

# Steps in Teaching Academic Vocabulary

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## 1 Select Target Words

Identify 3-4 high-utility words to teach in the mini-vocab unit from the Academic Word List

## 2 Create "Context Cards"

A card consists of a question that includes the target word, a visual, and a sentence frame that contains the vocabulary word.

Your friends invited you to go on a camping trip. What **factors** do you have to consider before going?

A **factor** I have to consider is...because...



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## 3 Model the Answer

The teacher provides an answer making sure to add lots of context clues to develop meaning.

## 4 Prompt Student Answers

ELs QW their answers in their English notebooks following the sentence stem.

## 5 Prompt Quick Write Answers

ELs QW their answers in their English notebooks following the sentence stem.

## 6 Sign Language Vocab

The teacher demonstrates a gesture that is associated with the vocab word. Students discuss how the gesture communicates the meaning of the word. Then, they perform the gesture.