceration, appeal, and habeas corpus and explain the legal process step-by-step.	due process
Crime	identification*, consequences**	If teens use false Identification to buy alcohol, there are serious consequences . The fines are \$250.00 or more and the sentence can be up to a year and a half in jail.	serious consequences fatal consequences
Public Safety	community*	Neighbors who watch out for each other create a safe community . That's why Neighborhood Watch groups are so successful.	safe community; tight community, close-knit community

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Cyber Safety	create**, inappropriate**, secure** (monitor (v)) assessed*	Many school children have to take a test on cyber safety before they can use a computer at their school. They are assessed on cyberbullying, predators, phishing, and more. They learn about inappropriate and appropriate use of the Internet.	be assessed on
Emergencies and Natural Disasters	areas*, potential**	Coastal areas have the greatest potential for flooding and tsunamis. Avalanches are common in high mountain ranges. And, of course, volcanoes have the potential for volcanic eruptions.	have a potential for something
Emergency Procedures	seek**, establish*	Establish emergency procedures with your co-workers. A safety plan can save your life!	establish procedures; establish a policy
Community Cleanup	community**, involved*	Many people were involved in the community clean up. People signed Marta's petition, the city council voted to fix the lights and volunteers painted and cleaned up Main Street.	community service
Basic Transportation	consists*	The city's public transportation system consists of a four subway lines, rapid transit buses, and commuter trains.	consist of something or things
Public Transportation	appropriately**, conduct (v)**	All passengers on the subway must conduct themselves appropriately . No shouting. No eating. No pushing.	conduct oneself
Prepositions of Motion	available* availability*	If a taxi cab is available , it should have its light on. You can also check its availability by looking through the back window to see if anyone is riding in the cab.	check availability, ensure availability; verify availability
Traffic Signs	proceed*	"Roadwork Ahead" means you should proceed with caution. Drive at a slower speed when people are working on the road.	proceed with caution; proceed with care
Directions and Maps	select**, establish*	On a GPS, you can select your destination by entering its address. If your GPS cannot establish a signal, it will not be able to find your current location and you may get lost!	can/can't establish a signal

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Cars and Trucks	assistance**	AAA comes with free roadside assistance . If your car breaks down, you can call AAA and they will send a tow truck to help.	free assistance provide 24 hour assistance
Buying and Maintaining a Car	maintenance**	Most cars need to go to a mechanic twice a year. Drivers can do some car maintenance without a mechanic, for example checking the tires and windshield wipers.	car maintenance; automobile maintenance; airplane maintenance
Parts of a Car	designed** designs**	Most cars are designed to carry four to five passengers. A few new designs only accommodate two people.	designed to accommodate
An Airport	factor*	When traveling by plane, factor in wait-time. Security checks can take one hour or more. Plan to arrive at least two hours before the flight time.	factor in (v) are a factor in (n)
A Road Trip	invest**	Before a road trip, invest in an automobile club membership. Pay for membership now, and later you will save money if you have car problems.	invest in something
Job Search	relevant**, contact, goal, submit	When you write a resume, include your relevant experience. This is work you did in the past that demonstrates your skills for the new job. For example, if the new job is for a sales position, relevant experience includes sales and customer service jobs.	relevant experience
Jobs and Occupations	role*, aspects**, theory*, sections*, chapters**, security**, administrative**	Bob, a TV actor, plays many roles : a father, a criminal, an athlete, a musician, etc. Firefighters have to understand all aspects of fire: how it burns, what it burns, when it burns, etc. Some musicians study music theory to understand how to make music, some do not. Writers often organize their book into sections, sometimes called chapters.	play a role all aspects of something

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Career Planning	obtain*	If you want to obtain a degree or certificate, take online courses or attend a college or training program	obtain something be able/unable to obtain easily obtain/difficult to obtain
Job Skills	previous*	"What did you do in your previous job?" means "What did you do in your last job?" Talk about the different skills you used on that job.	previous job experience
Office Skills	focus**	Clark is taking notes at the meeting. He needs to focus on the speaker and not watch the other people in the meeting.	focus on
Soft Skills	positive**, respond*, acquired*	When you have leadership skills, it means you have also acquired decision making, problem solving, cooperation, and time management skills.	acquire skills, acquire a habit
Interview Skills	relevant*	List your relevant experience on your resume. Under this section, you would include any past work that relates to the job you are applying for.	relevant experience; relevant topic
First Day on the Job	establish*	It is helpful to establish a good rapport or friendly relationship with your co-workers.	establish a good rapport
The Workplace	distributes*	The payroll clerk distributes the paychecks on Friday. She gives each employee his or her check.	distribute paychecks; distribute supplies; distribute flyers
Inside a Company	period*, positive**	There are four different pay period types: weekly, bi-weekly, semi-weekly and monthly. For a monthly pay period, the employee will receive a paycheck every month.	pay period pay day
Manufacturing	distribution*	The factory's shipping department has the information on distribution . Today these lamps are going to 10 stores in Oklahoma. Next year they will be distributed across the U.S.	distributed across the U.S.; distributed to 10 stores; distributed by Sun Electric

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Landscaping and Gardening	maintain**, process*	The park's gardening crew mows, trims, waters and weeds. This process takes place every two weeks and maintains the health of the trees and plants in the park.	The process takes place; The process occurs
Farming and Ranching	export*	The farmer exports his crop to countries where they cannot grow corn.	export crops; export food; export cattle
Office Work	positive*, environment*, functions*	An office manager works hard to create a positive work environment . The office functions well when employees work well together.	positive work environment; negative work environment
Information Technology (IT)	compute**, data*	After Jean put the employees' information in a spreadsheet, the screen froze. She is calling IT for help. She needs that data right away!	need data right away; need data urgently; has to have that data now
A Hotel	assist**	May I assist you with your bag? I can carry it to your room.	May I assist you? Do you need assistance?
Food Service	restrictions**	The customer at table 10 has some dietary restrictions . She cannot eat dairy.	have dietary restrictions; be on a restrictive diet
Tools and Building Supplies	feature**	This tool has many useful features . It is a tape measure, a wrench, a screwdriver and a flashlight all-in-one.	useful features; helpful features; built-in features
Construction	construction**, site**	The construction workers have to wear hard hats on the construction site at all times. Of course, they can take them off in the office.	construction site; work site; job site; building site
Job Safety	required*	Danny is required to wear safety goggles at work. He must wear them on the job.	required to wear; required to purchase
A Bad Day at Work	injury*, issue*, labor*, site**	Bob fell today at the building site. This was a work-related injury. The labor union is reviewing the situation. There may be a safety issue at the site .	work-related injury labor board; labor union representative

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Schools and Subjects	institution**	A postsecondary school is an educational institution for learners who have finished high school. Examples are technical schools, community colleges, universities, and graduate schools.	institution of higher-learning; educational institution;
English Composition	source*, evaluate*	When you edit or proofread an essay, first carefully evaluate its content. Is it interesting information? Is it true? Next evaluate the organization of the information. Is it clear? Finally, evaluate the grammar and punctuation. Are the sentences and punctuation accurate?	carefully evaluate; thoroughly evaluate
Mathematics	derive*, formula*,	Length multiplied by width or $l \times w$ is the mathematical formula for finding the area of a rectangle. Calculus students look at information and then derive , or come up with, the equation that explains that information.	mathematical formula; scientific formula derive something from something
Science	analyze*, data*, conclusion**, formula*	When scientists do experiments they often analyze the results. They use the data from the experiments to draw their conclusions .	analyze the results; analyze the data
U.S. History	period*, significant*	During the Colonial period , there were many significant events--- for example, the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence.	Colonial period; post-war period; a peaceful period significant events; significant time
World History	response*, context*	The art, compositions, inventions, and political movements of the 20th century were a response by artists, composers, inventors and activists to their world at that time. It's important to study their work in an historical context .	response by someone to something historical context; scientific context; original context
Digital Literacy	create*, selecting**, policy*	Our company policy states that you cannot send personal emails at work. Follow the rules!	company policy states that; company policy requires that

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Internet Research	research*, sources*, strategies*	Bookmarking sites and keeping a record of sources are good strategies for doing research on the Internet.	good strategies; useful strategies; helpful strategies
Geography and Habitats	area*, region**	Many states in the U.S. have mountainous regions . Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada all have mountainous areas in their state.	mountainous regions; coastal regions
The Universe	credit**	Galileo often gets the credit for inventing the first telescope, but the credit belongs to Hans Lippershey. There were two other inventors as well: Zacharias Jansen and Jacob Metius. The telescope came out in 1608.	be credited with get credit for credit belongs to
Trees and Plants	primary*	Trees and plants are the primary habitat for many animals and organisms on earth. 80% of the living things in the world live in trees.	primary habitat; primary reason; primary source
Flowers	specific*, region**	Certain plants and flowers only grow in specific regions . For example: the arctic poppy only grows in the arctic region of the earth.	specific regions; specific places; specific areas; specific locations
Marine Life, Amphibians, and Reptiles	environment*, significantly*	The ocean environment changes significantly in different parts of the world. Many of the fish, marine mammals and sea life in the Arctic ocean are different from those in the China Sea.	changes significantly; increases significantly
Birds, Insects, and Arachnids	identify*	Birdwatchers can identify different birds. They know the difference between a robin and a sparrow.	identify something

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Domestic Animals and Rodents	assistance**	A seeing eye dog provides assistance to a blind person. The dog will help the person travel safely outside the home.	provide assistance call for assistance seek assistance
Mammals	approach*, distinctive**	Do not approach a wild animal. They can bite or kill humans who get too close. The wolf is known for her distinctive howl. No other creature makes a sound like that.	approach something or someone
Energy and Conservation	survey**, impact**, affect**, environmental*	The latest survey shows that most Americans are interested in alternative forms of energy. 80% of people selected Interested and 20% selected Not Interested. Pollution has a terrible impact on ocean life. Marine mammals, fish and coral are all affected by the hazardous waste in the water. They are getting sick and dying.	survey shows terrible impact on affected by
A Graduation	traditional**, achievement**	At graduations in the U.S., it is traditional for graduates to throw their caps in the air at the end of the ceremony. They are happy about their achievement . People started throwing their caps in 1912.	traditional for someone to do something; traditional to do something
Places to Go	available*, normally**	A: Are you available to go to the zoo on Saturday? Do you have time? They have a butterfly exhibit. B: I don't normally like to go to the zoo, but I love to look at butterflies!	don't normally [do something]
The Park and Playground	securely**	Place infants and toddlers securely in the infant swing. Check that both legs go through the holes in the swing seat and that they cannot fall out.	place something or someone securely in or on something

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The Beach	consequences**	It's fun to play in the sun, but the painful consequences --sun burn and skin cancer--are not fun! Wear sunscreen to protect your skin from the sun.	painful consequences; harsh consequences; logical consequences
Outdoor Recreation	positive*	Hiking and camping can help children be happier and healthier--a very positive effect!	a positive effect, a negative effect
Winter and Water Sports	conclusion*, evident*	At the conclusion of the Olympic figure skating event, it was evident that France was the winner. Everyone could see that the French team had the most points at the end of the day.	evident that; absolutely evident that; evident to all that
Individual Sports	individual*	Gymnastics is an example of an individual sport. Though a gymnast may be on a team, he/she performs routines alone.	an individual sport
Team Sports	principles**, concluded**	Some principles of team sports are to: work with your teammates, be safe, play fair and honestly. Game 10 of the basketball team playoffs concluded with the CATS winning by 4 points!	principles of something; principles behind something
Sports Verbs	context*	Sports verbs are often used in contexts that are not related to sports. For example, dive into a book, tackle a math problem, and pitch an idea.	
Sports Equipment	impact (n) **	Football helmets are designed to protect player's heads from the impact when they hit the ground.	protect from the impact when... reduce the impact when...
Hobbies and Games	variety*	The Lee family has a wide variety of hobbies. Mrs. Lee collects figurines, Mr. Lee loves to play board games, their son likes video games, and Mr. Lee's mother does crafts. They are never bored!	wide variety; exciting variety; surprising variety

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Electronics and Photography	transferred**	Gary transferred videos from videotape to a digital format. Now his daughter can watch her baby videos online.	transfer from__to__, transfer to__from__
Entertainment	elements**	The movie had all the elements of a film from the past: action, adventure, mystery, drama and romance.	all the elements of a...
Music	distinctive**	The singer has a distinctive voice. No one else sounds like her!	distinctive voice; distinctive style; distinctive aroma
Holidays	occur*	Most holidays occur on the same date every year, but some, like Thanksgiving, are on a different date. (But Thanksgiving is always the 4th Thursday of the month.)	occur on the same day; occur at the same time; occur over and over again
A Birthday Party	specifically *, traditions**	All around the world, people celebrate different birthday traditions . In Western cultures, specifically in the U.S. and Australia, people sing the song "Happy Birthday to You" while someone carries the cake.	birthday traditions; holiday traditions; family traditions

TOOLS THAT PROMOTE VOCABULARY LEARNING STRATEGIES

SOCIAL VOCABULARY LEARNING STRATEGY

WORD	I know it and use it	I know it but don't use it	I think I know what it means	I've seen it	I've never seen it	My partner knows it	We need to look it up

VOCABULARY COMMITMENT CARDS

<p>I _____ intend to learn the following _____ words by _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">name number date</p>			

VOCABULARY NOTEBOOK PAGE

WHAT'S THE WORD or PHRASE?		WHAT'S ITS WORD FAMILY?
WHERE DID YOU READ IT? HEAR IT? SEE IT? (Write the sentence where you read, heard or saw it.)		
WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (Use your own words or images)		WHAT'S THE TRANSLATION?
Part of Speech <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> noun <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> verb <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> adjective <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> adverb <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> preposition <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> other	Dictionary Definition	Collocations (words that go together)
Write one or two sentences that will help you remember the word:		