**Word Splash**

A **word splash** is a collection of key words or concepts chosen from a passage or chapter that students are about to read. This strategy gives students a chance to relate the new words or concepts to the main topic of the reading.

**TRANSPARENCIES**

Page B32 includes instructions for using word splash. In addition to using this transparency to model the strategy for students, you can photocopy it to use as a worksheet.

Page B33 includes a filled-in example of using word splash to relate various vocabulary words about the topic of earthquakes.

**CUSTOMIZE FOR YOUR CLASSROOM**

Here are some additional main topics and key words or concepts that you can give to your students who are using transparency page B32.

1. **atom**—half-life, nucleus, protons, decay, radioactivity, isotope, ion
2. **rock**—exfoliated, metamorphic, rock cycle, gneiss, igneous, minerals
3. **soil**—horizon, humus, profile, pore space, desertification
4. **cell**—eukaryotic cell, nucleus, cytoplasm, organelle, membrane, tissue, chloroplast, mitochondria
5. **machine**—lever, efficiency, energy, inclined plane, mechanical advantage, pulley, fulcrum
6. **eye**—retina, rod cells, convex lens, cornea, focal point, visible light, iris
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1. **Epicenter** contains the word “center,” so it might mean the “center of an earthquake.”

2. I know from the news that **tsunami** means “a huge wave.” Maybe earthquakes set off tsunamis.

3. **Focus** is a word that means “concentrate on” or “make clearer.” Maybe focus means “where the earthquake is strongest.”