

Knowing A Word

Directions: Think about your own word knowledge. How well do you know words listed below? Can you explain and use the word fully? Or, do you only know something general about it, and maybe can only relate the word to a specific context or situation? Or, perhaps you know you've heard or seen the word before, but you don't have a real sense of the word's meaning. Finally, there's a chance you may not know the word at all. As you try this activity, think about what it means to know a word and how the level of word knowledge might impact your selection of words to teach students.

WORD	Know it well, can explain it, use it	Know something about it, can relate it to a situation	Have seen or heard the word	Do not know the word
tyranny				
surreptitious				
grapnel				
purport				
sensitive				
dubious				

(Beck, McKeown, & Kucan, 2002, p. 12)