Alex Quigley’s 7 STEPS to CLOSE THE VOCABULARY GAP

**STEP 1**  
Train teachers to become more knowledgeable and confident in explicit vocabulary teaching

**STEP 2**  
Teach academic vocabulary explicitly and clearly, with coherent planning throughout the curriculum

**STEP 3**  
Foster structured reading opportunities in a model that supports students with vocabulary deficits

**STEP 4**  
Promote and scaffold high quality academic talk in the classroom

**STEP 5**  
Promote and scaffold high quality academic writing in the classroom.

**STEP 6**  
Foster ‘word consciousness’ in our students (e.g. sharing the etymology and morphology of words)

**STEP 7**  
Teach students independent word learning strategies

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