

Vocabulary

Effective vs. Ineffective Practices

First, A Definition

Understanding the meanings of words through

Decoding
and
Discovery

How Readers Do It

New Word → Decoding → Meaning in Text

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DISCOVERY PROCESS

Word analysis

Context clues

Given definition

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What Works

Two Approaches to Instruction:

Incidental

Direct

Use Both!

Incidental Instruction

Focus on the
decoding-discovery process

Find

Study

Apply to Comprehension

Direct Instruction

Focus on the
decoding-discovery process

Select

Study

Apply to Comprehension

Your Job

Reuse

Restructure

Review

Reapply

Useful Strategies

Study and Apply*
Substitution
Writing
Self Defining
Graphic Organizers
Read and Talk
(Teacher's Word List)

Sample Graphic Organizer

Word used in text:

My writing:

Synonyms:

Antonyms:

Given definition:

Other meanings:

Word Parts Word Parts Word Parts
Part: _____ Part: _____ Part: _____
Means: _____ Means: _____ Means: _____

What Doesn't Work

Single or short-term use

Sustained silent reading

Oral reading

Computerized instruction

Teach It With...

Phonics

Comprehension

Oral Language Development

And Finally...

Thank you for
helping children read!