

No Excuses Words



No Excuses Words is a vocabulary strategy that encourages you to make active use of the academic vocabulary you learn in class. It is not about memorizing words for the duration of one unit but instead has a more practical goal. The aim is for you to incorporate these words into your daily vocabulary. A *No Excuses Word* is a word you can spell, write, read, and use in conversation—both in and out of class.


Formatting the *No Excuses Words* section of your binder

For each set of *No Excuses Words*, make an addition to the NEWs section of your binder that includes the correct spelling of the word, part of speech, definition, alternate forms if applicable (Examples include past tense, future tense, plural, and singular forms of the word. Synonyms may be used as well but must be denoted as such), and a sentence and illustration.

A NEWs entry should be formatted as such:

WORD (Part of Speech)	
Definition:	
Alternate Forms:	Sentence and Illustration:

Sample:

INORGANIC (adj.)	
DEF: Related to or obtained from substances that have never been alive.	
Alt.: inorganically	 Rocks are inorganic because they've never been alive.

All *NEWs* must be entered in the *No Excuses Words* section of your binder. You may include multiple entries per page and may choose if you would like the pages to be oriented portrait or landscape style. As you continue adding to the section, you will create an illustrated glossary of the scientific vocabulary needed for class. You will use this vocabulary log as a reference throughout the year.

Sample entries can be viewed on the *NEWs* page of www.msbrownteaches6.weebly.com

Updates to your *No Excuses Words* log are due on Thursdays unless otherwise noted.

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