

# OVERVIEW

For more than five decades **VOCABULARY WORKSHOP** has helped millions of students increase their vocabularies, improve their reading, writing, and speaking skills, and prepare for standardized tests.

**VOCABULARY WORKSHOP ACHIEVE** continues the tradition in a redesigned format and with important new features. Standards-aligned and research-based, the program supports explicit instruction of high-utility words—ten words at a time—to expand and enrich students' vocabulary knowledge, provide skills that contribute to success on standardized tests, and complement a literature-based approach to vocabulary instruction.

**VOCABULARY WORKSHOP ACHIEVE** supplies instruction and practice with 300 words organized in 15 Units of 20 words each. Each of these Units is divided into two sets, focusing student attention on 10 words at a time and making classroom implementation more manageable.

All vocabulary words appear in one of the two related reading passages that begin and conclude the Units, providing students with multiple exposures to the words in the context of rich and engaging informational text, with examples of proper usage. These passages also serve as starting points for discussions of word meanings and semantic relationships.

The **VOCABULARY WORKSHOP ACHIEVE** word lists consist of high-utility, academic vocabulary relevant to students' classroom and independent reading. These are words that students will also encounter on standards-aligned exams.

Recognizing the importance of vocabulary to success on these tests, **VOCABULARY WORKSHOP ACHIEVE** includes practice with vocabulary and reading skills in standardized-test formats modeled on current standards-based exams.

Welcome to **VOCABULARY WORKSHOP ACHIEVE**. In the following pages, you will learn more about its instructional and assessment features, the program's print and online components, and implementation of the program.

