

# LINEAR ARRAYS

**Description:** Linear arrays are a strategy that illustrates gradation between related words. This helps the student make connections between words, see subtle distinctions between words, and realize that all words have shades of meaning. Use of linear arrays works best with vocabulary from literature text rather than informational text.

## **How to Use the Strategy:**

1. Distribute Linear Arrays worksheet.
2. Explain how a word's meaning can connect to other word's meaning, *i.e.* Disobedient and Refusing are connected in meaning because one way of being disobedient is to refuse to do something.
3. Give examples of how opposite words can connect through a chain, *i.e.* naïve-open-learn-practice-experienced

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- **Naïve:** Lack of experience, judgment or knowledge
  - **Open:** To become receptive to knowledge or skill
  - **Learn:** To gain knowledge or a skill by study, instruction or experience
  - **Practice:** Repeated performance for the purpose of acquiring a skill or proficiency
  - **Experienced:** Having learned through experience
4. Give vocabulary words or topics that need connecting.
  5. Discuss as a group what words students used and why.