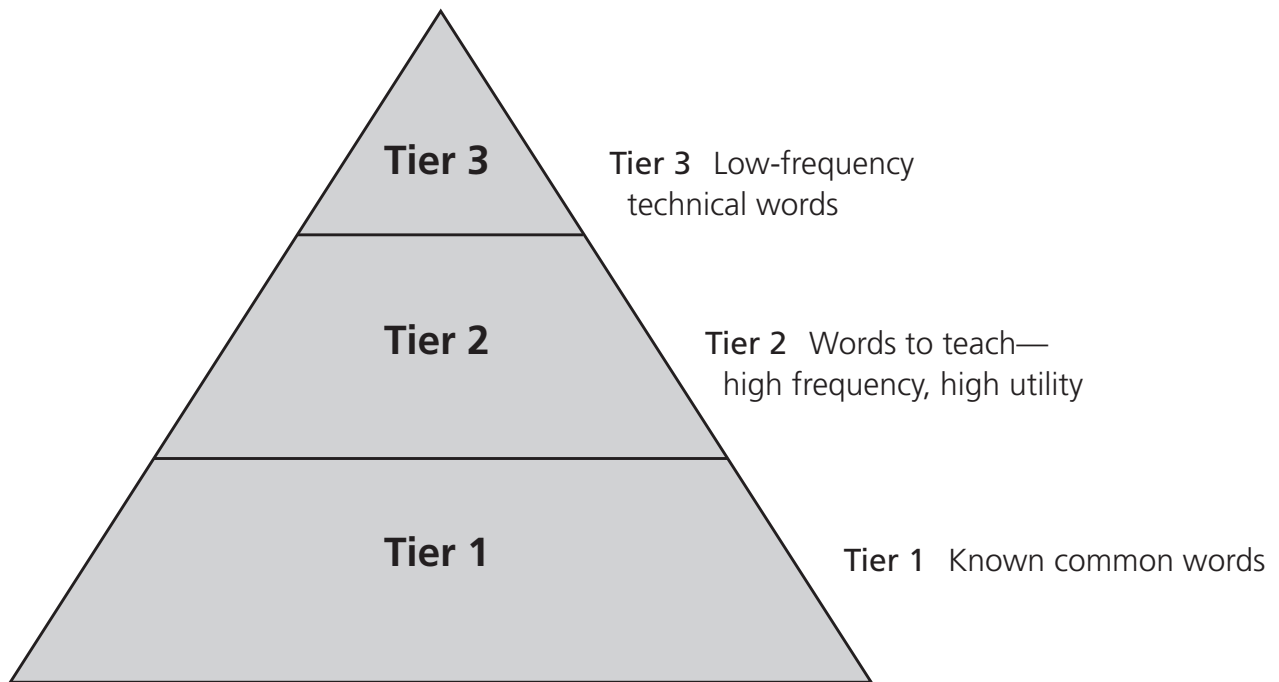


Figure 7.1 Classifying which words to teach*



Tier 3	Words of low frequency that usually occur in specific domains. These rare words are often unknown to children; their appearance in texts is limited to one or two occurrences. Examples are <i>azure, cerulean, ultramarine</i> .
Tier 2	Words that are more characteristic of written language and that are not common in conversation. Children are less likely to know their meaning. These words may be used by mature language users across all domains. Examples are <i>aqua, turquoise, cobalt</i> .
Tier 1	Everyday words and basic words with a meaning children are likely to know. An example is <i>blue</i> .

*Examples of which words to teach based on Beck (1985)—some low-frequency words are rare words, not necessarily technical words.