

Vocabulary is an integral part of our everyday lives. Developing a vocabulary which enables students to understand what is going on in the real world is a necessary skill.

This binder includes reproducible activities that provide practice with vocabulary in a variety of formats that we encounter in our daily lives. The activities are divided into six units, each covering important vocabulary words in a real-world category.

Based on her years of teaching at-risk middle school students as well as GED classes to struggling adult learners, Bonnye Wier Cavazos created this program to reach and engage students who struggle with vocabulary. Each activity sheet includes clear, simple directions and short activity questions and sentences written at a low reading level. The activities feature realistic graphic representations that middle school and high school students and adults already encounter or will encounter soon, such as road signs, fitness center brochures, checkbooks, medicine bottles, job applications, and labels.

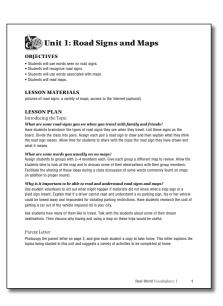
### Six Units

Each unit provides a teacher lesson plan to introduce the real-world vocabulary words to be covered. Also included are a parent letter, ten practice activities, a list of suggested extension activities, and an assessment. The units are:

Road Signs and Maps
Health and Nutrition
Finances
Doctor Visits and Medicine
The Workplace
Shopping

#### **Unit Lessons**

At the beginning of each unit is a two-page lesson that addresses the real-world vocabulary topic. Each lesson includes objectives, a materials list, and mini lessons that introduce the topics of each unit and provide for class discussion, grouping of students, and hands-on participation.



### **Parent Letter**

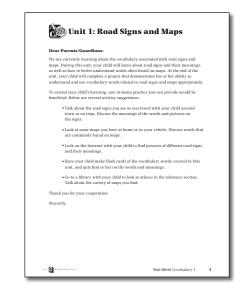
Before beginning a new unit, send home a copy of the parent letter with each student. The parent letter explains the topics being studied in the unit and offers suggestions for at-home practice.

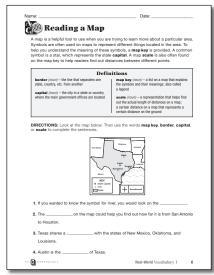
# **Activity Sheets**

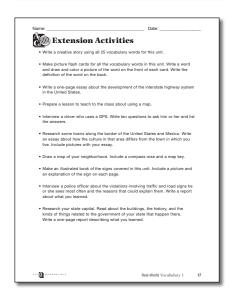
Each reproducible activity sheet features a clear and concise introduction to the topic and vocabulary words. After reading the brief introduction, students will review the vocabulary words and then see a realistic graphic representation of information pertaining to the topic. Simple directions ask the students to analyze situations and answer questions related to the vocabulary words being addressed.

### **Extension Activities**

After completing all the activity sheets in a unit, each student should choose one extension activity to further apply what has been learned. Each unit contains a list of ten different suggestions. The activities vary in difficulty level and appeal to students with different learning styles, making this section appropriate for students of varying ability and interest levels. Some students may prefer to create illustrated dictionaries, while others might feel more comfortable writing an essay or making a poster.







### Assessments

Each unit includes an assessment with questions that focus on the vocabulary words covered in the unit. The assessments feature simple directions and varied activities that call for students to correctly use the vocabulary words they learned in the unit.

## **Answer Key**

For your convenience, an answer key is included at the end of the binder, showing the correct answers for each activity sheet and unit assessment. In cases where several answers could be correct, "Answers will vary" is noted.

