

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.

DIFFERENCE: how things are not like each other.
In math it is a subtraction problem.

Examples to Share with Your Class:

1. The difference between the two kinds of chocolate ice cream is that one has chocolate chips in it.
2. There is a difference of 7 for the equation $17-10=$ ____.
3. One difference between the United States of America and China is that China has a larger population.
4. The difference between walking to school and walking to the mall is that it takes longer to walk to the mall.
5. Sam has 150 baseball cards and Andy has 130 baseball cards. The difference is 20 baseball cards.
6. My friend has a coat with a hood and I don't have a hood on my coat that is the difference.
7. There is a difference between the weather in Utah and the weather in Hawaii; it is definitely warmer in Hawaii.
8. There was a difference in the amount of allowance my brother and I received last week. I did more work and so I received more allowance.

Teaching Ideas:

1. Use the word "difference" in your math lessons as you encounter the operation of subtraction this week.
2. A "T" chart is a great graphic organizer to show the difference between two things. Pick two people, places or things that are part of your curriculum. Make a "T" chart and list anything the students know about each, refer to text to add ideas to the list. Highlight the *differences* between the two things.

Examples: L.A.-characters from two different stories, or two from the same story, Science- sedimentary and igneous rocks, the different states of matter, animals, habitats, Math-shapes, Social Studies-people, treaties, battles, countries.

Synonyms: distinction, variation, diversity, subtract,