



KS3 Home Learning - Vocabulary Teaching Ideas

Learning Objective:

To expand vocabulary.

Success Criteria:

- To spell and find a definition of the words.
- To find synonyms and antonyms of the words.
- To use the words in your own writing.

Context

This homework booklet provides a set of weekly homework tasks to help improve students' vocabulary.

Main Activities

The tasks each week consist of:

Task One: Spellings – students learn how to spell the words correctly (this can be tested in their books as a starter activity).

Task Two: Definitions – find a dictionary definition for each word.

Task Three: Find a list of synonyms for each word and at least two antonyms.

Stretch: Write five sentences, each including one of the words used correctly.

Challenge: Write a paragraph describing a character using each one of the words.

The tasks can be printed off separately or in the form of a booklet to be completed once a week over a half-term.

An answer booklet has been provided with some suggestions, which could be displayed on a white board for students to peer or self-mark.

There is also a scoresheet, which could be printed off as the last page of the booklet or glued into students' books. This provides a space to record the students' spelling scores and the five stars can be coloured in to represent each completed task.

The **Stretch** and **Challenge** tasks may be chosen between by students, with more able students being encouraged to complete both.

The feedback section can be used to write in correct spellings/a short comment.

The words in this particular booklet are words which can be used to describe the different characters in *Macbeth*:

Week One: Macbeth

Week Two: Lady Macbeth

Week Three: The Witches

Week Four: Banquo

Week Five: Macduff

Week Six: King Duncan

The list of words and their synonyms could be developed into a word bank for the wall/students' books in preparation for GCSE English Literature.