CLIMB LAB

Research-Based Tips!

DEEP VOCABULARY
MAXIMIZING WORD LEARNING

DEPTH VS. BREADTH

Vocabulary **depth** refers to how much a child knows about words, not just the label.

Vocabulary **breadth** refers to how many different words a child can label or identify.

CONNECT

Discuss how words are similar and why.[1]

CATEGORY
Deep Sea Fish
-anglerfish
-coelacanths
-giant squid

FUNCTION
Defense
-camouflage
-squirting ink
-puffing up

PERCEPTUAL
Rough
-coral
-barnacles
-sand

COMPARE & CONTRAST

Point out similarities and differences between words.

Whale
-Larger
-Eat Plankton & Krill
-1 Blowhole
-Baleen
-Live in Deep Water

Both
-Pods
-Mammals
-Breathe Air
-Swim

Dolphin
-Smaller
-Eat fish & crustaceans
-2 Blowholes
-Small Teeth
-Live in Shallow Water

WEAVE A WEB

Show direct and indirect connections between words and explain their close relations.

Snow
Water
Deep
Hole
Ocean
Travel
Sand

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[1]Hadley, E. B., Dickinson, D. K., Hirsh-Pasek, K., & Golinkoff, R. M. (2019). Building semantic networks: The impact of a vocabulary intervention on preschoolers' depth of word knowledge. Reading Research Quarterly, 54(1), 41-61