



TECHNICAL WORDS AREN'T ALWAYS THE PROBLEM

Everyday words can also be hard in subject contexts.



THE IDEA

Students often know the word but not the subject meaning.

Common words can be technical depending on the subject.

Teach meaning in context, not just the word itself.



IN THE CLASSROOM

- Spot everyday words used technically.
- Explain the subject meaning.
- Use examples.
- Check understanding.
- Give time to use the word.

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Same word, different meaning.

Everyday

model
a small copy



Subject

model
a way to represent reality

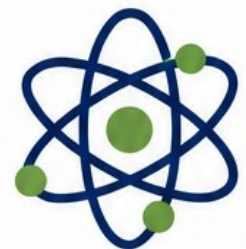


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Use a subject example.

This **model** shows how the atom is structured.



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Let students use it.

A **model** can help us explain this idea.



WHY IT WORKS

- Builds accurate subject vocabulary.
- Reduces confusion.
- Useful in every subject.



EAL UPGRADE

Make a list of 3 common words used differently in your subject.



TRY IT TOMORROW

Choose one everyday word and teach its subject meaning.



TEACHER LANGUAGE

"What does this word mean in this subject?"
"Can you use it in a sentence?"