

Knowledge Ratings

Purpose:

Use as a pre-reading activity to discover how much is known about a topic and what areas need more information. The completed ratings can be used to inform instruction or to direct student reading and research.

Procedure:

Provide students with a list of words and have them rate how well they know the words using a survey format like one of the ones that follows:

	Can Define	Have Seen/Heard	?
Parabola		X	
Sin Wave			X
Radius	X		

-Or-

	A Lot!	Some	Not Much
Byline		X	
Caption	X		
AP			X

After completing the Knowledge Ratings, students can form pairs or small groups to compare and share.

More information on Knowledge Rating can be found in Richard T. Vacca and Jo Anne L. Vacca's *Content Area Reading: Literacy and Learning Across the Curriculum* Sixth Edition.