Why breadth and depth of vocabulary?

• Vocabulary knowledge correlates with

comprehension.

• Comprehension depends on knowing

between 90% and 95% of the words in a text.

• To overcome the vocabulary disadvantage,

we need to teach vocabulary explicitly on a

daily basis.

• A high-achieving 12th-grader has learned

some 15 words a day, over 5,000 words a year.



