

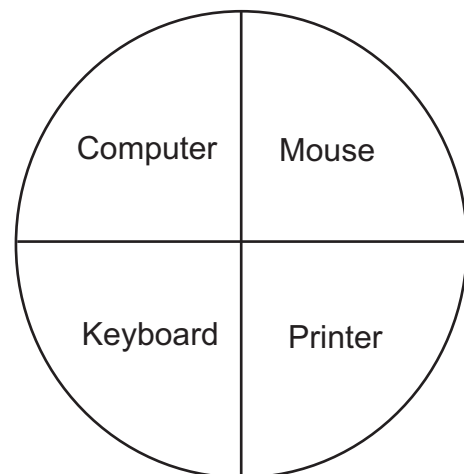
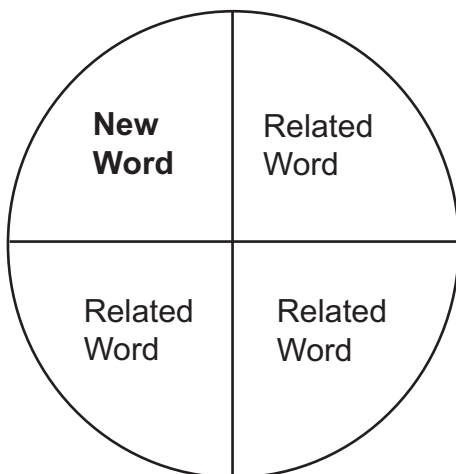
Word Journal

Each page of your notebook will be set up in a similar way. Your journal will be a great way for you to keep track of new words that you learn as you read. Once you become more comfortable with your journal, you can keep track of words that you hear on television, on the radio, or out in public.

On each page, you will have the following information:

- the word at the top of the page
- the sentence you heard or read the word in
- what you think the word means and why
- the dictionary definition of the word
- a new sentence for the word
- the word again at the bottom of the page
- a graphic representation of your word (e.g., a picture that explains the word, concept wheel, or a word web)

Example of a Concept Wheel



Word Journal Sample Page

WORD: Stationery

SENTENCE:

She used her best stationery when completing the letter.

I THINK WORD MEANS:

I think this word has something to do with paper because she is completing a letter.

DICTIONARY DEFINITION:

Merriam-Webster OnLine had the following definitions:

- 1 materials (as paper, pens, and ink) for writing or typing
- 2 letter paper usually accompanied with matching envelopes

NEW SENTENCE:

I used stationery to write a letter to my sister.

WORD: Stationery

In this area, students can draw a related picture, a concept wheel, or even a word web (i.e., the word in the center of the web and all related words surrounding it). Other options for this area include rewriting the original sentence with a different word in place of the chosen word or writing synonyms or antonyms for the chosen word.

