



# Categories of Vocabulary



<p><b>Tier 1</b></p>	<p><b><u>Definition</u></b></p> <p>Tier 1 vocabulary is a term used to describe the most basic words in the English language, which are commonly used in everyday speech and conversation. These words are usually acquired before starting school and are often nouns, verbs, adjectives, and sight words.</p> <p><b><u>Examples</u></b></p> <p>Words include "dog", "house", "phone", "book", "girl", "sad", "run", and "orange".</p> <p><b><u>Characteristics</u></b></p> <p>High frequency: Tier 1 words are used frequently in spoken language.</p> <p>Basic: These words are the most basic level of language.</p> <p>Few meanings: Tier 1 words typically do not have multiple meanings.</p> <p>Little instruction needed: Tier 1 words rarely require direct instruction, especially for native English speakers</p>
<p><b>Tier 2</b></p>	<p><b><u>Definition</u></b></p> <p>Tier 2 words are challenging, ambitious words that are used in academic texts, and in many different contexts, but not in everyday conversation</p> <p><b><u>Examples</u></b></p> <p>Some examples of Tier 2 words include "analyze", "context", "emerge", and "peculiar".</p> <p><b><u>Characteristics</u></b></p> <p>Tier 2 words are not subject specific, can have multiple meanings, and are more complex than other words. They are also often spelled in ways that don't follow the simple rules of English grammar.</p> <p><b><u>Importance</u></b></p> <p>Tier 2 words are important because they allow students to access academic texts.</p>
<p><b>Tier 3</b></p>	<p><b><u>Definition</u></b></p> <p>Tier 3 vocabulary is a term used to describe words that are specific to a particular subject or content area. These words are often used by subject specialists,</p> <p><b><u>Examples</u></b></p> <p>Denominator, equilateral, photosynthesis, absorption, flexibility etc... </p> <p><b><u>Characteristics</u></b></p> <p>Tier 3 consists of low-frequency words that occur in specific domains. Domains include subjects in school, hobbies, occupations, geographic regions, technology, weather, etc.</p> <p>We usually learn these words when a specific need arises, such as learning amino acid during a chemistry lesson.</p> <p><b><u>Importance</u></b></p> <p>The words are often used to teach content in certain subjects. However, it can be unfamiliar to many learners and can be difficult to understand without a certain level of subject knowledge.</p>

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