

Test Taking Vocabulary Word of the Week

The vocabulary word and definition can be found on the back of this handout. You may want to post it in your room to refer to and to review with.

ILLUSTRATE (illustration): pictures, to fully explain something

Examples to Share with Your Class:

1. The *illustrations* in the book, *The Tale of Despereaux* are in black and white.
2. Jessica wrote and *illustrated* a story for her little sister.
3. The book about the moon had *illustrations* of craters.
4. A chapter book has fewer *illustrations* than a picture book.
5. When we were working on the comprehension strategy of visualization our teacher asked us to *illustrate*, or sketch, our thinking.
6. Amanda made a chart to illustrate the water cycle for a class project.
7. I chose my library book because of the colorful *illustrations*.
8. The first graders *illustrated* an addition problem using sets of cubes.

Teaching Ideas:

1. Wordless Picture Books: Have students work in small groups of four. Give each group a wordless picture book. The students will tell the story they see happening in the *illustrations* by passing the book around the group and taking turns as the pages are turned. Extensions: Each group will summarize the story on chart paper to share with the class or each person will write text to go with an assigned page.
2. Use a pictograph to *illustrate* the results of data collection.
3. Tessellations can be used to teach and *illustrate* regular polygons, translations, reflections, angles, vertices, etc.
4. Remove the text from a cartoon strip and cut the frames apart. Have the students sequence the events just from looking at the *illustrations*.

Synonyms: demonstrate, show, picture, diagram, figure, image, photo, visual, graphic, design