Vocabulary Video Guide Sheet

Your goal: To show, not tell, the meaning of a word in a 15-45 second digital Vocabulary Video Story

Vocabulary Video Stories are short videos that illustrate the meaning of a word through a short, entertaining skit. The goal is to situate the word within a meaningful context to help us learn and remember the word. And, you will learn something about designing short videos along the way!

A. Design

1. Use the Graphic Organizer Word Web to learn more about your word and how you might show it in a video.
   a. Research your word to find synonyms, antonyms, and other related words that you can include in your story dialogue. Don't forget to make note of different forms of the word. The Visual Thesaurus (http://www.visualthesaurus.com/) or other online thesauruses are great tools for exploring the meaning of your word.

   b. Brainstorm possible skits. What is the context for how the word might be used? As you're brainstorming, think about how you can act out your video skit.

   - Where might you hear this word?
   - Who might be saying it?
   - What is happening?
   - Why are they saying it?
   - What kinds of feelings might be associated with this word?

2. Figure out your roles: Director/Camera, Actor, Word Sign Person (may overlap with Actor).

3. Do you need any simple props?

4. What is your location? Where will you film? (Since we are in school, our choices are limited – your teacher will tell you where we can video).

5. Make a sign of your word on the paper provided (print large and clear so that it can be read on the video screen). Put the word on one side and your brief definition on the other side. You will show this sign at the end of the video.

B. Video record your word skit.

1) Improvise your skit, giving each other feedback as you go along.
2) Film your skit and review (see the technical advice section on shooting your video).
3) Try filming again and select the best one to submit and share.

C. Show (and Publish)

1) Share your video in class and discuss what you learned about these words, as well as what you learned about creating Vocabulary Videos.
2) We will post these videos on our class laptops and with permission to our website.

Technical Tips for Shooting your Video

1. Don't shoot into the light! (avoid standing in front of windows with bright light).
2. Actors need to face the camera or each other at an angle where they can be seen and heard. It is common for people to turn away from the camera, especially if they are in groups. Watch out for this and reposition people if needed.
3. Actors need to speak clearly and loud enough to be heard easily. Be dramatic!
4. Find a quiet spot. Test your volume at the beginning, so you know who needs to be louder or who needs to speak more clearly. It's frustrating to watch a video and not hear the actors!
5. Show your vocabulary word sign at the end and give a brief definition of the word. Use the markers and large paper so that the word sign can be seen easily on camera.

Iphone Video Directions (adapt for whatever device you are using)

- **Tap the camera icon and select the video option.**
- **Hold the camera** in a vertical position (otherwise, you will get sideways video!).
- **Begin Shooting**: Press the red button to begin filming.
- **Stop Shooting**: Press the red button again. There is no way to pause your video, so you will have to complete it in one take. Film a few takes and compare so that you choose the best one!
- **Zoom In/Out:** Pinch the screen to zoom in and zoom out.
- **Play Video Back**: Press the image of the video in the bottom left to open the video and press the play button. If you want to keep it, press Done. It will save to your Camera Roll.
- **Delete Video**: If you want to delete a video, press the trash can.
- **Only keep the final version of your video** to download or send via email, text, or airdrop.