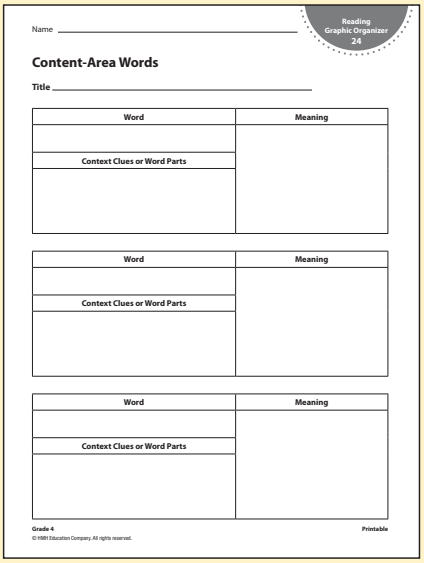
Content-Area Words

Anchor the Concept

Guide students to explore the visual, emphasizing these key points:

- Content-area words relate to specific areas of study in academic subjects like math, science, and social studies.
- Content-area words are often written in bold type because they are necessary to understanding the subject matter.
- Content-area words appear in the text and as labels on diagrams and illustrations.
- Some content-area words look like common words but have different meanings in the academic subject area being studied.



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Reading Graphic Organizer 24

Content-Area Words

Title _____

Word	Meaning
Context Clues or Word Parts	

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Apply to Text

Supply a new or familiar text. As applicable, use questions and prompts such as those below to support application of the concept.

- What is the topic of this text? What academic subject area is being studied?
- Do you see any content-area words in the text? How do you know these words are important?
- Why are these words important to the subject area? Can you discuss the topic without knowing these words?
- Do you see any words used as labels for visuals? How do you know they are content-area words?
- Do you recognize this word? How is its content-area meaning different from its more common meaning?

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As appropriate, tailor instruction to need by prompting students to . . .

ALMOST THERE

READY FOR MORE

- locate words written in bold type and tell why they are important to know.
- draw a diagram and label it with content-area words from the text.
- use resources and context to figure out the meanings of content-area words.
- identify content-area words with an academic meaning that differs from their more common meaning.
- explain why each content-area word is important to understanding the information in the text.

Build Independence

Have individuals or partners finish the current text or begin a new one, using the graphic organizer as a scaffold for recognizing content-area words.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Optional Strategy Connections

3-2-1 Two-Word Technique

Concept Language

- Multiple meanings
- Academic subject
- Boldface
- Vocabulary
- Term
- Context clue
- Text features
- Graphic features
- Resources
- The content-area word _____ means _____.
- The content-area word _____ is important because _____.

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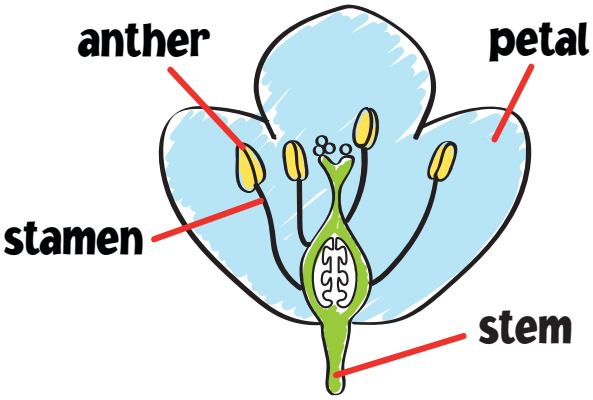
Content-area words are specific to an area of study.

science math social studies

Content-area words are often in **boldface.**
They might appear in visuals such as diagrams.



The parts of a flower include **petal, stem, stamen,** and **anther.**

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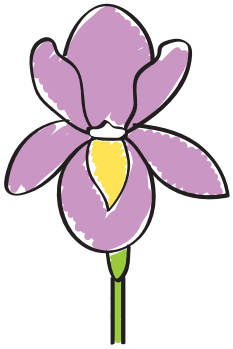
Some **fractions** have common **denominators.**

The world has imaginary lines of **latitude** and **longitude.**

Sometimes there are different uses of a common word.



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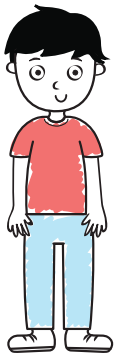

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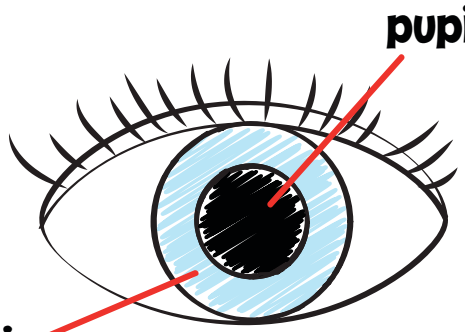

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