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Words Unlock the Doors to a World of Understanding

Habitats

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TOPIC VOCABULARY

Vocabulary Ninja believes that words can unlock the doors to a whole new world of understanding. Taking the time to unpick, discuss and understand the meaning of a word is guaranteed to excite and engage your learners! Combining exciting vocabulary with an enthralling topic, it's main characters and most historic events. Not only focusing on typical noun topic vocabulary, but exploring all other word classes that can bring a topic to life! Words carefully selected to enhance understanding and subsequently children's reading and writing.

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Burrow	Nest	Dam	Polar
hole	birds	water	North Pole
tunnel	laying eggs	barrier	South Pole
dig	safety	restrict	penguin
rabbit	roost	flow	cold
warren	shelter	stream	windy
set	structure	reservoir	bus tour
hollow	chosen	irrigation	snow
den	build	flood	ice
dugout	construct	river	tundra
earth	hatching	important	polar bear
dwelling	babies	enclosed	Antarctic
home	twigs	stop	Arctic
comfort	breed	floodgates	
safety	cradle		

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TOPIC NOUNS

Vocabulary Ninja Grammar Focus: Discuss proper, common, abstract and collective nouns. Which features are needed for proper nouns? Can you identify any below?

natural	rainforest	safety	bottom	tree
ocean	protection	comfort	ecosystem	meadow
prey	predator	micro	pond	shelter
grassland	woodland	seashore	plant	stone
natural	log	top	animal	earth
season	ground	grass	location	hibernation
continent	temperature	country	underground	water

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TOPIC VERBS

Remember: Depending on how you use these words, they may not act as verbs, but as another word class.

change	live	defend	protect	choose
select	adapt	suit	hibernate	grow
watch	research	hunt	investigate	camouflage
explore	change	find	observe	stone
shelter	record	scavenge	live	hide
build	learn	preserve	learn	migrate

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TOPIC ADJECTIVES

change	rocky	moist	warm	wild
dry	wet	humid	urban	tropical
wintry	icy	marine	territorial	isolated
coastal	threatened	ideal	homely	secure
vulnerable	sheltered	comforting	snowy	extreme
underground	rainy	windy	open	hot
enclosed	spacious	exposed		

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SYNONYM ALLEY

3 sets with space to create your own.

Draw a line from the words on the left to its synonym on the right.

cold	gust
wind	scavenge
hunt	freezing

damp	protect
humid	wet
guard	steamy

wild	risky
extreme	untamed
build	construct

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VOCABULARY LABORATORY

Describe / Definition:

Use it in a sentence (add picture too):

Focus Word (write below):

Word Class:

Synonyms: (words with same / similar meaning)	Antonyms: (words with opposite meaning)
Rhymes: (words that sound the same)	**Link Words:** (Example: football = pitch, team, player)

Draw your sentence:

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ENTHRALLING ETYMOLOGY

The Enthralling Etymology section of Vocabulary Ninja resource packs selects specific words with interesting heritage. Understanding how and why words are what they are today!

dam- Traced back to Middle English and Middle Dutch, it can be seen within the names of many cities such as Amsterdam and Rotterdam. It relates to the Greek word 'taphos' which means grave, therefore should be understood as 'dug out of earth'.

burrow - Meaning a 'hole in the ground excavated (dug) by an animal as a refuge or to live in', the word stems from 'borewe' which comes from Old English 'burgh' to mean 'stronghold, fortress'.

protect - From Latin 'protectus'. The word is made of 'pro' meaning 'before' and 'tegere' meaning 'to cover'.

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VOCABULARY NINJA AWARD

Signed Vocabulary Ninja _____ Date_____

This little ninja has shown unrivalled levels of commitment, guile and creativity in their use of vocabulary! Vocabulary used in discussion, writing, reading and everyday life. They are a true vocabulary ninja!

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TEACHING TECHNIQUES

As the **Ninja** has alluded to earlier, these vocabulary resources need to be supported by direct teaching. Teaching where misconceptions can be addressed and the correct meaning, spelling and varied forms of each word can be discussed, modelled and shared.

HELLO - A logical place to start with the word banks might be to identify which words the children already understand. If you are confident they can use a word with accuracy and control, then great! Let's investigate the rest.

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER - This section could be used in a variety of ways. Topic bookmarks, writing checklists, topic report writing aids, it's really up to you. Each list of words have been carefully selected to help pupils create and enhance understanding of each specific area.

NOUNS - This section provides nouns (words that identify people, groups, objects, places, emotions) associated with the topic. Great for reports or any type of writing linked to your topic. Dive deeper and discuss the type of nouns - proper, common, collective and abstract - Remember to ask WHY. Can you discover more?

VERBS - This section provides verbs (being, doing and having type words) associated with the topic. Believe it or not, verbs are also amazing for describing, adjectives are great, but verbs rock! These words have been specifically selected to enhance pupil's description. Remember to discuss verb forms, past, present, perfect, linking to subject verb agreements.

ADJECTIVES - These words will take your pupil's descriptive powers to a new level! You must teach them first, be selective and think carefully about what you are teaching and context - discuss why pupils think these words might have been chosen. Pupil's subject knowledge will need to be secure to effectively use these words.

NOUNS, VERBS AND ADJECTIVES

These resources could be used in an unlimited amount of ways. One specific way you might choose to unlock a specific word, is to use the **Vocabulary Laboratory** sheet on page 8. This activity is specifically designed to breakdown a pupil's understanding of a single word!

SYNONYM ALLEY - Synonym Alley has been created to help explore topic vocabulary synonyms (words that share the same meaning). Simply draw a line from the word on the left to the right. The ninja has also provided a blank template on page 15 for you to create your own.

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TEACHING TECHNIQUES

VOCABULARY LABORATORY - The Vocabulary Lab is a word technician's dream. Like Frankenstein himself, words have many forms, pieces and meanings. The Vocabulary Laboratory is the perfect activity to operate on a word, dissect it and see exactly how it works! Preparation is key here, know what each word has to offer! Choose from the Ninja's extensive banks or choose your own!

ENTHRALLING ETYMOLOGY - The Ninja loves discovering the history behind a word, some have fabulous stories behind them, whereas others are made up of several parts from Latin, Greek etc. The Ninja has painstakingly selected words that are sure to get your etymological whistle wet and hopefully excite pupils to discover the etymology of more words on their own.

LITTLE NINJA VOCABULARY AWARD - Reward your pupils with this simple Vocabulary Ninja certificate, signed by the Ninja. Remember to tweet your pupils' success **@VocabularyNinja** and use our hashtags #VocabularyNinja #Certificate #LittleNinja.

DISPLAY SLIPS - Display slips can be used in a variety of ways such as displaying vocabulary, laminate them and use them in topic work, word banks, the world is your oyster. All branded neatly with Vocabulary Ninja, sure to engage pupils! Print, trim and use!

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