

Student example from a discussion on vocabulary instruction using the following prompts:

In your first initial post, write a 20 word GIST statement about a vocabulary strategy that can be used to teach students. In your response to a peer's post, answer the following question, "What did your peer consider that you did not consider in your GIST statement?"

Student A: GIST STATEMENT 20 words

Vocabulary instruction can be taught using word splash, which allows the students to connect two or more of the words.

Student B: GIST STATEMENT 20 words

Word splash is a group of words related to a topic; It can be used before reading to brainstorm/activate schema.

Student A's response to Student B's response:

After I read "Student B's" response, I learned that I can use this strategy as a brainstorming activity to stimulate thinking and to get the students thinking about words connected to topics such as math or social studies. Students struggle with the tier 3 words, which are the content specific words and this would make a good strategy to use for brainstorming.