

Vocabulary Self-collection Strategy

This is a group activity (although it can be adapted for individual use). You might find instructors using variations of this in seminars or other small group situations and it's ideal for use with your study buddy and in your study group.

Partner or Small Group

Here's the process:

1. After reading, each person chooses one or more words and, for each word, tells:
 - (a) How it is pronounced
 - (b) Where it is found
 - (c) What it means in context
 - (d) Why it should be known
2. Together, decide on final definitions for the selected words
3. Individually, add words to your Word Bank

Large Group

Here's the process:

1. Start by dividing into small groups
2. In small groups, after reading, each person chooses one word and tells:
 - (a) How it is pronounced
 - (b) Where it is found

- (c) What it means in context
- (d) Why it should be known
- 3. Each group selects one word from among all suggestions made within the group
- 4. Each group reports its selection to the large group, giving (a), (b), (c), and (d) of step 2
- 5. One person writes suggestions (made in #4) on the board
- 6. Together, decide on a final list (if necessary)
- 7. Together, decide on final definitions for the selected words
- 8. Individually, add words to your Word Bank