Course Resources

PRINCIPLES OF VOCABULARY TEACHING A-Z

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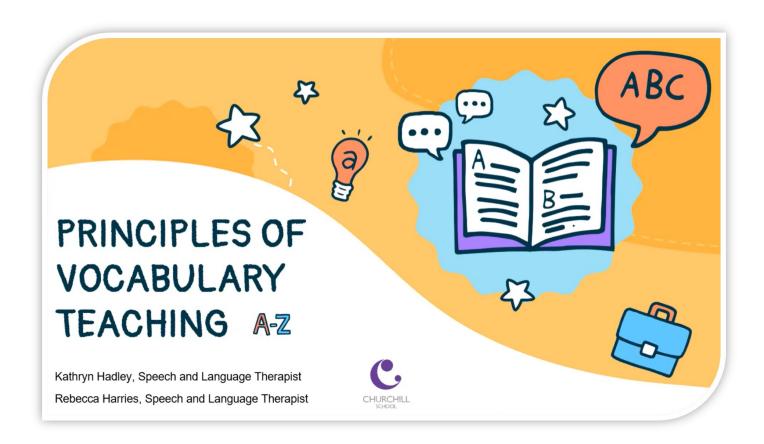
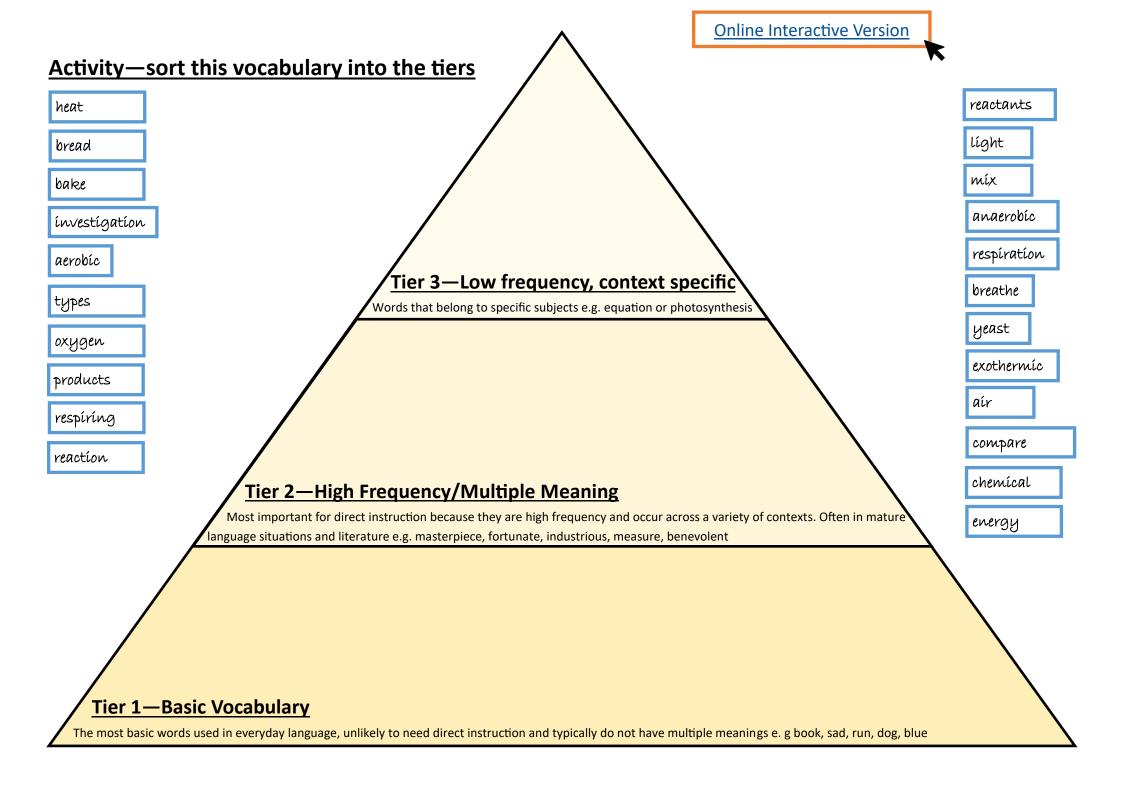**Tier 3—Low frequency, context specific**

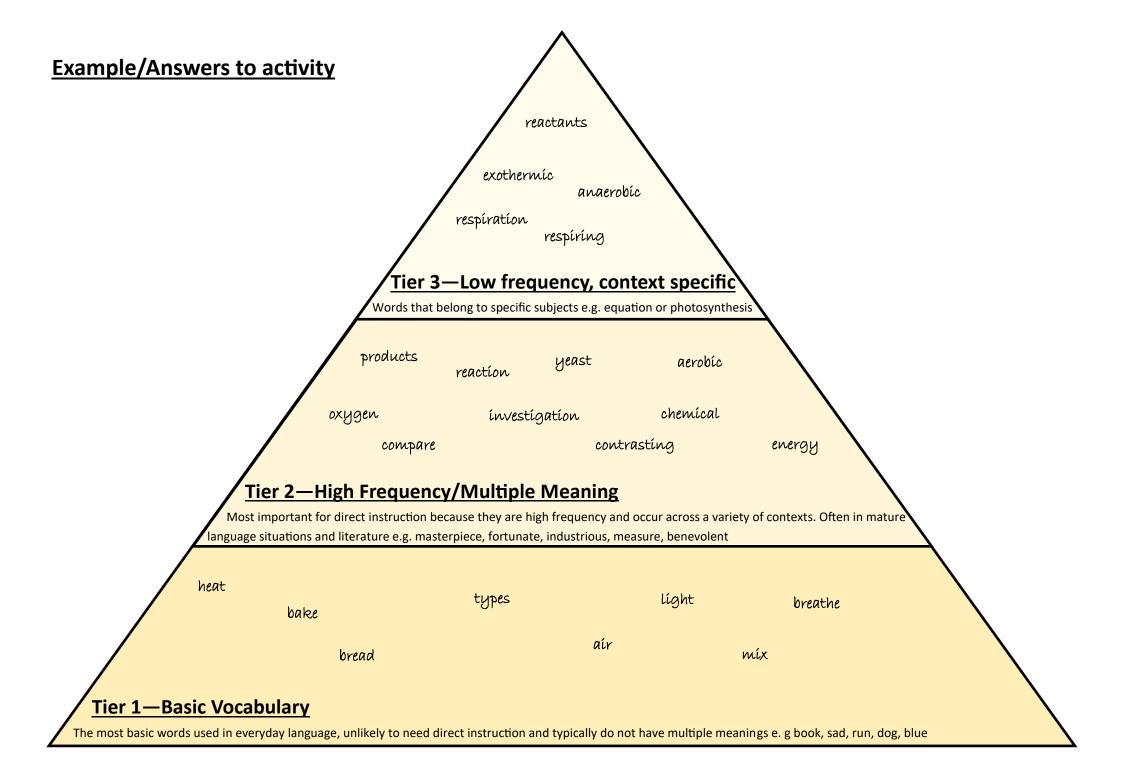Words that belong to specific subjects e.g. equation or photosynthesis

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Activity—sort this vocabulary into the tiers

heat

bread

bake

investigation

aerobic

types

oxygen

products

respiring

reaction

reactants

light

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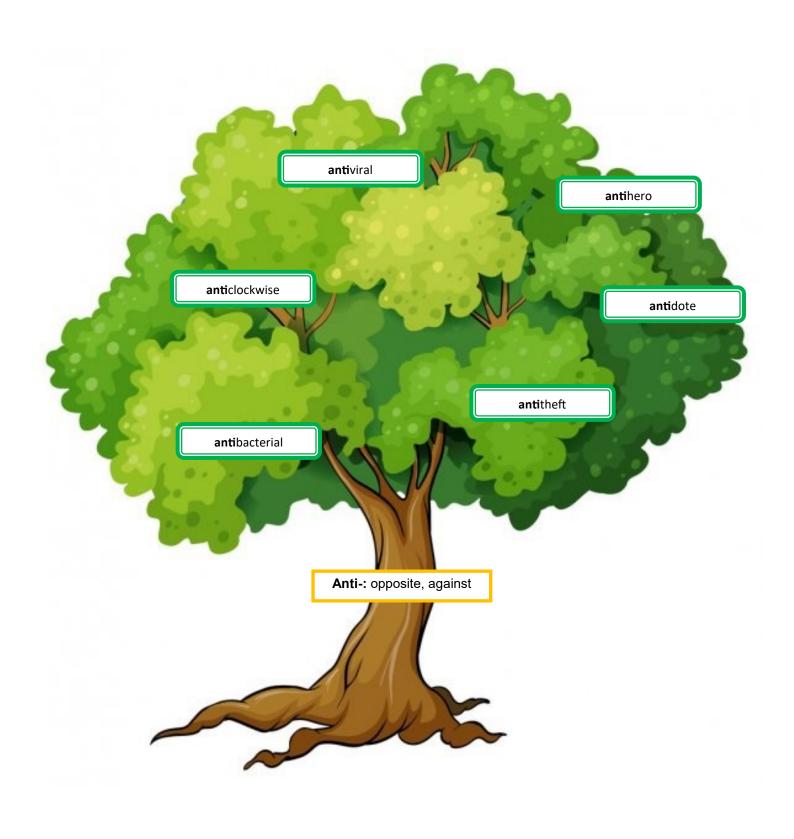
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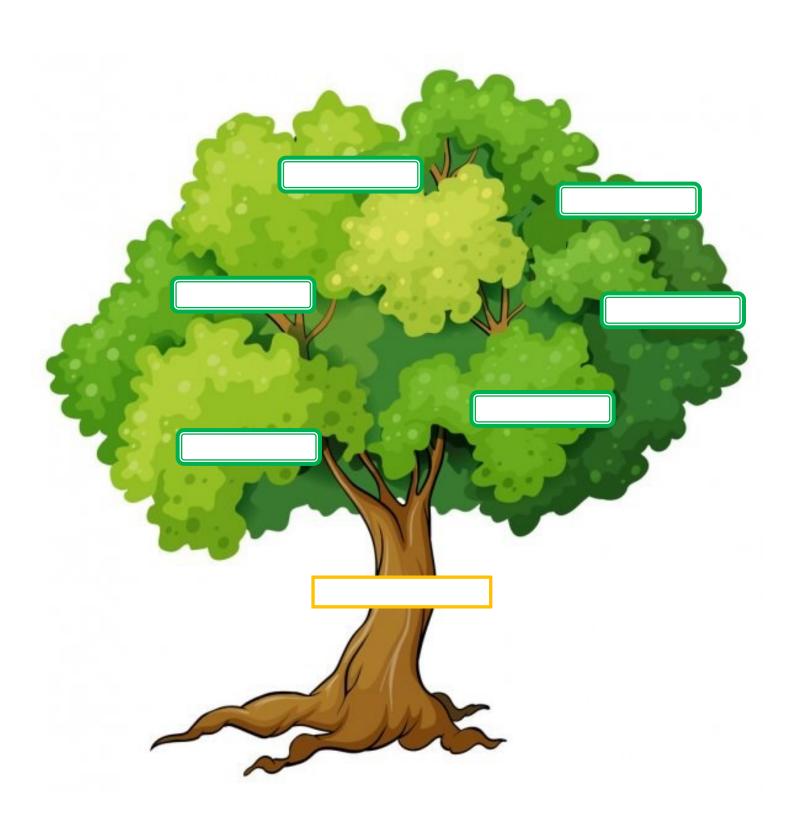
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Example/Answers to activity

reactants

exothermic

anaerobic

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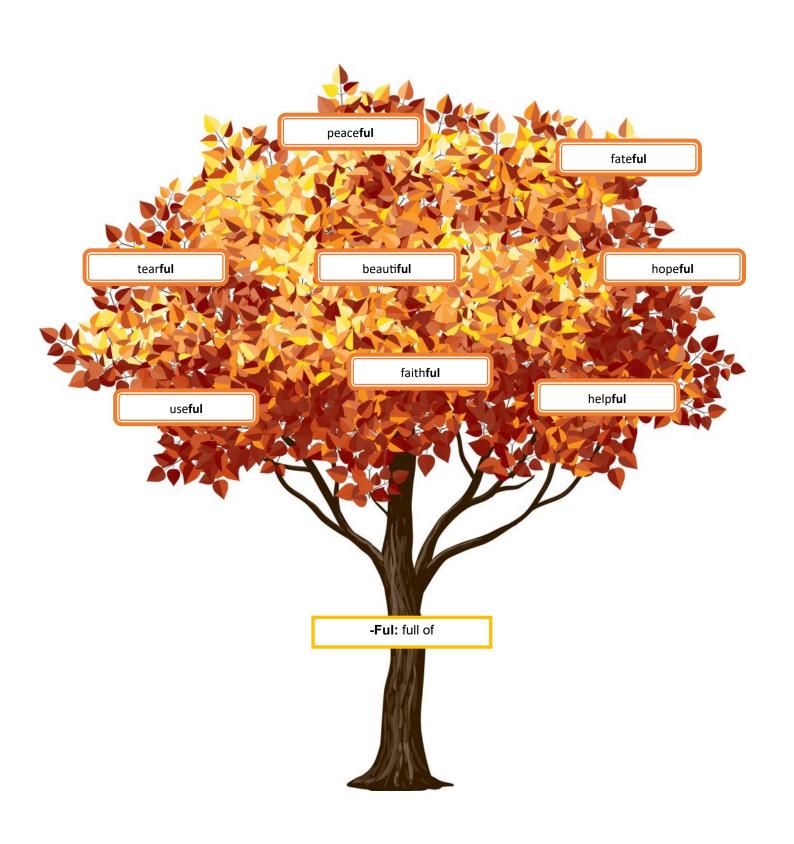mix

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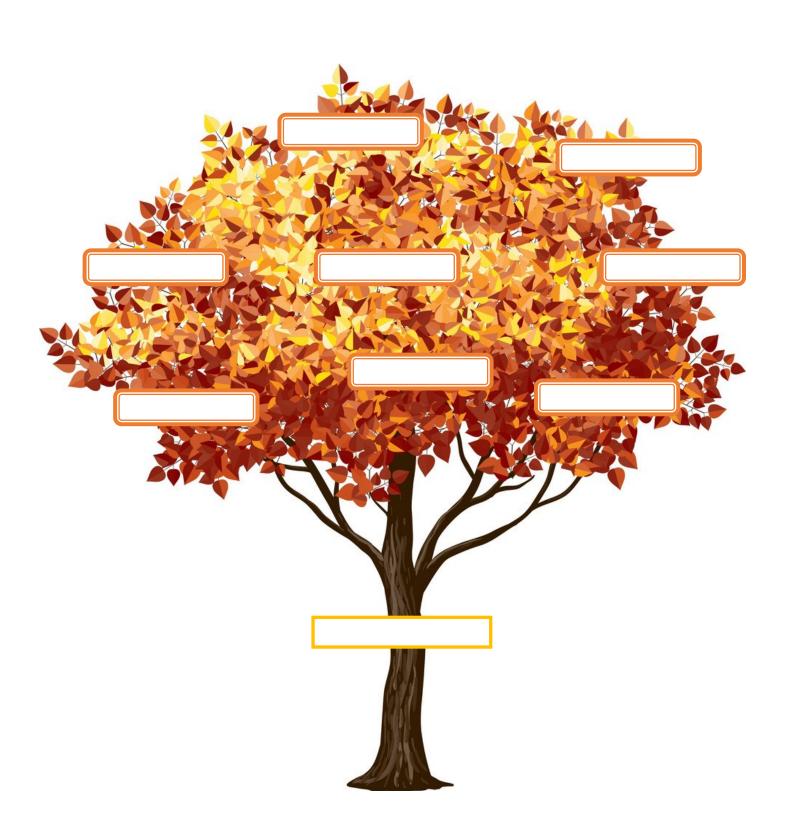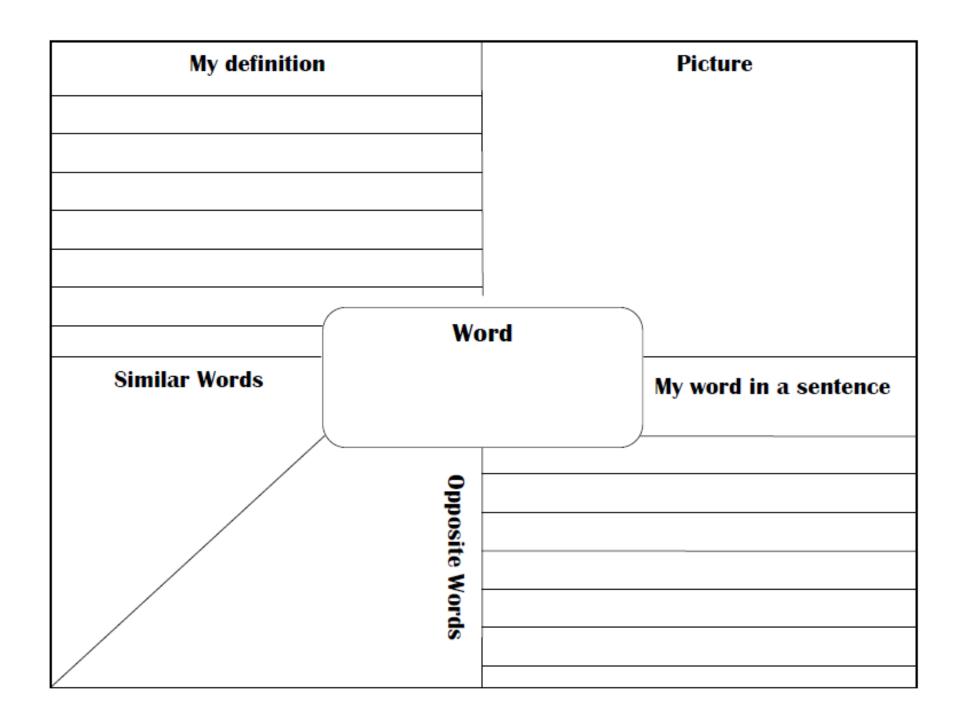
Inclusive

Tier 3

Tier 2

Tier 1

Printer-cost friendly

Tier 3

Tier 2

Tier 1

antiviral

antihero

anticlockwise

antidote

antitheft

antibacterial

Anti-: opposite, against

peace**ful**

fate**ful**

tear**ful**

beau**ful**

hope**ful**

faith**ful**

help**ful**

use**ful**

-Ful: full of

My definition

Picture

Word

Similar Words

My word in a sentence

Opposite Words

My definition

How much input energy is useful.

Picture
Energy Efficiency

Hot water tank with jacket on
Low energy light bulbs
Solar panels
Loft insulation
Thermostat set low
Cavity wall insulation
Double glazing
Recycling bins
Appliances switched off

Word

efficiency

Similar Words

environmentally-friendly

energy saving

useful

waste

inefficiency

Opposite Words

My word in a sentence

A furnace with 80% fuel efficiency wastes 20% of its fuel.

Frayer Model

Definition in your own words	Facts/characteristics

Word

Examples	Nonexamples

Example of a completed Frayer Model

Definition	Characteristics
An adjective that describes an observant person, with understanding and insight.	Perceptive Pays attention Smart and clever

Perspicacious

Examples	Non-examples
Inventors Honor roll students Scientists	Ignorant people Careless people

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Inverted Frayer Model

Examples given & word to be deciphered.

Essential Characteristics	Nonessential Characteristics

- contains water
- has a shore
- is surrounded by land except at areas where it meets another body of water
- larger than a pond
	- may contain water plants and fish
	- likely contains fresh water
	- may provide an area for recreational activity
	- may provide a habitat for wildlife
	    - may be formed by glaciers
	    - may be an expanded part of a river
	    - may be formed by a dam

Examples _____ Ontario _____ Simcoe _____ Temagami Ramsey _____ _____ Victoria Loch Ness Lac Champlain (replace _____ with the unknown word)	**Non-examples** - pond - puddle - swimming pools - Elliot Lake (town) - Georgian Bay - Pacific Ocean - St. Lawrence River

Centre: **?**

Essential Characteristics	Nonessential Characteristics
- is a number - has no fractional or decimal part - can be modeled with two colour tiles	- may be positive - may be negative - may be zero
Examples -2 0 325	**Non-examples** 0.5 -1.2 $\frac{2}{3}$ π $\sqrt{2}$

Centre: **?**

Answers: lake, integer

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