Vocabulary Questions--A Student Challenge

Common Core Anchor Reading Standard 4. Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

Follow these steps to make a vocabulary question.

Question Writer’s Guide

1. Choose an important word.

2: Write a question that asks another student based on that part of the textbook. Make it a challenging question. Choose one of the following kinds of challenges. Put a check-mark in front of the kind of challenge you will construct.

___ match to definition       ___ identify synonym
___ identify antonym          ___ identify word with same root
___ infer from context         ___ _____________________ (another kind of challenge)

3: Write four different answers to the question. Three of the answers are incorrect. One is correct. The incorrect answers are called "distracters" because they seem like correct answers.

Challenging Question:

Answers:

a. __________________________________________________________

b. _________________________________________________________

c. _________________________________________________________

d. _________________________________________________________

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Having students make up Vocabulary questions was suggested by a teacher at Locke Elementary