

Word Splash

**Adapted from VDOE Website*



CONTENT AREA
VOCABULARY

Purpose:

- To help students recognize relationships between vocabulary words
- Can be used as a pre-reading strategy to activate background knowledge
- Can be used as a way to review understanding

WHAT:

- Select 10-15 words, concepts, and/or phrases
- “Splash” words on the page

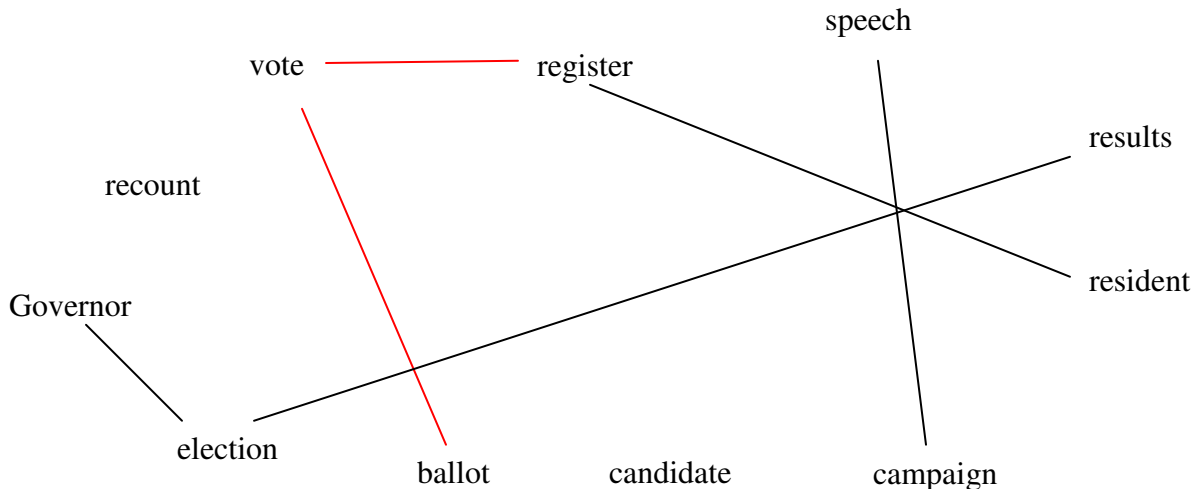
HOW:

1. Distribute splash and say words to class
2. Independent Work:
 - a. Ask students to draw a line connecting words that share a relationship
 - b. On the line (or another piece of paper), ask students to show/tell how the words are connected
3. Small Group/Partner Work:
 - a. In groups of 2 or 3, have students share their connections
 - b. Using a different color, students will revise their word splashes with new information from their group members
4. Whole Class Share:
 - a. Students share splashes & class discusses

Additional Notes:

- A word can be connected to more than one word
- Words can be added to the splash as unit progresses

Word Splash Example



SENTENCE CONNECTIONS:

1. A candidate will give speeches while on the campaign trail.
2. To become Governor, the candidate must will the election.
3. The voting results determine who wins the election.