Develop Academic Vocabulary and Oral Language Skills

Introduce rich, academic, oral vocabulary through engaging discussions about dazzling fine art and real-world photos. No worksheets or drills. Just twenty to forty minutes a day, for just two to four days a week, and you will see improved vocabulary and comprehension in all of your students regardless of their decoding skills!

Program Highlights

High-level, academic vocabulary to improve comprehension

*Discussions4Learning* enriches the print-based curriculum of the language arts curriculum with the high-level vocabulary critical to comprehension.

Explicit review of previously learned vocabulary

Words are deliberately revisited in context in subsequent weeks as students discuss thought-provoking images.

Authentic, engaging contexts for language development

Dazzling images from around the globe and across time serve as authentic, engaging contexts for language learning.

Fine art and cross-curricular connections

You can easily infuse fine art while reinforcing key concepts in science and social studies through brilliant, compelling images.

*Discussions4Learning* includes four levels, A–D. The levels can be used as early as grades K–3. The vocabulary and images, however, are sophisticated enough to use at the intermediate, middle school, or high school levels depending on the vocabulary and English proficiency levels of your students.

- Each level includes 96 lessons.
- Each lesson introduces 4–6 high-level academic vocabulary words in authentic, engaging contexts.
- Each lesson focuses on one fine art image or real-world photo.
**Themes**
The program themes are designed to connect to critical concepts in Science and Social Studies. The program themes across the four levels are:

- **Things We See and Use** connects to the physical sciences and the study of matter and objects.
- **Our Living World** connects to the study of flora and fauna and biology.
- **Places and Spaces** connects to both science and social studies, with a focus on neighborhoods, habitats, ecosystems, and biomes.
- **Our Changing World** connects to changes in science and social studies.

**Flexibility**
This flexible program is designed to meet your individual school and classroom needs. You can use the program from two to four days a week, for twenty to forty minutes a day.

- Use during read-aloud time, alternating read-alouds with *Discussions4Learning*.
- Use as a whole-group activity during discussion time at the **beginning** or **end of the day**.
- Use as a **bridge** from one subject area or activity to another.

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**Components**
Each level of *Discussions4Learning* comes in a box containing:

- Four spiral-bound Teacher’s Guides, one for each theme
- A CD-ROM with 96 fine art images and real-world photos
- A Program Guide with support for teaching the program

A sturdy spiral-bound 16" x 20" Portfolio is available with all 96 images for each level.

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*Also available in Spanish.*

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**Go to Discussions4Learning.com to find:**

- 8 FREE sample lessons
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- Additional combination packages
- Correlations to the Common Core State Standards, WIDA Standards, and the Coxhead Academic Vocabulary Word List
- Videos of the program in action
- Optional Word Cards and pre- and post-tests
- Vocabulary lists for each level
- Testimonials
- The Scope and Sequence for each level, including the art images and real-world photos
- The research base and how the vocabulary was chosen
- A summary of the scientifically-based research study conducted on the program
- FREE support for Academically Productive Discussions