

Choosing Vocabulary Words

Tier 1

- easy; meaning known by everyone
- *catch, when, believe*

Tier 2

“Mortar Words”
Academic Words

- useful in a variety of situations
- *benevolent, sinister, endure*

Tier 3

“Brick Words”
Domain-Specific Words

- bolded with definitions
- *isotope, tsunami, water cycle, opaque, transparent*