



Vocabulary Power Plus Online

OVERVIEW WEBINAR

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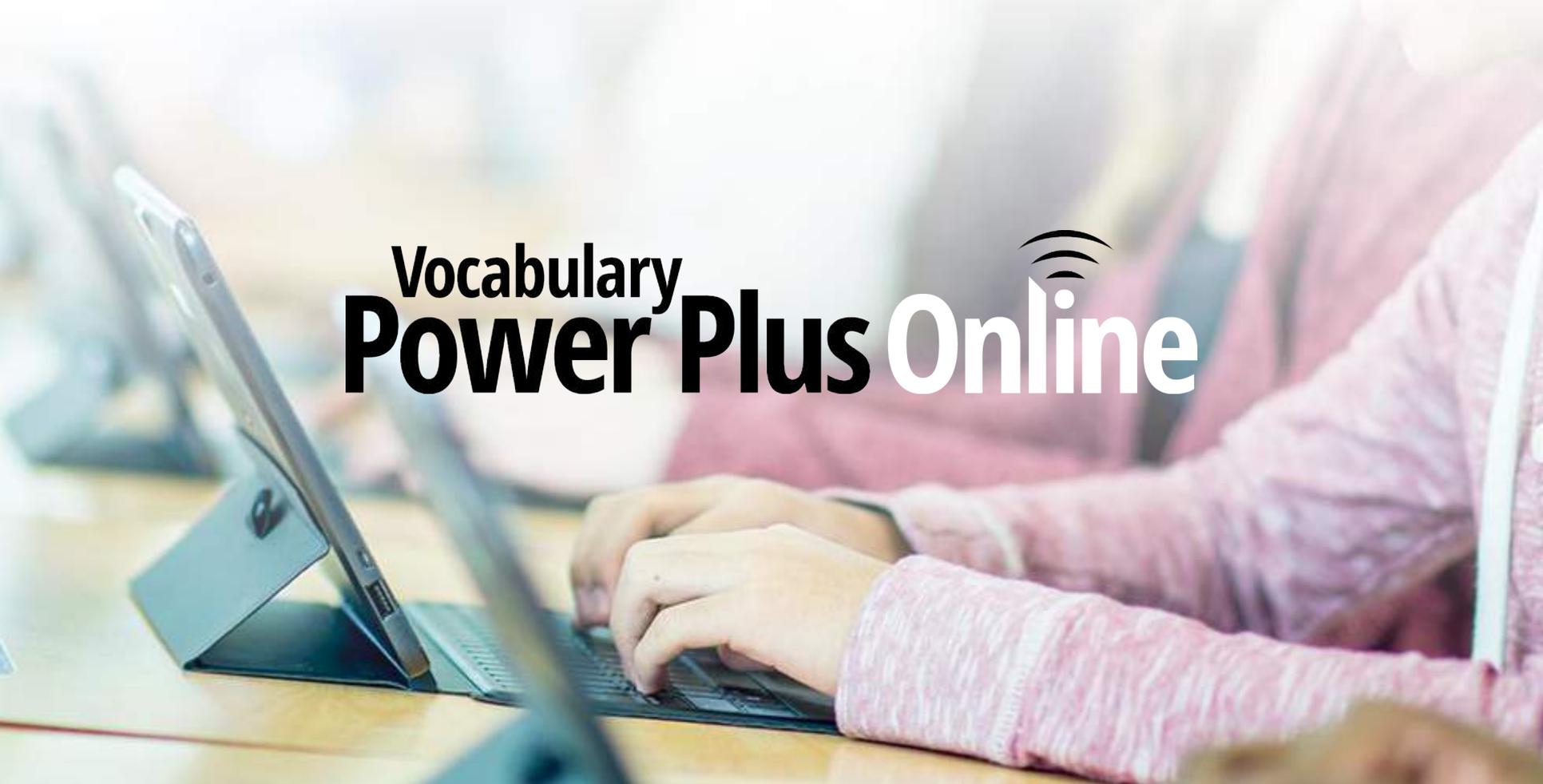
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Effectiveness of Direct Vocabulary Instruction

1. Improves reading comprehension
2. Provides opportunities for students to encounter words in various contexts without relying solely on incidental learning
3. Allows for selection of words most valuable to and appropriate for students at each grade level
4. Teaches vocabulary incrementally through well-developed lessons with clearly defined teaching tasks

Benefits of a Digital Learning Environment/Format

1. Increases access and convenience for both educators and digitally native students
2. Conserves educators' time and energy

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Vocabulary **Power Plus** Online

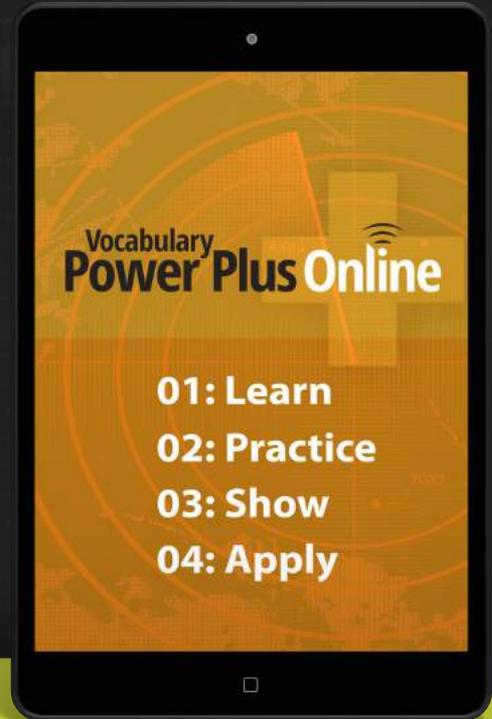
Introduction to *Vocabulary Power Plus Online*

- Will be available for the 2019-2020 school year
- For grades 9-12
- Browser-based program; no software download required
- Accessible at home, in class, etc.
- Defined experiences for teacher and student



Program Structure

- There is one course per grade.
- There are 21 lessons per course.
- There are 15 words in each lesson, broken down into three segments of five words each.
- Each segment includes four main activities:
 - Learn
 - Practice
 - Show
 - Apply
- Each lesson concludes with a summative assessment.



Each lesson reinforces vocabulary learning through four stages of instruction.



LEARN introduces students to the vocabulary words.

Students will:

- See the vocabulary word and hear it pronounced in its entirety and syllable by syllable
- See and hear the part of speech and the definition of each word
- See and hear each word used in a sentence



PRACTICE deepens student understanding of new words through exercises that emphasize exploration and provide feedback.

Students will:

- Match vocabulary words to the appropriate definitions
- Identify synonyms/antonyms
- Receive immediate feedback



SHOW lets students demonstrate their developing understanding of new words through exercises that emphasize context.

Students will:

- Read a sentence and then click on the vocabulary word it relates to
- Select a word or phrase that best completes a sentence



APPLY asks students to assess a word's fit in the context of a paragraph and analyze the appropriateness of the word's use at the sentence level.

Students will:

- Place vocabulary words accurately to complete a cloze paragraph
- Choose sentences that use the word correctly



The program uses vocabulary words in various scenarios so that students develop and retain a multifaceted understanding of the words.



Students have the opportunity to use the words at least six times each in increasingly comprehensive contexts.



Advantages of Direct Vocabulary Instruction in a Digital Format

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Introduction

DUE TO ADVANCEMENT and innovation in technology, best practices in education today are miles from best practices only ten years ago and may be unrecognizable ten years from now. Through smartphones, tablets, and even smartwatches, students have instant access to each other and the world at large, and these interactions are bound to increase in convenience and allure over time. Among all these changes, however, the keystones of English language arts instruction—vocabulary acquisition in particular—remain steadily significant to students' futures. Therefore, it is up to us, as dedicated educators, to continually strategize, regroup, and meet students where they are by leveraging the digital tools upon which they have come to rely. A substantial amount of pedagogical research has examined the overlap between vocabulary instruction and the digital realm and reached helpful conclusions about the effectiveness of direct vocabulary instruction on a digital platform.

In this white paper, we will address the effectiveness of direct vocabulary instruction as a whole. We will then outline the benefits of delivering instruction in a digital format. Prestwick House's new program, *Vocabulary Power Plus Online*, offers comprehensive acquisition, practice, and assessment of the tier-two and tier-three vocabulary from the *Vocabulary Power Plus: College and Career Readiness* series in a completely digital format that contains the important features of automatic progress reporting for teachers and immediate feedback for students.

Abstract

This report examines the effectiveness of improving students' vocabulary acquisition through a direct instruction vocabulary program in a digital format. The report presents the data asserting the necessity and effectiveness of direct vocabulary instruction, offers research supporting the benefits of delivering instruction via a digital platform, and provides an example of a well-developed program that seamlessly fuses vocabulary instruction and digital platform best practices through a four-part systematic approach.

Effectiveness of Direct Vocabulary Instruction

The significance of vocabulary acquisition cannot be overstated.

"Vocabulary knowledge is knowledge; the knowledge of a word not only implies a definition, but also implies how that word fits into the world" (Stahl, 2005).

Research indicates a positive correlation between vocabulary knowledge and reading comprehension: "If students do not adequately and steadily grow their

Q & A

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does *Vocabulary Power Plus Online* come with the books or is it extra?
2. How do you use the books in conjunction with the online program?
3. Which *VPP* series is this modeled after?
4. How are the questions scored?
5. Is this individualized to each student's level so they progress as they go through the exercises and assessments?



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