Academic Vocabulary Cards

GRADES 1–3
# Academic Vocabulary Cards

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Academic Vocabulary Cards

Hot Dots® Academic Vocabulary Cards can be used in several ways: with the Hot Dots® pen (sold separately), as traditional activity cards with paper and pencil, duplicated and handed out as worksheets, or projected for the whole class to see.

What’s on each card?

Using the cards with the Hot Dots® pen
Have students look at the sentences and words on each side of the card. Let them use the Hot Dots® pen to select their answer choices. The pen gives instant feedback each time. When a correct answer is selected, students are rewarded with a glowing green light, a cool phrase, and a variety of motivating sound effects. When an incorrect answer is selected, the pen glows red and gently provides encouraging words and sound effects.

How to Position the Hot Dots® Pen

Make sure the tip of the Hot Dots pen sits flat on the surface of the answer dot as shown above.

Tips:
- Make sure the cards rest on a hard surface when using them with the pen.
- Never laminate the cards.
- Organize your cards with the included dividers.

Using the cards as traditional activity cards
Tell students to read the cards and to use a pencil to write the answers on a sheet of paper.

Using the cards as worksheets
Duplicate the cards to make worksheets and have students circle their answers directly on their papers.

Using the cards with groups
Project the cards for whole class review of key terms.
Hot Dots® Academic Vocabulary Level 1 is a collection of 50 double-sided cards that provide reinforcement of content vocabulary in four subject areas: language arts, math, science, and social studies. The words are grouped by topic, and each card presents four related terms in a multiple-choice format. With clear, concise definitions and helpful, appealing illustrations, the cards are perfect for ELLs or struggling students. In addition, because the vocabulary is aligned with the content of state and national standards, the cards are a valuable supplement to any curriculum and perfect for test preparation and review.

**Vocabulary and Comprehension Check**

Use the cards to review vocabulary terms and concepts with students:

*Independent Study*—Have students write down the words and definitions that they missed. Afterwards, let them work with a partner or the teacher to discuss and review the meanings of the missed words.

*Student Worksheets*—Duplicate the cards to make worksheets for a small group or the whole class. Then, have students circle their answers on their papers. Later, check the answers together to determine which terms and concepts need to be re-taught.

*Find the Mistake*—Look at a sentence on a card and read it aloud, giving the incorrect response. Have students state what the correct response should be.

**Vocabulary Flash Cards**

Encourage vocabulary development by having students make flash cards using words and definitions from the Hot Dots® cards. For each flash card, instruct children to write a word on the front of an index card and its meaning on the back. Then, have students practice their vocabulary words with a partner.

**Mini Dictionaries**

Have students make mini dictionaries based on the words and concepts from the Hot Dots® cards. First, instruct them to staple several sheets of paper together to make the dictionaries. Then, have them write the vocabulary terms on their pages, adding definitions as well as illustrations and specific examples to clarify the meanings. Use the dictionaries with the following ideas:

- Have students review the words in their dictionaries to prepare for quizzes and tests.
- Challenge students to use one or more words a day in conversations and class discussions.
- Check individual students’ understanding of concepts by flipping through their dictionaries and having them explain one or more terms.
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