



Power Vocabulary

Water

WHAT IS POWER VOCABULARY?

Power Vocabulary is a systematic and individualized approach to vocabulary development that enables teachers to assist students to improve their reading comprehension skills. Power Vocabulary consists of two word groups—specialized and general-usage words.

Specialized words label concepts that support subject matter. These words are the technical vocabulary of a content area that is used in a particular area. In science, specialized words include *biodiversity* and *predator*. In history, specialized words include *hieroglyphic* and *chariot*. Specialized vocabulary also includes words we use every day that take on specialized meanings in a particular content area. For example, the word *bill* takes on different meanings when we talk about money (dollar bill or electric bill) than when we talk about government (a bill that becomes an act or a law).

General-usage words are the words that have widely acknowledged meanings and that hold the content of a passage together. These words are selected because some readers may not be familiar with them. Examples of general-usage words are *morose* and *diligent*.

Fifteen Power Vocabulary words have been identified for this **KIDS DISCOVER** title. Use the word cards or select a few blackline masters to preview the vocabulary words to help students be more confident and read more fluently as they read these words in context. Or use the cards or masters to review words after students have read **KIDS DISCOVER**.



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approximately

(uh-**prok**-suh-mit-lee)

adverb



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*

component

(kuhm-**poh**-nuhnt)

noun



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*

condense

(kuhn-**dens**)

verb



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*

contaminant

(kuhn-**tam**-uh-nuhnt)

noun



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*

drought

(drout)

noun



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*

evaporate

(i-**vap**-uh-rayt)

verb



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*

fertile

(**fur**-tuhl)

adjective



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*

iceberg

(**ys**-burg)

noun



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*

COMPONENT: necessary part

- ★ The **components** of water are hydrogen and oxygen.
- ★ *The **components** of water stick together, thereby forming drops. (p. 4)*

CONTAMINANT: something that pollutes

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EVAPORATE: to change from a liquid to a gas

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ICEBERG: large mass of floating ice, most of which is under water

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APPROXIMATELY: about; being nearly correct

- ★ **Approximately** 97 percent of Earth's water is in the oceans.
- ★ *The 1992 structure set a world record of 15 stories—that's **approximately** 150 feet! (p. 9)*

CONDENSE: to squeeze together; to change from a gas to a liquid

- ★ The escaping steam from boiling water will **condense** on the lid of a pot and turn to liquid.
- ★ *The cloud cools and **condenses**, causing the vaporized raindrops to turn into liquid water. (p. 7)*

DROUGHT: long dry period without rain

- ★ The plants curled up and died as the **drought** continued throughout the summer.
- ★ *As people who live in desert areas or who experience **droughts** know, water is a precious commodity—worth saving! (p. 5)*

FERTILE: able to produce much; able to support plant growth

- ★ Its **fertile** soil made the grassland a good place to grow wheat.
- ★ *Oases are **fertile** areas in the desert. (p. 6)*

latitude

(lat-uh-tood)

noun



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*

locale

(loh-kal)

noun



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*

mischievous

(mis-chuh-vuhs)

adjective



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*

quench

(kwench)

verb



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*

transport

(tran-sport)

verb



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*

ultimately

(ul-tuh-mit-lee)

adverb



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*

vital

(vy-tuhl)

adjective



KIDS DISCOVER *Water*



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LOCALE: a place or site especially in reference to a characteristic

- ★ Cactuses have adapted to conditions in desert **locales**.
- ★ *Its coastal **locale** and low altitude make it a wet—and often dangerous—place to live. (p. 7)*

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- ★ Water that evaporates **ultimately** returns to Earth as rain, snow, or ice.
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LATITUDE: distance north or south of the equator, measured in degrees

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MISCHIEVOUS: naughty; playfully causing trouble

- ★ The **mischievous** children giggled as they placed a rubber frog in the teacher's desk.
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TRANSPORT: to send along; to carry

- ★ Trains, trucks, ships, and planes **transport** goods from factories to the market.
- ★ *Life-forms use water to **transport** nutrients around the body and carry off waste. (p. 3)*

VITAL: necessary or important for life

- ★ Sunshine and water are **vital** to plant survival.
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Water Dictionary List

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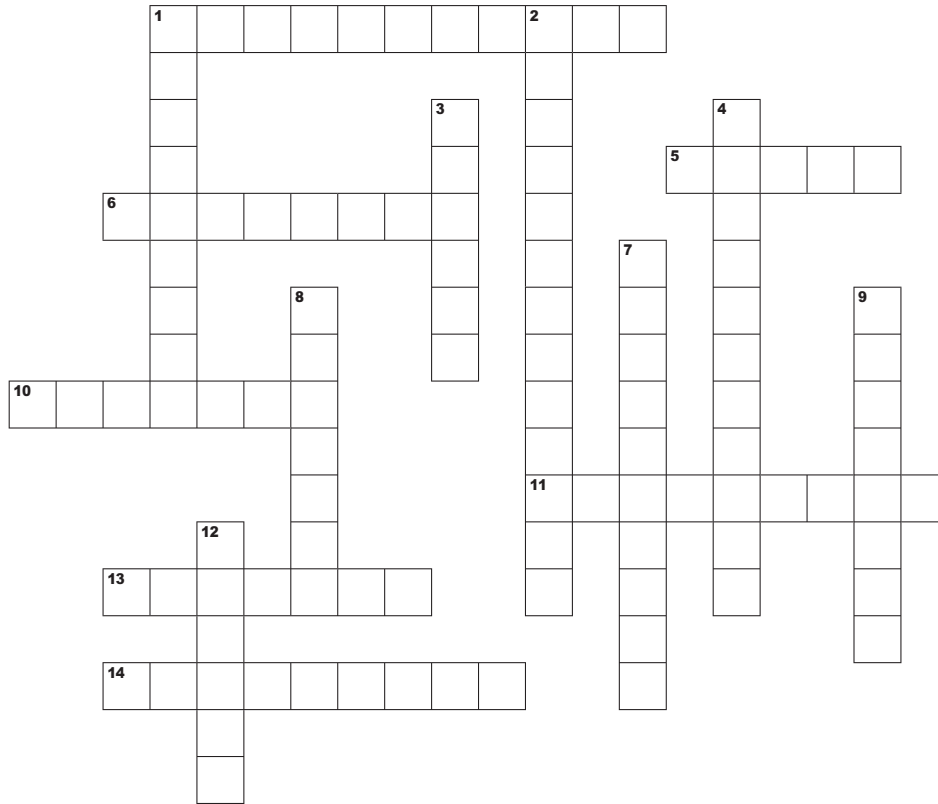
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Crossword

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Word Find

Circle each word from the box in the letter grid below. The words are up and down, across, backwards, and diagonal. Then, going across each row starting at the top left, place each unused letter on a blank until you reveal the hidden message.

APPROXIMATELY	EVAPORATE	MISCHIEVOUS
COMPONENT	FERTILE	QUENCH
CONDENSE	ICEBERG	TRANSPORT
CONTAMINANT	LATITUDE	ULTIMATELY
DROUGHT	LOCALE	VITAL

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2. Water vapor forms water droplets when it _____.
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9. An _____ is a large chunk of floating ice that has broken off a glacier.
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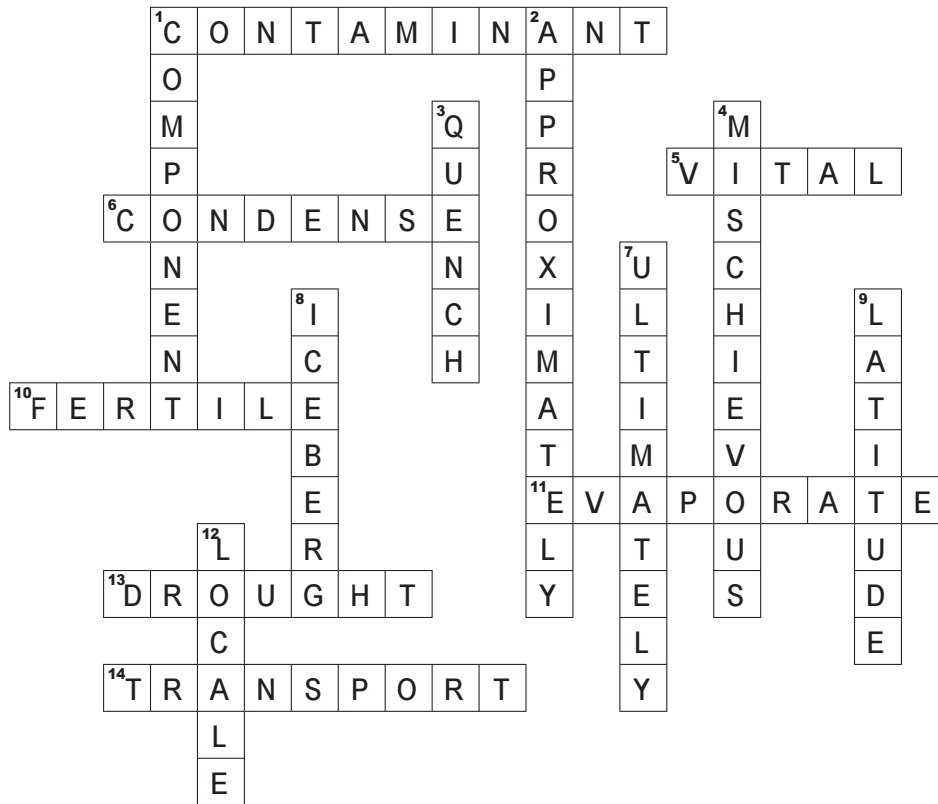
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