



**SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATION  
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**Clever Schools and Clever Homes create clever kids- best practice for supporting students with learning difficulties**

Our tips are posted daily and include strategies for teachers and parents. They are not mutually exclusive.

## **Clever Byte #1: Glossaries for developing word knowledge**

### **In the classroom:**

- provide the option of an electronic or hard copy of the glossary to all students when a theme/topic is introduced
- a glossary should include 10 useful words with brief meanings related to the theme/topic
- discuss, with the class, the pronunciation and meanings of the words when the list is given

### **At home:**

Parents can help by reading the words in the list and discussing with their child the meaning of each word. One of the best ways to ensure a child understands and can remember the meanings of the words is to relate them to their personal experience. If the word is outside of the child's experience, support them by looking at a visual, such as a YouTube video or a web page, and discussing it.

If a list is not provided, Google the "title" and the word "glossary" e.g. "volcano glossary" and choose the 10 most useful words.

### **Special Provisions:**

Students to be provided with access to the glossary for tests.