



**ARTESOL ANNUAL CONVENTION, JULY 2014  
COMMUNICATIVE AND INTERACTIVE WAYS TO  
TEACH NEW WORDS  
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In this talk we want to present good practices that promote learning new words through **active participation**, **read alouds**, and **word cards & sorts**.

The audience participating in this talk will engage in the preparation for, and participation in, a **mini-spelling bee** and a **song performance**.

# DIAMONDS

BY RIHANNA

ESTIMATE:

HOW MANY WORDS DO YOU THINK ARE INCLUDED IN  
THIS SONG?

HOW MANY WORDS ARE THERE IN THE ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE?

# WHEN DEALING WITH VOCABULARY ACQUISITION

QUANTITY OR QUALITY?

HOW MANY TIMES OR HOW WELL?

SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FROM RESEARCH:

PRESENT NEW WORDS IN A VARIETY OF MEANINGFUL  
CONTEXTS

POSITIVE EMOTIONS & SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

# PREPARATION FOR THE MINI-SPELLING BEE

- SMALL GROUPS
- LISTEN TO THE SONG
- AFTER READING THE LYRICS, CHOOSE & WRITE 3 WORDS:
  - 1 THAT YOU KNOW & YOU LIKE
  - 1 THAT YOU HAVE HEARD
  - 1 THAT YOU HAVE NEVER HEARD BEFORE
- SHARE YOUR SELECTION & PRACTICE SPELLING THE GROUP WORDS



# PREPARATION FOR THE MINI-SPELLING BEE

- SHARE YOUR WORDS WITH ANOTHER GROUP
- ABC ORDER LINE SPELLING (WITHOUT REPEATING A WORD)
- CREATE WORD SORTS
  - USE YOUR MINI-WHITEBOARDS
- SHARE YOUR WORD SORTS WITH THE CLASS

# MINI-SPELLING BEE

- SMALL GROUPS CHALLENGE
  - USE YOUR MINI-WHITEBOARDS

# PREPARATION FOR SINGING THE SONG

- SMALL GROUPS
- WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE LINE FROM THIS SONG?
- READ ALOUD YOUR FAVORITE LINE
  
- WHEN WE SING THE SONG AS A GROUP, YOU TAKE ONE STEP FORWARD WHEN WE ARE SINGING YOUR LINE

**LET'S SING THE SONG!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
PARTICIPATION!**



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