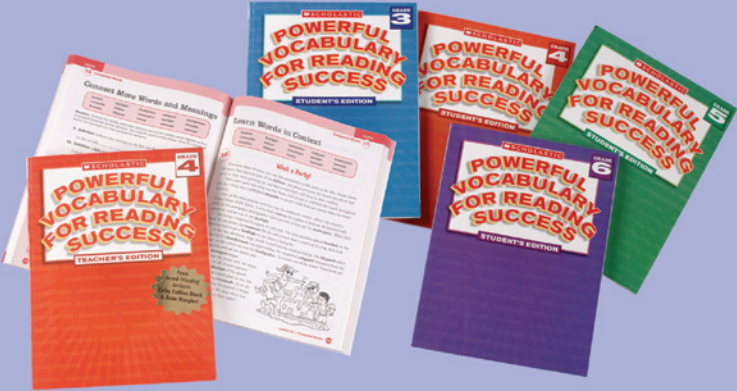# Powerful Vocabulary for Reading Success

Aligns with State Standards and No Child Left Behind for Vocabulary Development

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A research-based instruction program that improves reading comprehension through direct instruction in word meaning and strategies to learn words independently
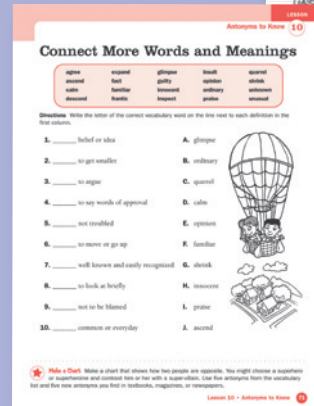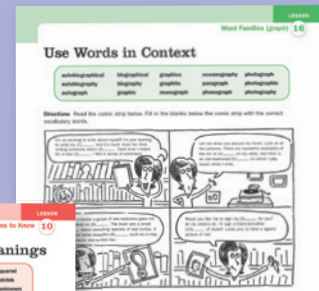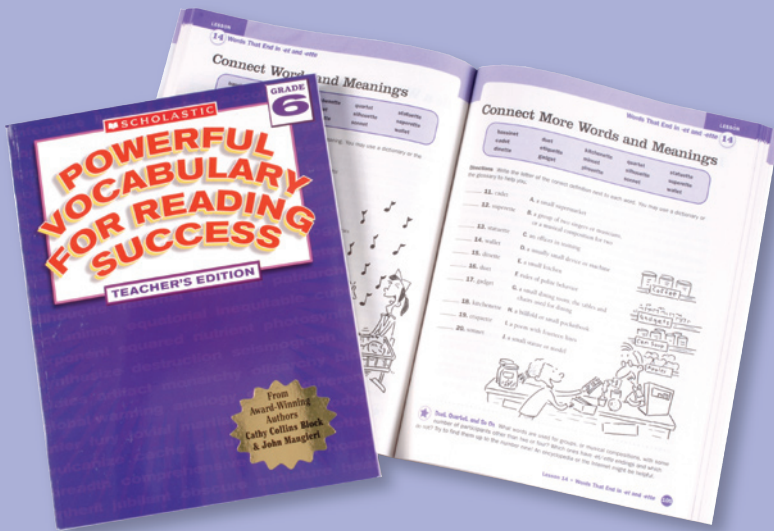
Each Lesson Provides:

- A balance between instruction and independent student practice
- An easy-to-follow format — fifteen minutes a day
- Vocabulary that is aligned with No Child Left Behind and correlated to state and national tests
- Strategies that teach students to use reasoning to learn new words independently

What's Included:

- Student Workbooks for Grades 3-6
- Comprehensive Teacher's Edition for each grade

A vocabulary instruction program

Powerful, robust vocabulary instruction is essential to success in reading. Research shows that direct instruction in word meaning combined with instruction in strategies to learn words independently can significantly improve reading comprehension. *Powerful Vocabulary for Reading Success* uses this two-pronged approach to deliver:

- **Strategies to Ensure Vocabulary Learning Beyond a List:**
Each lesson teaches students techniques to learn the meaning of new words. The lessons provide extensive coaching in using context clues, understanding word parts, making associations, seeing word patterns, and using semantic mapping and other strategies to decipher word meaning.

- **A Variety of Instructional and Practice Exercises:**
Powerful Vocabulary for Reading Success provides a range of learning experiences, including reading, writing, speaking, and listening in partner, small-group, and independent work settings.

- **Multiple Exposures to Important Words:**
Students benefit from multiple opportunities to learn targeted words. The lessons allow all students, including English language learners, to encounter and use each vocabulary word at least seven times — a repetition threshold that is supported by research.

- **Improved Reading Achievement and Test Scores:**
Powerful Vocabulary for Reading Success builds vocabulary, leading to improvements in reading comprehension, oral communications, and writing ability. The program helps raise test scores by teaching words that are found on national and state tests.

An Effective Lesson Structure that is Flexible and Easy-to-Manage

Each *Powerful Vocabulary* lesson takes only fifteen minutes, and the lessons can be used flexibly — one or more lessons can be taught each day or spread out over multiple days. The lessons can function as a complete instructional program or they can supplement an existing curriculum.

Lesson workbooks are arranged in chapters that move students sequentially through the different phases of vocabulary building:

Chapter 1 Context Clues
Students use syntax and context to determine word meaning.

Chapter 2 Words & Their Parts
Students use their knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and roots to determine word meaning.
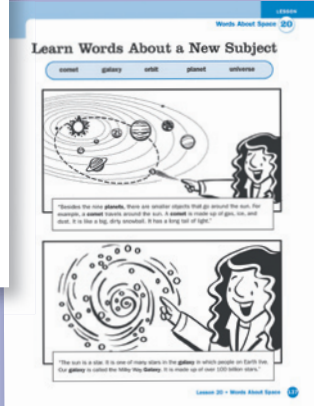
Chapter 3 Content Words
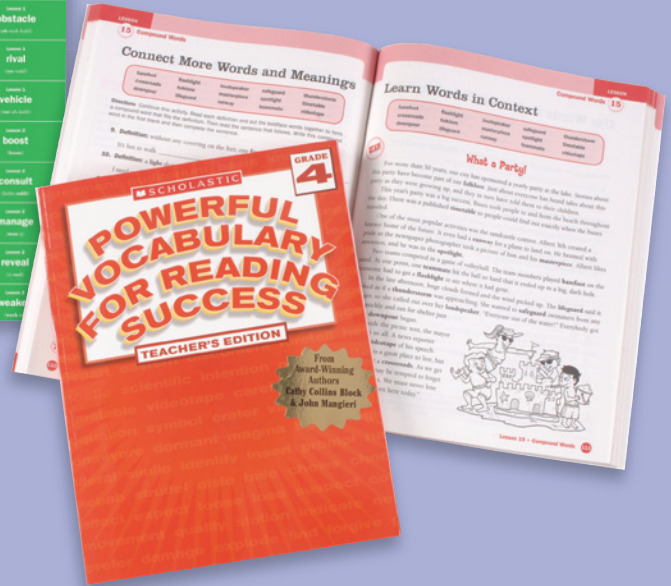Students learn the meaning of content words.

Chapter 4 Words & Their Histories
Students use their knowledge of word origins and derivatives to determine word meaning, and learn about homophones, figurative language, and idioms.

Program Components

Student Workbooks

Student Workbooks for grades 3-6 include 26 lessons divided into four chapters. The lessons are filled with high-interest nonfiction and fiction selections and engaging activities.

Each lesson includes:

- Word-learning tips
- Vocabulary-building strategies
- Application exercises
- Assessments
- Follow-up reading and writing activities

Teacher's Edition

Comprehensive Teacher's Editions for grades 3-6 include:

- 26 scaffolded lesson plans with a modeling segment, think-alouds, strategies for English language learners, independent student activities, and assessment guides
- Reproducible flashcards for independent practice of each word
- Graphic organizers on transparencies for instant whole-class modeling of key strategies
- Review of the latest research on vocabulary instruction
- Complete answer key and glossary of all words and definition used in the Student Workbooks
- Ongoing Mystery-Word-of-the-Week learning game

Award-Winning Authors

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