

# **Essential Words Handouts**

# How to Teach Essential Words

## Science Teacher's Essential Words Video

Check off the components of the Essential Words routine that you observe during this science teacher's lesson.

Make notes in the box as you watch the video.

- Uses an essential word guide to teach one word.
- Pronounces word and has students repeat word.
- Presents a student-friendly definition.
- Facilitates discussion of a visual representation or image.
- Presents and discusses related words.
- Provides an example of the essential word in a sentence.
- Provides examples and non-examples.
- Prompts students for a "turn and talk" activity.

What from the video will you replicate in your classroom?

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What from the video will you do differently in your classroom?

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How does this compare to how you typically introduce vocabulary words?



What can you do to make sure your students are successful? Think particularly about English Learners and students with disabilities in your class.

English Learners

Students with  
Disabilities

