



The **Knowsys Vocabulary Builder Program** is a multi-year curriculum designed to provide a systematic, vertically-aligned program to build student mastery of academic vocabulary.

- **Resources:**

- **Teacher Curriculum:** complete online resources that can either be printed or projected, depending on the needs of the class
- **Flashcards:** Flashcards offer an effective tool for students to get familiar with the basics of the vocabulary. Knowsys offers flashcards box sets, iOS and Android flashcard apps, and Quizlet Premium content. Additionally, students can make their own sets of cards.

- **Mastery by Association**

- Each year students learn 300 grade level words, which are divided into 30 thematic groups to facilitate mastery.
- Students work through 1 group per week, building to mastery.
- Definitional and contextual activities provide sustained meaningful interaction with the words.
- Activities build vocabulary by association/disassociation and by teaching students to apply words to real-life contexts in a variety of activities.
- Based on the vocabulary acquisition research of Robert Marzano.

- **Meaningful Interaction**

- Multiple exposures engage students in discussions about the vocabulary words.
- Activities are cumulative so students continually work with words from prior groups.
- Activities use words in all their various forms to enhance depth of understanding and mastery.

- **Each group has a range of definitional and contextual activities**

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| • Matching | • True/false | • Writing Prompts (30 minutes) |
| • Crossword puzzles | • Media Mentions | • Weekly Sentence Completion quizzes |
| • Synonyms | • Short Answers | • Six-Weeks Sentence Completion exams |
| • Antonyms | • Narratives | • Diagnostic tests (pre-test and post-test) |

Recommended Professional Development: 4-hour Vocabulary Program Training