

# BUILDING

# VOCABULARY

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Mowing the grass is such a **tedious** job.

**CONFRONT**  
meet face to face  
The firefighter had a **confronting** danger when he entered the burning building.

**DECEITFUL**  
misleading others  
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extreme  
You should think twice before doing anything **dramatic**.

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GRADES  
**5-8**

**WORD of the DAY**

Definition \_\_\_\_\_

Part of Speech \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

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**WORDS of the WEEK**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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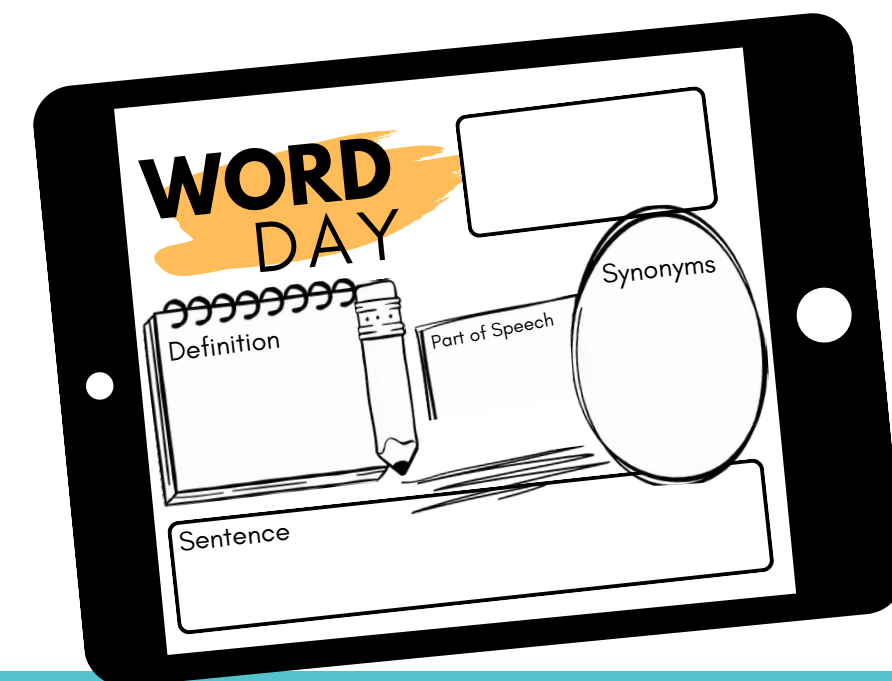
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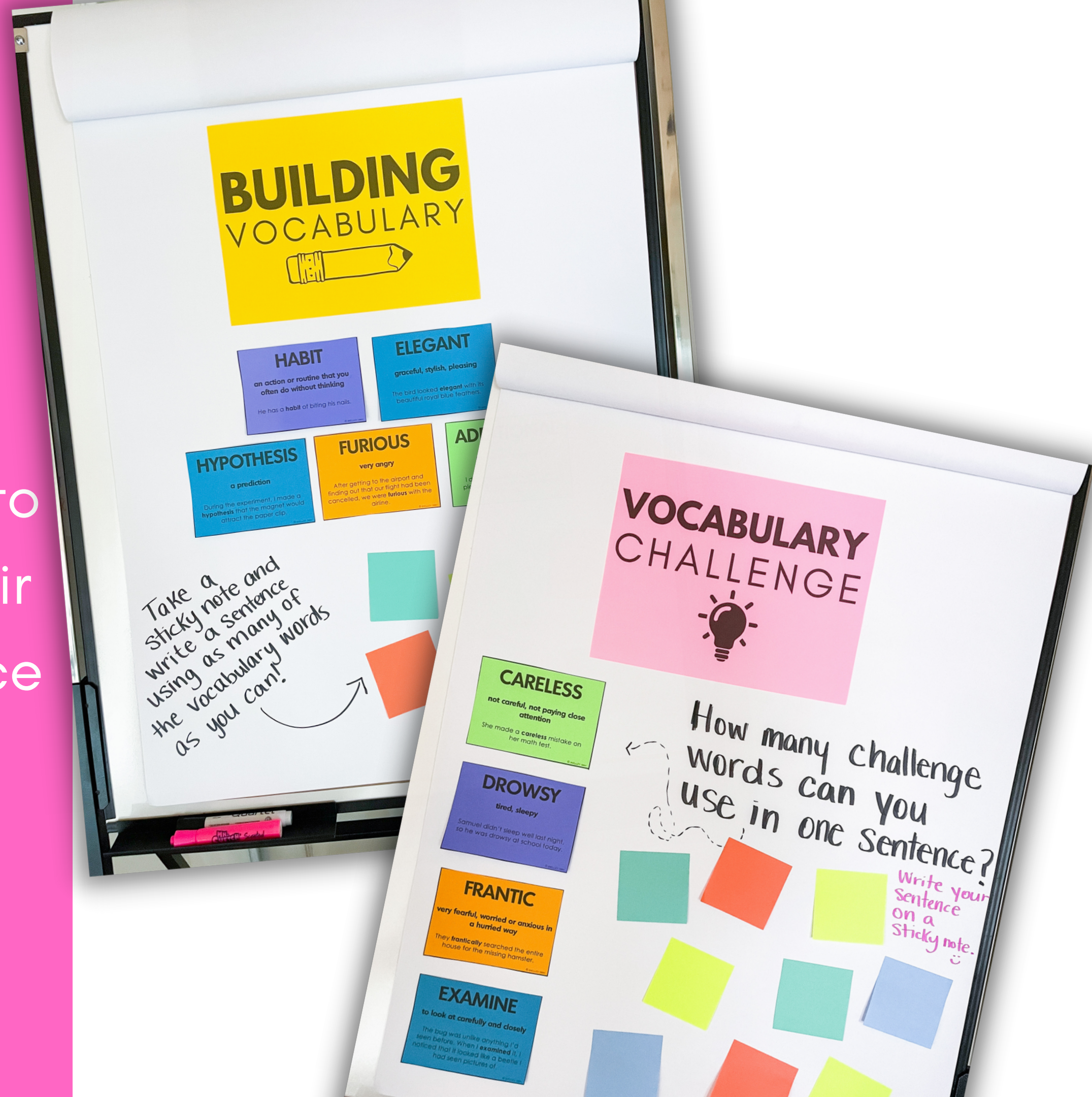
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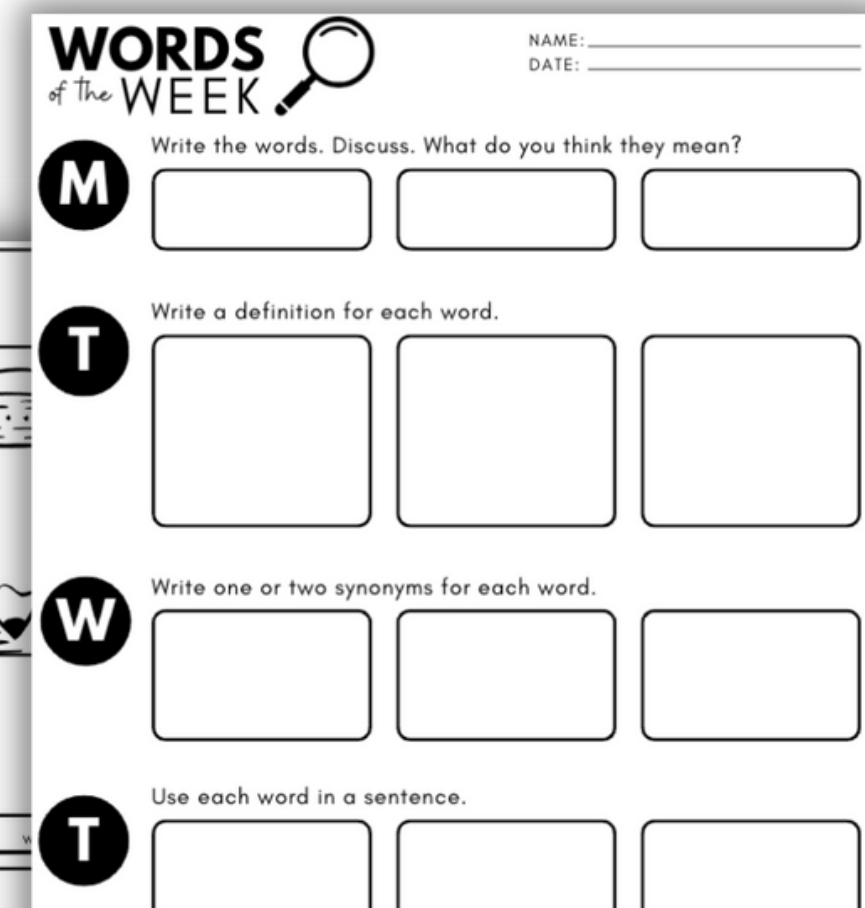
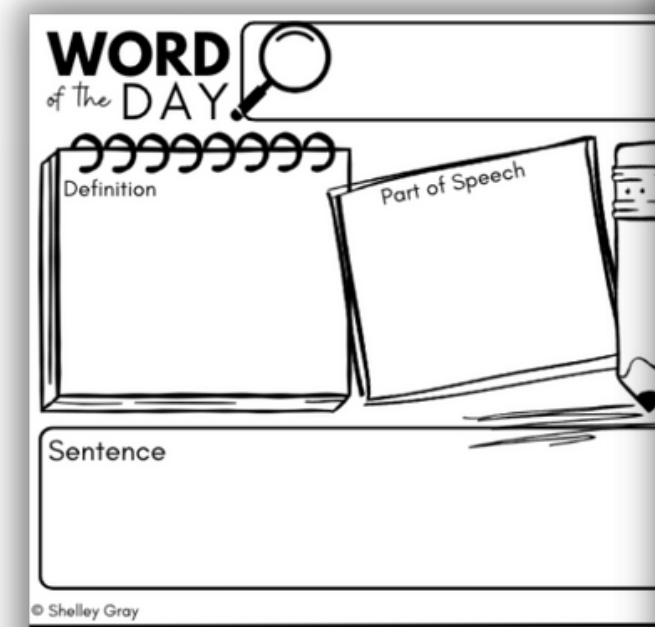


Looking for a simple but effective **vocabulary routine** to help your students improve their comprehension and word choice while writing?





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



## 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.



**AMUSING**

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**AMUSING**

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## 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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Part of Speech

Sentence

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at free 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.

### AWKWARD

uncomfortable, hard to deal with

Sometimes, I feel **awkward** when I meet someone new.

### FURIOUS

very angry

He was **furious** that someone stole his car from the parking lot.

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### EXAMINE

to look at carefully and closely

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### CONFRONT

meet face to face; stand

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### DRASTIC

extreme

You should think twice before making anything **drastic**.

### DECEITFUL

misleading others

The child had a **deceitful** grin on his face when he told his mother that he hadn't taken the cookie from the cookie jar.

## 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!

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IS GROWING

<b>BRISK</b> lively, quick, refreshing We took a <b>brisk</b> walk and the cool morning air felt wonderful.	<b>QUARREL</b> an argument or disagreement The two brothers had a <b>quarrel</b> about which movie they were going to watch.	<b>HYPOTHESIS</b> a prediction During the experiment, I made a <b>hypothesis</b> that the magnet would attract the paper clip.
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<b>CARELESS</b> not careful, not paying close attention She made a <b>careless</b> mistake on her math test.	<b>FRANTIC</b> very fearful, worried or anxious in a hurried way They <b>frantically</b> searched the entire house for the missing hamster.	<b>DROWSY</b> tired, sleepy Samuel didn't sleep well last night, so he was <b>drowsy</b> at school today.



# 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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Over 300 word cards – complete with definition and sample sentence. These cards are divided into eight different tiers of difficulty.

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 extreme  
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**TIER ONE WORDS**

Amusing	Bravery	Opinion	Canyon	Limb
Optional	Nudge	Effect	Discover	Fascinating
Habit	Famous	Symbol	Genre	
Drowsy	Analyze	Agree	Triumph	
Enormous	Predict	Instinct	Identify	
Necessary	Insist	Escape	Friendship	
Sturdy	Similar	Wander	Disagree	
Accident	Actual	Sprint	Hillside	
Design	Suggestion	Expect	Inventory	
Avoid	Detail	Vanish	Success	
Curious	Zigzag	Rough	Recess	

**TIER TWO WORDS**

Additional	Ancestor	Accurate
Careless	Patient	Eager
Quarrel	Artifact	Presuade
Genre	Triumph	Essential
Vast	Clever	Thrive
Typical	Recommend	Valuable
Absorb	Brisk	Brief
Magnificent	Frantic	Recently

**TIER THREE WORDS**

Accomplish	Lofty	Surround	Descend
Heroic	Annual	Automatically	Gesture
Recognize	Inspire	Maximum	Sequence
Confirm	Decrease	Devious	
Durable	Vacant	Scarce	
Eliminate	Previous	Review	
Frequent	Global	Humble	
Obvious	Awkward	Venture	
Conclude	Competitor	Recount	
Simplify	Drastic	Justify	
Urgent	Increasing	Carefree	
Fortunate			
Ultimate			
Purpose			
Independent			

**TIER FOUR WORDS**

Influence	Anxious	Tolerate
Foliage	Legible	Hesitant
Obstruct	Hastily	Significant
Abolish	Opposed	Acoustics
Cease	Dominate	Ordinary
Peculiar	Arrogant	Gist
Superior	Tremble	

**TIER FIVE WORDS**

Acquire	Opponent	Obliterate	Retrieve
Unique	Anticipate	Grandiose	Vertical
Priority	Optimist	Contribute	Fervently
Benefit	Obedient	Nonchalant	Forfeit
Diligent	Reinforce	Flourish	Catastrophe
Dilemma	Unanimous	Decipher	Advantageous
Accumulate	Tentative	Elaborate	Obligatory
Optimum	Consequence	Distort	
Meticulous	Genuine	Extensive	

**TIER SIX WORDS**

Consequently	Acknowledge	Wary	Demeanor	Irrelevant
Abrasive	Opaque	Punctual	Affiliation	Nefarious
Perceive	Melancholy	Competent	Exuberant	Wholeheartedly
Confront	Ludicrous	Eligible	Resilient	Emphasize
Bewilder	Irate	Boisterous	Boycott	Indifferent
Prominent	Mandatory	Adverse	Inevitable	Deceitful
Abruptly	Bias	Authentic	Relinquish	Waiver
Redeem	Dravella	Omit	Belligerent	Modify

**TIER SEVEN WORDS**

Precise	Exhaustion	Prevalent	Endeavor
Audacious	Obsolete	Plagiarize	Devastate
Feasible	Integrate	Surmise	Isolate
Commence	Rebuke	Assumption	
Perspective	Profound	Imperative	
Anonymous	Depict	Authority	
Ambiguous	Embark	Capable	
Recur	Imminent	Dependent	

**TIER EIGHT WORDS**

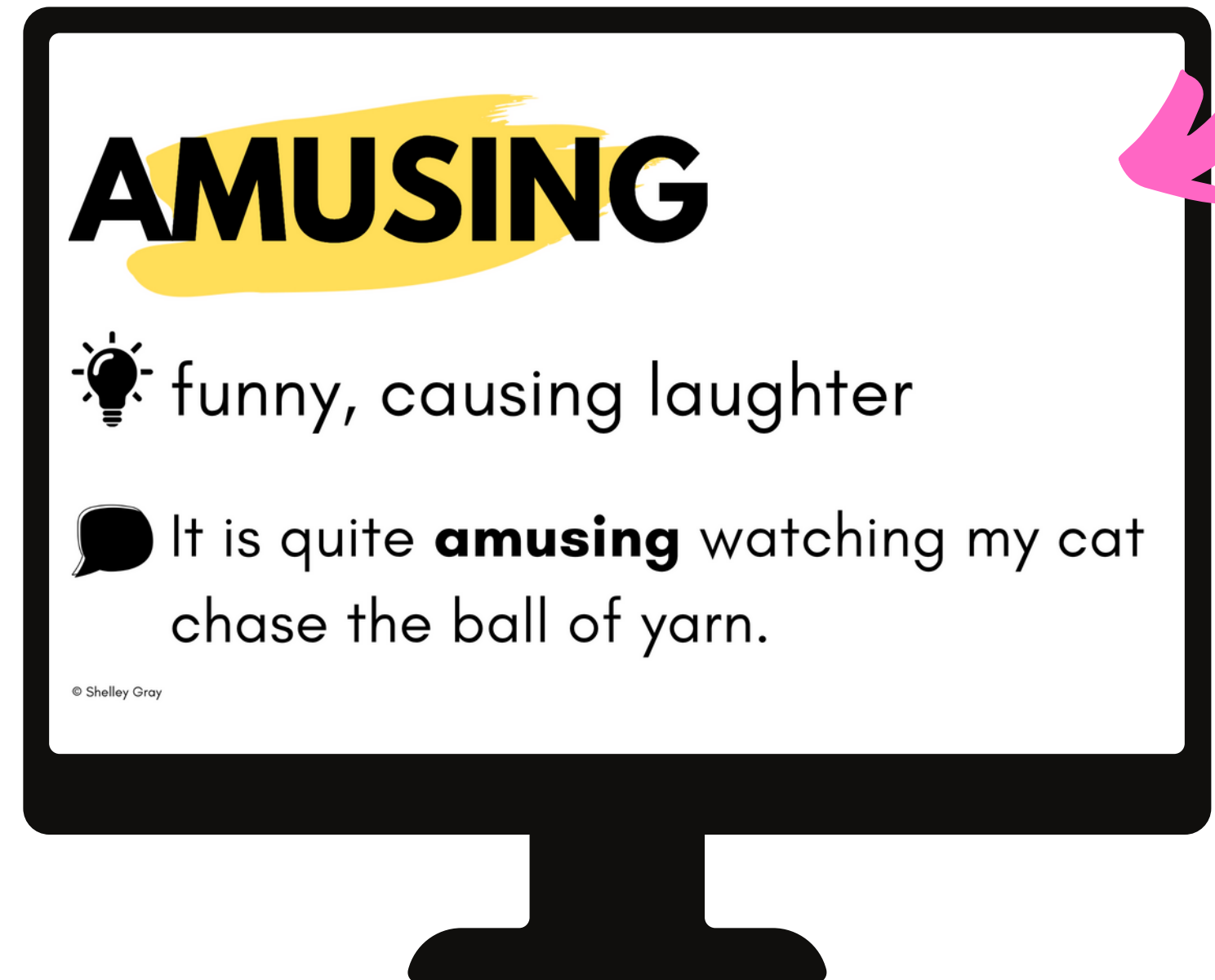
Imply	Redundant	Impartial	Connotation
Alleviate	Infamous	Precarious	Preposterous
Reconcile	Credible	Jeopardize	Heinous
Traumatic	Falter	Dormant	
Transparent	Viable	Rapport	
Retaliate	Vulnerable	Punitive	
Hypothetical	Animosity	Rationalize	
Lucrative	Comprehensive	Implausible	



 Digital versions of all 300+ 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?*





# ✓ Ideas for use

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**Monday**

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**Tuesday**

**QUARREL**  
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**Wednesday**

**PREFER**  
to like more than the others  
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**Thursday**

**BRISK**  
lively, quick, refreshing  
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**Friday**

**OPTIMISTIC**  
can be chosen  
Here are some do when you're...

## BUILDING VOCABULARY

**HABIT**  
an action or routine that you often do without thinking  
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**ELEGANT**  
graceful, stylish, pleasing  
The bird looked **elegant** with its beautiful royal blue feathers.

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

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enrich their vocabulary this  
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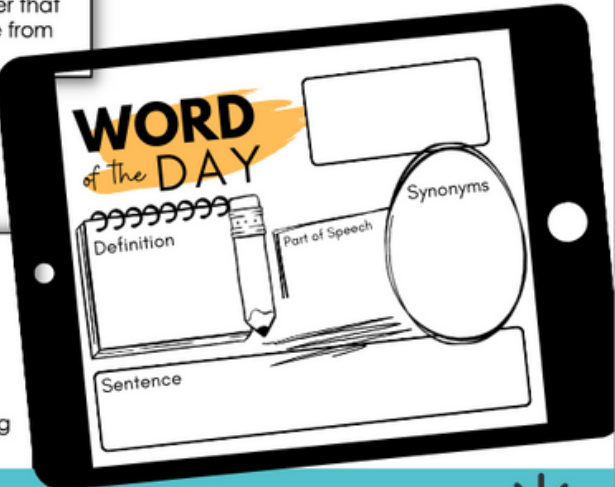
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