

Teacher's guide: The Vocabulary Bowl

For IXL customers



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



What is the Vocabulary Bowl?

The [Vocabulary Bowl](#) is the world's largest academic competition! Hosted by Vocabulary.com, this biannual competition recognizes the premiere achievements in vocabulary learning. Winning schools, teachers, and students receive trophies and prizes to inspire and award academic excellence.

Schools, teachers, and learners worldwide race to master the most words during the Vocabulary Bowl season. Our [leaderboards](#) track real-time results, motivating competitors to top the rankings and achieve word domination.

Why should I participate?

Students and teachers love the Vocabulary Bowl! It helps students improve academically, build a growth mindset, and win as a team.



One of the biggest wins is seeing students who have struggled with reading comprehension enjoy the program. They say it's fun, and they feel successful because they are really learning.

Niki Knowlton,

ELA teacher, Learning Tree Elementary School



You can see the vocabulary growth in their essays. Their writing is better, their analysis is better, and their understanding of what they are reading is better.

Amanda La Roche

9th grade English honors teacher, Sig Rogich MS



It was difficult, but it was fun. We just had a small class, but we realized there was something bigger here. We wanted to win the mini-competition for our class, but we also wanted to win the whole thing!

Olivia,

5th grader at Learning Tree Elementary School

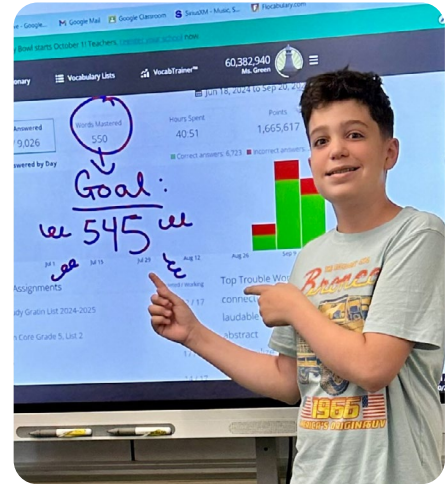
How do I participate?

Administrators and teachers on active IXL ELA site licenses can register their 5th- through 12th-grade students. Rostered students earn points for their teacher and school as well as competing in the learner division.

Each word mastered results in one point. Students can master words through VocabTrainer and Practice activities. Check out [How to earn Vocabulary Bowl points](#) for the easiest, most effective ways to score and climb the leaderboards.

There are two Vocabulary Bowl seasons per year:

- ✓ **Fall season:** October 1 to November 30
- ✓ **Spring season:** February 1 to March 31



Vocabulary Bowl timeline



How are schools classified?

Our Vocabulary Bowl leaderboards categorize schools by division and school type. For the purposes of this competition, a school will be considered

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DIVISION I
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if full-time enrollment is
1000 students or more

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DIVISION II
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if full-time enrollment is
from 500 - 999 students

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DIVISION III
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if full-time enrollment is
up to 499 students

Schools that teach 12th-grade students are automatically considered a high school in the competition.

To learn more about the Vocabulary Bowl, check out the [Rules page](#) to find divisions, prizes, and more!

FUN, EFFECTIVE WAYS TO WIN

Extra excitement

Learn success tips from some of our Vocabulary Bowl champions. They have shared their award-winning approaches and we've compiled the [Top Vocabulary Bowl engagement strategies](#) to boost engagement on your campus and in your classroom.



Vocabulary Bowl printables

Fuel school and classroom excitement with Vocabulary.com printables!

Hang this [fall](#) or [spring](#) Vocabulary Bowl poster up in your school hallways or classroom walls to remind students about the competition.

Use this [Word Mastery Tracker](#) at the beginning of the season to set a classroom goal and fill it up as you reach the top.

Have students fill out this [Student Activity Log](#) as they master words and keep track of their personal goals using this [Student Goal Tracker](#).

As they reach their goals, reward them with [customizable coupons](#) or this [achievement certificate](#) if they reach the next achievement badge.

At the end of the Vocabulary Bowl, reward your top contributors with this [Vocabulary Bowl MVP certificate](#).

Social shenanigans

Post your progress throughout the season! The competition is fierce and this is the perfect opportunity to show off your students' academic success. With national championships, state titles, and teacher awards, the Vocabulary Bowl is proof of your school's academic excellence. Make sure to tag us on whichever platform you're posting on:

X: [@VocabularyCom](#)

Instagram: [@VocabCom](#)

Facebook: [Vocabulary.com](#)

LinkedIn: [Vocabulary.com](#)

If you don't use social media, feel free to send images to marketing@vocabulary.com with permission to use your photos across social media and our website! We love seeing and showcasing the excitement the Vocabulary Bowl brings to classrooms.

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It's time to Jam with @icschool_online 8th grade! #BowlGoals
@VocabularyCom #vocabularybowl



Jen Orr
@MrsJenOrr

Another exciting @VocabularyCom Jam to get ready for tomorrow's quiz!
These @SVViperPride 5th graders are loving it! @DVUSD

