

Types of Vocabulary Knowledge

Exploring meaning

AN INFORMAL EXPLANATION OF THE WORD'S MEANING

- **Precipitation** is water falling from the sky like rain, snow, sleet, or hail.

MULTIPLE MEANINGS OF THE WORD IN DIFFERENT CONTEXTS

- **Bark** is the sound made by a dog. **Bark** is also the outside covering of a woody plant.

FORMAL COMPARED TO SLANG/INFORMAL MEANING OF THE WORD

- A **Cow** is an adult female of certain types of animals.
- “Don’t have a **cow!**” means don’t get upset.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC MEANINGS OF THE WORD

- When we use the word **plot** while discussing literature, we likely mean the storyline or sequence of events.
- When we talk about **plot** while discussing geography, it likely means to mark a route on a map or a piece of land.
- When we talk about **plot** when discussing history, we likely mean a secret plan.
- When we talk about **plot** in math or science, we likely mean graphical technique for representing data.

SLIGHT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE MEANING OF THIS WORD AND THE MEANING OF SIMILAR WORDS

- **Happy** is a feeling of joy or being pleased, but **elated** means extremely happy.

CONCEPTS THAT THE WORD REPRESENTS

- **Communication** might be verbal, nonverbal, or written.

SYNONYMS OR ANTONYMS FOR THE WORD

- **Sleepy, fatigued, weary,** and **exhausted** are other ways to say **tired**.
- **Energized, lively,** and **refreshed** are ways to say **not tired**.

CATEGORICAL INFORMATION

- An *apple* and a *papaya* are both types of fruit.

Exploring sounds and words

PHONOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE

- How to say or pronounce the word.

ORTHOGRAPHIC KNOWLEDGE

- How to spell the word.

MORPHOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE (KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEANINGFUL WORD PARTS INSIDE THE WORD)

- The prefix **re** means again. So, **redo** means to do again, **reappear** means to appear again.

Exploring sentence structure

APPROPRIATE SYNTAX FOR THE WORD

- When and how to use the word in a sentence.