

Building Academic Vocabulary- Strategies and Resources

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In this workshop we will be examining the building of academic vocabulary for English Language Learners. We know this to be of critical importance for future academic success of all students. The work of Dr. Robert Marzano on vocabulary building will provide the basis for this interactive session. New and interesting related resources will also be presented and discussed. Teachers will leave with new knowledge and strategies to enhance their work with English Language Learners.

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