

PLATO[®] Vocabulary Builder Editor

Grade Level: Elementary through Post-Secondary
Target Audience: All ages
Audio Support: Yes

Product Features

- Simple interface for developing databases of words, definitions, and context sentences
- Online dictionary for easy access to definitions
- Space for additional information: root word, prefix, suffix, synonyms, and antonyms
- Audio support option
- Five starter databases with words focused by subject: history, literature, science, social science, and SAT preparation
- Sample Vocabulary Builder Activity

Product Benefits

- Provides focused vocabulary practice
- Builds vocabulary skills in context
- Allows teachers to create an unlimited number of customized word databases and unlimited study activities
- Allows teachers to write activities for state test preparation or for specific classes
- Allows learners to complete activities independently
- Allows learners to create their own databases and activities

Online Features

Dictionary: *American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language[®], Third Edition*

Notebook: Learners can take notes and print them.

Bookmarking: Learners can return to the point in the lesson where they left off when exiting.

Final score reporting: Program records learners' test results.

Menu Icons

Create new database—opens the Vocabulary Builder Editor main page

Open existing database—opens a vocabulary database for editing

Save—saves the database to a location specified by the user

Print—prints the current screen

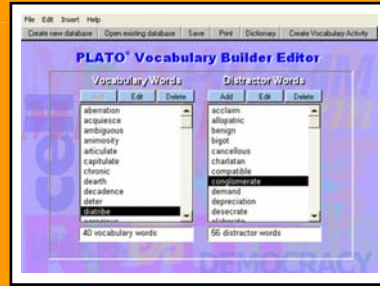
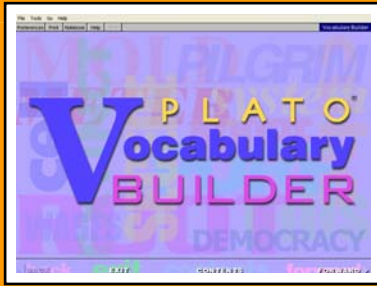
Dictionary—provides definitions that can be copied and pasted into the database

Create Vocabulary Activity—generates an activity that includes Study, Practice, and Test sections

Reference Materials (Refer to PLATO Documentation CD)

PLATO Vocabulary Builder—Getting Started Tutorial

PLATO Vocabulary Builder—User's Guide



Getting Started

- Run the Vocabulary Builder Sample Activity to see what you are going to build with the Vocabulary Builder Editor.
- Choose the vocabulary words for your activity.

Building an Activity with the Editor

- Add vocabulary words
- Add distractor words
- Copy and paste dictionary definitions, or write your own
- Edit and delete words from the database
- Add audio files for context sentences (optional)
- Create a Vocabulary Builder activity
- Add your custom activity to the lessons you assign to learners through PLATO® Pathways.

Assessment

- Assign built Activities to let students learn, practice, and take tests on the vocabulary you prescribe.

Implementation Strategies

- Before starting a new teaching unit, select important new vocabulary words and create Vocabulary Builder activities for learners.
- Allow learners access to the Vocabulary Builder Editor through Pathways and teach them how to create their own word databases.

Evaluation

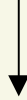
- Generate reports to track learner progress.
- Discuss report data with learner to determine next steps.

Extension Exercises

- Ask learners to compose their own vocabulary lists and activities to challenge their classmates.
- Ask learners to build personal databases over the course of the year that include new words they encounter in class reading assignments.

Activity Structure

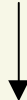
Study



Vocabulary list

Individual word cards

Practice



Multiple-choice questions with word card review

Test



Multiple-choice questions

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Vocabulary Database Provided

The five databases provided each contain 40 vocabulary words and 40 or more distractor words. They may be edited to fit teachers' needs. A sampling from each is listed below.

History

artifact	indigenous
capitalist	ineffectual
coup d'etat	monarchy
epoch	ratification
heritage	suffrage

Literature

apprehension	melodrama
chronicle	protagonist
extemporize	sagacity
garrulous	surrealism
infallible	vassalage

Science

centripetal	posit
conductivity	reactant
ecosystem	simulation
hypothesis	solubility
parallax	terrestrial

Social Science

authoritarian	jurisdiction
commodity	laissez faire
demographic	qualitative
egalitarian	topographic
ethic	utilitarian

SAT Preparation

acquiesce	meticulous
diatribe	preclude
egregious	redundant
facilitate	succinct
homogeneous	trepidation

Activity Description

Study

This section consists of Word Cards.

One "side" shows

- the word and its definition
- root word (optional)
- prefix and suffix, if any (optional)
- synonyms (optional)
- antonyms (optional)

The other "side" shows

- sample sentences using the word
- audio reading of the sentence, if created

Practice

This section presents 10 multiple-choice questions in which the learner matches a definition to the given word. Distractor definitions reflect a word that is the same part of speech as the given word.

Wrong answers prompt review of the Word Card.

Test

This section presents multiple-choice test questions in the same mode as the Practice. Tests are scored and results are recorded to generate reports.

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