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| Foundation 2.1Objects, Actions, Descriptions | Foundation 2.2Categories | Foundations 2.3 Relations-Based | Home Language Connection |
| **Tier 1: Words use in every day speech** |
| Examples: Walk, baby, small, big, large | Examples: Animals, vegetables, dinosaurs | Examples: In front, behind |  |
| **Tier 2: High-frequency, more likely to appear in written material than in everyday speech** |
| Examples: Stroll, tiny, huge | Examples: Birds, insects, squash |  |  |
| **Tier 3: low-frequency, specialized words that are specific to a domain** |
| Example: Gate | Examples: Vertebrates, invertebrates | Examples: Next to, out, inside |  |

\*\*Be sure to double check for **adjectives** (words that describe nouns) and **adverbs** (words that describe verbs).