

# BUILDING

# VOCABULARY

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Definition \_\_\_\_\_  
Part of Speech \_\_\_\_\_  
Synonyms \_\_\_\_\_  
Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

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not comfortable  
The hotel was uncomfortable

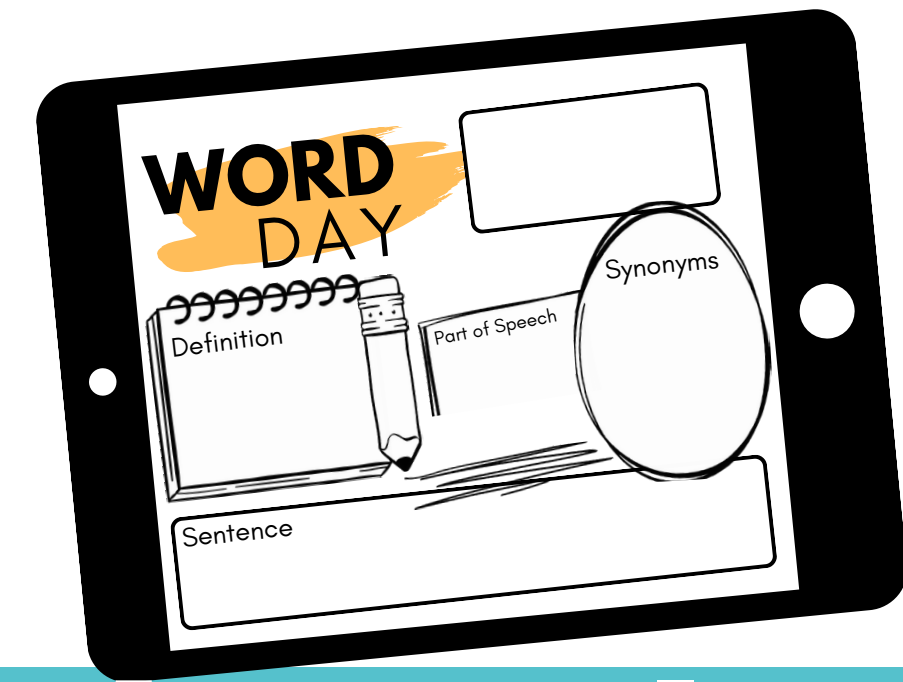
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Write a definition for each word.  
**T**     
Write one or two synonyms for each word.  
**W**

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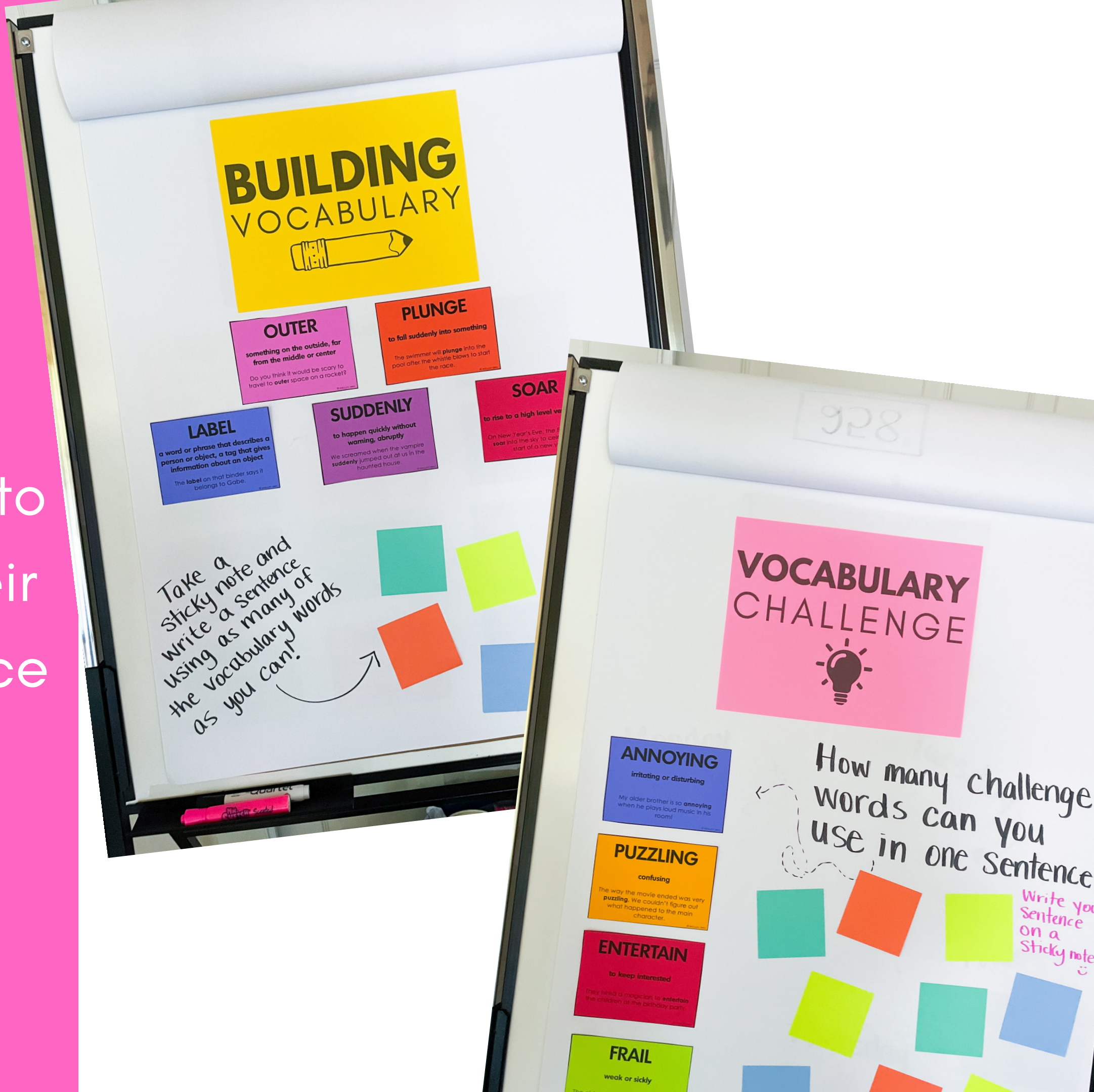


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Looking for a simple but effective **vocabulary routine** to help your students improve their comprehension and word choice while writing?





This resource includes everything you need to implement a **Word of the Day** or **Words of the Week** vocabulary routine in your classroom!

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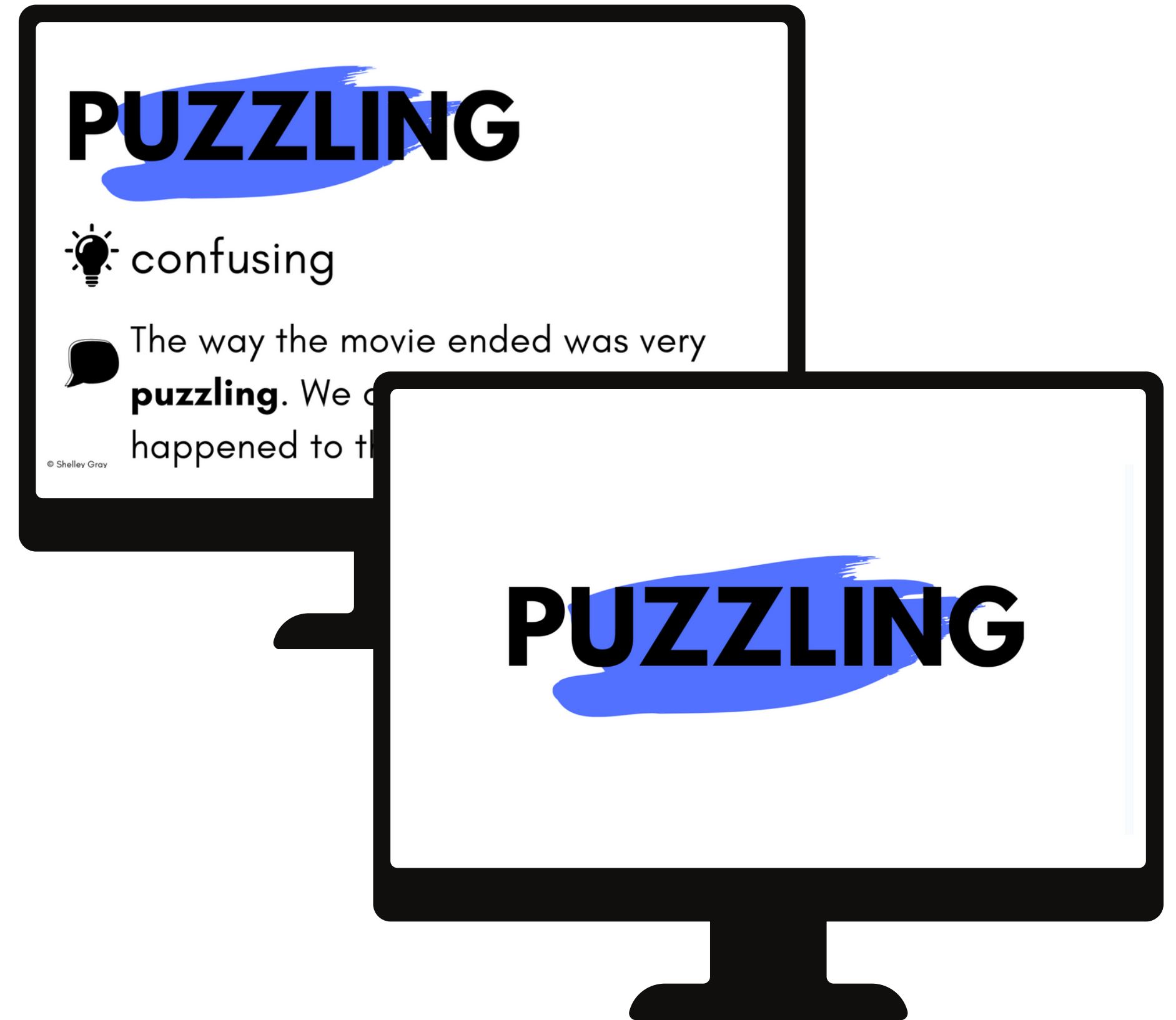
Use each word in a sentence.

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## Step One:

Use the digital slides to predict and discuss. What does this word mean? Have you heard it before?

Prefer not to use the digital component? No problem! Simply discuss the word orally with your class.

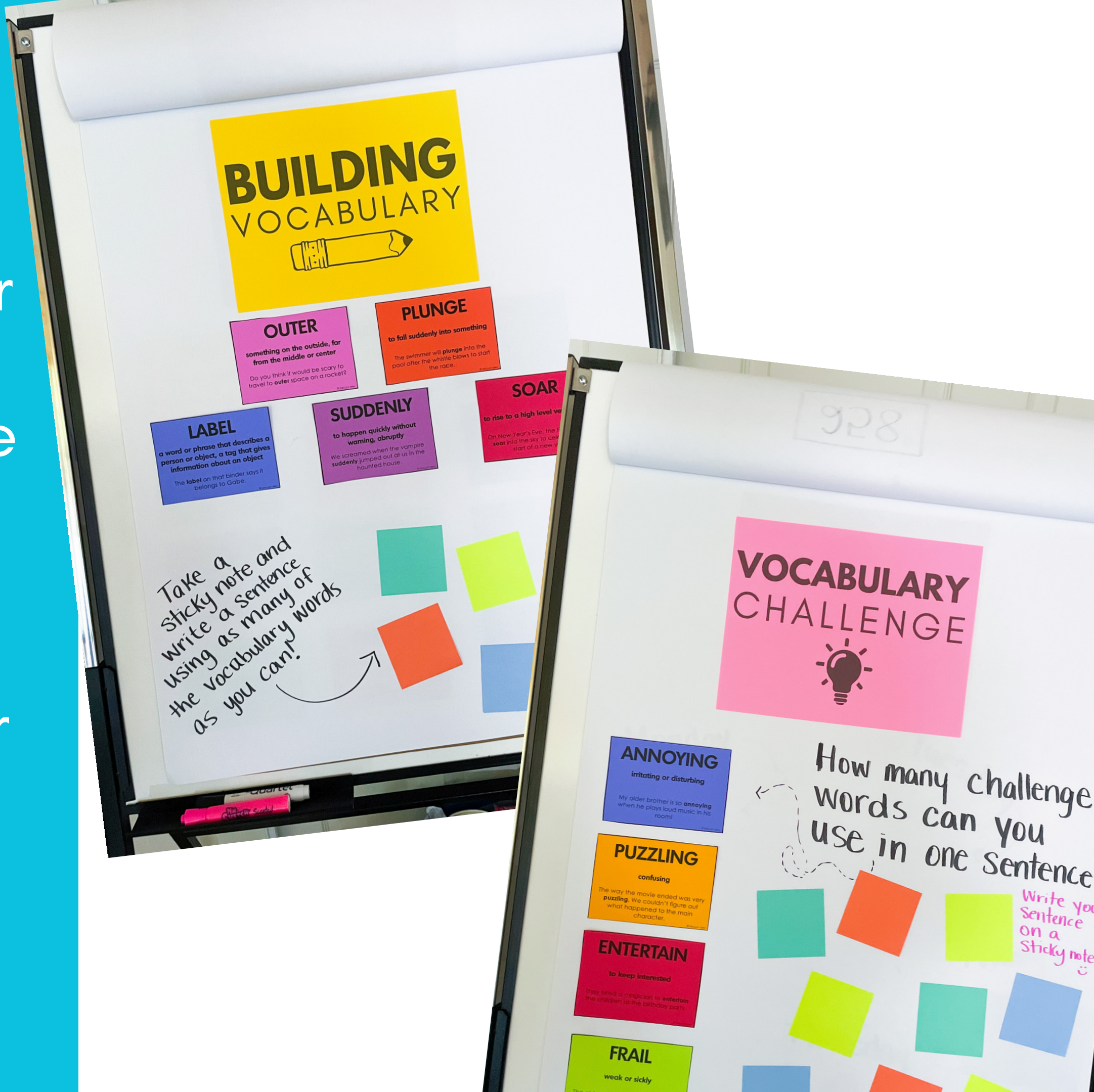




## Step Two:

Post the word cards on your vocabulary board or a piece of chart paper, where they will stay for the week.

Have students use the new words to write sentences or paragraphs; add the sticky notes to the vocabulary area.





As an alternative to the sticky note option, have students use the included activity sheets or digital word of the day slides to work with the new words.

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## Step Three:

Use the words throughout the week in your classroom!

Use them in your teaching if possible and encourage your students to use them in their writing.

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### UNCOMFORTABLE

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### SOAR

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## Step Four:

At the end of each week, add the words to a word wall, where they can stay as student references for the year!





# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

These materials are versatile - use them as described in the previous slides, or use them as a foundation for your own vocabulary routine.

✓ Four different choices of headers for bulletin boards or vocabulary word walls.

✓ Student activity sheets plus a digital version

**BUILD VOCABULARY**  
**VOCAB CHALLENGE**



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|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|
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| Annoying      | Pamphlet  | Tentacle  | Stare      | Texture  |
| Notice        | Curve     | Circular  | Vacation   | Crumb    |
| Cooperate     | Instead   | Select    | Wealthy    | Dusk     |
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| Accuse  | Fatal    | Frail   | Erode     |
| Marine  | Graceful | Prank   | Jagged    |
| Ancient | Edit     | Scar    | Pointless |



 Digital versions of all 100 word cards

*Discuss and predict. What does this word mean? Have you heard it before?*

*Introduce the definition and a sample sentence. What other sentences can students think of?*




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# ✓ Ideas for use

## WORDS of the WEEK

**Monday**

**WISDOM**  
being wise, making good decisions  
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**Tuesday**

**CONTAIN**  
to hold or have something inside  
Oranges and grapefruit contain vitamin C that helps keep us healthy.

**Wednesday**

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**Friday**

**NOTICE**  
to see or pay attention to something  
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## VOCABULARY CHALLENGE

How many challenge words can you use in one sentence?

Write your sentence on a sticky note.

**ANNOYING**  
irritating or disturbing  
My older brother is so annoying when he plays loud music in the room.

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to keep interested  
They tried to entertain us with the objects in the library room.

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**SUDDENLY**  
to happen quickly without warning, abruptly  
He screamed when the airplane suddenly jumped out of us in the turbulent sky.

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To show their love, the fireworks will soar into the sky to celebrate the start of a new year.

Take a sticky note and write a sentence using as many of the vocabulary words as you can!

## OUR VOCABULARY IS GROWING

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a teasing trick  
We put a rubber snake on our teacher's chair as an April Fool's prank.

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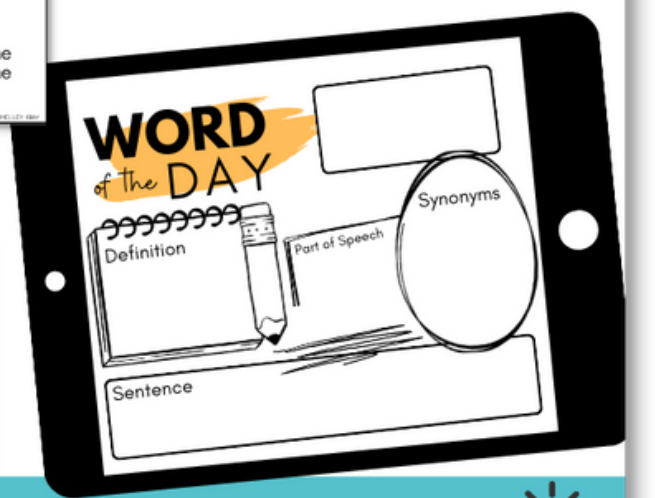
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