Dear Teacher,

The vocabulary list on the following pages is drawn from the “E-Cigarettes: A Dangerous Trend” student article and the “Who Is Vaping?” activity sheet.

It can be previewed with students prior to reading or reinforced with students afterward. Encourage students to incorporate these words into their discussions and writings.

The list integrates vocabulary words that would be used across several content areas, such as reasoning, regulation, and theory, as well as domain-specific words, such as addictive, nicotine, and vapor.

Some suggestions for students to help their understanding include:

- organizing concept maps that include word parts, synonyms, antonyms, and examples
- composing memory aids that explain the words or use them in a meaningful context
- employing the words to create newspaper articles, stories, or poems

Sources: Unless otherwise noted, definitions below are sourced or adapted from:

Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary
Scholastic Children’s Dictionary

Supplement for: “E-Cigarettes: A Dangerous Trend”

- Student Article: scholastic.com/headsup/ecigarettes

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addiction (noun): a brain disorder or illness associated with compulsive (uncontrollable) behavior, such as drug use, despite negative consequences

addictive (adjective): something, such as a drug, that causes changes to the brain, resulting in compulsive (uncontrollable) behavior despite negative consequences

associated (adjective): related, connected, or joined together

benefit (noun): something that gives you an advantage or helps you

cadmium (noun): a toxic metal often used in batteries

cancer (noun): a disease in which abnormal cells grow out of control and invade normal tissue in the body

cartridge (noun): a container, usually changeable, for holding substances (such as liquids) that are otherwise difficult or awkward to handle

chemical (noun): a substance that is made by a chemical process or used for producing a chemical effect

compound (noun): a substance made of two or more elements

conclusive (adjective): proving something, or putting an end to a debate or question

data (noun): factual information used as a basis for making conclusions

determine (verb): to find out through investigation or reasoning

device (noun): something made for a specific purpose or to have a specific function

electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) (noun): a device, often shaped like a cigarette, that uses a battery to heat up a liquid that usually contains nicotine, so that it can be inhaled

evidence (noun): something that gives proof or a reason to believe something

exist (verb): to be real or alive

frequently (adverb): happening often or at short intervals

harsh (adjective): causing a painful or unpleasant reaction

hazardous (adjective): dangerous

inhale (verb): to breathe in

market (verb): to promote or sell a product

nicotine (noun): the chemical found in tobacco that is addictive

operate (verb): to cause to function

perceive (verb): to consider something as being a certain way

percentage (noun): a part of a whole based on a total of one hundred parts

pod (noun): an easily replaceable cartridge in a vape pen

population (noun): a group of people who have a quality in common

prevention (noun): the act of keeping something from happening or existing

promote (verb): to encourage people to purchase or accept something
provide (verb): to supply or make available

reasoning (noun): the process of making conclusions based on facts or reason

recommend (verb): to suggest something as being good or worthy

reduce (verb): to make smaller in size, amount, or number

regulation (noun): an official rule that deals with details and procedures, such as those that make sure something is safe

release (verb): to set something or someone free

replaceable (adjective): able to be removed and have something new put in its place

report (verb): to present a statement or an account of something

responsible (adjective): being the cause or explanation for something

retailer (noun): a person or business that sells goods

reveal (verb): to make known

risk (noun): the possibility of loss or injury; danger

substance (noun): a material with a specific chemical makeup

theory (noun): an explanation of something based on reasonable and scientifically acceptable ideas

tobacco (noun): a plant with sticky leaves that are chewed or smoked

toxic (adjective): containing poisonous material that can cause harm or death

trend (noun): the current style or preference

troubling (adjective): causing feelings of worry

vape (verb): to inhale and exhale vapor from an electronic cigarette or vape pen

vape pen (noun): a device that uses a battery to heat up a liquid that usually contains nicotine, so that it can be inhaled

vapor (noun): a gas formed from something that is usually in a liquid or solid state

vulnerable (adjective): able to be hurt or damaged