

Explicit Vocabulary Instructional Strategy (to Develop Expressive Word Knowledge)

Instructional Steps:

- **Present the word in writing (on the board, overhead, computer).**
Please take your note-taking guide and get ready to learn critical words for this unit.
Our first word is *accurate*. It is an adjective, a word often used to describe information.
- **Pronounce the word and have students read and pronounce the word several times.**
Say the word *accurate* after me: (ac' cu rate). (Students repeat.)
- **Clarify the part of speech and specify whether it is formal, high-use, rare, etc**
Accurate is a formal academic word, an adjective that is often used at school and in the workplace to describe information in reports or measurements.
- **Explain the meaning using familiar language, drawing upon synonyms when possible.**
The word *accurate* means *true*, *correct* or *exact*. It means that all your measurements to solve a word problem on a math test are 100% correct.
- **Provide two concrete examples that enable students to create vibrant mental anchors.**
If all of the facts in a newspaper article about our school test scores are 100% true, we could say the article is true or (Students substitute the word aloud.)
When teachers grade students' research projects, they check to see that all of the information is correct or (Students substitute the word aloud.)
- **Actively engage students with the word by assigning a brief partner application task.**
Provide a sentence starter to frame their oral responses grammatically and syntactically.
Identify two sources of *accurate* information for a science report on global warming:
Share with your partner one source of *accurate* information using our sentence starter:
(Students share examples using the starter: *One source of accurate information is...*)
- **Assign a sentence frame to guide application of word knowledge to a new context.**
For homework, write a complete sentence with the new word using the sentence starter:
One TV show/movie/novel that presents a ___ view of teen's lives is ___ because ___.