How do I plan a unit that develops vocabulary?

1. Choose a topic.

   Topic ____________________________________________________________

2. List the words your students should learn to understand and explain the topic.

3. Make the vocabulary visible.

4. Make sure students use the words in different activities such as
   --picture/word glossary
   --synonym chart
   --words of the week to use in writing about the week’s learning
   ■ ____________________________________________________________

5. Incorporate the vocabulary into the assessment.

   At the end of the week and during the comprehensive assessment week, ask students:
   ✓ What are the important words for this topic?
   ✓ What do they mean?
   ✓ Explain this topic with those words and your own words.