

Vocabulary Notebook Standards

Choose **10 new vocabulary words** to learn and study.

At the top of the page write: Your Name, Class, Date, Title of the Reading, Author

For each word write:

1. Word (underline)
2. Sentence used in (underline the word, include page number)
3. All definitions (including parts of speech)
4. Circle or highlight the definition that fits based on the way it is used in the sentence
5. Name of the dictionary used

Example

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Vocabulary - "Unusual Normality" by Ishmael Beah

omen
"And I thought to myself, What a great omen." (9)
noun: 1. anything perceived or happening that is believed to portend a good or evil event or circumstance in the future; portend
2. a prognostic
3. prophetic significance; presage
verb: 4. to be an omen of; portend
5. to divine, as if from omens
(Dictionary.com)

rehabilitation
"At sixteen, after three years of war, I'd been removed from all of that and had gone through rehabilitation, where I began learning how to deal with the memories of war." (10)
rehabilitate (verb)
1. to restore to a condition of good health, ability to work, or the like
2. to restore to a good condition, operation, or management, as a bankrupt business
3. to reestablish the good reputation of (a person, one's character or name, etc.)
4. to restore formally to former capacity, standing, rank, rights, or privileges
(Dictionary.com)

Why is it important to learn new words and to study vocabulary?

“Having words to name things allows us to understand them. I name it, therefore it exists. Therefore I see it. Therefore I can tell you I saw it. When you don't know the words for a thing, or when those words are out of reach—a taboo within your culture or deliberately untaught to you—the things that they mean appear nonexistent too. This denies us the possibility to share them with others or to analyze them. As a result, we can end up believing that the thing we saw isn't real, or that the thing we feel isn't that important, or that it has to do with an isolated incident that only happened to us.” (Yael Crupnicoff, “[Teenage Activism and the Superpower of Words](#)”) Naming something is an act of empowerment, an act of recognizing that something matters and it exists.

Learning the details of a language allows you to more fully participate in the culture that it represents, and to express yourself as someone whose life has purpose, meaning, and significance within that culture.

¿Por qué es importante aprender nuevas palabras y estudiar vocabulario?

“Tener palabras para nombrar cosas nos permite entenderlas. Lo llamo, por lo tanto existe. Por eso lo veo. Por lo tanto, puedo decirte que lo vi. Cuando no conoces las palabras de una cosa, o cuando esas palabras están fuera de alcance—un tabú dentro de tu cultura o deliberadamente no se te enseña—las cosas que significan también parecen inexistentes. Esto nos niega la posibilidad de compartirlos con otros o analizarlos. Como resultado, podríamos creer que lo que vimos no es real, o que lo que sentimos no es tan importante, o que tiene que ver con un incidente aislado que solo nos sucedió a nosotros”. (Yael Crupnicoff, “Activismo adolescente y el superpoder de las palabras”) Nombrar algo es un acto de empoderamiento, un acto de reconocer que algo importa y que existe.

Aprender los detalles de un idioma le permite participar más plenamente en la cultura que representa, y expresarse como alguien cuya vida tiene un propósito, significado e importancia dentro de esa cultura.