

# **The Vocab Lab: Improve Students' Academic Vocabulary with Daily Mini-lessons**

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**Brief Description:** The Vocab Lab is a 15-minute mini-lesson intended to provide students with direct instruction that enhances and supports content-area vocabulary instruction. Lessons are grouped into clusters based on similarities; for example, there is a series of lessons on powerful prefixes, another series on the most common Greek and Latin roots, and several series focused on basic terminology in the disciplines. Each mini-lesson uses one or more effective instructional strategies as cited by Robert Marzano and his colleagues in the Classroom Instruction That Works books/materials. During this session, attendees will experience one complete mini-lesson, examine several other mini-lessons, plan for how to adapt the Vocab Lab structure to their unique needs, and review student performance data generated from classrooms that have engaged in the Vocab Lab process.