

## Interesting Words

One effective way to develop students' vocabulary is to ask them to note interesting, unusual, vivid, or especially effective words they come across as they read. However, focusing their discussion *only* on these words will not work very well. Instead, help students use these words as supplements to their conversation -- as an option for discussion if they run out of other topics, or as evidence of the author's word choice to support other points made in their conversations.

### **Directions for Students:**

As you read, collect at least ten interesting words that are new to you, unusual or words that you would like to use in your own writing. Include the sentence from the book, the page number and a definition in your own words. Students can write the information in a learning log or on a handout.