



# ONE MINUTE INSERVICE

## Take a minute; learn a lot!

### The SLAP Strategy

Research shows a strong relationship between vocabulary and one's ability to comprehend new information (from Classroom Instruction That Works by R. Marzano, D. Pickering, & J. Pollock). A strategy that helps students understand words in context is SLAP. Try teaching this to your students as they read texts in language arts, math, science, and social studies.

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Say the word.

Look for clues.

Ask yourself what the word might mean; think of a word that expresses that meaning.

Put the word in the passage in place of the unfamiliar word. Does it make sense?