

Literacy How-To: Word Selection Grid

Content (Brick) Words				Utility (Mortar) Words
	Multiple Meaning (Polysemy)	Morphological Elements	Word Networks	Academic Vocabulary (Examples)
Tier 1	bat (animal, action, sport equipment)	bat/bats	bat , mammal, habitat, sonar	and, in, on it, they write, think, look, sort
Tier 2	season (time of year, flavoring for food)	seasons, seasoning, seasoned, season	season , climate, weather, environment, temperature, geography	because, then, it, them locate, understand, describe
Tier 3	bat , as part of common phrases or idioms (e.g., <i>bat your eyes, go to bat for someone</i>) blue (a color, a feeling of dejection) and as part of a common phrase or idiom (e.g., <i>out of the blue</i> , meaning suddenly)	seasonal (-al), batty (-y), unlock (un-), reread (re-), bluest (-est) evaporate, -s, -ed, -ion for evaporates, evaporated, and evaporation	evaporation , liquid, gas, atmosphere, moisture	however, therefore its, their analyze, imagine, prove

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