

## Study Skills

### Examples and non-examples of vocabulary words

Have students generate examples and non-examples for vocabulary words. For example, a good example for the vocabulary word *patient* might be a group of people waiting a long time for a bus. Students should say whether the example is a good illustration of the vocabulary word. Students could also mime or use illustrations as examples. A non-example would be an example that does not illustrate the vocabulary word. For example, someone yelling and stomping away from a bus stop is not *patient*. Some students may come up with a “wrong” answer during this exercise. Tell them that they have made a good “non-example” of the vocabulary word. Non-examples can help students to clarify the meaning of vocabulary words.