

This is the true story...of vocabulary words...picked by junior high kids...from books, magazines, and movies...to find out what happens...when vocabulary stops being taken from an orange book...and starts getting real...

Vocabulary in The Real World

Each Monday during journal time, 7th grade Language Arts students will be given a list of words to decode. The words will have a common element – prefix, suffix, or root – that will be discussed. We will look at the words each Monday for two weeks. On the first Monday, students will review the meaning of the root, prefix, or suffix and make flash cards. During the second Monday, students will complete an activity in their vocabulary books. On the third Monday, students will have a quiz over words containing the common prefix, suffix, or root. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to earn extra credit by locating those words, prefixes, suffixes, or roots, in outside sources. A bulletin board will be kept with the examples found by students. Ultimately, students will have a useful collection of flash cards to use as SAT preparation.

Word Groupings from the Sadlier-Oxford Vocabulary Books (“Building with Classical Roots” in the unit reviews):

Group 1 – vers, vert

Controversy, conversant, inverse, pervert, reversal, traverse, verse, vertiginous

Group 2 – cur, curr, curs, cour

Concourse, courier, current, discourse, incur, precursor, recur, recurrent

Group 3 – chron, cryph, crypt

Anachronism, apocryphal, chronic, crypt, chronological, cryptogram, synchronize, encrypt

Group 4 – ven, vent

Circumvent, convene, eventful, eventual, intervene, inventive, revenue, venue

Group 5 – fect, fic, fy

Beneficial, certify, clarify, defective, deify, edify, exemplify, personify