

## Recommended Academic Vocabulary Book: Grades K-12

### **Building Academic Vocabulary Teacher's Manual**

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Building Academic Vocabulary: Teacher's Manual puts into practice the research and ideas outlined in Marzano's previous book Building Background Knowledge for Academic Achievement.

Robert Marzano and Debra J. Pickering give teachers a practical way to help students master academic vocabulary. Research has shown that when teachers, schools, and districts take a systematic approach to helping students identify and master essential vocabulary and concepts of a given subject area, student comprehension and achievement rises.

In the manual, readers will find the following tools:

1. A method to help teachers, schools, and districts determine which academic vocabulary terms are most essential for their needs
2. A six-step process for direct instruction in subject area vocabulary
3. A how-to to help students use the Building Academic Vocabulary: Student Notebook. The **six-step method** encourages students to learn critical academic vocabulary by connecting these terms to prior knowledge using linguistic and non-linguistic means that further encourage the refinement and deepening of their understanding.
4. Suggestions for tailoring academic vocabulary procedures for English Language Learners.
5. Samples and blackline masters for a variety of review activities and games that reinforce and refine student understanding of the academic terms and concepts they learn.
6. The book also includes a list of 7,923 vocabulary terms culled from the national standards documents and other publications, organized into 11 subject areas and 4 grade-level categories.

