

## Three Tiers of Vocabulary

### Tier One

- Rarely require instructional attention
- Consist of basic words
- Examples: baby, clock, happy, walk, jump, hop, slide, girl, boy, dog

### Tier Two

- Contain high frequency words that are found across a variety of domains
- Have a powerful impact on verbal functioning
- Must be words students have ways to express the meaning of the word.
- Examples: coincidence, absurd, industrious, merchant

### Tier Three

- Made of words whose frequency of use is quite low and often limited to specific domains
- Best learned when a specific need arises
- Examples: isotope, lathe, peninsula, refinery