

Art + Language: Word Banking I

Word banks are a great tool for helping you improve your vocabulary, spelling, and creative writing skills.

Artwork Suggestions:

The Earth is a Man, 1942

Roberto Matta

Plate, 1800/50

Puebla, Mexico

Sky above Clouds IV, 1965

Georgia O'Keeffe

Using the Art Institute's online [collection page](#), find works of art to match with the words listed below, one artwork for each word. Try to find works that best exemplify one or all of the definitions given. Then, write two or three sentences or words explaining why each work you chose is a good match. Remember to back up your claims with evidence by referring to both the artwork and the definition of the word.

Word Bank:

Vivid (adj):

- Producing powerful feelings or strong, clear images in mind
- Intensely deep or bright (when describing color)
- Lively and vigorous (when describing a person or animal)

Delicate (adj):

- Very fine in texture or structure
- Easily broken or damaged; fragile

Harmonious (adj):

- Forming a pleasing or consistent whole
- Free from disagreement or dissent

Linear (adj):

- Arrange in or extending along a straight or nearly straight line
- Progressing from one stage to another in a single series of steps; sequential

Illinois Common Core State Standards for ELA:

L4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

L6 Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

W1 Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
