

The vocabulary of learning area topics

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Learning intention

- recognise the vocabulary of learning area topics

Teach and model

- using appropriate topic-specific vocabulary when discussing a learning area topic
- using appropriate vocabulary for an Acknowledgement of Country at assemblies and other school events using protocols to recognise the Traditional Owners of Country...
- identifying words for topics studied at school; for example, vocabulary used for weather and seasons

Check understanding

- Explain the main idea in the vocabulary of learning area topics using an example.
- Show the idea in a second way: with words, a model, a diagram or symbols.
- Apply the idea to a short unfamiliar situation and justify the result.

Teaching cautions

- Ask the student to explain their choice, not only state an answer.
- Check that key vocabulary is understood in a new example.
- Mix representations so the skill is transferred rather than copied.

Quick lesson sequence

- Connect to prior knowledge and introduce the key vocabulary.
- Model one clear example, then solve a second example together.
- Finish with an independent check and a short student explanation.