

Vocabulary Logs

and

Practice Activities

Supplement to Dynamic Vocabulary Instruction

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Name _____ Story/Chapter _____

Word My Own Words Image/Representation

Word Diagrams

Word	What it is	What it is like	Examples	Non-Examples

Glossary Entries

ocean - The whole body of salt water that covers nearly three fourths of the earth's surface; another term for sea.

peninsula – Land that is nearly surrounded by water.

island - A body of land entirely surrounded by water. An island is smaller than a continent.

Word Diagrams

Word	What it is	What it is like	Examples	Non-Examples
ocean	whole body of salt water	covers nearly 3/4 of earth	Atlantic Pacific Indian	river lake stream
peninsula	land	nearly surrounded by water	water on 3 sides	continent island
island	a body of land	entirely surrounded by water	Great Britain New Zealand Vancouver Island	United States Canada Mexico

Four-Square Vocabulary

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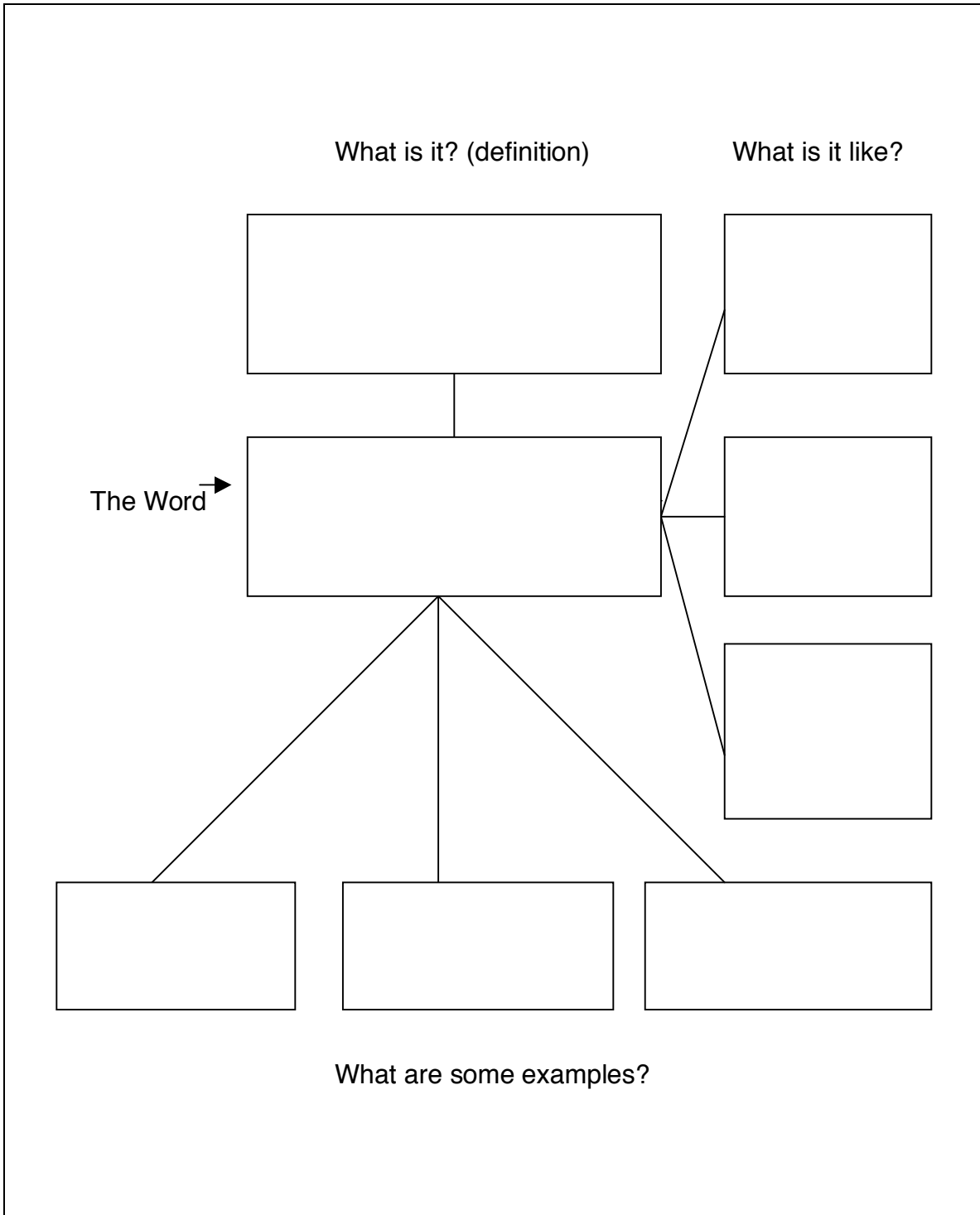
Four-Square Vocabulary

1. Dictate the word to be taught and have students record in square.
2. Describe the word.
3. Have students suggest examples of the word and record a number of examples.
4. Have students provide non-examples of the concept and record of number of non-examples.
5. Finally, have students write a definition of the concept.

(Adapted from *Word Power* by Steven Stahl & Barbara Kapinus, 2001)

Word soothing	Examples music, a bath, a nap
Definition comforting offering relief	Non-Examples Tests, loud noises, being called on

Word Mapping



(Schwartz, 1988; Schwartz & Raphael, 1985)

Semantic Feature Analysis

Concept:					
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(Pittelman, Heimlich, Berglund, & French, 1991; Johnson & Pearson, 1984)

Word

- **Definition**
- **Sentence**
- **Personal clue**

Word

- **Definition**
- **Examples**
- **Non-examples**

Word

- **Definition**
- **Sentence**
- **Visual Representation**

Word Card Activities

- 1. Sort the word cards by category. (e.g., words related to people, words related to things).**
- 2. Find words that have certain connotations such as positive and negative, good and bad, desirable and undesirable.**
- 3. Sort words by part of speech (e.g., nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives).**
- 4. Make sentences using pairs of words.**
- 5. Group words and then explain basis of groupings.**

Word Pairs - Example

Word Pair	Same	Opposite	Go Together	No Relation
desert - nomad				
nomad - wanderer				
nomad - settler				
desert - city				
caravan - travel				
desert - arid				
desert - humid				
desert - rain forest				
Biome - environment				

Stahl & Kapinus, 2001