

# The Key Vocabulary Routine

## 1. Preview for difficult vocabulary

- Identify problematic words, phrases, figurative language
- Generate a previewing list
- Provide background knowledge about the words to aid in comprehension while reading

## 2. Use activities that connect vocabulary to background knowledge and related words

- Categorizing
- Semantic Mapping
- Semantic Feature Analysis
- Scaling

## 3. Select specific words to teach in-depth

- Identify a small set of key content words
- Teach all aspects of the words
- Develop user-friendly definitions

## 4. Identify opportunities to teach word learning strategies

- Use of context to determine word meaning
- Use of word parts to determine word meaning

## 5. Promote word consciousness