

Vocabulary Chains Project

Materials:

- construction paper, cut into 1 inch strips
- 9 x11 sheet of construction paper
- markers/colored pencils
- glue
- stapler
- thesaurus/dictionary



Procedures:

- Choose two words from the “overused” list below.
- Fold a piece of construction paper in half.
- Write your overused words in the center of each half of the construction paper. Outline the letters in *bubble* or another style of bold font.
- Design the inside of the letters with stripes, waves, dots etc. and color with markers or colored pencils.
- Above the written word, draw a picture to illustrate the word meaning.
- Write a meaningful sentence for each word.
- Using a thesaurus, find words (synonyms) that are more *interesting or descriptive* than the overused words.
- Write one synonym on each strip of paper.
- Glue the ends of the strips together to form a chain link.
- As you add new synonyms, link the strips together to form a chain.
- Staple the chains to the bottom of the paper.

Overused & Common Word List

a lot	bad	pretty
cute	say	cute
went	stuff	okay
come	good	get
beautiful	go	things
nice	neat	happy
sad	said	laugh
made	look	slow

Option: Follow the directions above, but *choose unfamiliar story vocabulary* instead of the suggested overused and common words. Write synonyms, the dictionary definition, sentence from the story (where the word was found), and an original sentence on slips of paper.