

***The Bridge of Vocabulary* Publication Summary Form**

<b>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</b>	
Product name	The Bridge of Vocabulary: Evidence-Based Activities for Academic Success
Product acronym	N/A
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Brief description of product	<i>The Bridge of Vocabulary</i> is a comprehensive resource for teaching vocabulary to students from preschool through age 21. The print book provides 101 guided practice (professional-led) activities that focus on vocabulary topics such as antonyms and synonyms, prefixes and suffixes, classification and categorization, and word usage. Every activity in the book includes an “Evidence Base” statement that connects the content of the activity with pertinent research on effective vocabulary teaching and learning. Each activity also provides a “Standards Link” to demonstrate its alignment with a particular learning standard or curriculum framework from one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. An additional 148 guided practice activities, as well as hundreds of pages of supporting materials such as student sheets, Independent Practice Worksheets (IPWs), IPW keys, picture cards, and word cards can be found on the CD-ROM that is packaged with the book. All of the book activities are also reproduced on the CD for the user’s convenience.
Primary use/ purpose	<i>The Bridge of Vocabulary</i> is designed to provide a bridge between research and practice, as well as between general and special education. General education classroom teachers, teaching assistants, SLPs, and other special education professionals may all work from the same materials to help their students expand vocabulary using proven, effective strategies. The activities in the book and on the CD are designed for maximum effectiveness and flexible use with students of all abilities. Independent Practice Worksheets provide students with multiple exposures to target words, while activities at varying levels of difficulty, but on similar topics, may be used to tailor lessons to the needs of students who are ready to jump ahead or those who may need to fall back.
Age range covered	Preschool through age 21
Administration time	A rough estimate of the time required (short, moderate, or extended) is shown on each activity page; however, the actual time may vary based on the group size and the particular needs and abilities of the students.
Individual vs. group	The recommended group size for each activity (individual, small group, or large group) is indicated on each activity page. Most activities may easily be adapted for use with a smaller or larger group. Group modifications are described for many activities.
User qualifications	N/A

<b>CONTENT DESCRIPTION</b>	
Materials included in the kit	<p>160-page print book includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction (provides an overview of recent research on effective vocabulary teaching and learning)</li> <li>• 101 guided practice (professional-led) activities</li> <li>• Glossary</li> <li>• English Language Arts standards matrix</li> <li>• Annotated bibliography by topic</li> </ul> <p>CD-ROM (packaged with the print book; may be used with both PC and Macintosh) contains over 800 PDF files, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All 101 book activities in electronic form</li> <li>• An additional 148 guided practice activities</li> <li>• 110 student sheets</li> <li>• 152 Independent Practice Worksheets (IPWs) (worksheet keys are also provided, when appropriate)</li> <li>• 62 sets of picture cards or other illustrations</li> <li>• 39 activity continuation pages</li> <li>• 33 sets of word cards</li> <li>• 12 sets of prefix or suffix cards</li> <li>• 10 overhead sheets</li> </ul>

<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>	
Developmental history	<p>The activities were field tested in urban schools by the author, several school-based professionals, and graduate students at Chapman University in Orange, California, in spring 2006. Materials were reviewed by five vocabulary experts with backgrounds in general education, special education, and/or speech–language pathology. An earlier version of many <i>Bridge of Vocabulary</i> activities appeared in <i>Vocabulary With EASE</i> (Copyright © 2004 AGS Publishing).</p>
Special features	<p>Straightforward, step-by-step instructions make activities easy to plan and carry out. Scripted teacher speech is clearly indicated in bold, purple text. Each section of the print book (preschool, lower elementary, upper elementary, middle school/junior high, and high school/adult) begins with two vignettes describing how professionals and students at that age level may use the activities to develop vocabulary.</p>
Federal mandates met	<p>The Evidence Base statement and Standards Link provided for each print book activity help professionals comply with the NCLB and IDEA requirement that teaching practices must be supported by research.</p>