



Elementary 5th Six Weeks
Word of the Week



Week	Word	Pronunciation	Definition	Word in a Sentence	Picture
1	contrast	kon-trast	to compare in order to show unlikeness or differences; note the opposite natures, purposes, etc., of	I had to compare and contrast the characters in the story.	
2	demonstrate	dem-uh n-streyt	to describe, explain, or illustrate by examples, specimens, experiments, or the like	I'll demonstrate how my experiment works for you.	
3	locate	loh-keyt	to identify or discover the place or location of	Can you locate Nebraska on the map for me?	
4	paraphrase	par-uh-freyz	a restatement of a text or passage giving the meaning in another form, as for clearness; rewording	I had to paraphrase the passage I read.	
5	recognize	rek-uh g-nahyz	to identify as something or someone previously seen, known, etc.; to identify from knowledge of appearance or characteristics	I did not recognize my friend in her costume for the school play.	
6	support	suh -pohrt	to furnish corroborating evidence for; to maintain or advocate (a theory, principle, etc.)	I have support my answers with text evidence.	

*Many of the W.O.W. words have multiple definitions. As students become proficient with the definition presented, encourage them to explore the multiple word meanings.



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Purpose:

The Word of the Week (WOW) is designed to promote learning and literacy through the expansion of word knowledge and vocabulary skills.

“WOW” in Action

- The “WOW” word will be announced daily in all campuses.
- Students are encouraged and challenged to use the “WOW” word as many times as they can throughout the school day.
- Parents are challenged to guess the word of the week by noticing overuse of the word by their child.
- The Word of the Week will be displayed in all classrooms and campuses.
- Students are encouraged to use the words in their daily writing activities.
- Administrators, staff, and volunteers will ask students about the acquired words.
- Videos of the “WOW” word will be displayed on the campus VBrick resource or digital marquee.
- Teachers and campus administration will recognize positive exemplars of word usage.