

# Keys to Success in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade



## # 2: Expanding Vocabulary

You've moved from "learning to read" in K-3 to "reading to learn", and that means you'll be flooded with words that are "new to you" in the books you read in social studies, science, math, and your personal reading. It's so important to STOP and notice when a word is **new to you** and take the time to figure out what IT means!

1. Make a habit of reading **each day**.

What will you include in your summer reading?

- a. novels
- b. magazines
- c. poetry
- d. picture books

2. Be on the look out for words that are **new to you**!

How will you discover their meaning?

- a. inferring = background knowledge + text clues
- b. [online dictionary](#)
- c. talk about the word with a family member or friend

3. Choose **HOW** you will use the words that are **new to you**?

- a. [Keep a notebook like Max in Max's Words](#)
- b. Use the "new to you" words in **your conversations**. Tell people about the meaning behind the words. It's so important to say the words out loud and hear how they sound and work!
- c. Challenge yourself to use the "new to you" words in **your writing**: poetry, narratives, nonfiction, opinion pieces.