



Make the most of Bedrock Mapper



Your starting guide →

Are you using the Bedrock platform to its full potential?

If you're not using Bedrock Mapper to teach disciplinary literacy (or tier 3 vocabulary) across your school, there's so much more you can be doing.

This handy guide will get you started, whether you teach maths, sciences, history or anything else.

What is Bedrock Mapper?

Bedrock Mapper extends literacy beyond English, teaching, assessing, and reteaching key vocabulary across all subjects. It provides personalised instruction for learners, moving beyond simple definitions and rich data insights for teachers.

It ensures learners master key terms and enables schools to meet the EEF's recommendation to provide targeted vocabulary instruction in every subject, known as disciplinary literacy.

Why is this important?

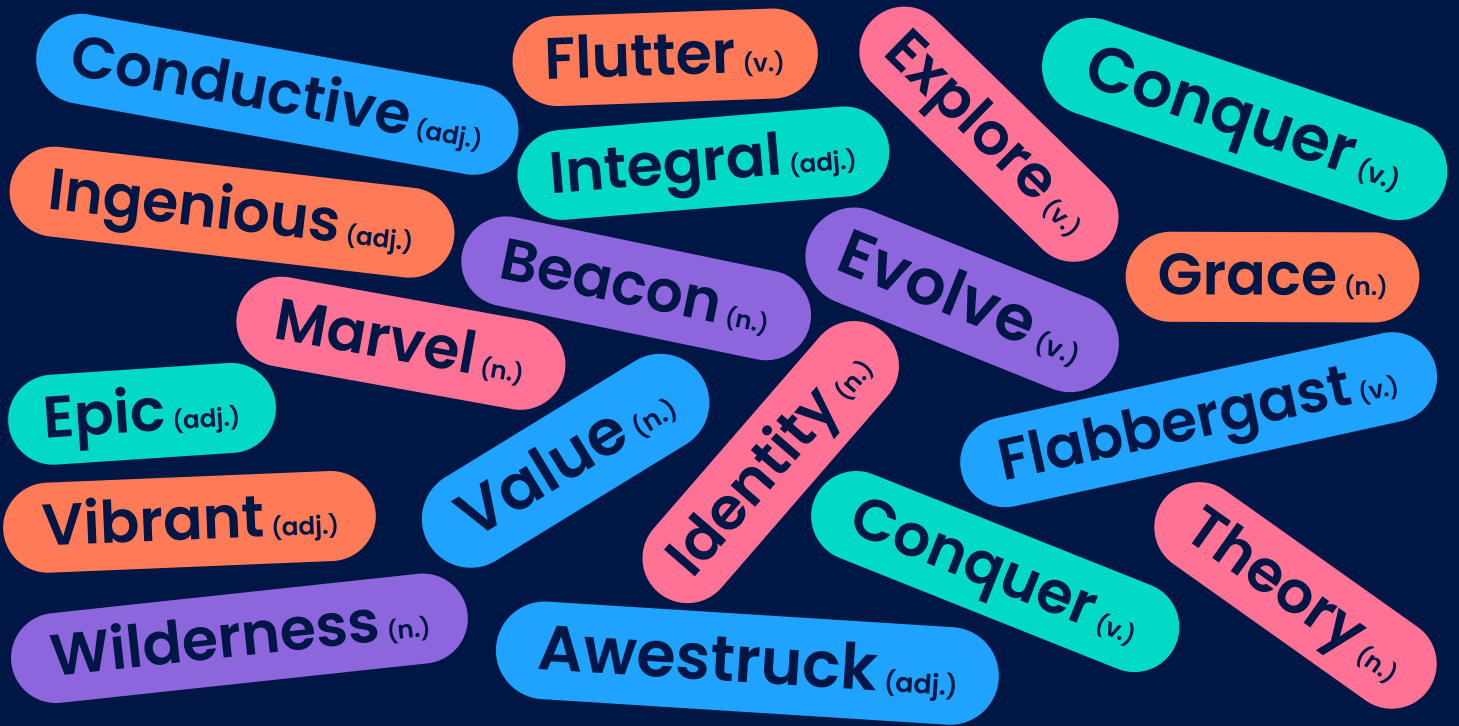
You cannot teach a particular subject without students knowing the language of that subject first.

When learners can understand and communicate using specialist vocabulary and concepts, they develop a confidence that leads to higher expectations of themselves. They may unlock a passion for a particular field of study and are empowered to direct their own learning. In turn, this means they can access and critique more complex thinking to further enhance their expertise.

Reading, writing, speaking and listening, are at the heart of every subject in secondary school.

Focusing time and resources on improving reading and writing skills will have positive knock-on effects elsewhere, whether that's being able to break down scientific vocabulary or structure a history essay.

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Which words do you want learners to meet and when?

As a subject specialist, you have control over which words your learners meet; you simply select them from the 40,000+ subject-specific words in Bedrock Mapper's curriculum. From there it's pretty simple:

- Once you've selected your words, you sequence the learning
- Learners access the content through the Bedrock platform. Each word is taught through our multimodal learning sequence
- Our AI-driven reteaching algorithm then ensures learners revisit key vocabulary and knowledge is retained in the long term memory
- You can focus on your teaching, knowing that learners are equipped with the language of that topic

Want to get started? Visit this link to start adding words and sequencing learning for your classes*.

[Get started with Mapper](#)

* If you haven't logged in already, speak to your school's Bedrock Learning lead to get set up.



How do learners **engage** with the content?

Words are taught in 'sets' of 5, but you can adjust this depending on your learners' needs. Each session on Mapper includes the **assessment** (pre/post tests), **explicit teaching** and **learning activities** for the sequenced words within a set.

On average, learners retain 88% of new information learned on Bedrock Mapper, so you are ensuring they know more and remember more as you move through your curriculum.

Learners simply login to **app.bedrocklearning.org** (they can use SSO) and click on **'Mapper'**.

They will see the content you have assigned to them.



Word	Subject	Topic	Question
Column Method	Mathematics	Number	Which of the following is the correct definition of ...
Column	Mathematics	Data and statistics	What is a column?

What are the best ways to implement Mapper?



The platform offers you flexibility to set learners work which they complete on the platform in class or as homework.

Here are a few ideas for you:



Preteaching: Many teachers are using Mapper to pre teach key vocabulary. When learners do come to the lessons after completing their Mapper work, they have the prior knowledge of the Tier 3 vocabulary they need to access their lessons, supporting their comprehension.



Formative assessment: Mapper can be used to check for understanding of key terms, following teaching input.



'Do now': As learners arrive in class, teachers use Mapper as a 'do now' activity, which gives them immediate data on which learners know which words. This then informs classroom practice.



Literacy lessons: In schools with distinct literacy lessons, Mapper can be used as a cross curricular literacy improvement tool.



Summative assessment: Some schools are sequencing 20 words at the start of a topic and again at the end to show understanding and progress.



Homework: Many teachers use Mapper as a self-marking homework tool in their subject area.



Revision: Mapper provides structured revision for learners ensuring they revise all the necessary key words. Teachers then have clear data to identify and address knowledge gaps.

How is it marked?

Across both our core and subject-specific curricula, automated marking saves teachers time and a live data dashboard informs classroom practice and interventions. Classroom teachers can identify knowledge gaps, celebrate success and adjust classroom practice based on data.

Leadership gains visibility and control over the disciplinary literacy agenda, identifying progress at the individual, class, year and micro population level.

How else can **Mapper** be used to enhance your teaching?

As you can see, the learner is on a personalised journey of learning with rich data insights. This is all individual to the student and allows them to work through the lessons on the Bedrock platform. However, that's not the only way it can support your teaching.

You can access your subject specific vocabulary via the Classroom Hub and use it as a teaching tool from the front of your classroom.

Further support

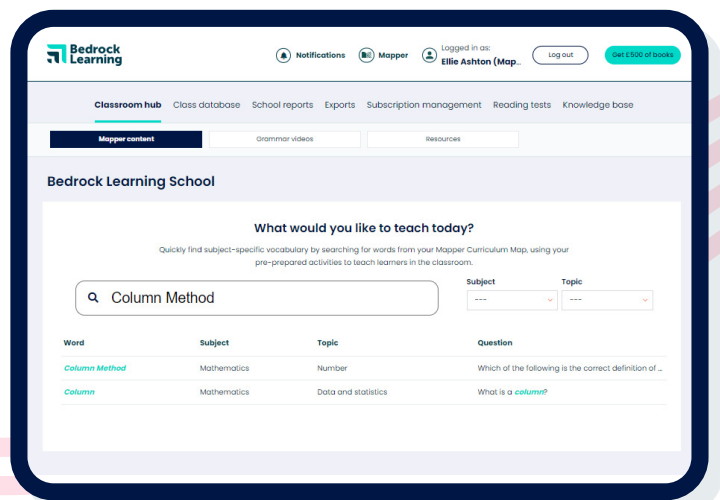
What is **Classroom Hub**?

Classroom Hub is a comprehensive resource in the Bedrock teacher platform designed to enhance classroom teaching by providing teachers with access to bespoke subject-specific vocabulary content from the Mapper curriculum, all of which can be used on the whiteboard to ensure consistent and high-quality literacy instruction across subjects.

To access this, login to your account and click on **'Classroom Hub'**.

Then simply type the word you wish to teach into the search bar and select the word from the list.

(NB: A word must be in your curriculum map in order to appear in the Classroom Hub).





Your next steps

The best way to see how the platform would enhance your lessons is to login, start selecting words and sequence the learning. It's easy to do and you can get set up in just five minutes.

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