



BUILD A VOCABULARY NETWORK

Connect new words to make a web of meaning.



THE IDEA

Words are remembered better when they are connected to other words.

A vocabulary network shows how words relate in meaning, helping students understand and recall them.



IN THE CLASSROOM

- Start with a key word from your subject.
- Add related words (synonyms, antonyms, examples).
- Show connections with a simple word map.
- Let students build their own networks.
- Use different colours or symbols for relationships.

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CHOOSE
A WORD

Start with a key word, for example **energy**.

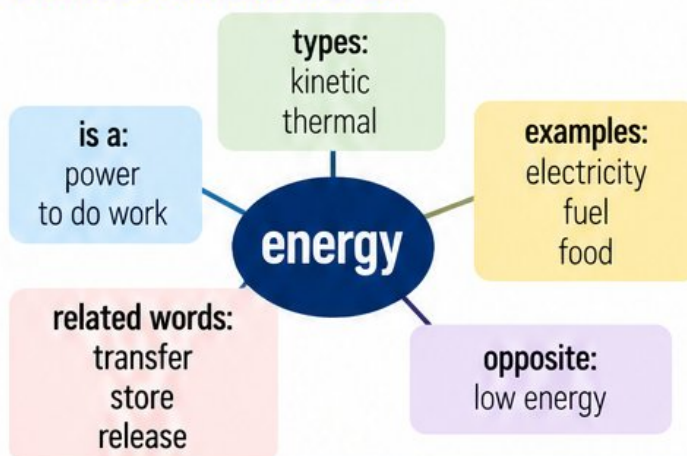


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ADD
RELATED WORDS

Connect related words.



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USE
AND APPLY

Use the network to help learning.

Energy can be transferred from one object to another.



WHY IT WORKS

- Shows how words are connected.
- Helps students deepen understanding.
- Makes new words easier to remember.



EAL UPGRADE

Choose a key word from your next unit and create a simple word network with your class.



TRY IT TOMORROW

Pick one new word, add 3–5 related words, and ask students to create their own web.



TEACHER LANGUAGE

"What words are related?"
"How are these words connected?"
"Can you add another word?"

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