

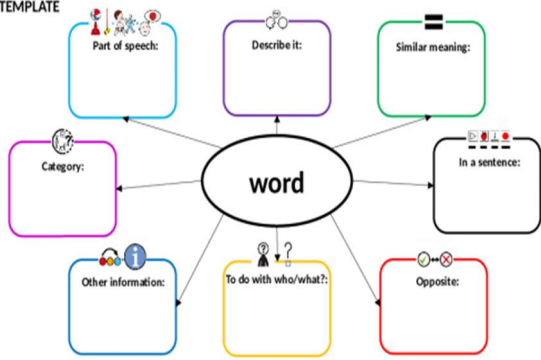
# How to...

# Teach New Vocabulary



Learning vocabulary is key to language development and accessing the curriculum.

One approach for teaching vocabulary is the 'Word Aware' STAR principle.

<b>S</b>	<p>Select the word</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Think about topics or interests which may be used regularly.</li><li>• Choose different types of words e.g. objects (nouns), action words (verbs), and describing words (adjectives).</li><li>• Use achievable words that are not too hard or too easy.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- E.g. Plant (not chlorophyll [too hard] or sun [too easy])</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>T</b>	<p>Teach the word</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Write/draw the word</li><li>2) Has the child heard this before?</li><li>3) Use a word web →</li><li>4) What sounds are in the word?</li><li>5) What does the word mean?</li><li>6) Include the new words in a game</li><li>7) Put the word in a sentence</li><li>8) Create a word bank <u>or word wall</u> of new words</li></ol> 
<b>A</b>	<p>Activate the word</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage use of the word.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- E.g. Create a poster to remind and prompt the child</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>R</b>	<p>Review the word</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have regular opportunities to re-visit learnt words.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- E.g. Create a 'word pot' and pull out the target words to ask the children if they can remember the word and its meaning.</li></ul></li></ul>