

## The 90 Minute Challenge – Results are in!

*The 90 Minute Challenge* took place this year during the month of February. Its goal was to support effective word learning and help teachers find ways to fit it in (for 90 minutes a week). Over 700 teachers inquired about it. Below are the results of those who were able to complete and report back their progress.

Did *The Challenge* meet its goals? The results say a resounding YES!

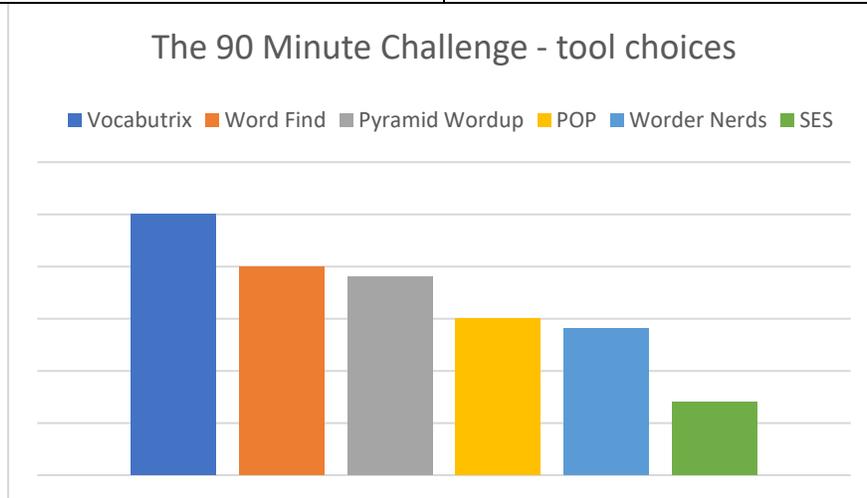
- 97% of participants said they received new and helpful resources that worked.
- In addition they witnessed improved awareness of the value of vocabulary for both themselves and their students and were able to improve student responsibility/accountability for word learning.
- **When asked, “Will you be able to teach vocabulary at an increased level (compared to your pre-challenge levels) at the end of The 90 Minute Challenge?” 99% responded with an enthusiastic YES!**

Are there still challenges that face teachers who want to teach more words? Again the response was YES! Here’s how I hope to continue to help teachers face those challenges in prep for the next *The 90 Minute Challenge*:

- Still not enough time – Let me help you integrate it into your day and gain support for giving it higher priority. Keep an eye on my blog site (I’ll email you each time I post).
- The Facebook discussion was not available to everyone – Neither the blog site nor the Facebook site were satisfactory discussion formats for everyone. I’ll need to research this and get back to you.
- Too many surveys were sent out – I can certainly reduce the number of surveys next time. And there will be a next time (next year).
- Not enough activities were suitable for the lower grades – I’ll work on that. Keep an eye on my blog site.

Below is some numeric data that you may find interesting:

Number of students engaged	917
Grade levels	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>
Number of words addressed	8,183
Tier Levels of words addressed	70% Tier II   21% Tier I   9% Tier III
Average number of blogs read	3.6
Popularity of offered tools	See chart below



**Let’s make *The 90 Minute Challenge* a yearly tradition!**