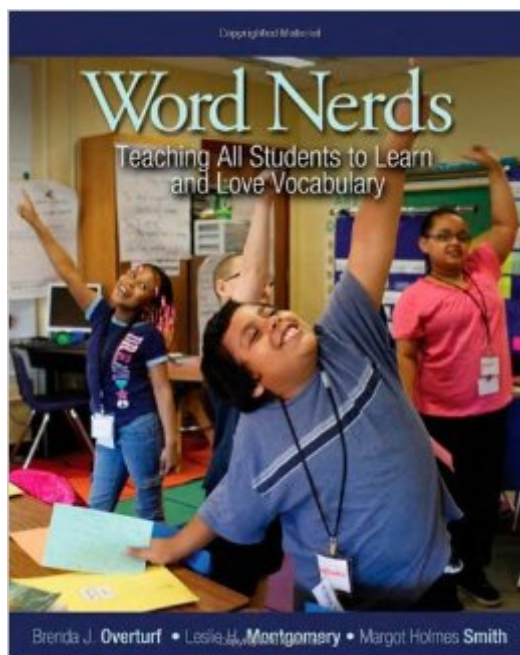


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# Word Nerds: Teaching All Students To Learn And Love Vocabulary



## Synopsis

Word Nerds takes you inside classrooms at a high-poverty urban school and shows how two teachers implement creative, flexible vocabulary instruction that improves their students' word knowledge and confidence, enhances classroom community, and increases achievement. Leslie Montgomery and Margot Holmes Smith weave vocabulary into each school day using multisensory instruction that includes music, art, literature, movement, games, drama, writing, test-taking skills, and technology. Along the way, they turn every student into a lover of language. With support from literacy specialist Brenda Overturf, Leslie and Margot have developed a five-part plan introducing new words in context, adding related synonyms and antonyms, engaging students in several days of active learning, celebrating new words, and assessing vocabulary development that teaches all students to learn and love vocabulary. This easy-to-read reference explains how to plan, teach, and assess based on the latest research in vocabulary instruction and learning. Forget copying definitions from the dictionary and completing boring worksheets! Word mastery comes from intimate knowledge of language. From prediction to practice to performance, students from all backgrounds can discover how to make words their own. After incorporating Leslie's and Margot's vocabulary plan into your daily instruction, you and your students can become word nerds, too!

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Excellent book with specific detailed instructions on creating a vocabulary program that improves students' reading performances. HOWEVER, DO NOT ORDER IT ON KINDLE. The author has

excellent templates and charts which are IMPOSSIBLE to read on a kindle. Well written informative book that is documented with research based data.

I picked this book up on a whim. I hadn't heard anything about it, but was looking for a way to increase vocabulary comprehension in my classroom. I loved, loved, loved this book. So often I will buy a book and read it and think wow this is great but you didn't tell me how to make it work in MY classroom. Not this book! This book provides organizers, explicit instructions on games, classroom implementation, and a plethora of options to adapt to your classroom. Plus it provides information on differentiation for both primary and secondary elementary education classrooms. I have tried a few of these things in my classroom and my students loved them. I have not seen them so engaged and excited about vocabulary before. AND it does NOT require hours of preparation! This next year I am going to start at the beginning of the year and adapt it to all subject areas. I would recommend this to any teacher or parent! I can't sing enough praises for this book.

Great stuff can be found in this book! I'm lucky enough to actually have seen this vocabulary instruction in real life, but the authors describe it so well, you could do it without the real experience. It's an easy practical guide on ways to create a classroom word-loving students and enhance their achievement while having fun!

My students are really learning a lot of new words by adding the synonyms and antonyms to each word they learn. They also love the games, especially the link up game that helps them make connections. Thanks!

The concept behind "Word Nerds" is sound, the delivery of the information is terrible. This book is poorly written and awkward at best. It reads like a textbook and is not in a format that translates easily to the classroom. Plus, as a first-grade teacher, the text offers little for K-2 educators. There are many books out there about teaching vocabulary. This is not one I would recommend. I will be returning this book.

This book has some good ideas for making vocabulary instruction more meaningful for kids. My students really need help in this area, so I am glad to have it as a resource.

A teacher friend of mine recommended this book. After reading the reviews, I knew I had to read it. I

am happy to say that I was not disappointed. Wow! It makes vocabulary instruction make sense. The writers lay out a plan (either a 5 day or 2 wk plan) that provides structure and flexibility. As I am no longer in the classroom, I have been watching the teacher that recommended the book to me, follow the plan. Her students are doing fantastic--and they are loving vocabulary! My only criticism with the book, if I had to find one, is that I don't really see it being implemented without some major changes in kindergarten, but really, it would probably still work!!

I haven't finished reading yet, but it already has me very excited to start implementing ideas in the classroom. I am a word nerd at heart, so I am hoping to create little word nerds in my fifth grade classroom.

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