



SAMPLE MATERIAL

Graphic Organizer for Teaching Vocabulary With Visuals

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Topic: How to Organize Your Teaching

Practice: Abstract-Concrete Connections

Bonny Bowen created this graphic organizer to incorporate more nonlinguistic representations of vocabulary words into her instruction. She shares her corresponding visuals with students and creates a meaningful context for understanding and recalling the terms. Throughout the lesson, students may use her visuals or create their own meaningful graphics.

Geoterm/Picture	Student Definition	Teacher Definition	Reminds Me Of:
Ecosystem			<ul style="list-style-type: none">••
Land Use Conflict			<ul style="list-style-type: none">••
Biodiversity			<ul style="list-style-type: none">••
Sustainable Development			<ul style="list-style-type: none">••
Tropical Rainforest			<ul style="list-style-type: none">••