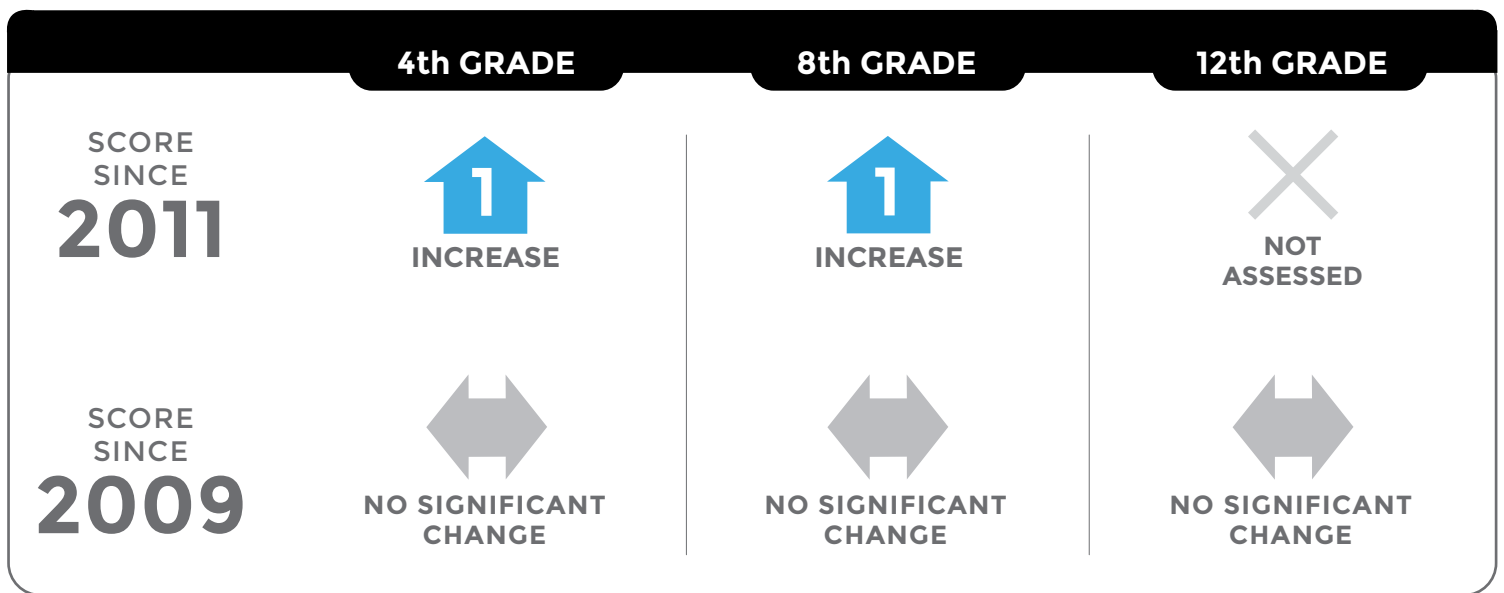


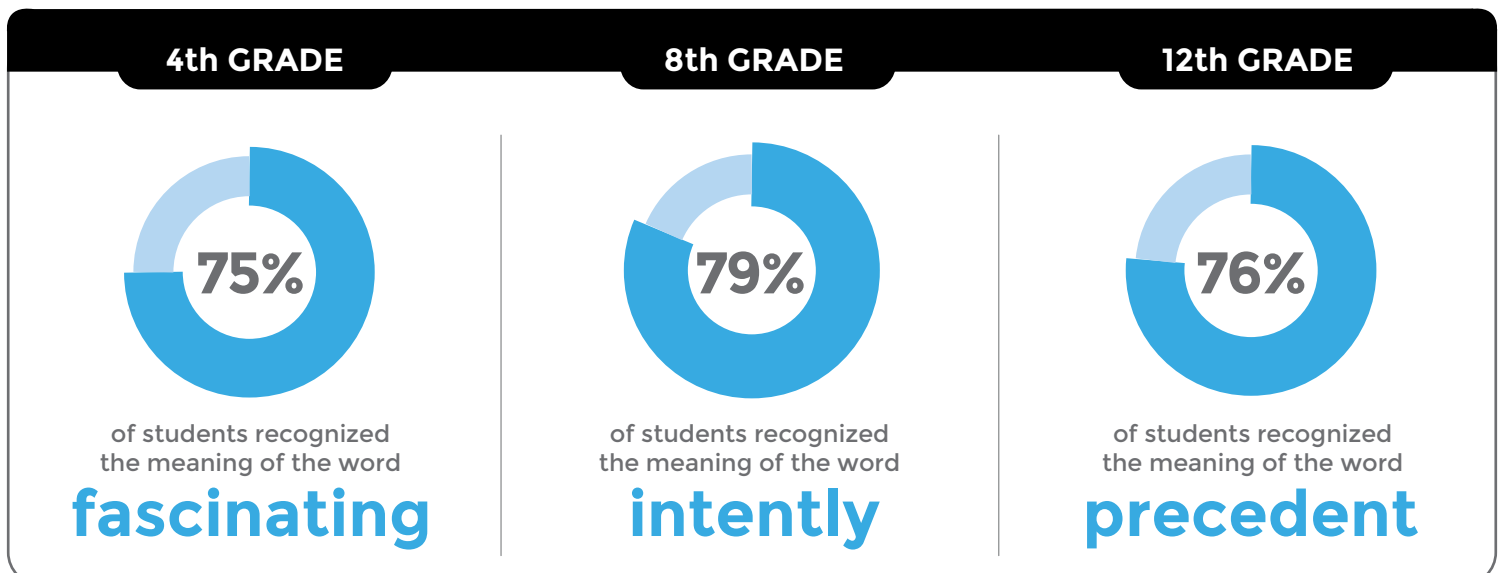
2013 NAEP Focus on Vocabulary

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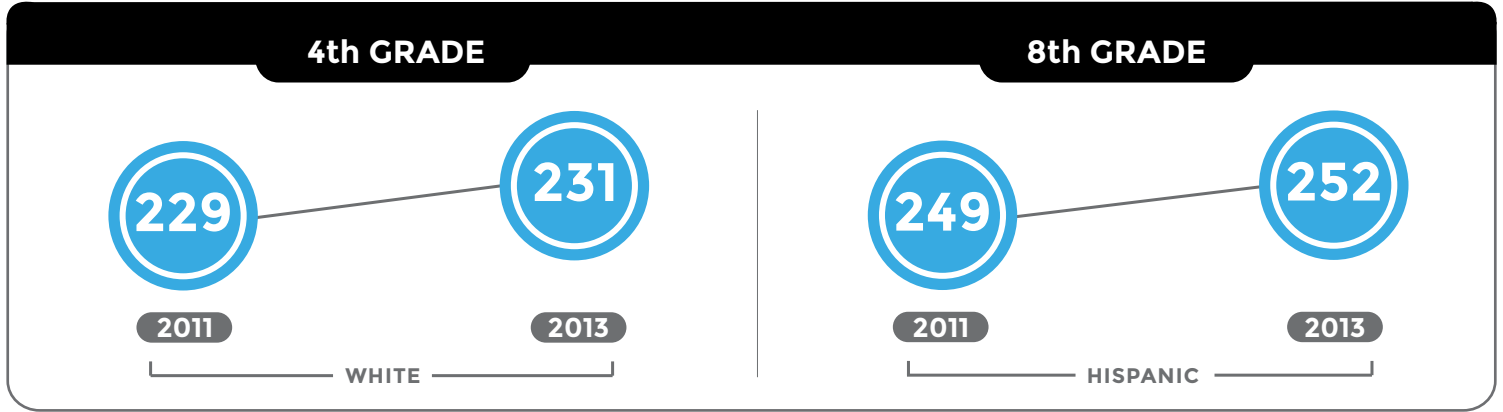
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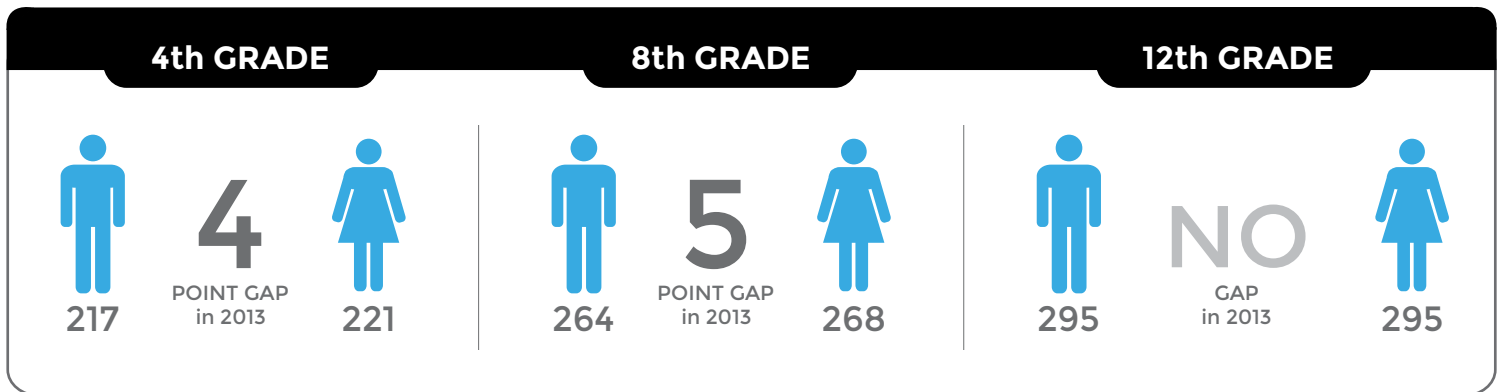
Examples of Students' Vocabulary Knowledge



Score Gains for Racial/Ethnic Groups



Score Gap by Gender



NOTE: Score gaps are calculated based on the difference between unrounded average scores as opposed to the rounded scores shown in the graphic.
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2009, 2011, and 2013 Reading Assessments.



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