| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | Synonym Slap Down |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Clarifying, and Possessive Pronouns |

## Materials:

Activity at end $f$ lesson plan
Synonym Cards from Day 1
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## Fluency Activity of the Day

Speed Reading: Have students form a circle. Number them of, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2 and so forth. Having the students stay in the circle, have the twos move to stand in front of the person who said " 1 " on his/her left. Give each student an opportunity to read aloud to his/her partner for 1 minute. Have one of the circles move and repeat the process. Have the other circle move and repeat for the third time.

## Vocabulary

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During the next 11 days, students will be working on words, what the words mean, and synonym pairs. Each of the games will have students utilize the games in different ways. At the end of the 11 days, students will be able to pair synonyms and understand the meaning of each. The activities will include Synonym Cards-Four Decks, Sentence Cards, and several game boards.

## Synonym Slap Down

You will use all four decks for this game-select all cards numbered 1-10.

## Directions:

1. Divide students into groups of 4 .
2. Mix all 40 cards together, shuffle and deal each person 4 cards.
3. Player do NOT show their cards to the other players.
4. The object of the game is to get all four cards that are synonyms for each other.

Example: laugh, giggle, chuckle, tee hee.
5. Each player selects one card (that he/she does not want) and put it face down in front of them.
6. When every player has card in front of them, players pass the card one person to the left.
7. Players pick up the card and draw another card (now they have 5 in their hand).
8. Players decide which card is unwanted and the process continues until all cards have been selected.
9. As players get four synonyms, they place them down in front of them.
10. The player with them most matches wins.

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## Activity

## Clarifying:

Individual Show-Off: Before class, use several of the interesting words in a sentence in the same way that is used in the material. Write the sentences on a sentence strip.
Students choose a sentence from the container. The student acts out the word as it is used in the sentence. For example, if the word is mariachi, the student might pretend he is a member of a Mariachi Band playing the trumpet.

## Conventions

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## Possessive Pronouns

A possessive pronoun shows ownership. Singular possessive pronouns are: my, mine, your, yours, his, her, hers, its. Plural possessive pronouns are: our, ours, your, yours, their, theirs.
Possessive Pronouns

## Directions:

1. Divide students into trios.
2. Give each trio a white board and a set of Possessive Pronoun Cards.
3. Have students write an original sentence on the white board with each of the possessive pronouns.

## Closing

## Review

Say:

- Please recap what we did today.
- Did we achieve our objectives?


## Debrief

## 3-2-1

- Share 3 things you like about today's lesson.
- Share 2 questions you have that were not answered.
- Share 1 thing that you will use tomorrow that you practiced today.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

1. Ask students to think about what they did today.
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3rd Grade Possessive Pronouns

| my | mine | your |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| yours | his | her |
| hers | its | our |
| ours | your | yours |
| their | theirs |  |


| Component | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | Synonyms In Alphabetical Order |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Questioning and Adjectives (What Kind?) |

## Materials:

Activity at the end of the lesson plan
Synonym Cards from Day 1
White boards and pens and/or crayons


## Content (the "Meat")

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## Fluency Activity of the Day

Slow Reading: Utilize this process when you want students to work on accuracy. By doing slow-motion reading, students really look at each and every word becoming certain of each word, pronouncing it correctly. This makes the words more recognizable when students are reading quickly.

## Vocabulary

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This activity will take all four decks of synonym cards.

## Synonyms in Alphabetical Order

Directions:

1. Give each student one deck of synonym cards and a white board and pen/crayon.
2. Students is to take deck of cards and assemble them in alphabetical order.
3. Student then writes the words on his/her white board.
4. Students trade white boards to determine if the list is correct.

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## Activity

## Questioning:

Question and Connection: Students form groups of four or five. Student read the information. Students develop Question and Connect Cards for what they have read. The group then finds another group and trades questions. Students answer the other team's questions, going back and forth.

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one of four questions:
elements.

1. What kind?
2. How Many"
3. Whose"
4. Which?

Today we are going to look at adjectives that answer the question what kind. Examples:

- wild animal
- caramel candy
- cold soda

What Kind?

## Directions:

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3rd Grade Adjectives-What Kind?

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The $\qquad$ pumpkin is round and orange. | The $\qquad$ citizens called home. | The $\qquad$ ice was dripping. | $\qquad$ Eric was not able to follow. |
| The $\qquad$ girl wore a yellow dress. | Our $\qquad$ girl was too short. | The $\qquad$ pilot was inexperienced. | The $\qquad$ building touched the sky. |
| The $\qquad$ dog is barking. | The $\qquad$ cat is meowing. | The $\qquad$ pig is oinking. | The $\qquad$ man was wandering along. |
| The $\qquad$ leaves are falling. | The $\qquad$ river is beautiful. | The $\qquad$ ground is soft to the touch. | The $\qquad$ hamster is brown and white. |
| The $\qquad$ beard is scratchy. | The $\qquad$ girl picked roses. | The $\qquad$ boy made me laugh. | The $\qquad$ man scared the boy. |
| The $\qquad$ computer did not work. | The $\qquad$ mouse ran quickly. | The $\qquad$ woman was a great singer. | The $\qquad$ majorette twirled her baton. |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | Pictionary and Silly Questions |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Clarifying, and Conventions |

## Materials:

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## Fluency Activity of the Day

Independent Timed Reading: Have students work in pairs and use a three minute egg timer or look at the clock to keep time. As the first student begins to read the passage, the partner either turns over the egg timer or begins watching the clock. At the end of 2 minutes (if students are watching a clock, or three minutes is using the egg timer, the partner calls "Stop" and the number of words are counted. Process is repeated for the other students. Students record the number of words read on their reading chart

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Review how to play this game with the students. Ask them for strategies that they used to help them win.

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3rd Grade Adjectives-Which?

| $\ldots$ ball is flat. | $\qquad$ man was walking with a cane? | ___ shirt is not clean. | I want $\qquad$ pair of pants. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\qquad$ towels smell funny. | $\qquad$ shoes don't match. | I want $\qquad$ box removed. | I want $\qquad$ things in the trash. |
| $\qquad$ clock needs to be adjusted. | $\qquad$ clothes must be folded. | The dog is sleeping | $\qquad$ place is a happy place. |
| $\qquad$ are the times than scare me. | $\qquad$ man slipped and fell. | The $\qquad$ President was popular. | The $\qquad$ coach was not accepted. |
| The $\qquad$ meat is pork. | $\qquad$ tomatoes are rotten. | She gave it to the $\qquad$ man. | The $\qquad$ winner is not here now. |
| The $\qquad$ decision affected everyone. | $\qquad$ is not fair," she shouted. | $\qquad$ candy bars are delicious. | $\qquad$ book is very funny. |
| _house is lived in. | $\qquad$ book is only for young children. | $\qquad$ rules are for everyone. | The $\qquad$ answer is more informative. |


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| Lesson Title: | Whose? and Pictionary |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Predicting, Adjectives (Whose?) |

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## Fluency Activity of the Day

Musical Shares: Have students stand up and walk around reading the passage that they are working on until the music stops. Students should pair up and read the next 2 sentences to the partner they find. Repeat as students practice

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## Activity

## Predicting

Three Words: share with students the topic for the day. Ask students to think about what they think will be shared in the materials that they will read. Ask a student to read the title

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of the material. Choose one word from the title. Write that word on the board or a piece of chart paper. Ask students to look at the picture. Choose one word that the picture brings to mind and write that word on the board. Finally, Give students a copy of the text and ask them to randomly select one word from the text and write that one on the board as well. The students will then work in pairs and using those three words will write a description of what they believe the story will be about.

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- zoo's animal
- Hershey candy bars
- man's sodas


## Whose?

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$3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade Adjectives-Whose?

| The $\qquad$ animals were quiet. | The $\qquad$ soda was cold. | $\qquad$ watch was broken. | The $\qquad$ toys were scattered |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\qquad$ doll is nice and clean. | $\qquad$ football is on the lawn. | He gave $\qquad$ watch to him. | $\qquad$ bird is sitting on his shoulder. |
| $\qquad$ horse is running fast. | $\qquad$ pony pranced away. | Has $\qquad$ book been returned? | Do we have $\qquad$ check ready for him? |
| $\qquad$ pen doesn't have any ink. | The $\qquad$ trunk is long. | The $\qquad$ costume is red and yellow. | The $\qquad$ rope is twirling. |
| $\qquad$ giraffe is pink and white. | The $\qquad$ tent is broken down. | _ glass is empty. | $\qquad$ window is covered with snow. |
| $\qquad$ purse is green and brown. | $\qquad$ suit fits him perfectly. | $\qquad$ wig is very | $\qquad$ sweater is unraveling. |
| The $\qquad$ flowers were beautiful. | - statue is broken. | $\qquad$ necklace is $\overline{\text { beaded. }}$ | $\qquad$ jacket is too small. |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Lesson Title: | Partner Share and Synonym Slap Down |
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## Synonym Slap Down

You will use all four decks for this game-select all cards numbered 1-10.

## Directions:

1. Divide students into groups of 4 .
2. Mix all 40 cards together, shuffle and deal each person 4 cards.
3. Player do NOT show their cards to the other players.
4. The object of the game is to get all four cards that are synonyms for each other.

Example: laugh, giggle, chuckle, tee hee.
5. Each player selects one card (that he/she does not want) and put it face down in front of them.
6. When every player has card in front of them, players pass the card one person to the left.
7. Players pick up the card and draw another card (now they have 5 in their hand).
8. Players decide which card is unwanted and the process continues until all cards have been selected.
9. As players get four synonyms, they place them down in front of them.
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## Activity

## Predicting

One-Minute Predictions: Provide students pairs with a library book (one that they have not read). Give them one minute to make a prediction about the story based on the title, front and back covers, and illustrations. Students share their predictions with another pair. Repeat this with two additional pairings.

## Conventions

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## Pronouns

A pronoun can take the place of a noun. Singular subject pronouns are: I, you, he, she, it. Plural subject pronouns are: we, you and they

## Examples:

Jill has a cat.—She has a cat.
Jorge and Fred play soccer.-They play soccer.

## Pronouns

## Directions:

1. Divide students into trios.
2. Give each trio a game board, a set of Pronoun Sentence Cards, and three different markers.
3. The object of the game is to get three in a row.
4. Player 1 draws a Pronoun Sentence Card and selects the pronoun that can take the place of the underlined word or words, and marks it with his/her marker.
5. Player 2 does the same.
6. It is important that the players use some strategy to keep the other player from getting three in a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.
7. Player 3 then continues.
8. Game is over when someone has 3 in a row or all of the Pronoun Sentence Cards are used.

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|  | Closing |
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| Say: | Review |
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|  | Please recap what we did today. |

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

1. Ask students to think about what they did today.
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$3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade—Subject Pronouns Game Board






3rd Grade Subject Pronoun Sentence Cards

| John and Mark are <br> going.. | John is fixing the <br> window. | The purse was lost in <br> the flood. | Jill and I are going to <br> the store. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Judy did not like the <br> new perfume. | I will hand the paper to <br> (the person right there.) | Jo can't go with me. <br> will go by myself. | Linda and Ann are <br> wearing the same hat. |
| Joe ran the race the <br> quickest. | $\frac{\text { Mona did not want to go }}{\text { later. }}$ | The dog was barking <br> loudly at the cat. | Joe gives (the person <br> right there) a book. |
| Millie and Moe found <br> the cookies. | Lily hugged me. <br> hugged her back. | Ron and I nearly <br> finished. | Mel drove his car to the <br> show. |
| $\frac{\text { Mother was able to find }}{\text { the scissors. }}$ | My cat is not very <br> friendly. | Did he give (person <br> right there) a ticket? | $\frac{\text { Fred and George fell off }}{\text { the ladder. }}$ |
| Give that to me. <br> will take it to her. | Shelly and I are <br> neighbors. | Roy lost his bike. | Lori is giving that away. |


| The game is nearly | Did (person right there) <br> raise your hand? | Lance and Jack are <br> brothers. | He thanked me. <br> said, "You're welcome." |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | Concentration and I Wonder |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Questioning, and Singular and Plural Nouns |

## Materials:

Activity at end of lesson plan
Synonym Cards from day one
White boards and pens and/or crayons


## Content (the "Meat")

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## Fluency Activity of the Day

Paired Readings: Partner students together. One partner times the other partner reading a passage. At the end of one minute, the partner says "Stop" and circles the last word the reader has read. The partners switch rolls. Complete this process three times.

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## Concentration

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
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## Activity

## Questioning:

I Wonder: Have the students read the information with a partner. Students should then ask themselves the question, "I wonder what I would do if this happened to me?" For example, the story is the tortoise and the Hare. The hare seems to be winning the race. I wonder what I would do if I were the tortoise? I wonder what I would do if I were the hare? I wonder how I would feel if the hare was making fun of me? I wonder....

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## Singular and Plural Nouns

A singular noun names one person, place or thing, a plural noun names more than one person, more than one place, or more than one thing. Examples:
singular-noodle
plural-noodles

## Singular and Plural Nouns

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a deck of sentence cards, white board and pens/crayons.
3. On the white board, students should create two columns, labeling 1 column Singular and the second column, Plural.
4. Working together, students select a sentence card and determine if the noun is singular or plural.
5. Students then write the noun on the white board under the correct column.

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## Closing

## Review

Say:

- Please recap what we did today.
- Did we achieve our objectives?


## Debrief

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- Share 3 things you like about today's lesson.
- Share 2 questions you have that were not answered.
- Share 1 thing that you will use tomorrow that you practiced today.


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3 rd Grade Singular and Plural Nouns

| The umbrella is green. | The canopies are red <br> and white striped | The trophies are 12 <br> inches tall. | Mr. Jones was a good <br> neighbor. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| The bracelet was <br> mailed to her yesterday. | The ships were sailing <br> out of the harbor. | She doesn't know the <br> answer. | They are my best <br> friends. |
| The girl is baking <br> cookies. | The cows are all black <br> and white. | The duck quacked <br> loudly. | Does he have all of the <br> playing cards? |
| I will visit the camp <br> tomorrow. | He is not a genius, <br> that's for sure. | I am not going home <br> after the party. | We are working on four <br> projects together. |
| The noodles in the bowl <br> are soft. | Five of the pigs are <br> pink. | Picture frames are on <br> the wall. | My dog is barking <br> loudly. |
| Thave you been on the <br> cargo ship? | The ladies waved good- <br> by. | What day of the week is <br> it? | Nine $\underline{\text { mothers were at }}$ <br> the park. |
| yesterday? |  |  |  |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | lregular Plural Nouns and Concentration |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Summarizing, and Irregular Plural Verbs |

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All Read: During this activity, all of the students read aloud at the same time. Even if the students are not on the same passage, reading aloud will help them slow down and really practice each word. While students are reading, walk around. Touch a student on the shoulder to indicate that they should begin reading aloud so you can hear them.

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## Activity

## Summarizing:

10 or Less: Ask students to summarize in ten words or less the material that they have read. They can answer questions like, "what was the best part of what you read? What didn't you like about what you read? What could make the material better? In what way

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## will this information apply to your life?

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Irregular Plural Nouns
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Example: one fish, many fish; one sheep, many sheep.
Some plural nouns take a different form than the noun in the singular form. Example: child-children, mouse-mice
Irregular Plural Nouns
Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a white board, pens/crayons, and a deck of sentence cards.
3. Label the white board in two columns: Regular and Irregular and place the white board between the students.
4. Together, students select a sentence card and determine if the plural is regular or irregular.
5. They place the sentence card in the correct column.
6. Game is over when all sentence cards have been placed.

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## Debrief

## DIGA

D: Describe one of the ELA activities that we did today.
I: Interpret that activity to your own experience and your own school work.
G: Generalize how the information you learned today will help you in school tomorrow and in your life.
A: Make a commitment to apply the learning within the next 48 hours.

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## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

$3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade—Irregular Plural Nouns

| She had nine dresses in her closet. | The three little pigs were happy at home. | The umbrellas are blue and white. | The trophies are silver and gold. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The beaches are across from her house. | How many dogs do you have? | He took a nap underneath the trees. | There are two schools in the neighborhood. |
| The mothers were disappointed. | The shadows fell along the road. | He will give you twenty guesses. | The computers in the lab are all broken. |
| My best friends are Judy and Mark. | The kittens all looked like their mother. | Ten bison ran across the highway. | Do the deer travel north in the winter? |
| The sheep are resting in the meadow. | The people have purchased tickets. | The mice were squeaking loudly. | The moose were moving slowly. |
| The geese were flying in a V. | I have lost three teeth. | I have blisters on both feet. | The children were laughing quietly. |
| We needed all of the dice to play the game. | The fish were swimming in schools. | The swine are not soft and furry. | The data are not accurate. |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | Somebody Wanted and Alphabetical Order |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Summarizing, and Adjectives |

## Materials:

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## Fluency Activity of the Day

Chunk Reading: This process helps youth to read more quickly by seeing phrases or groups of words, instead of reading "word by word". For example, look at the following two sentences:
"Once upon a time there was a prince who wanted to marry a princess; but she would have to be a real princess. He travelled all over the world to find one, but nowhere could he get what he wanted."

## Vocabulary

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This activity will take all four decks of synonym cards. Be sure that students have a different deck of cards than they had yesterday.

## Synonyms in Alphabetical Order

## Directions:

1. Give each student one deck of synonym cards and a white board and pen/crayon.
2. Student is to take deck of cards and assemble them in alphabetical order.
3. Student then writes the words on his/her white board.
4. Students trade white boards to determine if the list is correct.

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## Activity

## Summarizing:

Somebody/Wanted? But? So: This is a good way to summarize a story. Provide students with a white board or a piece of paper. Fold the paper into fourths. Write the headings in each square: $1^{\text {st }}$ Square: somebody (Identify the character), $2^{\text {nd }}$ Square: Wanted (Describe the character's goal), 3rd Square: But (Describe the conflict or the problem), $4^{\text {th }}$ Square: So (Describe the resolution of the conflict.)

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## Adjectives-How Many?

Adjectives describe (or modify) a noun (person, place or thing). An adjective can answer one of four questions:

1. What kind?
2. How Many"
3. Whose"
4. Which?

Today we are going to look at adjectives that answer the question how many. Examples:

- one animal
- fifteen candy bars
- many sodas

How Many?
Directions:

1. Divide students into trios.
2. Give each trio a deck of sentence cards, dice and a white board with pen/crayons.
3. Player 1 draws a sentence card and reads it.
4. Player then fills in the blank with an adjective that tells How Many.
5. If other two players agree, player rolls the die and records the number of points (if it is a second, third, etc. turn, he/she adds the total to the previous total.
6. Game is over after each player has had 10 turns.
7. Player with the most points wins.
check in with kids to determine if they have and understanding of these key elements.

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|  | Closing |
| Say: | Review |
| $\bullet$ |  |
| - Please recap what we did today. |  |

## Debrief

## LBNT

Have students share what they like best about today's ELA activities and list that under the heading: LB or Liked Best Have students share what they would want more of next time during the ELA activities and list that under the heading of NT or Next Time.

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3rd Grade Adjectives-How Many?

| The $\qquad$ balls bounced high. | $\qquad$ citizens stood in the cold. | $\qquad$ cows were at the trough. | Only $\qquad$ cats were kept by the man. |
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| $\qquad$ men were on the trapeze. | It was $\qquad$ of his favorite poems. | $\qquad$ of them had blue hair. | $\qquad$ than one finished the race. |
| $\qquad$ of the players returned. | There are $\qquad$ fountains in a row. | Did she bring $\qquad$ glasses of water? | He only had $\qquad$ chances to get it. |
| I want to pick $\qquad$ flowers. | Can you see $\qquad$ stars? | $\qquad$ players made up the soccer team. | She had $\qquad$ loose teeth right now. |
| $\qquad$ of them were hungry and tired. | $\qquad$ geese flew through the air. | The dog made $\qquad$ holes in the yard. | Have you run in $\qquad$ marathons? |
| The phone rang $\qquad$ times. | The wolf howled at the moon $\qquad$ times. | She had $\qquad$ good ideas. | The $\qquad$ ponies pranced. |
| $\qquad$ soldiers came home. | He has ___ pencils. | The puzzle had pieces. | The sleigh was pulled by $\qquad$ reindeers. |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | VOCAB and Proper Nouns |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Clarifying, and Proper Nouns |

## Materials:

Activity at end of lesson plan (Use decks of Synonym Cards from yesterday)
White boards and pens and/or crayons

## Opening

## State the objective

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## Content (the "Meat")

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## Repeated Reading Process

1. Give student a passage to read at his/her appropriate reading level. It would be better to be a passage that is easily read than one that they are struggling with. Remember that they are practicing the sight words and phrases that make up about $65 \%$ of the text.
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6. Celebrate success.
7. Students should stay on the same passage level for $4-6$ weeks and then transition students to the next level.

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Fluency Activity of the Day
Modeled Reading: Read the Fluency Passage to the student so she or he can hear fluent reading. Have the student read the passage. If the student gets stuck on a word, read the word and have her or him repeat it. Repeated one-on-one readings will increase speed, accuracy, smoothness and expression. (You can pair more proficient readers with less proficient ones).

## Vocabulary

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During the next 11 days, students will be working on words, what the words mean, and synonym pairs. Each of the games will have students utilize the games in different ways. At the end of the 11 days, students will be able to pair synonyms and understand the meaning of each. The activities will include Synonym Cards-Four Decks, Sentence Cards, and several game boards.

Review how to play this game with the students. Ask them for strategies that they used to help them win.

## VOCAB

## Directions:

1. Make a list of words and place on chart paper or white board.
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3. Students write one word from the list in each space in any order (there will be 20 words and 14 spaces so everyone's card is not alike).
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5. Player calls VOCAB when he/she has three in a row vertically or horizontally (there is no diagonal in this game).

## Reciprocal Teaching

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## Activity

## Clarifying:

Charades: choose a student to act out one of the words from the material. When you say "Action", the student begins to act out the word while everyone else tries to guess the word. After 30 seconds, if the others have not guessed the word, the students should tell the word

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and write it on the board. During the charade, encourage students to get into the moment using facial and body movements. Repeat several times.

## Conventions

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## Proper Nouns

A proper noun identifies a specific person, place or thing by name. A proper noun begins with a capital letter. Examples:
boy-John
street-First Street
shoes-Nikes

## Proper Nouns

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place face down in a $4 \times 4$ grid.
4. Player 1 turns over 2 cards. If the cards match—one a Proper Noun and the other the Common Noun version of the Proper Noun, he/she takes the pair and replaces cards with extra cards from the deck. Example of match: common noun card-street, proper noun card-Maple Street.
5. Player 2 continues in the same way.
6. Play is over when all cards have been paired.

## Closing

## Review

Say:

- Please recap what we did today.
- Did we achieve our objectives?


## Debrief

## LBNT

Have students share what they like best about today's ELA activities and list that under the heading: LB or Liked Best Have students share what they would want more of next time during the ELA activities and list that under the heading of NT or Next Time.

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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3 3rd Grade-Proper and Common Nouns

| president | Obama | student | Sally |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| park | Rosedale Park | restaurant | Denney's |
| rabbit |  |  |  |
| Bugs Bunny |  | brother | Tommy |
| swimmer | Michael Phelps |  | Cowboys |
| business |  |  | Wild Bill |
|  |  |  |  |


| car | Toyota | photographer | Jeff Camera |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| bus | Greyhound | city | Milwaukee |
| state | Wisconsin | actor | Zac Efron |
| hospital | St. Joseph's | church | Baptist |
| computer | Dell | newspapers | New York Times |


| city | Sacramento | street | $4^{\text {th }}$ Street |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| singer | Beyoncé | rapper | Jayz |
| composer | Bach | store | K-Mart |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | Repeated Reading and VOCAB |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Predicting, and Nouns |

## Materials:

4 decks of synonym cards, print each deck on different colored card stock (select the deck or decks as directed)
VOCAB Game Board
Noun Game
White boards, pens and/or crayons

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## Fluency Activity of the Day

Fluency Test—Read 1 minute count \# of words read. Record the total on a personal chart. A suggestion would be to have a stamp or chart on the front of the student's vocabulary notebook and have them write the total words read on the chart.

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## VOCAB

This game is played like BINGO.

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## Activity

## Predicting

Find the Evidence: On chart paper, write these two heading: predictions and Evidence. Use a different colored marker for each column. List several predications. As you begin to read the material, ask students to look for evidence of their predictions. For example, if the prediction is, "There is a sad and lonely duck," the evidence might be, "The duck always

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| walked alone." |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Conventions <br> This section will have activities and games that will focus on spelling, capitalization, punctuation, sentence structures, and grammar. Once the game has been learned, it can be used as a "when homework is finished" activity. <br> Nouns <br> A noun is a word that names a person, place or thing. Examples: <br> person-boy, student, governor <br> place-park, street, store <br> thing-toy, dish, ball <br> Nouns <br> Directions: <br> 1. Divide students into pairs. <br> 2. Give each pair a deck of noun cards and a game board. <br> 3. Player 1 turns over a word card and determines is the noun represents a person, place or thing and places the word in the correct category. <br> 4. Player 2 repeats the process. <br> 5. Game is over when the cards are all placed in the appropriate columns. | Often, this activity will be centered on a game to provide practice time on key conventions. Be sure to check in with kids to determine if they have and understanding of these key elements. |

## Closing

## Review

Say:

- Please recap what we did today.
- Did we achieve our objectives?


## Debrief

## DIGA

D: Describe one of the ELA activities that we did today.
I: Interpret that activity to your own experience and your own school work.
G: Generalize how the information you learned today will help you in school tomorrow and in your life.
A: Make a commitment to apply the learning within the next 48 hours.

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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Synonym Cards 3rd Grade-VOCAB, Concentration, Synonym Slap Down, Alphabetical Order, Pictionary Deck 1-Synonyms

| angry | help | join | only |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| noise | beautiful | ugly | laugh |
| cry | sad | friend | finished |
|  |  |  |  |
| tiny |  |  |  |


|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| tired | excited | draw | old |
| run | said | wet | noisy |
| dirty |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Deck 2-Synonyms

| mad | assist | consent | just |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| din | pretty | homely | giggle |
| weep | unhappy | buddy | completed |
| small | shout | wealthy | exhausted |
|  |  |  |  |


| thrilled | illustrate | ancient | scurry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| whispered | damp | loud | filthy |
| huge |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Deck 3-Synonyms

| furious | aid | link | barely |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| uproar | gorgeous | grotesque | chuckle |
| sob |  |  |  |
| gloomy |  | pal |  |
| little |  |  | affluent |


| worn-out | energized | demonstrate | elderly |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| dash | stated | soaking | earsplitting |
| soiled |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Deck 4--Synonyms

| said | support | attach | hardly |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| racket | lovely | hideous | chortle |
| whimper | miserable |  |  |
| ally |  |  |  |
| minute |  |  | concluded |


| weary | eager | show | mature |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| sprint | remarked | drenched | deafening |
|  |  |  |  |
| grimy |  |  |  |

## Synonym List 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Grade

First word is in Deck 1, second word is in Deck 2, third word is in Deck 3, and fourth word is in Deck 4.
Suggestion: Print deck in different colored card stock to keep them separate.
angry, mad, furious, upset
help, assist, aid, support
join, consent, link, attach
only, just, barely, hardly
noise, din, uproar, racket
beautiful, pretty, gorgeous, lovely
ugly, homely, grotesque, hideous
laugh, giggle, chuckle, chortle
cry, weep, sob, whimper
sad, unhappy, gloomy, miserable
friend, buddy, pal, ally
finished, completed, ended, concluded
tiny, small, little, minute
large, huge, gigantic, enormous
yell, shout, bellow, scream
rich, wealthy, affluent, prosperous
tired, exhausted, worn-out, weary
excited, thrilled, energized, eager
draw, illustrate, demonstrate, show
old, ancient, elderly, mature
run, scurry, dash, sprint
said, whispered, stated, remarked
wet, damp, soaking, drenched
noisy, loud, earsplitting, deafening
dirty, filthy, soiled, grimy

## VOCAB Game Card


$33^{\text {rd }}$ Grade Nouns-Person, Place, or Thing

| Person | Place | Thing |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

3rd Grade Noun Cards

| president | mom | student | restaurant |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| park | school | ball | dish |
| pencil | rabbit | cage | brother |
| swimmer | friends | cowboys | plane |
| circle | cabbage | teeth | business |
| salesman | cars | photographer | pictures |
| Tommy | bus | ticket | Milwaukee |
| Wisconsin | actor | brother | baby |
| home | hospital | church | soda |
| calculator | stapler | newspapers | alarm |
| dinner | backyard | paper | animal |
| bed | uncle | Sacramento | California |


| bucket | street | paint | neighbor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
| :--- | :--- |
| Grade Level: | 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | Fluency and Student Activity Choice |
| Focus: | Review Vocabulary and Conventions |

## Materials:

Activities from Lesson Plans \#1-\#10
White boards and pens and/or crayons

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Fluency Activity of the Day
Retest student, read for 1 minute compare results with the pre-test.

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## Pictionary <br> Alphabetical Order <br> Synonym Slap Down <br> Concentration <br> VOCAB

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## Activity

Q and S
Question and Connection \#2: Ask all students to form a group of 4-5 students. In the group, someone asks a question about what was read and everyone must provide a different answer. Students should provide the answer in a complete sentence.
Summarizing:
Did you know? In this activity pair students with one another. The first student asks, "Did you know...?"and then adds a piece of information that he/she has learned from the reading. The second student responds either "yes" or "no", and then asks, "Did you know...?" this continues until each student has asked 3-5 questions.

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|  | elements. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Adjectives-Which |  |
| Adjectives-How Many |  |
| Adjectives-What Kind |  |
| Adjectives-Whose |  |
| Nouns |  |
| Proper Nouns |  |
| Singular and Plural Nous |  |
| Irregular Plural Nouns |  |
| Pronouns |  |
| Possessive Pronouns |  |


|  | Closing |
| :--- | :--- |
| Say: | Review |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  | Please recap what we did today. |
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