**Magnet Words**

Students define vocabulary words using contextual clues and then use those words in a sentence to conceptualize the term.

1. Write the vocabulary word on the blank side of an index card. These words can be set by the teacher or selected by the student while reading a text.
2. As the student reads, he or she writes words – on the same side of the card as the term – that are associated with or help explain the key term.
3. Next, students work in pairs to develop definitions from the thoughts written on their cards. Once students have a definition, they write it and a sentence using the word properly on the lined side of their cards.
4. Students may use these cards as flash cards or to create a word wall.