| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | QTees |
| Focus: | Vocabulary(Making Meaning), Predicting, and Spelling |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan
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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.

## Vocabulary

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Making Meaning: Knowing what a word means is essential if you are going to use a word correctly. There are comedians who have made a living using words incorrectly. It is important that students understand and can describe what a word means. This will help students to use the word correctly.

## Making Meaning

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Making Meaning Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and make a 5 card by 4 card grid, face down.
4. Player 1 turns 2 cards over and if they match (word and description of the word), then player keeps the two cards. If he/she takes cards from the game, those cards may be replaced by cards from the deck as long as they are still available.
5. Player 2 continues in the same way.
6. Game is over when all pairs are collected.

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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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| Q followed by U |  |
| When spelling a word with a "q", remember that the letter "u" follows the "q". |  |
| Q-Tees |  |
| Directions: |  |
| 1. Divide students into pairs and give each pair a Q-Tee Word Bank and Q-Tee |  |
| Description Cards. |  |
| 2. Place the Word Bank between the students. |  |
| 3. Player 1 draws a card and reads the phrase. |  |
| 4. Player 1 then selects a word from the Word Bank that is described by the Description |  |
| Card. |  |
| 5. He/she then spells the word selected without looking. |  |
| 6. If he/she is correct, then he/she takes the card. If incorrect, the card goes into the |  |
| discard pile. |  |
| 7. Player 2 repeats. |  |
| 8. Game is over when all of the cards are drawn. |  |


| Closing |  |
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| Say: | Review |
|  |  |
|  | Please recap what we did today. |
| - Did we achieve our objectives? |  |
| 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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3rd Grade Making Meaning Cards

| angry | wanting to argue or fight | help | assist |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| join | fasten two things together | noise | sound, usually a loud or unpleasant one |
| only | not more than | backyard | a lawn or open area behind a house |
| cardboard | very thick, stiff paper | eardrum | a part inside the ear that moves as sound strikes it |
| footprint | a mark made by a foot or shoe | jellyfish | a sea animal with a jelly-like body |


| pinwheel | a toy wheel pinned to a stick that spins | sunburn | sore, red skin |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| supermarket | a large store that sells food | teaspoon | a small spoon for measuring |
| watchdog | a dog trained to guard | beautiful | pleasant to look at |
| clumsy | careless and awkward | delicate | finely made |
| difficult | not easy | frighten | make someone suddenly afraid |


| happy | feeling or showing pleasure or joy | lost | no longer have |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| smart | clever and quickthinking | strange | different from the usual |
| strong | powerful or having great force | fold | bend over on itself |
| kind | friendly helpful, and generous | pack | put objects into a container |
| paint | make a picture or cover a surface | view | what you can see from a certain place |

$3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade Q -Tees
Q-Tees Word Bank

| earthquake | equal | equipment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| liquid | quarter | question |
| quickly | quiet | quill |
| quit | quiz | racquet |
| request | sequel | queasy |

Q-Tee Description Cards

| Ask for information | Not make a lot of <br> noise | Step working at a <br> job |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Teachers like to <br> give this | Politely ask for <br> something | Move fast |
| Worth 25¢ | Items for a sport | Not a solid |
| A second movie | The pointy part of a <br> porcupine | Used to play tennis |
| Have an upset <br> stomach | Worth the same <br> amount | Shakes the ground |


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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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Similes: A simile is a comparison using the words "like" or "as" to make the comparison. In a simile, the speaker says that something is like something else. We use similes to express ourselves in a way that we hope will make our meaning more clear. For example, if I want someone to understand that a young basketball player is outstanding, I might say: "Josh plays basketball like Michael Jordan." I am comparing Josh's play to someone who most would agree is an amazing player, so I am saying that Josh is an amazing player. When using a simile, it is important to compare things to someone or something that everyone would agree is the trait you are trying to emphasize. Other examples of similes include:
cold as ice
dark as night
hard as a rock
deep as the ocean

## Similes

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Simile Cards.
3. Player 1 draws a card and reads the word and its meaning.
4. Player 1 then says a simile making a comparison to describe the word.
5. Player 2 may agree or challenge.
6. If Player 2 agrees, Player 1 gets 1 point. If Player 2 disagrees, then Player 1 has a second chance.
7. Player 2 then takes his/her turn.
8. Game is over when all cards have been drawn and similes have been created and shared.

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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.

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## Y + Suffix

If a word ends in consonant $+y$, change the $y$ to an I and add the suffix. If a word ends in vowel $+y$, just add the suffix.
When adding the suffix --ing, keep the y . No change is needed.

## The "Y" of It

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a The Y of It Game Board and Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place them face down to the right of the game board.
4. Player 1 draws a card and determines if the word requires "change the $y$ to $i$ ", add the suffix because of "ey", or add -ing and keep the $y$.
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|  | Closing |
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|  | Review <br> Say: <br> - Please recap what we did today. <br> - Did we achieve our objectives? |
|  | Debrief <br> 3-2-1 <br> - Share 3 things you like about today's lesson. <br> - Share 2 questions you have that were not answered. <br> - Share 1 thing that you will use tomorrow that you practiced today. |

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$3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade Similes

| beautiful | clumsy |
| :--- | :--- |
| Very pleasant to look at or listen to | Careless and awkward in movement or <br> behavior |
| delicate <br> Finely made or sensitive | difficult <br> Not easy |
| frighten | happy |
| To make someone suddenly afraid or scared | Feeling or showing pleasure or joy | | lost |
| :--- |
| No longer have something you once had, or <br> to be defeated in a game |
| Clever and quick-thinking, bright |
| strange |
| different from the usual, odd |
| strong |
| friendly |
| Affectionate, trusting and helpful |
| annoy |
| Bother and irritate |


| hot | boring |
| :--- | :--- |
| Warm, having a high temperature | Not interesting, lacking enthusiasm |
| fat | stubborn <br> Not willing to do something different, sticking <br> to original choice |
| tall | slow |
| When standing vertically, something is very | Without speed, not moving at a fast space |
| white | sleepy |
| Without color | Tired, without energy, wanting to rest |
| fierce | brave |
| Aggressive and intense | Having or showing great courage |
| black | busy |
| Darkest color, without light | Curved rather than square or angular much to do, using energy |
| smooth bumps or lumps |  |

3rd Grade The Y of It Game Board

| Change y to i and Add Suffix | Y + Add the Suffix | Add -ing +y |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |

The $Y$ of It Word Cards

| study | stay | happy | lucky |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| try | copy | gray | stay |
| sloppy | bury | monkey | puppy |
| army | supply | sky | party |
| library | rely | marry | theory |
| apply | boy | toy | employ |
| valley | delay | convey | pray |
| stay | relay | beauty | busy |
| mystery | luxury | fancy | envy |

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| mercy | ordinary | vary | apply |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| hurry | portray |  |  |


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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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## Antonyms

Antonyms are words that mean the opposite of one another. The opposite of "on" is "off", the opposite of "high" is "low".
Brainstorm common antonyms with the students.

## Antonym Match

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Antonym Match cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and deal 3 cards to each student.
4. Player 1 selects one of his/her cards and states the word on the card and also a word that means the opposite. For example, Player has the word "on" and states "on" and the opposite, "off". If Player 1 can state the word and its opposite, he/she gets one point. If Player 2 has the opposite in his/her hand, he/she gives it to Player 1, and Player 1 gets a second point.
5. After playing his/her card, Player draws to have 3 in his/her hand.
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8. Winner is the person with the most points.

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Three Words: share with students the topic for the day. Ask students to think about what

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they think will be shared in the materials that they will read. Ask a student to read the title 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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ie or ei
Use i before e except after the c. Examples: believe, yield, reprieve; ceiling, perceive, conceit

I and E
Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Word Bank and a set of I and Game Cards.
3. Player 1 draws a card, reads the descriptor, selects a word from the word bank that will "fit" the descriptor.
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| above | add | back | begin |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| below | blame | beak | cry |
| different | dislike | earn | end |
| enjoy | evening | false | forgive |
| front | get | give | hear |


| heavy | ignore | laugh | light |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| morning | none | question | repair |
| same | shout | spend | subtract |
| tame | true | whisper | wild |
| all | answer | asleep | awake |

3rd Grade I and E Word Bank
ceiling relieve yield
niece ..... shield
chief
field
fierce
receive receipt deceive believe
neigh veil neighbor beige
freight reign
leisure
reindeer
sleigh
eight
weight
height

## I-E Description Cards

not the floor but overhead
worn by a police officer or held by a knight in shining armor
what one thinks is true
a ticket showing what you paid for
to lie or cheat not your nephew
the head of the tribe, the boss
to give a break to
person who lives next to you
to slow down but not a complete stop
where kids practice soccer
to get a phone call or mail
a strong, scary fighter

| not native to the area | a kind of train |
| :---: | :---: |
| the number after seven | what Santa drives |
| a person's length | step on a scale to find thi |
| pulls Santa's sleigh | to rule over people <br> one's free time <br> they carry blood throughout your <br> body |
| a light brown color | what a horse says |
| to be impressed with yourself | the thing you get |


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students to the next level.

## 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

## Vocabulary

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## Antonyms

Antonyms are words that mean the opposite of one another. The opposite of "on" is "off", the opposite of "high" is "low".
Brainstorm common antonyms with the students.
Antonym Match

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Antonym Match cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and deal 3 cards to each student.
4. Player 1 selects one of his/her cards and states the word on the card and also a word that means the opposite. For example, Player has the word "on" and states "on" and the opposite, "off". If Player 1 can state the word and its opposite, he/she gets one point. If Player 2 has the opposite in his/her hand, he/she gives it to Player 1, and Player 1 gets a second point.
5. After playing his/her card, Player draws to have 3 in his/her hand.
6. Player 2 repeats the process.
7. Game is over when all cards have been played.
8. Winner is the person with the most points.

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## Activity

## Clarifying:

During the lesson check in with students repeatedly.
Check in about what is happening and what they are thinking.
Take advantage of any teachable moments.
Stop the class and focus on a student's key learning or understanding. Ask openended questions to determine what the rest of the group is thinking.

Silly Questions: Partner students to create silly questions from the interesting words that they have selected. Ask students to join two words, in other words make a silly question or sentence utilizing two of the words. For example, if the words are adder, hermit, waterfall, bat, cave, and bridge, a silly sentence/questions would be, "Can an adder be a hermit? Will a bat fly through a waterfall? Is there a cave under the bridge?

## Conventions

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## Spelling:

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ie or ei
Use i before e except after the c. Examples: believe, yield, reprieve; ceiling, perceive, conceit

I and E
Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Word Bank and a set of I and Game Cards.
3. Player 1 draws a card, reads the descriptor, selects a word from the word bank that will "fit" the descriptor.
4. If Player 1 is correct, then he/she keeps the card and spells the word selected aloud.
5. Player 2 continues in the same way.
6. Game is over when all cards are played.

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| $\quad$ Closing |  |  |
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| Say: | Review |  |
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|  | Please recap what we did today. |  |
| DIGA we achieve our objectives? |  |  |
| 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!)

1. Ask students to think about what they did today.
2. Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
3. Ask them to comment on what they did today that was like something they had done before except in one particular way which was new to them. (Tweak)
4. Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)

| above | add | back | begin |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| below | blame | beak | cry |
| different | dislike | earn | end |
| enjoy | evening | false | forgive |
| front | get | give | hear |
| fry |  |  |  |


| heavy | ignore | laugh | light |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| morning | none | question | repair |
| same | shout | spend | subtract |
| tame | true | whisper | wild |
| all |  | asleep | awake |

3rd Grade I and E Word Bank
ceiling relieve ..... yield
niece

shield

## chief

field
deceive
believe
fierce
receive
receipt
neigh
veil
neighbor
beige
foreign
veins
reign
leisure
freight
eight
reindeer
sleigh
weight
height
conceit

## I-E Description Cards

not the floor but overhead
worn by a police officer or held by a knight in shining armor
what one thinks is true
a ticket showing what you paid for
to lie or cheat not your nephew
the head of the tribe, the boss
to give a break to
person who lives next to you
to slow down but not a complete stop
where kids practice soccer
to get a phone call or mail
a strong, scary fighter

| not native to the area | a kind of train |
| :---: | :---: |
| the number after seven | what Santa drives |
| a person's length | step on a scale to find thi |
| pulls Santa's sleigh | they over people |
| one's free time blood throughout your |  |
| body |  |$|$| what a horse says |
| ---: |
| a light brown color |
| the thing you get |
| to be impressed with yourself |


| to think about it | something that is unbelievable |
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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | Similes and Y Plus Spelling |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Similes), Predicting and Spelling |

## Materials:

Activity at end of lesson plan
White Boards and pens and/or crayons

## Opening

## State the objective

The purpose of these lessons are to:

- Improve fluency (the ability to read smoothly).
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- Work on being proficient at the conventions of writing which include capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence types, and


## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What are some of the strategies that you utilize to uncover the meaning of unfamiliar words?
What is the importance of asking questions to strengthen your understanding of what you have read?
Beyond fluency, it is important to read with correct phrasing and expression. What can you do to accomplish this?
What do you know about similes? What strategies do you use to spell words correctly?

## Content (the "Meat")

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7. Students should stay on the same passage level for 4-6 weeks and then transition students to the next level.

## Fluency Activity of the Day

Partner Share: Partner two students that are working on the same passage. Have them read aloud to each other, trading off each sentence. They can then provide feedback to one another on rate, phrasing, and expression.

## Vocabulary

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Similes: A simile is a comparison using the words "like" or "as" to make the comparison. In a simile, the speaker says that something is like something else. We use similes to express ourselves in a way that we hope will make our meaning more clear. For example, if I want someone to understand that a young basketball player is outstanding, I might say: "Josh plays basketball like Michael Jordan." I am comparing Josh's play to someone who most would agree is an amazing player, so I am saying that Josh is an amazing player. When using a simile, it is important to compare things to someone or something that everyone would agree is the trait you are trying to emphasize. Other examples of similes include:
cold as ice
dark as night
hard as a rock
deep as the ocean

## Similes

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Simile Cards.
3. Player 1 draws a card and reads the word and its meaning.
4. Player 1 then says a simile making a comparison to describe the word.
5. Player 2 may agree or challenge.
6. If Player 2 agrees, Player 1 gets 1 point. If Player 2 disagrees, then Player 1 has a second chance.
7. Player 2 then takes his/her turn.
8. Game is over when all cards have been drawn and similes have been created and shared.

## Reciprocal Teaching

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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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## Spelling:

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Y + Suffix
If a word ends in consonant $+y$, change the $y$ to an I and add the suffix. If a word ends in vowel $+y$, just add the suffix.
When adding the suffix --ing, keep the y . No change is needed.
The "Y" of It
Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a The $Y$ of It Game Board and Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place them face down to the right of the game board.
4. Player 1 draws a card and determines if the word requires "change the $y$ to $i$ ", add the suffix because of "ey", or add -ing and keep the $y$.
5. Player 2 may challenge.
6. If Player 2 agrees, then Player 2 takes his/her turn.
7. Game is over when all cards have been categorized.
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## Closing <br> 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!)

1. Ask students to think about what they did today.
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$3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade Similes

| beautiful | clumsy |
| :--- | :--- |
| Very pleasant to look at or listen to | Careless and awkward in movement or <br> behavior |
| delicate | difficult |
| Finely made or sensitive | Not easy |$|$| happy |
| :--- |
| frighten |
| No make someone suddenly afraid or scared <br> to be defeated in a game |
| Feeling or showing pleasure or joy |


| hot | boring |
| :---: | :---: |
| Warm, having a high temperature | Not interesting, lacking enthusiasm |
| fat <br> Weighty, having bulk | stubborn <br> Not willing to do something different, sticking to original choice |
| tall <br> When standing vertically, something is very long | slow <br> Without speed, not moving at a fast space |
| white <br> Without color | sleepy <br> Tired, without energy, wanting to rest |
| fierce <br> Aggressive and intense | brave <br> Having or showing great courage |
| black <br> Darkest color, without light | busy <br> Having much to do, using energy |
| smooth <br> Without bumps or lumps | round <br> Curved rather than square or angular |

3rd Grade The Y of It Game Board

| Change y to i and Add Suffix | Y + Add the Suffix | Add -ing +y |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
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The $Y$ of It Word Cards

| study | stay | happy | lucky |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| try | copy | gray | stay |
| sloppy | bury | monkey | puppy |
| army | supply | sky | party |
| library | rely | marry | theory |
| apply | boy | toy | employ |
| valley | delay | convey | pray |
| stay | relay | beauty | busy |
| mystery | luxury | fancy | envy |


| mercy | ordinary | vary | apply |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| hurry | portray |  |  |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | Making Meaning and Charades |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Making Meaning), Clarifying, and Spelling |

## Materials:

Activity at end of lesson plan
White boards and pens and/or crayons

## Opening

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What are some of the strategies that you utilize to uncover the meaning of unfamiliar words?
What is the importance of asking questions to strengthen your understanding of what you have read?
Beyond fluency, it is important to read with correct phrasing and expression. What can you do to accomplish this?
What do you do to make spelling easier? What are some "rules" about spelling that you use? What are some of the spelling patterns that you know about?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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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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Making Meaning: Knowing what a word means is essential if you are going to use a word correctly. There are comedians who have made a living using words incorrectly. It is important that students understand and can describe what a word means. This will help students to use the word correctly.

## Making Meaning

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Making Meaning Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and make a 5 card by 4 card grid, face down.
4. Player 1 turns 2 cards over and if they match (word and description of the word), then player keeps the two cards. If he/she takes cards from the game, those cards may be replaced by cards from the deck as long as they are still available.
5. Player 2 continues in the same way.
6. Game is over when all pairs are collected.

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## Activity

## Clarifying:

Charades: choose a student to act out one of the words from the material. When you say

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Stop the class and focus on a student's key learning or understanding. Ask openended questions to determine what the rest of the group is thinking.
"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 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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## Q followed by U

When spelling a word with a " $q$ ", remember that the letter " $u$ " follows the " $q$ ".

## Q-Tees

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs and give each pair a Q-Tee Word Bank and Q-Tee Word Cards.
2. Place the Word Bank between the students.
3. Player 1 draws a card and reads the phrase.
4. Player 1 then selects a words from the Word Bank that is described by the Word Card.
5. He/she then spells the word selected without looking.
6. If he/she is correct, then he/she takes the card. If incorrect, the card goes into the discard pile.
7. Player 2 repeats.
8. Game is over when all of the cards are drawn.

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3rd Grade Making Meaning Cards

| angry | wanting to argue or fight | help | assist |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| join | fasten two things together | noise | sound, usually a loud or unpleasant one |
| only | not more than | backyard | a lawn or open area behind a house |
| cardboard | very thick, stiff paper | eardrum | a part inside the ear that moves as sound strikes it |
| footprint | a mark made by a foot or shoe | jellyfish | a sea animal with a jelly-like body |


| pinwheel | a toy wheel pinned to a stick that spins | sunburn | sore, red skin |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| supermarket | a large store that sells food | teaspoon | a small spoon for measuring |
| watchdog | a dog trained to guard | beautiful | pleasant to look at |
| clumsy | careless and awkward | delicate | finely made |
| difficult | not easy | frighten | make someone suddenly afraid |


| happy | feeling or showing pleasure or joy | lost | no longer have |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| smart | clever and quickthinking | strange | different from the usual |
| strong | powerful or having great force | fold | bend over on itself |
| kind | friendly helpful, and generous | pack | put objects into a container |
| paint | make a picture or cover a surface | view | what you can see from a certain place |

3rd Grade
Q-Tees Word Bank

| earthquake | equal | equipment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| liquid | quarter | question |
| quickly | quiet | quill |
| quit | quiz | racquet |
| request | sequel | queasy |

Q-Tee Description Cards

| Ask for information | Not make a lot of <br> noise | Step working at a <br> job |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Teachers like to <br> give this | Politely ask for <br> something | Move fast |
| Worth 25¢ | Items for a sport | Not a solid |
| A second movie | The pointy part of a <br> porcupine | Used to play tennis |
| Have an upset <br> stomach | Worth the same <br> amount | Shakes the ground |


| Component | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | Plurals and DIGA |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Homophones), Questioning and Spelling |

## Materials:

Activity at the end of the lesson plan
White boards and pens and/or crayons

## Opening

## State the objective

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What do you know about homophones? Please give several examples of homophones. What strategies do you use to spell words correctly?

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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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## Homophones

Homophones are words that sound alike but are spelled differently and mean different things. An example of a homophone pair would be carrot and Karat. A carrot is an orange vegetable that rabbits like to eat. Karat is a way to measure the size of a precious jewel or measure how much gold is contained in an item.
Homophone Challenge

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Homophone Challenge game board and a set of Homophone Challenge cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place them by the game board.
4. Player 1 draws a card and reads the sentence.
5. Player 1 determines which homograph on the game board is described in the sentence and places a token on the word.
6. Player 2 repeats the process.
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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

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group then finds another group and trades questions. Students answer the other team's questions, going back and forth.

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## S or -es

To make a word plural add an "s" or "es" to the end of the word. Add "s" in words like lock, job, and dog. Add "es" if the plural s sound is heard in the last syllable. Example: fox to foxes

## Plurals

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Plurals Game Board and Word Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place to the right of the game board.
4. Player 1 draws a card and determines if the word needs an "s" or "es". He/she then moves his marker to the next space that has the appropriate plural ending.
5. Player 2 continues with the play ( 2 people can be on the same space).
6. Game is over when one Player reaches the finish line.

## 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.

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Homophone Challenge

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| two | too | wood | would | which | witch |

Homophone Challenge Cards
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\text { for storing } \\
\text { things }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Made air com } \\
\text { out through the } \\
\text { mouth }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { The color of the } \\
\text { sky on a sunny } \\
\text { day }\end{array} \\
\text { by paying money } \\
\text { Ocean } \\
\text { Something }\end{array} \quad$ A single thing \(\left.\begin{array}{l}Being next to <br>
Opposite of the <br>

left\end{array}\right\}\)| To look at |
| :--- |

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$3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ Grade Plurals Game Board
Start

| $s$ | es | s | es | es | $s$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| es | es | s | es | s | s |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| s |  |  |  |  |  |
| es | s | es | es | s | s |
| es | s | es | s | s | es |

Finish

S or -es Cards

| sandwich | dot | truck | shoulder |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| tax | box | sack | mess |
| stash | rash | eyelash | crash |
| park | street | doctor | neighbor |
| paint | umbrella | cup | lash |
| friend | park | street | mechanic |
| loss | sister | duck | garden |
| dress | press | ranch | catch |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 3 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | What's In An Order |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Anagrams), Questioning, and Spelling |

## Materials:

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What do you know about anagrams? (same letters different words-lemon and melon). What strategies do you use to spell words correctly?

## Content (the "Meat")

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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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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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## Base +

Directions:

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## 3rd Grade Anagrams

Letter Cards

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40. In religions, there is usually one of these. (God)

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3rd Grade Base + Game Board


## 3rd Grade Base + Cards

| John is $\qquad$ his money to buy a new car. <br> safe + -able -age -ing | Barney is $\qquad$ under the bed. hide + -able, -age, -ing | Was the home $\qquad$ after the fire and flood? <br> live + -able, -age, -ing |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The kids are $\qquad$ the leaves in the yard. rake + -able, -age, -ing | The car was barely $\qquad$ after the accident. <br> drive + -able, -age, -ing | Ginny is a $\qquad$ girl. like + -able, -age, -ing |
| The trainer is $\qquad$ the animal. <br> tame + -able, -age, -ing | Recycling means $\qquad$ things more than one time. <br> reuse + -able, -age, -ing | Is the disease $\qquad$ ? <br> cure + -able, -age, -ing |
| Dad is $\qquad$ the cake for her birthday. bake + -able, -age, -ing | He is finally $\qquad$ his own shoes. <br> lace + -able, -age, -ing | Is the treasure $\qquad$ ? <br> value + -able, -age, -ing |
| The lettuce provides you with $\qquad$ in your diet. <br> rough + -able, -age, -ing | What $\qquad$ did the doctor prescribe? <br> dose + -able, -age, -ing | He's looking for his ancestors and tracing his $\qquad$ <br> line + -able, -age, -ing |
| What was here $\qquad$ for the month? <br> mile + -able, -age, -ing | He needs to put most of those items in $\qquad$ <br> store + -able, -age, -ing | How much $\qquad$ did the website get? <br> use + -able, -age, -ing |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 3rd Grade |
| Lesson Title: | Anagrams |
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## Materials:

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## Fluency Activity of the Day

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 <br> Summarizing: <br> 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 will this information apply to your life? |  |
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## $3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade Anagrams

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39. An animal that barks and is a common pet. (dog)
40. In religions, there is usually one of these. (God)

Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans
3rd Grade Base + Game Board


3rd Grade Base + Cards

| John is $\qquad$ his money to buy a new car. <br> safe + -able -age -ing | Barney is $\qquad$ under the bed. hide + -able, -age, -ing | Was the home $\qquad$ after the fire and flood? live + -able, -age, -ing |
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| The kids are $\qquad$ the leaves in the yard. rake + -able, -age, -ing | The car was barely $\qquad$ after the accident. drive + -able, -age, -ing | Ginny is a $\qquad$ girl. like + -able, -age, -ing |
| The trainer is $\qquad$ the animal. <br> tame + -able, -age, -ing | Recycling means $\qquad$ things more than one time. <br> reuse + -able, -age, -ing | Is the disease $\qquad$ ? cure + -able, -age, -ing |
| Dad is $\qquad$ the cake for her birthday. bake + -able, -age, -ing | He is finally $\qquad$ his own shoes. <br> lace + -able, -age, -ing | Is the treasure $\qquad$ ? value + -able, -age, -ing |
| The lettuce provides you with $\qquad$ in your diet. <br> rough + -able, -age, -ing | What $\qquad$ did the doctor prescribe? dose + -able, -age, -ing | He's looking for his ancestors and tracing his $\qquad$ <br> line + -able, -age, -ing |
| What was here $\qquad$ for the month? mile + -able, -age, -ing | He needs to put most of those items in $\qquad$ <br> store + -able, -age, -ing | How much $\qquad$ did the website get? use + -able, -age, -ing |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $3^{\text {rd }}$ Grade |
| Lesson Title: | Homophone Challenge and Plurals |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Homophones), Summarizing, and Spelling |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan
White boards and pens and/or crayons

## Opening

## State the objective

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What are some of the strategies that you utilize to uncover the meaning of unfamiliar words?
What is the importance of asking questions to strengthen your understanding of what you have read?
Beyond fluency, it is important to read with correct phrasing and expression. What can you do to accomplish this?
What do you know about homophones? Please give several examples of homophones. What strategies do you use to spell words correctly?

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| $65 \%$ of the written words. For reading passages see information in the side note. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Repeated Reading Process |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Remember that they are practicing the sight words and phrases that make up |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

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Select a book that is at the child's reading level and have them select 250-300 words to practice (even if they move on with the story)
6. Celebrate success.
7. Students should stay on the same passage level for $4-6$ weeks and then transition students to the next level.

## 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

Vocabulary development is a huge part of becoming proficient in reading. This section will build both academic vocabulary and important text vocabulary.

## Homophones

Homophones are words that sound alike but are spelled differently and mean different things. An example of a homophone pair would be carrot and Karat. A carrot is an orange vegetable that rabbits like to eat. Karat is a way to measure the size of a precious jewel or measure how much gold is contained in an item.

## Homophone Challenge

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Homophone Challenge game board and a set of Homophone Challenge cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place them by the game board.
4. Player 1 draws a card and reads the sentence.
5. Player 1 determines which homograph on the game board is described in the sentence and places a token on the word.
6. Player 2 repeats the process.
7. Game is over when all words are covered.

## Reciprocal Teaching

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During the lesson check in with students repeatedly.
Check in about what is happening and what they are thinking.
Take advantage of any teachable moments.
Stop the class and focus on a student's key learning or understanding. Ask openended questions to determine what the rest of the group is thinking.

## 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), 3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ Square: But (Describe the conflict or the problem), $4^{\text {th }}$ Square: So (Describe the resolution of the conflict.)

## Conventions

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.

## Spelling:

Spelling is a skill that helps us to communicate effectively. Spelling is the act of putting letters in correct order to make a particular word. When we learn how to spell there are patterns in how words are spelled and then there are a few rules that tell us how to spell certain words. For the next 11 days we will be looking at some spelling rules. Remember that there are always exceptions to rules, so these rules serve as a guide to spelling certain types of words.

## S or -es

To make a word plural add an " $s$ " or "es" to the end of the word. Add " $s$ " in words like lock, job, and dog. Add "es" if the plural s sound is heard in the last syllable. Example: fox to foxes

## Plurals

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Plurals Game Board and Word Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place to the right of the game board.
4. Player 1 draws a card and determines if the word needs an " $s$ " or "es". He/she then moves his marker to the next space that has the appropriate plural ending.
5. Player 2 continues with the play ( 2 people can be on the same space).
6. Game is over when one Player reaches the finish line.

## 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!)

1. Ask students to think about what they did today.
2. Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
3. Ask them to comment on what they did today that was like something they had done before except in one particular way which was new to them. (Tweak)
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Homophone Challenge

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Homophone Challenge Cards
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\text { container or box } \\
\text { for storing } \\
\text { things }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Made air com } \\
\text { out through the } \\
\text { mouth }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { The color of the } \\
\text { sky on a sunny } \\
\text { day }\end{array} \\
\text { by paying money } \\
\text { Ocean } \\
\text { Something }\end{array} \quad$ A single thing \(\left.\begin{array}{l}Being next to <br>
Opposite of the <br>

left\end{array}\right\}\)| To look at |
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Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans
$3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ Grade Plurals Game Board
Start

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| es | es | s | es | s | s |
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| es | s | es | s | s | es |

Finish

S or -es Cards

| sandwich | dot | truck | shoulder |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| tax | box | sack | mess |
| stash | rash | eyelash | crash |
| park | street | doctor | neighbor |
| paint | umbrella | cup | lash |
| friend | park | street | mechanic |
| loss | sister | duck | garden |
| dress | press | ranch | catch |


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

## Materials:

Activities from Lesson Plans \#1-\#10
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Retest student, read for 1 minute compare results with the pre-test.

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Anagrams
Similes
Homophones
Antonyms

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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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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

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