

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.

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

Dolphin

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

Both

- Pods
- Mammals
- Breathe Air
- Swim

WEAVE A WEB

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



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