



# Words that Matter: Effective Vocabulary Instruction from K-12



PRESENTED BY

**Bev Smith**



SERIES SESSIONS

Date	Time
February 03, 2025	12:45 PM - 3:30 PM



LOCATION

**Zoom Online Meeting - Zoom**

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## Learning Opportunity

Join us for an engaging and informative session designed for educators from kindergarten through grade 12, focusing on the critical role of vocabulary in student achievement across all subjects. This professional learning opportunity will delve into the importance of vocabulary development, providing teachers with essential knowledge and practical strategies to enhance their instruction.

What You'll Learn:

**The Importance of Vocabulary:** Discover how a strong vocabulary is a key predictor of academic success and how it impacts reading comprehension, writing skills, and overall learning.

**The Tiers of Vocabulary:** Explore the three tiers of vocabulary—basic, academic, and domain-specific—and learn which words to prioritize for instruction to maximize student understanding and retention.

**Principles of Vocabulary Instruction:** Understand best practices for teaching vocabulary, including the significance of context, repeated exposure, and making connections to students' lives.

**Active Vocabulary Instruction Strategies:** Gain a toolkit of effective, interactive strategies that promote active

engagement and deeper understanding of vocabulary. These techniques will empower students to use new words confidently in their speaking and writing.

This session is perfect for all subject area teachers looking to strengthen their vocabulary instruction, enhance student learning, and foster a lifelong love for language. Come ready to collaborate, share ideas, and leave with actionable strategies you can implement in your classroom right away!

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## Presenters

### Bev Smith

With over 35 years of experience in education, including 25 years in the classroom, Bev Smith has a rich background in teaching and leadership. As the former Literacy and EAL Lead Teacher for the Lethbridge School Division, she specializes in literacy, English as an Additional Language (EAL), and fostering a culture of thinking. Currently, she shares her expertise as a Designer of Professional Learning for APLC - The Consortium at SAPDC, where she continues to champion responsive teaching and student-centered learning. Passionate about literacy and educational innovation, Bev is dedicated to shaping impactful learning experiences for educators and students alike.

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## Registration Notes

Zoom link will be sent out in the registration email. Please check your junk/spam folder if you don't see it right away.

We recommend joining us live to get the most out of your learning, however, a recording will be available after each session.

All times are MT (Mountain Time).



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