How to Make a KIM Chart

0:00	**Owl:** Welcome to How to make a KIM Chart, an instructional video on reading comprehension brought to you by the Excelsior College Online Writing Lab.
0:11	One way to improve your vocabulary is to create a KIM chart for the new words you encounter.
0:17	This will help you improve your reading comprehension and keep track of new terms.
0:22	"KIM" is an acronym that stands for:
0:25	Key Word,
0:26	Information,
0:27	and Memory Cue.
0:29	A KIM chart has a column for each of these categories and rows for each new word.
0:35	To make a KIM Chart, take a sheet of paper and draw three columns.
0:39	At the top of the first column write "Key Word."
0:43	At the top of the second column write "Information."
0:47	Beneath that write "Definition of the Word" in parentheses.
0:51	At the top of the third column write "Memory Cue."
0:56	Beneath that write "sentence or picture" in parentheses.
1:00	Then draw a bunch of lines from left to right to indicate rows.
1:05	In the first row, write a key word in the first column.
1:09	For instance, let's write "prevaricate."
1:13	Now, in the second column write the following definition:
1:17	to speak or act in an evasive way
1:21	Finally, in the third column practice using the new word in a sentence.
1:25	Here's one:
1:26	The diplomat was a master of prevarication; he never said what he meant, and he hardly meant what he said.
1:34	Make the chart as long as you need it by adding additional pages to list all of the new words you encounter.
1:39	That's it!
1:41	With a KIM Chart in your notebook, you'll be ready to look up and add new words any time the need arises!
1:47	Click here for a KIM Chart template that you can download and take with you.
1:52	Thanks for listening to this instructional video on How to Make a KIM Chart!
1:57	Visit the Excelsior College Online Writing Lab for more support with reading and writing skills.