

Study Skills: Understanding Key Vocabulary

How to identify key vocabulary:

- Look at subject glossaries to see what vocabulary you need.
- Highlight key words according to the subject or topic.
- Look up any **key exam words** so that you can understand exam questions.

Top tips to unpick and learn key vocabulary:

The more you know about a word, the more likely you are to fully understand it, retain it, and be able to use it again.

When learning new vocabulary, think about:

- The meaning of the word
 - Have you heard the word in any contexts before?
 - Does the word have multiple meanings?
 - Can you use a symbol or picture to make this visual?
- The context
 - When might you use this word?
 - Practice using in a sentence.

Top tips to remember key vocabulary:

- Give words an action - what does the word make you think of.
- Record the word in your workbook/ your flashcards/ your word pot so you can come back and review.



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