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- In life, we meet many different words.
- One way we can look at words is to think about them as different tiers depending on how difficult they are or how they are used...



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<b>Tier 3</b>	Specific, more difficult words – linked to a specific subject <i>EXPERT WORDS</i>
<b>Tier 2</b>	More complicated, useful words <i>EDUCATED WORDS</i>
<b>Tier 1</b>	Every day words, simple and basic <i>EVERYDAY WORDS</i>

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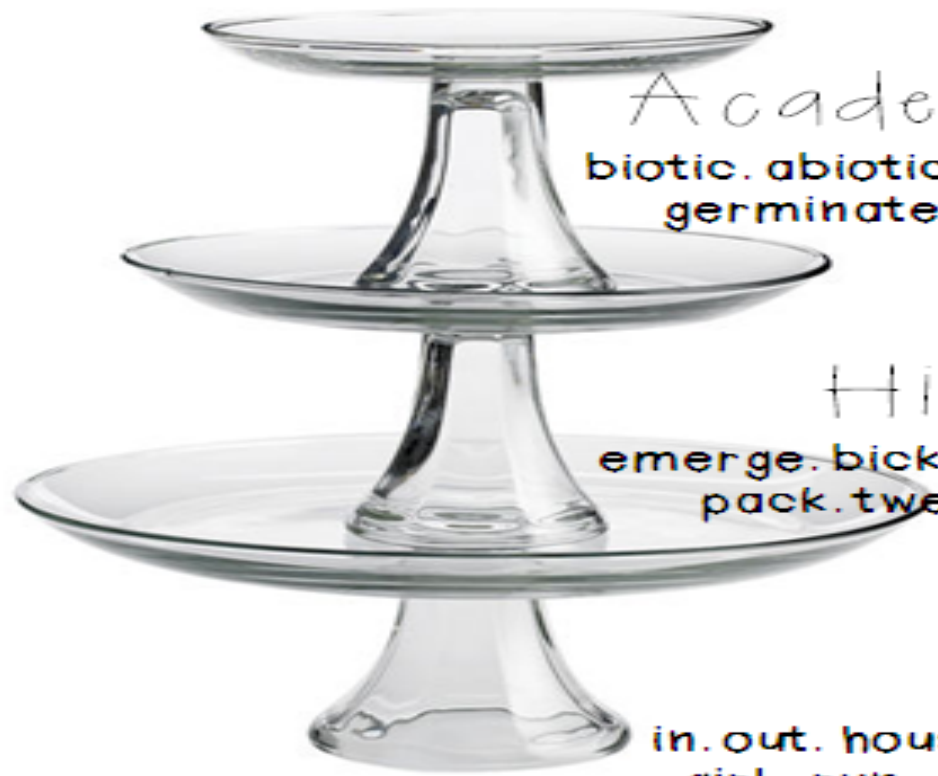
The Three-Tier System	
Tier One Everyday Words	Basic words that most students know or can know with simple instruction
Tier Two Educated Words	Frequently occurring words, words that students have a working concept of or words that would enhance their communication
Tier Three Expert Words	Specialized words that tend to only be used in specific contexts



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### Tiers of Vocabulary instruction



#### Tier 3

##### Academic Content Words

biotic. abiotic. ecosystem. environment. terrarium.  
germinate. photosynthesis. acute. geometric

#### Tier 2

##### High Utility Words

emerge. bicker. flounder. frightened. increase. soak.  
pack. tweak. navigate. function. priority. tug

#### Tier 1

##### Basic Words

in. out. house. dog. cat. blue. yellow. flower. book  
girl. run. house. sad. car. go. animal. street

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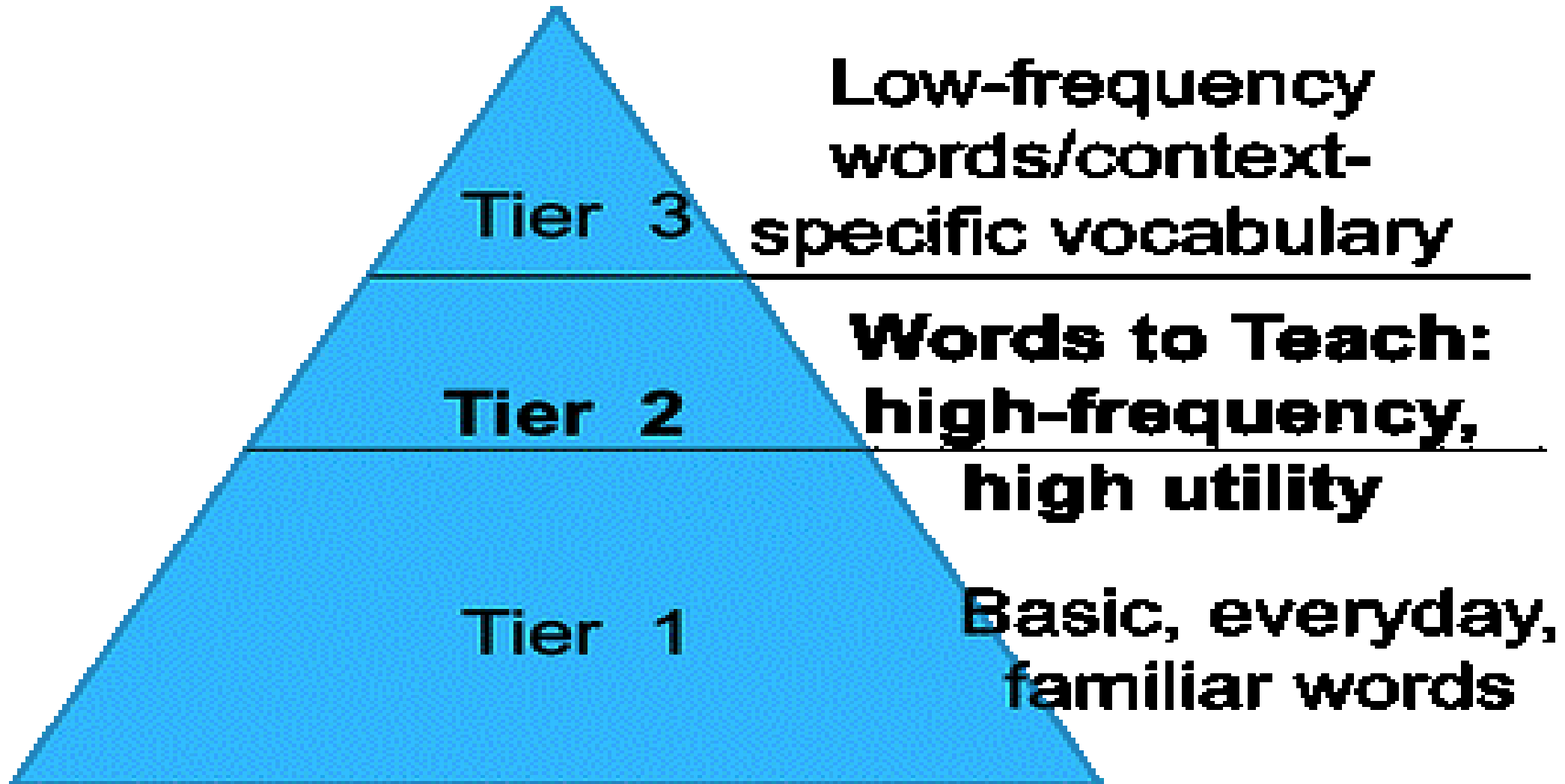
## Two tier words

- How to use it:
  - Look at the words/vocab you are using
  - could you add a tier two word?
- Great for:
  - Helping you to understand a text
  - Breaking down the type of words you use
  - Improving your writing/reading



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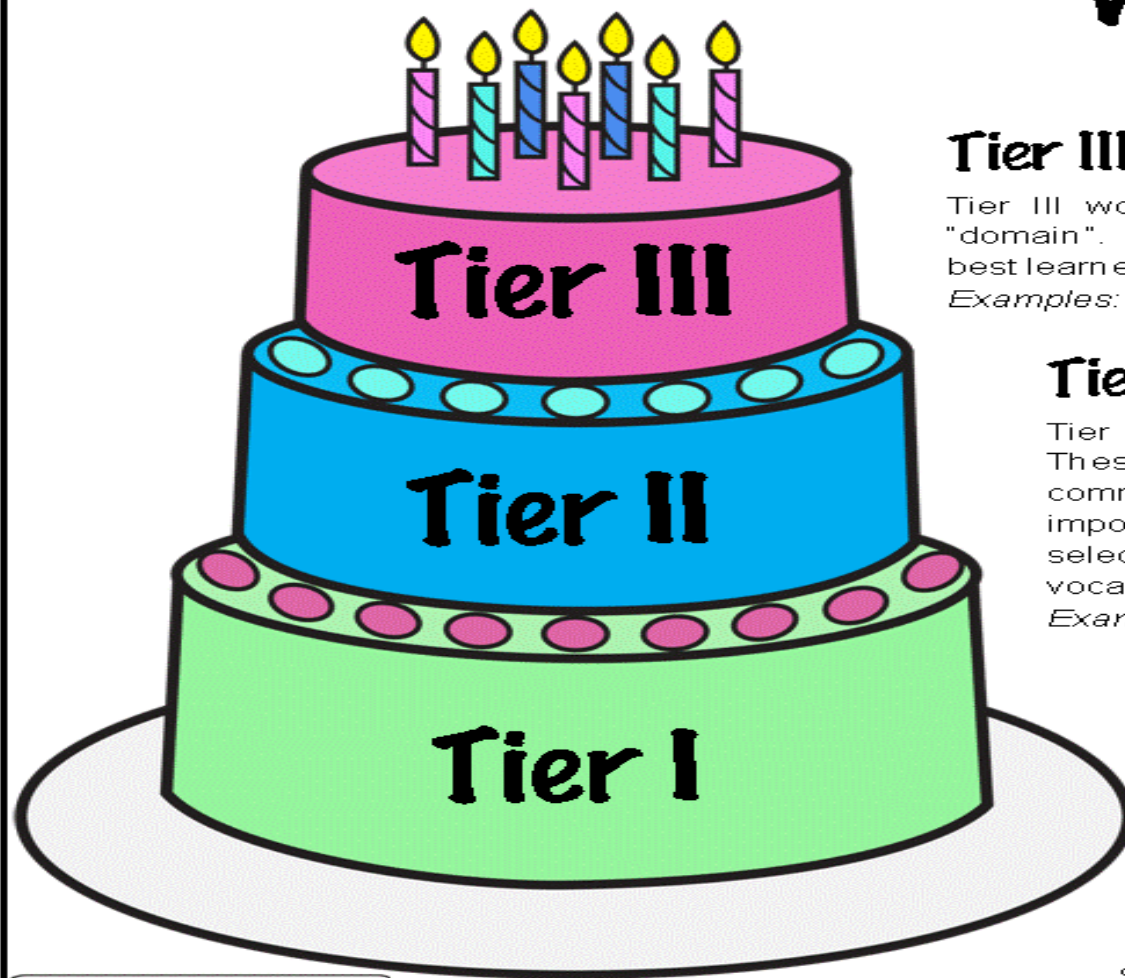


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### Vocabulary Instruction

#### Choosing Words to Teach



#### Tier III

Tier III words are low-frequency words and are limited to a specific "domain". They often pertain to a specific content area. These words are best learned within the context of the lesson or subject matter.

*Examples: atom, molecule, metamorphic, sedimentary, continent*

#### Tier II

Tier II words are high-frequency words that occur across contexts. These words are used by mature language users and are more common in writing than in everyday speech. Tier II words are important for students to know to enhance comprehension of a selected text. Tier II words are the best words for targeted explicit vocabulary instruction.

*Examples: hilarious, endure, despise, arrange, compare, contrast*

#### Tier I

Tier I words are the words we use everyday in our speech. These words are typically learned through conversation. These are common words that rarely require direct instruction.

*Examples: come, see, happy, table*



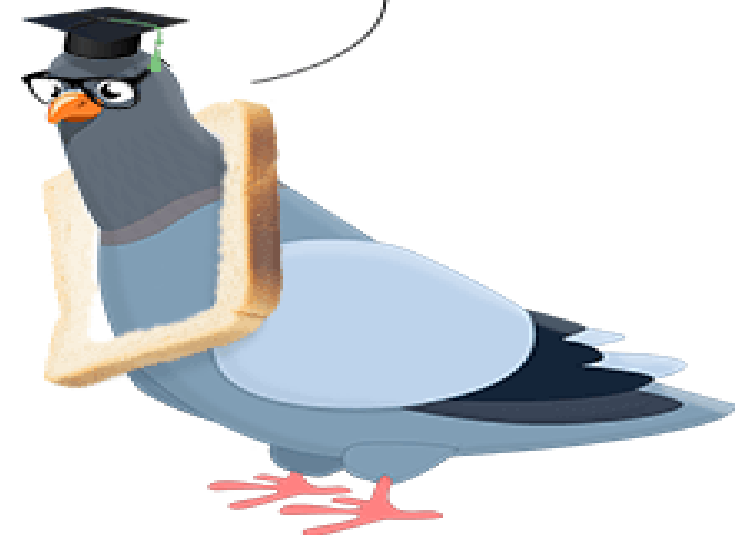
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what are other  
words for  
two-tier?



bicameral, two-house, dual,  
bilateral, bipartite, dualistic,  
split-level, twin-tier,  
twin-level, two-level





"The limits of my  
language mean the  
limits of my world"

Ludwig Wittgenstein

TARE

The empty weight of any container (used for weight measurements).

TEAR

To destroy by force.

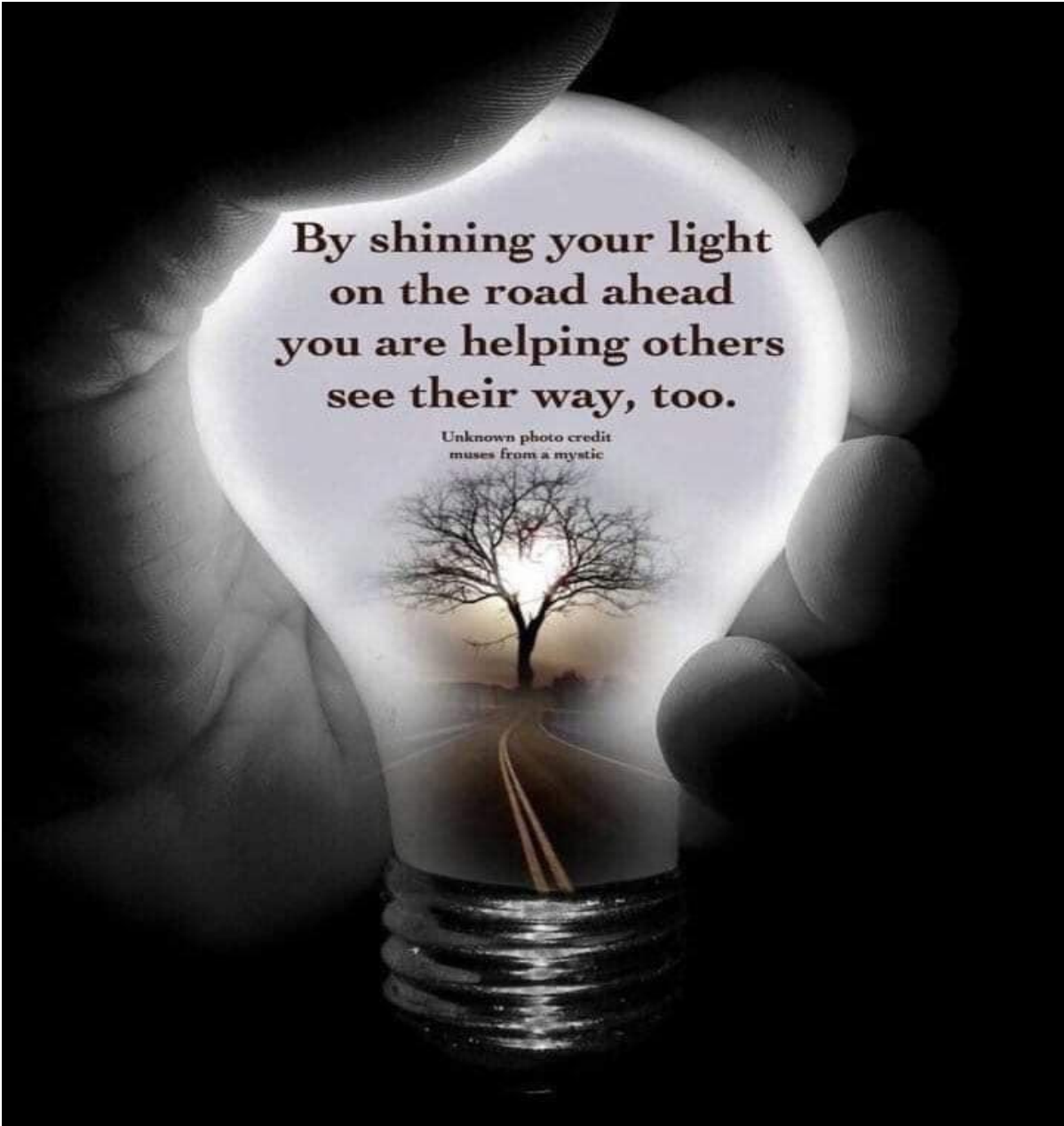
TEAR/S

A drop of liquid that comes out of the eyes.

TIER

Rows or layers of something arranged in an order.

“ DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TARE, TEAR, TEAR/S, TIER ”

A hand is holding a glowing lightbulb against a black background. Inside the lightbulb, a road with white lines stretches into the distance, leading to a bare tree. The light from the bulb illuminates the hand and the text above it.

**By shining your light  
on the road ahead  
you are helping others  
see their way, too.**

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