

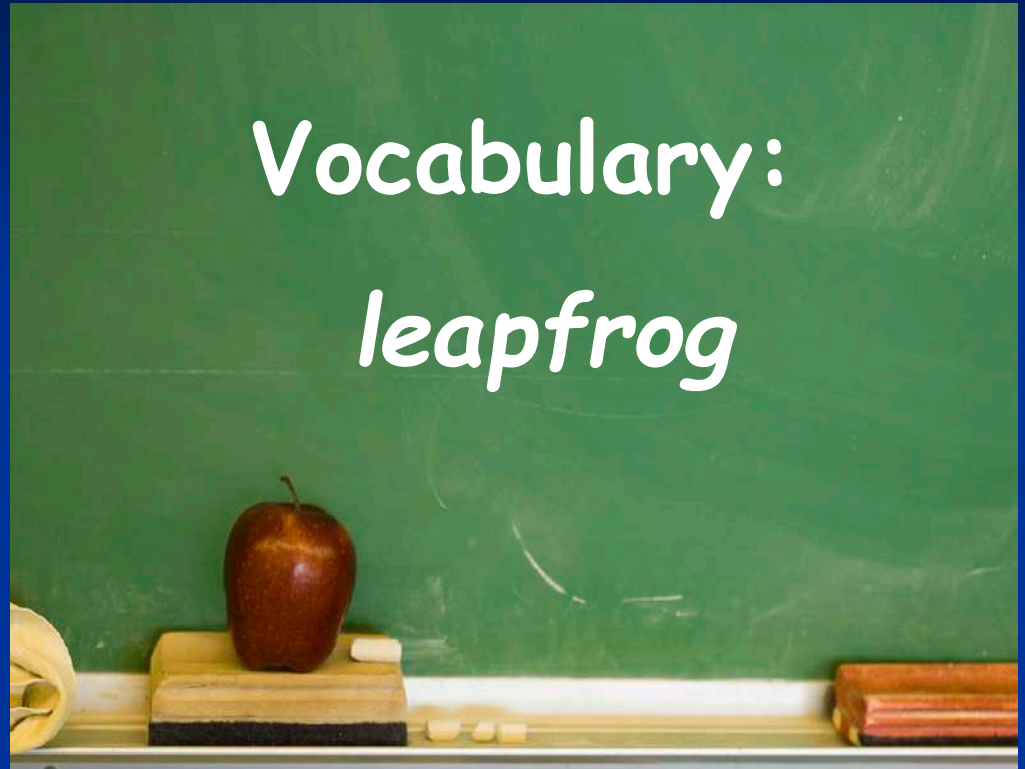
Vocabulary

"GM's audacious attempt to leapfrog the popular Toyota Prius, with its green halo, has gotten it more publicity than any General Motors car in decades" (The Carconnection.com).



Step 1 – The Word

- Copy vocabulary words from the board.
- Leave space for definition & two sentences
- Four new words per week on the last class meeting of the week



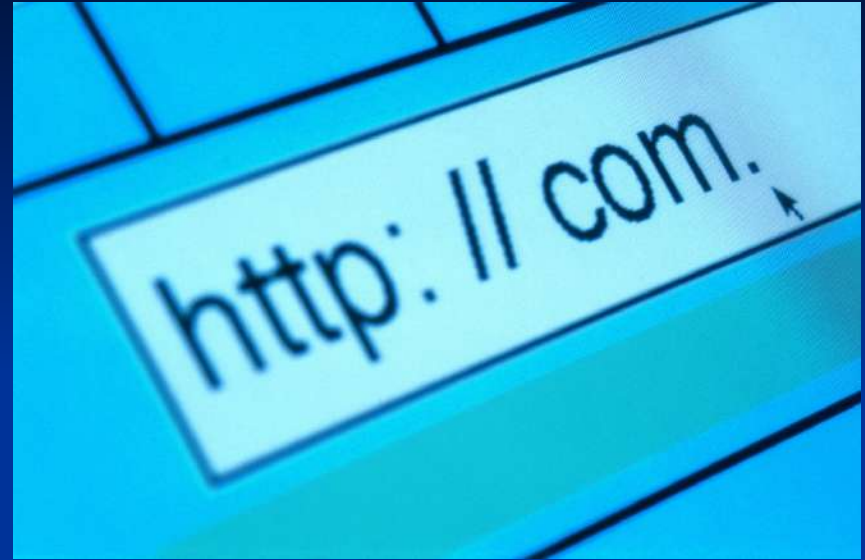
Step 2 – Dictionary Definition

- Use a class dictionary to find the definition of the word.
- Include *part of speech* (noun, verb, etc).
- If the word has many definitions, copy the first two.



Step 3 – Internet Research

Homework: Go online and use a search engine such as *Google* to find **news articles** in which each vocabulary word is used correctly.



Internet homework: Hint

- Go to *Google*, then, “News”
(see “breadcrumb” menu at top of Google page);
- Type in the vocabulary word to search.

This finds articles where the word is used in context.

The default menu of Google (called simply, “Web”) will bring up websites that are just dictionaries or encyclopedias

Internet (continued)

■ **Hint #2:** After the search, look at the short excerpt the search engine gives to make sure that the vocabulary word is not being used as a *name* for something or someone.

■ **Example:** vocabulary - “tenacious”
One search result is a story about the new CD from “Tenacious D” (Jack Black’s alter ego).

That is *not* a correct use of the word; it is a recording artist using the word as a *name* - unacceptable.



Internet (continued)

■ **Hint # 3:** Use the “Find on this Page” feature under the Edit menu.

■ Click on *Edit*, then *Find on this Page*

A small box opens.

Type in the word and it will take you directly to the sentence with that word in it, and the word will be highlighted.

Find on this page:

leapfrog

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Step 4

- **Transcribe two sentences that use the word correctly.**

Do not copy them using the “copy” feature on the computer. If you do that, you will not remember the word or its use.



Remember the whole purpose of this exercise is to learn how to properly use the vocabulary word. If you copy and paste, you never process the word through your brain. I probably won't know the difference, but you will when you take the test and fail the vocabulary section.

Note: Be sure to put the sentence in “quotation marks” because you are lifting it directly from another source, and then cite the source – that is, write a short version of the web site name after the quote in parenthesis.

Here is how it should look:

Vocabulary word: *leapfrog*

leapfrog

■ *Definition:*

1. *v.t. (used with object)* to jump over (a person or thing) in or as if in leapfrog:

■ 2. to move or cause to move as if in leapfrog: *Manufacturers are leapfrogging prices because the cost of raw materials has doubled.*

Internet Examples:

“Saturday's 1-1 draw at in-form Birmingham saw Alex Ferguson's men miss an opportunity to leapfrog table-toppers Chelsea” (thesun.co.uk)

■ “What makes the story interesting is that Currier, a small school that was far from the cutting edge of computer technology before now, has been able to leapfrog ahead and skip a generation or two of technical infrastructure,” said Daniel French, the Superintendent of the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union” (manchesterjournal.com).