At school there is an imperative for students to move from acquiring new words through oral language to acquiring them from reading and writing. Th difficult as the oral supports of gesture, clear visual context and tone of voice are not present in print. Moving consistently from rich talk to written form very important for young students.

A vocabulary focus is specified through the Australian curriculum. Aspects explicitly referred to include comprehension strategies, text processing strate punctuation, morphemes, cohesion, synonyms and antonyms, relating vocabulary to audience and purpose, technical vocabulary, homophones and idia

