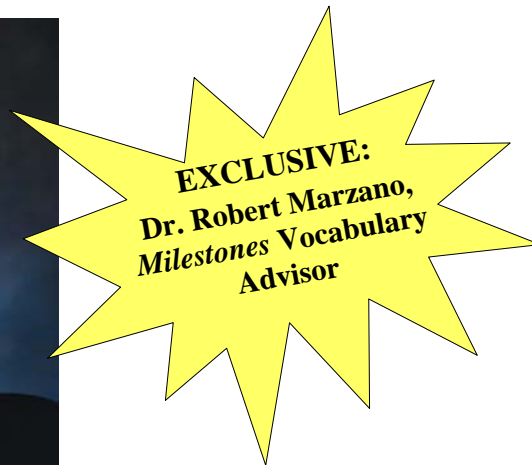
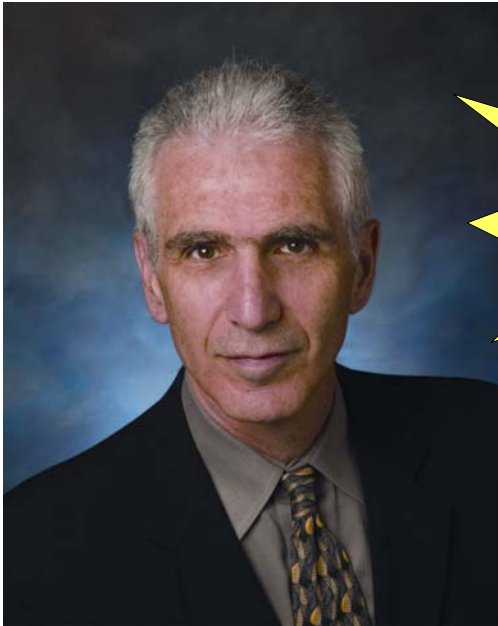


Why is Systematic Teaching of Vocabulary Important to English Learners?

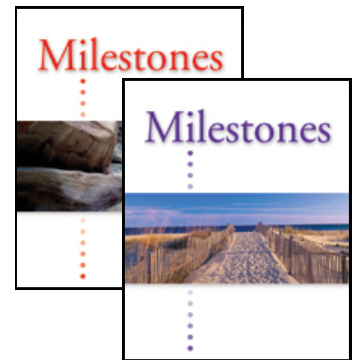


“One of the most crucial services that teachers can provide is systematic instruction in important academic terms.”



“English learners have obvious limitations with vocabulary because they have not had the same opportunity as native speakers for oral exposure to English words before learning to read. Therefore, instruction that leads to deeper processing of word meanings, along with greater repetition and use of words in different formats, leads to higher proficiency.”

(Shanahan and Beck, 2006)



Marzano’s effective six-step approach to teaching vocabulary provides direct instruction and guidance of these strategies for both teachers and students. All of these steps are found, systematically, throughout the **California State-Adopted *Milestones* series**.

Marzano’s Six-Step Approach to Teaching New Vocabulary to English learners:

1. Provide a description, explanation, or example of a new term
2. Ask students to restate the description, explanation, or example in their own words
3. Ask students to construct a picture, symbol, or graphic representing the term
4. Engage students periodically in activities that help them add to their knowledge of the terms in their notebooks.
5. Periodically ask students to discuss the terms with one another
6. Involve students periodically in games that allow them to play with terms

For examples of these six-steps in *Milestones* directly from Dr. Marzano, visit

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