

# WORD mark

## BOOKMARKS FOR WORDS

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Utilize WordMarks to help students apply "context clues" when they come across an unfamiliar word in their reading. Provide each student a copy of the WordMark bookmark.

While reading, as the student encounters a new word, he jots down the term and page number it appeared on.

Then, on the remaining lines, the student writes down what he thinks the word means. He applies his background knowledge and makes a prediction about what would make sense. Notice these off-the-cuff explanations are not in sentence form, just quick phrases. TIP: When less confident in his definition, the student could include a question mark (e.g., penetrating means very light?).

This is a great strategy to promote the use of context clues for unfamiliar words during independent reading, sustained silent reading, book clubs, or guided reading groups.

Once students have finished reading, provide an opportunity to discuss the tricky words and the students' understandings/misunderstandings. After discussing the word's meaning, allow students to revise their definition.

**CCR.L.4** Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.



**AT RIGHT:** This is an example WordMark created when reading a science textbook.

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### Bookmarks for Tricky Words

New word coagulation

Found on page # 253

**DURING READING:** Use context clues strategies.

What do you think this word means?

Small particles are  
attracted to each other  
and make one big particle

**AFTER READING:** Add to or change your definition.

Changes state like from  
fluid to solid

New word exothermic reaction

Found on page # 456

**DURING READING:** Use context clues strategies.

What do you think this word means?

when bonds change  
they break and give  
off energy

**AFTER READING:** Add to or change your definition.

this reaction causes  
heat to give off during  
the change <sup>exo = leave</sup> <sub>thermo = heat</sub>

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