

Vocabulary Activity Descriptions (in alphabetical order)

Many of these ideas have been published in books, and I am not claiming to have invented them. I am compiling a collection of activities that have been successful in my classroom and sharing those ideas with others. Some activities I did come up with on my own.

Apple to Apple Game- In order to do this activity, you need the board game Apples to Apples. Create cards with vocabulary words on them. (I usually make 6 or 7 each). Allow students to play the game as usual, except you swap out the green cards in the game with the vocabulary words you created. Students will need the red cards in the game to play and connect the connections to their vocabulary words. Play regular games. This is a class favorite that develops deep understanding of vocabulary!

Cross Passage- This is an educational term for fill in the blank types of activities. Students will use a dictionary to fill in the blanks of missing vocabulary words in sentences. The sentences have context clues to help them determine the correct answer.

Connect Two- Students choose two vocabulary words and write one generally correct sentence using both words. You could challenge them to Connect Three or Four! I use the Apples to Apples word cards, and make it into a game by flipping over two cards and projecting them for everyone to see. They have to be first to come up with sentences.

Examples, Non-Examples- This activity is in the form of a chart. The vocabulary words are in the left column. Students have to fill in the other two columns with words, phrases, or ideas that are examples of when the vocabulary word would be used and non-examples if wouldn't.