

Gratitude Vocabulary Answer Key

1. Appreciation - C
2. Optimism - A
3. Mindfulness - D
4. Compassion - B

Sentences should demonstrate accurate understanding and emotional connection to each term (e.g., "I showed appreciation by thanking my friend for listening when I was upset").

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Builds emotional vocabulary and helps students understand the range of emotional intensity in positive traits related to gratitude.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Offer visual emotion charts or examples to show how each term can represent small, medium, or big feelings.
 - Provide sentence starters such as "I feel appreciation when..." or "I show compassion by...".
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Pair students to share and compare sentences, identifying whether their examples show small, medium, or big emotional moments.
 - Use discussion cards with real-life examples and ask students to match them with the correct term.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students create a short paragraph connecting two of the vocabulary words (for example, how mindfulness can lead to compassion).
 - Start a "Gratitude Word of the Week" wall where students add examples of each word in action.