

ESL Professional Development...



Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!



It's September which means Labor Day and an opportunity to develop our student's background knowledge on the importance of honoring American workers and unions. Have you thought about using vocabulary in sustaining your students' ability to comprehend what they read and remember key facts? Researchers have found that it takes between 8-10 exposures to learn new words in a deep and meaningful way (*Center for Applied Linguistics, 2016*).

Try the vocabulary activity below using a variety of different strategies and a fresh new perspective on teaching vocabulary!

I have... 10 minutes

In 10 minutes...

To celebrate Labor Day, use the [lesson](#) and printable resources from EL-Civics:

- [Labor Day Read Aloud](#)
- [Labor Day Vocabulary Activity](#)

I have... 30 minutes

In 30 minutes...

Use **antonym** or **synonym BINGO** to build knowledge of [word associations](#) for your students. By incorporating listening and speaking in an engaging environment, your students will get more exposure to words introduced in the classroom. Click [HERE](#) for more information on vocabulary games to use in the classroom.

I have... 1 hour

In 1 hour...

Think about implementing learning stations for your multi-level class. One group can complete the Labor Day vocabulary worksheet, while another group can work on building a story with 5 words. For your pre-literate students, develop a picture bank with 6 words and create a grid with a number on each box. Call out the number and word and allow students to place the words into the grid until they are filled. For more ideas on supporting pre-literate students, click [HERE](#).

I have... multiple hours

If you have more time...

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