| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Sight Words, Phrases, and Prefixes and Suffixes |
| Focus: | Fluency |

## Materials:

Lists of words attached. (The list contains all of the sight words and phrases. The words are separated by grade level. So are the phrases. The prefixes and suffixes are appropriate for grades $4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$.

| Opening |
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| State the objective |
| The objective of this lesson is to provide you with a variety of ways to teach sight words, phrases, and prefixes and |
| suffixes. If possible, fluency should be worked on every day in the program for 5-10 minutes. |
| Gain prior knowledge by asking students, |
| What does it mean to have sight words? Why are some words sight words while others can be sounded out and read that |
| way? What about the word "the"? Why are practicing phrase important? It is a fact that 85\% of words that have a prefix |
| also have a suffix. What is a prefix? Give an example. What is a suffix? Give an example. |

## Information for You

Attached you will find a number of activities to use when supporting the learning of sight words. It is suggested that you duplicate these pages so you can have them to use when you need them. You may also want to duplicate the word lists for students. When working with students use a highlighter to show which words the student knows, and then after the student practices the unknown words and then learns them, highlight with a different color.

## Content (the "Meat")

## Instruction / Demonstration ("I do" - "We do")

Purpose: Work through the process of practicing sight words.

## Baseball

Materials:
Sight words of 4 levels.

- Make them on different colored cards and have the type of hit that each represents on each color posted somewhere that everyone can see it clearly.
- Places in the room marked as 1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base, and home plate.

1. Divide the students into 2 groups and let them name themselves.
2. Designate one team as home, and the other as visitors.
3. Mix up the cards. One child goes to the home plate.
4. Draw out a card.
5. Match the color to the type of hit they are trying for.
*Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable
Moment(s) throughout
When you are intentionally teaching the skill of questioning, take the time to point out the many times during each day that asking a good question makes things easier. The ability to ask open ended questions is what keeps all of us on the same page.
Stop to help students understand how to ensure
6. If the student can read the card correctly, they may move according to the type of hit. (A single -move 1 base, a double - move 2 bases, a triple-move 3 bases, and a homerun-go all the way to home plate.)
7. Make sure that you have some strike out cards in the word cards also.
8. If the student is unable to read the word, it is considered an out.
9. After 3 outs, the next team gets to "Bat". Keep the score so that everyone can see.

## Students practice ("You do")

## Tic Tac Toe

Materials:

- White board with the tic tac toe board drawn on it
- Word Cards


## Directions

1. Divide the children into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of sight words. Each player prepares a Tic Tac Toe Board, writing one sight word in each space.
3. Players will choose one of the Tic Tac Toe Boards to play first.
4. If player can read the word correctly, he she puts and X or O in space. If incorrect, the other person takes his/her turn.
5. Play several games to determine the winner.
that they are on target.
Take time to stop the class and ask them to question a partner.
Check in often to see if they have ideas for making the lesson more fun and enjoyable.
Listen for "how" and "what" questions.
Ask students to explain what is going on.

|  | Closing |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Say: | Review |  |  |  |
| - |  |  |  |  |
| - |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Did we achieve our objectives? |  |
| Liked Best Next Time |  |  |  |  |
| Ask students what they liked best about today's activity. |  |  |  |  |
| Ask students what they would change to make the activity better. |  |  |  |  |

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

Ask students to think about what they did today.
Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
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)
Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)

## Sight Words, Sight Phrases, and Sight Affixes

Combining repeated reading strategies with sight word, fast phrases, and in grades $4^{\text {th }}$ and up the 50 most common prefixes and suffixes (affixes) practice is also helpful. These lists of words, phrases and/or affixes can be found in your fluency binder. For the primary grades (Kindergarten through $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ ) you might want to consider actual individual word cards, for grades $4^{\text {th }}-6^{\text {th }}$ an actual list will suffice. Activities with these word card or lists can be included in the "When Homework Is Complete" center, table, or chart of what students do when they have no homework or they have finished for the day.

## Sight Words

Sight words are the basis for all reading skills. These are the common, everyday words that often defy phonic analysis. If they are not completely and fully committed to memory, reading is halting, slow and laborious. As you work with sight words, remember that it is vital to keep records of the student's progress. Make a checklist to monitor mastery, and be sure to review mastered words several times to maintain the skill. Remember that for these words, simply figuring the word out is not good enough. The words should be recognized instantly, with no hesitations or miscues. Anything less will interfere with fluency and comprehension, and is likely to make reading more difficult in the long run.
Repetition is key to sight word acquisition. Young readers should be given opportunities to read and write a new sight word multiple times. Repetitive reading of texts featuring certain sight words is one strategy for helping children commit these words to memory. Also, to practice spelling sight words, parents and teachers can have children write and say aloud words several times. When a child writes and says the word at least five times in a row, she is more likely to commit it to memory.

The Sight Word lists that you have represent the 1,500 words that are most utilized in the English language. The words are listed in order of frequency, and mastery of the first 300 will help improve reading by leaps
and bounds. In the first 300 words about $60 \%$ of words found in common text, the words we use every day, are listed.

## Sight Word Tracking

For grades K-3, each child should have a set of word cards and a Master Word Sheet. Print the child's name on the Master Word Sheet. For Kindergarten and First Grade, begin with 5 words at a time, for $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade and up, work with 10 words at a time. Have children read the words (Kindergarten-3 from individual word cards) and highlight the words that the child does NOT know. For Kindergarten and First Graders, when they have 5 highlighted words, stop assessing. You will go to work with them on those 5 words while maintaining each child's words that he/she knows. In $2^{\text {nd. }} 8^{\text {th }}$ grades, when there are 10 highlighted words, stop assessing and go to work on the 10 unknown words. Work with the sight words utilizing the strategies and activities described in the Sight Word information section.

## Sight Word Games

## Bean Bag Toss

Materials:

- One piece of chart paper ( 24 " $\times 36^{\prime \prime}$ ) divided in 246 " squares ( 4 across, 6 down)
- Bean Bag
- Word Cards

Attach the words to the chart paper with blue tape before the game is being played. Each child will take turns throwing the bean bag to a square. If the student can read the word the bean bag lands on, the child gets one point. (If you want to play cooperatively, each point counts toward the total number of points the children are trying to attain.) If the student misses the word, the other child gets the chance to say it. The child with the most points wins the game.

## Around the World

## Materials:

- Word Cards

All the students sit in a circle. (Or the students can remain at their desks.) One student stands behind one student who is sitting. The teacher flashes them a sight word. Whoever says it first moves on to the next student. The student that makes it back to their own desk or starting point is the winner. This is a pretty popular game, but the little ones love to try to stop someone who is making it "Around the World"!

## Tic Tac Toe

Materials:

- White board with the tic tac toe board drawn on it
- Word Cards

Divide the children into X's and O's teams. Write words in the tic tac toe spaces. Take turns having a member of the team come up and selecting a space to read. If he is correct, they may put an X or O for their team. If they are incorrect, the other team gets to send a player to the board to try the same word. Y ou can keep score if you want.

Variation: You can also give everyone a white board to make into the tic tac toe board, and put the list of words on the board. Have them place the words where they want in their board. As you call the words out, you will have to say if it is an X word or an O . The first one to tic tac toe is the winner.

## Wordo

Materials:

- Blank "Wordo " cards with 9, 16, or 25 blocks. (Look like BINGO cards)
- Copy of words being studied

Have students fill in the card with the words that you are working on. Tell them that each card will be different and to try to mix up the words they are using. Playing the game is just like BINGO. Call out the words and have the students spell it out loud with you and then mark their spaces. This will give those who are unsure of the word some extra help. The first one with a row covered calls out the word "WORDO"! Let the winner be the one who calls out the words the next time.

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## Erase Relay

Materials:

- Word lists on the chalkboard

Write on the whiteboard two columns of words that are approximately equal in difficulty. Write as many words on the board as there are children in the relay. Children are divided into 2 teams, and stand in two lines at right angles to the whiteboard. At the signal, the first child in each line points at the first word in his respective column of words and pronounces that word. If his pronounces it correctly, he is allowed to erase that word. The game is won by the side that erases all the words first.

## Team Sight Word Race

## Materials:

- A group size set of sight words

The children are divided into 2 groups. Each group takes a turn attempting to pronounce a word turned up from a pile of sight words. If one team misses, the opposite team then receives a chance to pronounce that word in addition to their regular turn. Score is kept on the number of words each team pronounces correctly. Do not have members sit down when they miss a word, but have each team member go to the back of the line after each try whether successful or not. This enables all members to gain equal practice and does not eliminate those people who need practice most.

## The Head Chair

Materials:

- Group size cards

Mark one chair in the circle as the "Head Chair". Play begins when you flash a card to the person in the "Head Chair". A child can stay in his chair only until he misses a word. When he misses a word, he goes to the end chair and all the children will move up one chair. The object of the game is to try to end up in the "Head Chair".

## Additional Sight Word Activities

## Activity \#1

Scatter the sight words on index cards, face-up, around a play area. Use one copy of the word for each child playing the game. That is, if three children are playing, use three copies of each word. Call a word from the list and challenge the students to be first to find and run to the target word. You can make this as competitive or cooperative as you'd like, or even try to beat previous records.

## Activity \#2

Spell the sight words using magnetic letters. If possible, use a lower case letter set. You can begin by arranging the letters and having your student read the word, then progress to dictating the word and allowing the student to spell.

## Activity \#3

Make one set of word cards for each child playing. Shuffle all cards together and place face down in the center of the play area. Choose a word to be the "Secret Word." Have each player take turns turning over the top card from the deck and flipping it so all can see. When the "secret word" is turned up, the first player to read it correctly gets to keep the word. The player with the most cards at the end of the game can be declared the winner if you wish.

## Activity \#4

Hide word cards around the tutoring area. Have the students find them and return to you to read their cards. When one card has been read, the student can go out and look for another.

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## Activity \#5

Make a set of word cards for the student. Show the cards one at a time and if the child reads it correctly, put a checkmark on the card. If ten checkmarks are accumulated, the word is often nearing mastery level, which can be cause for celebration.

## Activity \#6

Use a double set of word cards (two of each word). Remove one card so that there is a word without a mate. Play a card game like Old Maid: deal the cards evenly to all players. Each player can take a turn choosing one card in secret from another player. If a match is made, those cards are laid down for a score.

## Activity \#7

Highlight the targeted words in a passage of text. Read the text in unison, but allow the student to read the highlighted words alone.

## Activity \#8

Make a worksheet with misspelled and correctly spelled versions of the target word. Challenge the student to mark those letter groups that spell the target word correctly. You could also do this with letter cards instead of a worksheet.

## Activity \#9

Make a sign of each word being studied and tape the signs to the walls around the tutoring area. Call out words and have the students run (walk, crawl, hop, etc.) to the correct sign.

## Activity \#10

Make a paper showing the target word at the top. Have the student copy the word in each of three to eight different colors.

## Activity \#11

Use letter cards to spell the target words.

## Activity \#12

Give each student a newspaper, old magazine or other text and a highlighting marker. See how many times each can find the targeted word or words in the text and highlight them.

## Activity \#13

Write the word in large printing, and have the student glue yarn or string to the letters.

## Activity \#14

Put the words on slips of paper and place inside plastic eggs. Hide the eggs around the tutoring area and have students find them and read the slips to you.

## Activity \#15

Print the word on a whiteboard. Read the word together several times, spell it out loud, then erase a letter. Read the word again, visualizing the missing letter. Be sure to spell again on each round. Continue to erase, then read and spell until the word is no longer visible. Challenge the child to put it back.

## Activity \#16

Give children letter cards that will spell the target word or words. Challenge them to sort themselves into the correct letter groups and stand in order to spell their word.

## Activity \#17

Write the word in large print on the whiteboard or chalkboard and have the student trace over it several times with new colors.

| List 1 | List 2 | List 3 | List 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a | it | be | there |
| the | they | on | with |
| and | would | when | had |
| I | is | me | are |
| to | in | like | so |
| was | have | then | went |
| my | that | were | up |
| of | for | all | at |
| we | you | go | said |
| he | she | get | them |


| List 5 | List 6 | List 7 | List 8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| if | out | play | their |
| her | him | some | house |
| one | will | what | back |
| because | not | this | charge |
| do | people | time | came |
| school | make | home | from |
| got | could | going | friends |
| his | or | good | too |
| about | can | as | other |
| day | very | down | after |


| List 9 | List 10 | List 11 | List 12 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| don't | know | every | now |
| our | want | didn't | think |
| no | saw | two | come |
| just | friend | dog | take |
| has | did | help | nice |
| lot | more | mother | first |
| fun | see | an | best |
| things | big | also | put |
| by | us | around | how |
| little | your | started | man |


| List 13 | List 14 | List 15 | List 16 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mom | let | love | only |
| who | eat | off | really |
| tell | give | even | food |
| over | told | thing | sometimes |
| Dad | world | work | football |
| family | right | class | called |
| name | again | where | father |
| next | try | boy | something |
| night | way | another | took |
| many | well | ran | old |


| List 17 | List 18 | List 19 | List 20 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| once | kids | girl | brother |
| new | always | away | long |
| children | am | each | year |
| much | its | everyone | game |
| car | wanted | room | most |
| into | found | sister | cat |
| made | bed | any | homework |
| run | money | teacher | games |
| years | why | that's | thought |
| team | never | favorite | should |


| List 21 | List 22 | List 23 | List 24 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| bad | way | three | door |
| Christmas | morning | happy | life |
| water | still | everybody | look |
| clean | here | until | someone |
| parents | looked | asked | ball |
| before | while | different | days |
| better | left | place | wouldn't |
| I'm | stop | sure | story |
| live | air | need | find |
| bus | can't | great | finally |


| List 25 | List 26 | List 27 | List 28 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| together | than | couldn't | which |
| lived | getting | girls | watch |
| busy | end | person | being |
| anything | I'd | hard | kind |
| every | last | through | walking |
| been | named | hit | important |
| swimming | talk | fell | hope |
| keep | yes | animals | mean |
| buy | books | played | white |
| heard | stay | wish | week |


| List 29 | List 30 | List 31 | List 32 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| might | balloons | pretty | doing |
| lots | call | almost | black |
| knew | sea | high | ride |
| scared | horses | same | walk |
| boys | baseball | care | gas |
| soon | later | few | Mr. |
| read | men | horse | teachers |
| lunch | bear | decided | wasn't |
| store | real | hurt | both |
| whole | start | book | fish |


| List 33 | List 34 | List 35 | List 36 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| goes | president | learn | basketball |
| trees | TV | he's | circus |
| coming | playing | tried | four |
| dream | must | candy | lost |
| gave | show | fight | mad |
| outside | afraid | likes | clothes |
| sleep | gets | snow | grade |
| boat | dogs | done | ready |
| grader | street | use | trip |
| tree | cars | baby | turned |


| List 37 | List 38 | List 39 | List 40 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| won | nothing | broke | all |
| does | running | job | myself |
| probably | you're | looking | oh |
| died | may | small | earth |
| own | both | today | hill |
| fast | city | having | summer |
| walked | ship | jump | beautiful |
| ask | Friday | okay | funny |
| land | grow | planet | happened |
| maybe | red | hour | park |


| List 41 | List 42 | List 43 | List 44 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| upon | caught | enough | leave |
| eighth | five | times | move |
| comes | change | free | police |
| war | responsibilities | head | states |
| feet | they're | sports | feel |
| set | field | build | stuff |
| without | lady | except | united |
| bring | Mrs. | bike | miss |
| country | turn | half | suddenly |
| ate | animal | America | teach |


| List 45 | List 46 | List 47 | List 48 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| catch | kept | seen | ground |
| fire | sit | shot | such |
| party | eyes | dinner | sudden |
| doesn't | top | its | trying |
| hair | trouble | sick | used |
| pick | fix | since | future |
| reason | front | space | music |
| second | else | sport | problem |
| winter | hot | schools | seventh |
| rest | math | Thanksgiving | weeks |


| List 49 | List 50 | List 51 | List 52 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| won't | let's | buy | week |
| liked | mouse | window | explain |
| lives | cut | mark | lost |
| stopped | killed | heat | spring |
| talking | making | grew | travel |
| throw | riding | listen | wrote |
| win | rules | ask | farm |
| woke | becomes | single | circle |
| yard | God | clear | whose |
| believe | music | energy | correct |


| List 53 | List 54 | List 55 | List 56 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| bed | war | sent | you're |
| measure | fly | present | free |
| straight | yourself | plan | fell |
| base | seem | rather | suppose |
| mountain | thus | length | natural |
| caught | square | speed | ocean |
| hair | moment | machine | government |
| bird | teacher | information | baby |
| wood | happy | except | grass |
| color | bright | figure | plane |


| List 57 | List 58 | List 59 | List 60 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| street | wish | seven | modern |
| couldn't | soil | famous | fun |
| reason | step | late | catch |
| difference | human | pay | business |
| maybe | trip | sleep | reach |
| step | eye | iron | lot |
| mouth | woman | trouble | won't |
| history | milk | store | case |
| middle | choose | beside | speak |
| child | north | oil | shape |


| List 61 | List 62 | List 63 | List 64 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| eight | copy | skin | ahead |
| edge | forest | wasn't | wrong |
| soft | especially | I've | practice |
| village | necessary | yellow | sand |
| object | he's | party | tail |
| age | unit | force | wait |
| minute | flat | test | difficult |
| wall | direction | bad | general |
| meet | south | temperature | cover |
| record | subject | pair | material |


| List 65 | List 66 | List 67 | List 68 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| isn't | rich | race | island |
| thousand | team | bit | stone |
| sign | corner | result | wife |
| guess | cat | brother | we'll |
| forward | blood | addition | opposite |
| huge | amount | various | born |
| ride | garden | doesn't | sense |
| region | led | thin | cattle |
| nor | note | hit | million |
| period | dead | weight | anyone |


| List 69 | List 70 | List 71 | List 72 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| rule | chance | bought | hope |
| science | thick | radio | song |
| afraid | sight | method | engine |
| women | pretty | king | board |
| produce | train | similar | control |
| pull | fresh | return | spread |
| son | drive | corn | evening |
| meant | lead | decide | brown |
| broken | break | position | clean |
| interest | sit | bear | wouldn't |


| List 73 | List 74 | List 75 | List 76 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| section | century | capital | meat |
| spent | therefore | fill | lady |
| ring | level | deal | west |
| teeth | you'll | busy | glad |
| quiet | death | beyond | action |
| ancient | hole | send | pass |
| stick | coast | love | type |
| afternoon | crow | cool | attention |
| silver | sharp | cause | gas |
| nose | fight | please | kitchen |


| List 77 | List 78 | List 79 | List 80 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| pick | arm | sheep | inch |
| scale | believe | I'd | sugar |
| basic | major | office | key |
| happen | gray | row | product |
| safe | wonder | contain | desert |
| grown | include | fit | bank |
| cost | describe | equal | farther |
| wear | electric | value | won |
| act | sold | yard | total |
| hat | visit | beat | sell |


| List 81 | List 82 | List 83 | List 84 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| wire | exercise | useful | ate |
| rose | bread | public | dinner |
| cotton | process | according | hurt |
| spoke | nature | steel | spend |
| rope | apart | salt | experiment |
| fear | path | speech | touch |
| shore | careful | forth | drop |
| throughout | narrow | nation | chair |
| compare | mental | knowledge | east |
| movement | nine | appear | separate |


| List 85 | List 86 | List 87 | List 88 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| truck | wheel | trade | string |
| sing | none | chief | sister |
| column | hill | month | familiar |
| twice | television | clothes | onto |
| particular | bill | doctor | imagine |
| shop | solve | indeed | blow |
| unless | pressure | dance | quick |
| spot | report | church | law |
| neither | farmer | original | lie |
| met | count | enjoy | final |


| List 89 | List 90 | List 91 | List 92 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| rise | rode | supply | solid |
| loud | empty | laid | northern |
| fair | twenty | dear | flower |
| herself | broke | surprise | star |
| slow | nice | bun | feed |
| noise | effect | entire | wooden |
| statement | paid | fruit | sort |
| hungry | motion | crowd | develop |
| join | myself | band | shoulder |
| tube | divide | wet | variety |


| List 93 | List 94 | List 95 | List 96 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| season | army | shot | twelve |
| share | cabin | angry | mine |
| jump | camp | southern | company |
| regular | danger | dress | current |
| represent | purpose | bag | pound |
| market | breakfast | proud | valley |
| we're | proper | neck | double |
| flew | coat | breath | till |
| finger | push | strength | match |
| expect | express | member | average |


| List 97 | List 98 | List 99 | List 100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| die | population | electricity | raise |
| liquid | finish | everybody | further |
| alive | station | rate | steam |
| stream | shook | dust | guide |
| provide | stage | worth | discover |
| drink | oxygen | community | plain |
| experience | poem | captain | usual |
| future | solution | bus | seat |
| tomorrow | burn | protect | accept |
| drove | cent | cook | success |


| List 101 | List 102 | List 103 | List 104 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| traffic | whisper | council | conversation |
| yesterday | available | author | evidence |
| situation | college | organize | citizen |
| realize | furniture | concern | environment |
| message | leather | barbecue | influence |
| recently | husband | accident | cancel |
| account | principal | disease | audience |
| physical | medicine | construction | apartment |
| neighbor | excellent | motor | worse |
| excited | operation | affect | transportation |


| List 105 | List 106 | List 107 | List 108 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| frozen | stomach | ability | social |
| waste | collect | arrange | factory |
| couple | prevent | rhythm | license |
| function | courage | avoid | recommend |
| connect | occur | daily |  |
| project | foreign | identity |  |
| pronounce | quality | standard |  |
| offered | terrible | combine |  |
| apply | instrument | attached |  |
| improve | balance | frighten |  |

## Fry Fast Phrases

 List \#1the little boy
a good boy
is about me
then you give
was to come
old and new
what we know
that old man
in and out
not up here
good for you
down at work
with his cat
it was new
work on it
can come here
they will go
are so long
three of them
before this one
your little boy
as long as
but not me
be here again
have been good
Fry Fast Phrases
List \#2
he has it
can go
they are here
one by one
good and wet
came with me
about a dog
had a hat
if you come
some good candy
up and down
her green hat
say and do
when they come
so I went
my little house
very good girl
all around us
would you like
any good book
have you been
we are out
here and there
from my mother
a nice day

## Fry Fast Phrases

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can go
they are here
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all around us
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have you been
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a nice day

## Fry Fast Phrases List \#3

to go home
see the dog
then they went
look at us
yes and no
play with him
by the house
he was going
come to me
get the cat
in or out
one, two, three
to the man
a little dog
he has it
sit by them
how do you
like the book
in our car
what do you
do you know
make a book
which one is
this much is
about his frog

Fry Fast Phrases
List \#4
who am I
an old cat
in their car
she had some
a new school
he said it
did not go
a good boy
three little dogs
up and down
go to work
put it out
we were there
before you go
just one day
about this long
here it is
get the other
our old car
then take it
cat has been
again and again
would give him
day after day
many of them

## Fry Fast Phrases List \#5

saw a cat
at home again
as soon as
stand on the
in the box
upon a time
the first one
came up to
a tall girl
a big house
find a rock
because it was
made me mad
could I go
in the book
look at that
is my mother
run out of
at school today
with the people
all last night
into my room
began to say
I think that
on the back

## Fry Fast Phrases

List \#6
such a big box
where it was
I am not
a great ball
yesterday morning
live in a
four of them
at last a
color the box
putting away he
tall red hat
friend of the
to look pretty
much to eat
want to say
one year old
the white pine
got a cup
wanted to play
found his dog
that was left
bring her home
men were there
as you wish
red and black

## Fry Fast Phrases <br> List \#7

may come to
he let us
was to use
these big chairs
turn right at
who were present
we should leave
her left hand
more people can
why not make
be done better
it was under
while the rain
should we do
never would come
two books each
was the best
at another time
it would seem
the pretty tree
was her name
very dear to
the tall oak
next to the
call me so

Fry Fast Phrases
List \#8
dog ran fast
five blue balls
read very well
over the hill
such a treat
on the way
eat too much
shall sing for
my own bed
most of all
sure am happy
saw a thing
only for fun
please come to
near the dog
older than me
in the open
kind and good
much go now
high in the
far and near
both of you
end of the
would go also
until we see

## Fry Fast Phrases

 List \#9go ask her
a small tree
a yellow box
you may show
mother goes home
please clean this
buy a present
say thank you
they will sleep
open the letter
jump the wall
by myself
go fly high
please don't run
a fast race
a cold day
must call today
does come back
a pretty face
little green box
for everyone
I like brown
your red coat
six people ran
gave a present
Fry Fast Phrases
List \#10
the black hat
in his ear
write a letter
to try it
as for myself
can no longer
those were clean
hold on tight
full of water
please carry it
eight little ducks
would you sing
food was warm
sit on the
the black dog
can you ride
hot and cold
grow the seed
do not cut
seven people came
the pretty woman
the funny monkey
yes it is
as he ate
stop your car

Fry Fast Phrases
List \#11
off his ship
his sister went
my happy mother
once I went
he didn't go
set the table
round and round
dress the baby
fail the test
wash the clothes
car will start
ready to go
anything to wear
around the year
close the door
the bedroom wall
gave some money
turn the corner
might be late
hard, long, trail
go to bed
fine black line
along the way
on the chair
I hope you

Fry Fast Phrases
List \#12
start the fire
ten little boys
was on order
part was missing
the early bird the fat cat a third team was the same were in love can you hear yesterday he came eyes are blue door was open clothes are dry though he went at three o'clock second not last water is warm the little town took off his
pair of mittens
now getting dark
want to keep
head and neck
warm the food

## Fry Fast Phrases List \#13

the story told
miss the bus
with his father
the children moved
reached the land with great interest the state government within two feet the beautiful garden to be done the country house different from them the bad men across the ocean a fenced yard a winter morning a round table a bedtime story because I'm through he listened sometimes tried to run rode the horse something for his brought the salad the dancing shoes

## Fry Fast Phrases

List \#14
time after time
has come yet
true or false above the door still, cool, water meet me at since we started a number of please state your does it matter draw the line did you remember the large hen a few came
hit the ball under the cover the open window store the box in the city are we together the bright sun all my life across the street at the party
suit was ready

## Fry Fast Phrases

List \#15
said the word
was almost los
the quickly thought
sent the letter
receive the gift
had to pay
better than nothing
what I need
mean to cry
spoke too late
only finished half
afraid to fight
was strong enough
feel the fur
during the storm
already had gone
to one hundred
for the week
walked between them
hard to change
being quickly spent care and feeding
the right answer
an interesting course
voted against it

Fry Fast Phrases
List \#16
wear your coat
Mr . and Mrs.
in the side
the poor boy
lost his book
was cold outside
the wind howled
Mrs. Brown said
we learn by
held the book
the front door
it was built
in the family
it all began
clean air is
young and old
was long ago
around the world
the airplane flew
without his lunch
do not kill
ready, set, go
please stay away
won't you come
the paper flower

## Fry Fast Phrases

List \#17
hour by hour be glad that follow my directions
you have company
would you believe
begin at once
do you mind
pass the meat
try to reach
next month we
at this point
rest and relax
he sent it
please talk louder
when we want
to the bank
ship the box
his business is
the whole thing
a short stop
make certain that
was not fair
give the reason
it's almost summer
fill your glass

## Fry Fast Phrases

List \#18
grade your paper
my big brother
remain there until
glass of milk
several years ago
the long war
are you able
please change it
either you come
change was less
train the dog
does it cost
in the evening
sing the note
time is past
find her room
flew overhead
at his office
the cow stood
will you visit
wait in line
the teacher said
is almost spring
picture was gone
the blue bird

## Fry Fast Phrases

List \#19
fry an egg
on the ground
a sunny afternoon
feed the sheep
the boat trip
plan his work
the question is
the biggest fish
return the gum
call him sir
would not tell
the huge hill
the wet wood
when you add
the dripping ice
broke the car
watch for children
left all alone
to bend low
broke her arm
dinner was cold
hair is brown
service the car
in class today
was quite short

## Fry Fast Phrases

 List \#20spell the word
a beautiful picture
the sick cat
because a teacher
will you cry
finish the work
toss and catch
the shiny floor
a broken stick
great amounts of
guess the answer
paint the bridge
in the church
a tall lady
a treat tomorrow
ice and snow
for whom the
women and children
among the leaves
a rocky road
the farm animals
my famous cousin
bread and butter
gave wrong directions
the space age

## Fry Fast Phrases List \#21

became a man a fat body
take a chance act right now it will die in real life must speak out it already ended a good doctor please step up all by itself had nine lives the baby turtle minute by minute a loud ring who wrote it make it happen let's appear happy a big heart can swim fast a felt hat the fourth hour I'll say it kept a long time a deep well

## Fry Fast Phrases

List \#22
could see herself have an idea drop the pin the wide river her smile flowed son and daughter the bat flew is a fact sort the clothes king of hearts the dark street kept to themselves whose coat is study the book a great fear move your car she stood outside as for himself the strong man for they knew every so often toward the end filled with wonder twenty black birds it was important

Fry Fast Phrases
List \#23
demand a pencil
however you want
in this case
can you figure
increase your work
enjoy your study
rather than walk
sound it out
eleven comes next
music in words
a human being
in the court
may the force
a tomato plant
can you suppose
by the law
was her husband
just that moment
my favorite person
a sad result
he could continue
the lowest price
to serve well
the national anthem
wife and mother

## Fry Fast Phrases

List \#24
was my aunt her system was he will lie the cause was will she marry it is possible I will study one thousand more
in the pen his condition was she said perhaps she will produce it was twelve he rode the is my uncle the labor force in public court will consider it happened thus was the least she has power made a mark will be president must ask whether happened at all

| Component: | English Language Arts |
| :--- | :--- |
| Grade Level: | 4th- $-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Modified Marzano Strategy |
| Focus: | Vocabulary |

## Materials:

Paper
Vocabulary Notebook (Optional, can use $1 / 2$ of a composition book for each student)

## Opening

## State the objective

Objective of lesson is to expose students to the modified Marzano Strategy of learning key vocabulary words, including academic vocabulary.

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students

How do you show someone that you understand what a word means? How do you learn about words and what they mean? Some words are sight words because you can say them, other words you can read but you don't know what they mean or how to use them in conversation. What are some strategies you used when you come across words that you don't understand?

## Information About the Marzano Strategy for the Instructor (Background Information)

Step 1: Give a description, explanation, or example of the new term.

- Provide learners information about the term.
- Determine what the learner already knows about the term.
- Utilize examples, descriptions, but not definitions. Definitions are not a recommended method for vocabulary instruction as they do not provide learners an informal, natural way to learn new vocabulary.
Step 2: Ask the learner to give a description, explanation, or example of the new term in his/her own words.
- Remind learners to not copy, but use their own words.
- Monitor students to determine if any confusion exists.
- Provide more descriptions, explanations, or examples if necessary.

Step 3: Ask the learner to draw a picture, symbol, or locate a graphic to represent the new term.

- Teach the concept of speed drawing for those who labor too long over their work.
- Use graphics from magazines or the Internet.
- Illustrating terms through symbols, drawing the actual term, illustrating with a cartoon, or drawing an example of the term should be encouraged.
- Ask learner to share their work.

Step 4: Use the word in speech and conversation.

- Use the word in an original sentence.


## Content (the "Meat")

Instruction / Demonstration ("I do" - "We do")

## Word for Today: hero

Description: A hero is an ordinary person who acts in a selfless way in an extraordinary situation. Superheroes are cartoon characters who overcome obstacles by having special
powers. But real heroes do not have any special powers just a special commitment to do what is right.
Brainstorm with students something they have heard about that was heroic. Maybe it is the fireman who rescued the people from the burning building, or the mother who gave her daughter a kidney in a transplant, or the child who called 911 when his grandmother had fallen.

Ask them to name some situations that might lend itself to being a hero or acting in an heroic manner. Make a list. Ask them about taking up for a person who is being teased or bullied in some way. Ask if it takes heroism to stand up to a "popular" student.
Review yesterday's word, if any.
Complete the Vocabulary Notebook for today. Student may work in pairs if this is helpful

## Vocabulary Notebook Sample:

| New Word hero | My Description <br> Person who responds to a disaster without <br> thinking about themselves but thinking <br> about how they could help |
| :--- | :--- |
| Personal Connection | Drawing |
| Thomas Jefferson is a hero of American <br> Independence. |  |

## Students practice ("You do")

Repeat process above having students selecting 3 different words of their choice.

It is important to review academic math vocabulary often throughout the day. Complete the Vocabulary notebook for the new word. Vocabulary Notebooks can be made from $1 / 2$ of a composition book.

During the lesson check in with students repeatedly. Check in about what is happening and what they are thinking.

| Closing |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Say: | Review |  |
| - Please recap what we did today. |  |  |
| - Did we achieve our objectives? |  |  |
| Three Whats (Answer the following 3 Questions) Debrief |  |  |
| - What is the most difficult thing about leaming new words? |  |  |
| - What word have you been confused about that you would like to understand? |  |  |
| - What strategies do you use when trying to figure out the meaning of a new word or phrase? |  |  |

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

Ask students to think about what they did today.

Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
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)

Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)

| Component: | English Language Arts |
| :--- | :--- |
| Grade Level: | 4th- $-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Repeated Reading |
| Focus: | Fluency |

Materials:
Leveled Reading Passages (Reading A-Z Website) or leveled readers
Paper, pencils, crayons

## Opening

## State the objective

Repeated Reading is a strategy that is used to build fluency. The objective of this lesson is for students to understand the Repeated Reading strategy.

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students

What does reading something repeatedly mean to you? Why do you think that reading the same material over and over would be helpful to build fluency? What does it mean to be fluent when you read? How fluent are you when reading aloud?

Information for You: (Month 1 only, but can be used throughout the year)
Repeated Reading is a strategy that allows children to practice reading the same passage over and over. The advantage of this is that students practice sight words (about $65 \%$ of all of the words we use) in the context of a written passage. Also, it allows youth to increase their vocabulary as the words that are not sight words ( $35 \%$ ) become part of their reading vocabulary.

## 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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activity listed above. Allow approximately 10 minutes of practice time each day.
5. After 8 days ( 2 weeks) have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
6. Celebrate success.

Content (the "Meat")
Instruction / Demonstration ("I do" - "We do")

## Repeated Reading-Creating A Baseline

1. Give student a passage to read at his/her appropriate reading level.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the

## *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

Remind students that they are going to establish a
minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.

## Students practice ("You do")

Today you will have students practice reading the passage for the next 20 minutes using two different activities listed below. At the end of the practice you will have the children read the passage for 1 minute and determine if they have improved the number of words read. This is just a sample of the entire process. Normally you would practice every day for 8 days, about 10 minutes a day.

## Paired Readings:

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

## Partner Share:

1. Partner two students that are working on the same passage.
2. Have them read aloud to each other, trading off each sentence.
3. They can then provide feedback to one another on rate, phrasing, and expression.
baseline for improving the number of words that they can read per minute. Also remind them that you will have them read aloud to you from time to time so it is important to be correct in the number of words that they read in a minute. Remind them that this will improve accuracy and fluency.

## Closing

## Review

Say:

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


## Debrief

## Liked Best Next Time

Ask students what they liked best about the activity today.
Ask students what they would suggest to strengthen the activity.

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

Ask students to think about what they did today in English/Language Arts.
Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
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)

Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them.

## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

Reading Rubric By Grade Level

| Grade | Rate | Accuracy | Phrasing | Expression |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 60 | $96-100 \%$ | Meaningful throughout | Expressive Throughout |
| 2 | 90 | $96-100 \%$ | Meaningful throughout | Expressive throughout |
| 3 | 110 | $96-100 \%$ | Meaningful throughout | Expressive throughout |
| 4 | 130 | $96-100 \%$ | Meaningful throughout | Expressive throughout |
| 5 | 150 | $96-100 \%$ | Meaningful throughout | Expressive throughout |
| 6 | 170 | $96-100 \%$ | Meaningful throughout | Expressive throughout |
| 7 | 180 | $96-100 \%$ | Meaningful throughout | Expressive throughout |
| 8 | 200 | $96-100 \%$ | Meaningful throughout | Expressive throughout |

## Repeated Reading Process

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2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activity listed above. Allow approximately 10 minutes of practice time each day.
5. After 8 days ( 2 weeks) have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
6. Celebrate success.
7. Students should stay on the same passage level for 4-6 weeks and then transition students to the next level

## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

## Repeated Reading Strategies

- 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).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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."

There are five phrases in these two sentences. The first is by familiarity (once upon a time), the others are separated by punctuation. In the beginning of chunking, youth will tend to read in 3-4 word segments. The chunk should make sense and not sound like an every 3 word pause.

- 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.
- 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


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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.

## Charting Reading Progress

It is necessary for the student to be able to "see" his/her progress. You can do this by creating a chart for the class or for the individual student.
At the beginning of each 2 week session, the child records the number of words read on the first reading and at the end of the 2 week session, the number of words read after 8 practices.

To create a stronger visual, use graph paper and have the student create a bar graph to indicate the improvement each 2 weeks. If you utilize graph paper, each square could count as 10 words.

You might also consider setting up a composition book for each student and create a label for the cover where the student can chart progress.

## Your Role During Repeated Reading

During repeated reading you should circulate throughout the room stopping to listen to individual students read aloud
Students should understand that when you come to them they will read from the passage beginning at the exact spot they are at, even if this is in the middle of a sentence.

You may want to develop a signal, thumbs up, a tap on the shoulder, or simply saying the child's name, that will indicate to the student that it is his/her time to read to you.

If you spend 30 seconds to a minute with each student, during a week you will be able to hear each student.
If a student is mispronouncing a word, correct it at that time. This is not the time to define the word or check for meaning, simply say the word correctly and point to it.

This will help the student when reading the word in the future

| Component: | English Language Arts |
| :--- | :--- |
| Grade Level: | 4th $-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Three Words Predictions |
| Focus: | Reciprocal Teaching: Predicting |

## Materials:

Trade Book with colorful cover including pictures

## Opening

## State the objective

Predicting gives students an opportunity to use the impressions they gather from looking at the front and back cover of the book, reading or hearing a title, and sometimes from opening the book and reading a "sample" of the story.

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students

What does it mean to "predict" something?
When do you "predict" in your day to day life (opening doors, pushing on the toothpaste tube, turning on the water)? What about predicting is important?

## Information about predicting for the instructor (Only in Month 1 of Lessons)

Predicting is actually just using pictures or text to make a guess about what will happen in a piece of literature. So the first step in predicting is to "find clues". To practice this, find a trade book (age-appropriate) and show it to the students. Ask students what they see on the cover. For example if the cover has a man looking through a magnifying glass you would ask, "Who is this man? (a detective) What is he looking for? (clues) How do you know he is looking for clues? (a magnifying glass) Ask students to look for clues: front cover, back cover, illustrations, headings, captions, and maps. Write the clues on the white board. Ask students to make predictions about the book based on the clues they have found. This is the "connection question". Ask students, "Based on the clues, what do you think you will learn from this book?" Give students time to think about their answers. You might also want them to share the ideas with a partner and then a small group before sharing with you. Certainly students can use the words, "I predict" every time. Other things they might say that would mean the same thing include, "I think"..., "I wonder...", "I imagine...", "I suppose...", "I guess...", and "I expect"... Have student use these alternate ways of predicting when discussing the book.

Content (the "Meat")

## Instruction / Demonstration ("I do" - "We do")

## Three Words-A Prediction Strategy

## Directions:

1. Hold up a trade book with an interesting cover.
2. Tell the students, "We are going to look for clues to predict what will happen in the story".
3. Ask a student to read the book title. (If you are working with Kindergartners and 1 st graders you may want to read the title aloud)
4. Choose one word from the book title.
*Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout When you are intentionally teaching the skill of predicting, take the time to point out the many times during each day the "we predict". The ability to predict is what helps all of the visual input we have make sense. Stop to help students understand how what they
5. Write the word on the white board.
6. Ask the students to look at the front cover picture.
7. Choose one word from the picture.
8. Write the word on the white board. Look at the back cover.
9. Ask the students to look at the back cover.
10. Choose one word from the back cover.
11. Write the word on the white board.
12. Ask a student to come to the front of the class and tell the story using the three words. The student may need some leading words or phrases to tell the story such as, "But, one day . . . And then . . . And finally..."
13. Ask another student to tell his version of the story based on the three words.

## Students practice ("You do")

1. Have student work in groups of 2-3 students.
2. Give each group a book.
3. Have students practice the same predicting lesson, 3 Words, with this new book and each other.
4. Ask students to share the 3 Word skits with the other students if there is time.
are doing makes sense of the real world.
Take time to stop the class and ask them to predict what will happen next.
Check in often to see if they have ideas for making the lesson more fun and enjoyable.
Listen for "how" and "what" questions.
Ask students to explain what is going on.

## Closing

## Review

Say:

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


## Debrief

## DIGA—Describe, Interpret, Generalize, Apply

Ask the children the following four questions:

1. What did we do today? Describe
2. What skills did you use? Interpret
3. How did you feel about what we did today? Generalize
4. How will you apply these skills tomorrow? Apply

Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)
Ask students to think about what they did today.
Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
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| Grade Level: | 4th $-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | One Minute Predictions |
| Focus: | Reciprocal Teaching: Predicting |

## Materials:

Trade Book with colorful cover including pictures

## Opening

## State the objective

Predicting gives students an opportunity to use the impressions they gather from looking at the front and back cover of the book, reading or hearing a title, and sometimes from opening the book and reading a "sample" of the story.

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students

What does it mean to "predict" something?
When do you "predict" in your day to day life (opening doors, pushing on the toothpaste tube, turning on the water)? What about predicting is important?

## Information about predicting for the instructor (Only in Month 1 of Lessons)

Predicting is actually just using pictures or text to make a guess about what will happen in a piece of literature. So the first step in predicting is to "find clues". To practice this, find a trade book (age-appropriate) and show it to the students. Ask students what they see on the cover. For example if the cover has a man looking through a magnifying glass you would ask, "Who is this man? (a detective) What is he looking for? (clues) How do you know he is looking for clues? (a magnifying glass) Ask students to look for clues: front cover, back cover, illustrations, headings, captions, and maps. Write the clues on the white board. Ask students to make predictions about the book based on the clues they have found. This is the "connection question". Ask students, "Based on the clues, what do you think you will learn from this book?" Give students time to think about their answers. You might also want them to share the ideas with a partner and then a small group before sharing with you. Certainly students can use the words, "I predict" every time. Other things they might say that would mean the same thing include, "I think"..., "I wonder...", "I imagine...", "I suppose...", "I guess...", and "I expect"... Have student use these alternate ways of predicting when discussing the book.

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Review the strategies above and help students to understand how they might use each of them to predict what is going to happen in a story Use the Prediction Starters (I think, I wonder, I imagine, I suppose, I guess, I expect-attached at the end of this document) To start their prediction.

One Minute Predictions
Directions:
${ }^{*}$ Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout When you are intentionally teaching the skill of predicting, take the time to point out the many times during each day the "we predict". The ability to predict is what helps all of the visual input we have make sense.

1. Show students a trade book (this is like a library book).
2. Tell the group that they will have 1 minute to make a prediction about the story.
3. Show them the front cover, the back cover, the title, and the illustration.
4. Have student make predictions about the book to the class.
5. Ask more than one student for his/her opinion.
6. Discuss why predictions could be the similar or could be different.

## Students practice ("You do")

1. Divide students into groups of 2-3.
2. Provide each group with three trade books (can absolutely use RAZ books).
3. Tell student groups they will have one minute to make a prediction about the story.
4. They may look at the title, front and back covers, and illustrations. (Repeat 3 times).
5. Group looks inside to determine if predictions are correct.
6. Students share their predictions with classmates.

Stop to help students understand how what they are doing makes sense of the real world.
Take time to stop the class and ask them to predict what will happen next.
Check in often to see if they have ideas for making the lesson more fun and enjoyable.
Listen for "how" and "what" questions.
Ask students to explain what is going on.

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| Grade Level: | 4th- $5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Secret Word--Clarifying |
| Focus: | Reciprocal Teaching |

## Materials:

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Word lists or cards of interesting words from the story-some of them should make natural connection (food and drink, clear and breezy, wet and cold...)

## Opening

## State the objective

Clarifying strategies help students make connections between the words and real life. Clarifying can also be used to help students understand phrases, sentences or the body of the text. .

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What does it mean to "clarify" something? (make the meaning clear)
Have you ever done something that you thought was "just right" only to find out that you did not do what the other person expected of you? Share that experience with a neighbor. (Examples-I thought I was supposed to get the milk out and I was really supposed to get the bread. I thought I was supposed to walk home from school, but I was supposed to wait for my dad to pick me up.)
What about clarifying is important? (Helps you be sure that you are on the same page, know what you are to do)
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| Lesson Title: | Hot Seat - Questioning |
| Focus: | Reciprocal Teaching: Questioning |

## Materials:

Trade Book with colorful cover including pictures

## Opening

## State the objective

Questioning is a strategy that helps to make meaning out of a paragraph, passage, or story. Questioning allows you to find out how someone else thinks about something. The purpose of this practice is to help students learn how to ask openended questions in a thoughtful way.

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students,

What does it mean to "question" something? (trying to make meaning by asking open-ended questions to solicit additional information).

Have you ever asked a person a question only to discover that you didn't ask the "right question" and later you found that the person had an "answer" or information that you needed, but because of the question you asked, you did not get the right answer? Your question limited the answer that you received. Give an example of this to your neighbor.

What about questioning is important? (Helps you be sure that you have a full understanding of the situation).
Information for You (Only in Month 1 of Lessons)
Questioning is the third skill that is a part of Reciprocal Teaching. So often we ask only the most simple recall questions and then wonder why students do not have a deep understanding of the material they are reading. Learning how to ask open-ended questions, how to build understanding through asking questions rather than providing answers, and learning how to ask higher level questions, will lead students to "make the material read" their own. Making meaning of what we read is at the core of reading. Asking questions helps students to get to this point.

There are three types of questions that you can work with students on. The first is "Right There" questions. "Right There" questions ask students to read the text to find a very straightforward answer. For example, in the story of the Three Bears, the sentence might say, "Goldilocks was sitting in baby bear's chair and it broke all to pieces." A question for this sentence would be, "What broke into pieces when Goldilocks sat on it?" or "Who sat in baby bear's chair and broke it?"

The second type of question is an "Interpretive Question". These questions require the reader to think about the story and then search for the answers. Unlike the "Right There" questions, the answers require more than simply finding the sentence that has the answer. The reader will have to consider what has been read and then consider his/her response. In other words the reader will need to "read between the lines."

The third type of question is an "Applied Question". These questions require that the reader think beyond the story or the
printed words and apply the meaning of the story to him/herself.

Content (the "Meat")

Instruction / Demonstration ("I do" - "We do")
Review the strategies above and help students to understand how they might use each of them to ask the different types of questions.

## Hot Seat

Purpose: Students have listened to a story and will take the "hot seat" to answer questions from the audience as if they were one of the story characters

1. Read the entire story that you have been working on (predicting, clarifying and questioning)
2. Choose a student to come to the front and sit in the "Hot Seat."
3. Student chooses a character from the story he/she would like to be BUT does not tell his/her classmates.
4. Classmates ask Who, What, Where, When and Why questions of the person in the Hot Seat.
5. The student answers questions as though he really is the character. For example, if the story is The Three Little Pigs, the character might choose the wolf character. The student would use his/her best wolf voice to respond.
6. Classmates would ask questions to discover which character the student has selected. Example: "Are you a central character in the story?" or "Do you have a curly tail and can be turned into bacon?" or "Do you do a lot of deep breathing in this story?"
7. Once the class is certain they know which character the student has chosen to be, they identify the character. The winning person gets to take on the "Hot Seat" for round 2.

## Students practice ("You do")

1. Divide students into groups of 3
2. Give students a book to ready to one another (this should not be a long book or if it is a chapter book then only read one chapter.
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Questioning is the third skill that is a part of Reciprocal Teaching. So often we ask only the most simple recall questions and then wonder why students do not have a deep understanding of the material they are reading. Learning how to ask open-ended questions, how to build understanding through asking questions rather than providing answers, and learning how to ask higher level questions, will lead students to "make the material read" their own. Making meaning of what we read is at the core of reading. Asking questions helps students to get to this point.

There are three types of questions that you can work with students on. The first is "Right There" questions. "Right There" questions ask students to read the text to find a very straightforward answer. For example, in the story of the Three Bears, the sentence might say, "Goldilocks was sitting in baby bear's chair and it broke all to pieces." A question for this sentence would be, "What broke into pieces when Goldilocks sat on it?" or "Who sat in baby bear's chair and broke it?"

The second type of question is an "Interpretive Question". These questions require the reader to think about the story and then search for the answers. Unlike the "Right There" questions, the answers require more than simply finding the sentence that has the answer. The reader will have to consider what has been read and then consider his/her response. In other words the reader will need to "read between the lines."

The third type of question is an "Applied Question". These questions require that the reader think beyond the story or the
printed words and apply the meaning of the story to him/herself.

## Content (the "Meat")

Instruction / Demonstration ("I do" - "We do")
Review the strategies above and help students to understand how they might use each of them to ask the different types of questions.

## Directions:

1. Select a passage from one of the books that you have been sharing with students.
2. Read a passage aloud and then ask yourself, "I wonder what I would do if this had happened to me?" For example, if you used the story the Tortoise and the Hare there is a point at which it appears the hare is winning the race. Questions might include: What would I 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 were making fun of me? I wonder, I wonder.
3. After modeling this for the students, read another passage aloud and then ask students to pair with one another and ask the same sort of "I wonder" questions.
4. Discuss with students what went well during their practice and what could be done to make the work more effective.

Note: This activity is an Applied Question.

## Students practice ("You do")

- Students work in partner-pairs.
- Provide students with books from the school or program library
- Students read a paragraph or page in the Book.
- Then they ask themselves the question, "I wonder what I would do if this happened to me?"
- Groups should share responses with one another and then with other groups.
- Formulating the answer should begin by using the question as the beginning of the answer. For example: If $\qquad$ happened to me, I wonder if $\qquad$ would happen.
*Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable
Moment(s) throughout
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Stop to help students understand how to ensure that they are on target.
Take time to stop the class and ask them to question a partner.
Check in often to see if they have ideas for making the lesson more fun and enjoyable.
Listen for "how" and "what" questions.
Ask students to explain what is going on.



## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

Ask students to think about what they did today.
Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 4th $-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | 10 Pennies Summarizing |
| Focus: | Reciprocal Teaching: Summarizing |

## Materials:

Trade Book with colorful cover including pictures

## Opening

## State the objective

Summarizing requires students to identify and integrate the important information in the text and capture the meaning in a few sentences. Retelling a story begins at the beginning and detail by detail makes its way to the end. The objective of this lesson is to give Kindergartners-2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ graders an opportunity practicing retelling a story, and $3^{\text {rd }}-6^{\text {th }}$ graders an opportunity to summarize.

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students, Summarizing

What does it mean to "summarize" something? (capturing the crux of the story in a few words)
Have you ever been talking to a person about a story that you think you've both read, or maybe a movie or TV show that you think you have both watched, yet when you talk about it there are a lot of disconnects? Sometimes when you summarize a story (or retell it) you may discover that you are not talking about the same story at all. Sometimes you will discover that you both did not identify the same things as important. Give an example of when you summarize or retell things (sharing information about school, a party, buying new clothes).

What about summarizing/retelling is important? (Helps you be sure that you completely understand the story or passage or paragraph that you just read).

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The difference between summarizing and retelling is this: summarizing captures the crux of the story while retelling is simply that, using your own words to tell the story. For example: a summary of the Three Bears is that the bears' breakfast was too hot so they went for a walk and while they were out, a little girl came into their home, ate the baby's porridge, broke the chair, and fell asleep in the bed where the Bears found her. The goal is for youth to summarize across the entire story, but in the beginning this summarizing process will be in summarizing sentences, then paragraphs, passages and finally the entire story. It is important that summarizers understand that they will stick to the point, discuss main ideas, but not all of the details, and they should keep it short yet meaningful.

## Content (the "Meat")

Instruction / Demonstration ("I do" - "We do")
It will be challenging for some youth to summarize and not retell the story. They will want to
*Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout
share the details, and a summary simply does not do that. This would be one time to "limit" the number of words that the student uses. A good summary can be challenging because every word and chart really matters.
Remind the students of the story that you have been reading.
Model the activity "Ten Pennies" for the students. (This version is for grades $2^{\text {nd }}-5^{\text {th }}$ grades)

1. Lay ten pennies in a line on a desk.
2. Tell students that when we summarize, we buy each word for a penny.
3. Ask students to summarize the book or story they have read using ten pennies or less. Caution: $2^{\text {nd }}-5^{\text {th }}$ grade students may begin retelling the story.
4. Push a penny out of the line each time you say a word. "Once (1) upon (2) a (3) time (4) there (5) were (6) three (7) bears (8)." Is this the main idea of the story?
5. No. They run out of pennies and haven't stated the main idea.
6. A better sentence would be, "The (1) three (2) bears (3) learned (4) to (5) lock (6) the (7) front (8) door (9)."
7. Practice several times until students are comfortable with this process. At this point, move on to student practice.

## Students practice ("You do")

Now it is the turn of the students:

- Divide students into groups of 3-4
- Lay ten pennies in a line on a desk.
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## Summarizing 10 Pennies

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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | 4th $-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Brain File Summarizing |
| Focus: | Reciprocal Teaching: Summarizing |

## Materials:

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## Brain File

1. Remind the students of the story that you have been reading.
2. Ask students to help you make a list of important words from the story.
3. On the white board or chart paper draw a large rectangle and divide it into fourths
4. Select one word from the list.
5. Write the word at the bottom of each square.
6. In the $1^{\text {st }}$ Square, think of a word to remind you of the word (example if the word is wolf, you could write the word scary)
7. In the $2^{\text {nd }}$ Square, think of a synonym for the word (wolf-predator)
8. In the $3^{\text {rd }}$ Square, write the word in a sentence. (YIKES! I see a wolf!)
9. In the $4^{\text {th }}$ Square, draw a picture of the word.
10. Complete the process with 2 more words until the students are clear on the process.

## Students practice ("You do")

- Divide students into groups of 2-3
- Give each group a white board or piece of blank art paper
- Ask each team of students to select a word from the story and thinking about the word throughout the story, complete the four boxes
- Word that reminds you of the word
- Synonym
- Sentence
- Picture
- Share Brain Files with classmates.

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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | September 11 |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Predicting |

## Materials:

Information about 9-11

## Fact Cards

Vocabulary Cards

## Opening

## State the objective

For the next several days we are going to learn more about the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and ways that we can remember the heroes of that day and provide service to others just like the service workers did on that day.

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What do you know about 9-11 or September 11, 2001?
When someone says that "something if tragic", what do you think about?
Have you ever been "rescued", maybe you were lost, or you got stuck in a tree, or you were trying to put on your jacket and you just couldn't get your arm through the sleeve opening? Of course, you may have experienced a more serious rescue as well.
What would you be thinking if something tragic and unexpected happened in your town or city?

| Content (the "Meat") |  |
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| Today's Lesson <br> Today we are going to learn some factual information about the events on September 11. We will also begin learning key vocabulary that is connected to 9-11. | *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout During the lesson check in with students repeatedly. |
| Vocabulary <br> Word for Today: hijacked <br> Description: Being hijacked means being taken over by surprise to a place that you are not wanting to be. People, cars, boats, trains, and planes can be hijacked or captured. Sometimes we can be "hijacked" when we think we are going to do one thing and then find out that we are going to be doing something else. <br> Brainstorm with students "hijackings" that they have experienced. Talk about how they felt and what they did. (Thinking they were going shopping for an hour and being gone for 5 , visiting a relative on the way to a special even and never making it to the event) <br> Ask them to share with one another how a surprise birthday party would be different from being hijacked by surprise. <br> Students complete the Vocabulary Notebooks. Student may work in pairs if this is helpful | happening and what they are thinking. <br> It is important to review academic math vocabulary often throughout the day. Complete the Vocabulary notebook for the word for today. <br> Vocabulary Notebooks can be made from $1 / 2$ of a |


| Vocabulary Notebook Sample: |  |  |  |  | composition book. |
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| New Word |  | My Description <br> To take by force and have a vehicle go somewhere other than the planned place |  |  |  |
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| Reciprocal Teaching <br> Predicting <br> One of the things that we do to help people be prepared for an emergency is to practice drills (fire, earthquake, lock down). By practicing what to do, you have some ideas of how you should respond to the emergency. Another thing we do is to practice being prepared. This is a way to be ready for the emergency, even though you hope you never have to use your plan. In other word, we are trying to predict what we should do and what we should have in place just in case there is an emergency. <br> Brainstorm some of the emergencies that we are prepared for and what we predict that we will need and how we should behave. <br> Discuss either fire, natural disaster (earthquake, tornado, hurricane), or accident. Discuss how we get ready at school. Discuss how we get ready at home. Try to schedule the principal or some other school official to come in and talk about the school's safety plan and how it fits into the community's safety plan as well. If you can't get the school official, if you have a local red cross, contact them and ask them to come in and talk about the work they do. <br> Discuss how important it is to be prepared and to have a plan in case of emergency. Discuss how it must have felt to the people in New York and the Pentagon who could have been prepared for an emergency but not at all prepared for the attacks on 9-11. |  |  |  |  | Take advantage of any teachable moments. <br> 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. <br> When possible, engage students in a "teach to learn" opportunity and have the student become the teacher. |
| Activity <br> Today we are going to listen to the story of what happened on 9-11. Listen to the story for key events and times. Read Tragedy Strikes on pages 1 and 2 of the 9-11 Story (included in this lesson plan packet). Pick out the times and events. <br> Demonstrate how to create a timeline. Explain that sometimes time lines cover centuries and sometimes, like this one, the timeline only covers a few hours. The sample that you see below is not complete, but you can see how to create the timeline. When you have completed the timeline ask students to select one of the events and illustrate it. Create a large timeline and include the student's pictures. <br> Sample: |  |  |  |  |  |



## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today with the information about 9-11.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today that was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
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## The Story of 9-11 Never Forget!

## Tragedy Strikes

September 11, 2001 was like any other week day. Thousands of people were heading to work or had just arrived at the World Trade Center in New York City. The Twin Towers, giant 110 story buildings, stood side by side looking over the city and the harbors.

Several hundred miles away in Massachusetts and Washington D.C., men were boarding four different airplanes in order to hijack them and crash into the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and one other Washington D.C. destination. Just before 8:00 in the morning, two planes took off from Logan International Airport in Boston on their way to Los Angeles. Shortly after take-off, the first plane, American Airline Flight 11 turned south and at 8:45 smashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. The second scheduled flight from Boston, United Airlines Flight 175, headed toward New Jersey where it made a U-Turn, and at 9:05, just 20 minutes after the first plane hit the North Tower, it smashed into the South Tower.

A lot was happening on the morning of September 11. From Dulles International Airport a flight left at 8:10 flying west across northern Virginia and West Virginia before making a UTurn and heading back to Washington D.C. where it crashed into the west side of the Pentagon at 9:40 a.m. At the same time a flight left Newark International Airport headed toward San Francisco, and when it got to Ohio, it made a U-Turn and headed back toward Washington D.C. as well. The passengers had used cell phones to call family when the plane was first hijacked and knew about the bombing of the Twin Towers. They decided to stop the hijackers and caused the plane to crash in Shanksville, Pennsylvania at 10:10 a.m. instead of allowing it to return to Washington D.C.

The tragic events of 9-11 continued to unfold. There seemed to be one emergency after another. Rescue workers, firefighters, paramedics, and policemen and everyday citizens
begin to help people from the World Trade Center Twin Towers. People were walking down many stairs to get to the street and safety. They could not use the elevators because of the fires in the buildings. Rescue workers entered the Towers to help these survivors. Brave men and women risked their own lives to help others. At 9:59 a.m. the South Tower began to collapse and one floor fell down on the floor below, and in seconds the Tower was gone. At 10:28 the North Tower did exactly the same thing and came crashing down. In less than 2 hours, nearly 3,000 Americans had lost their lives because of the attacks on September 11.

## The Aftermath

After the Towers collapsed and the west section of the Pentagon destroyed, many everyday heroes continued to show up and help day after day. Rescue and iron workers began going through the ruins of the buildings and sifting through the debris, looking for survivors and people who had died in the attack. As the emergency workers assembled in each of the locations, the rest of America began to come together to offer support for the victims and families. George Bush was President of the United States and he knew that the tragic events of September 11 would not define Americans. He said, "These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve." President Bush had faith that Americans would pull together to protect and rebuild the destroyed places. Immediately workers began to clean up the rubble left where the World Trade Center Twin Towers had been. This became known as Ground Zero. The clean-up took a long time at the World Trade Center. In nine months workers had removed 1.8 million tons of steel and concrete from the site. What was left was a huge hole known as the "pit". At the Pentagon workers also began removing the debris from the west side of the building. In Pennsylvania, the people were quickly able to remove the wreckage. In Pennsylvania the people created a temporary memorial and made plans to build a permanent memorial.

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There were many heroes on September 11 and in the clean-up that followed. Firefighters raced into the burning buildings without thinking about themselves. 341 of them lost their lives helping others. Iron workers came from across the United States to clear away the debris and rubble. Doctors and nurses made themselves available to the injured. And ordinary citizens, like you and me went to work to remove rubble. Dogs were heroes too. One dog, Roselle, led her blind master down 78 flights of stairs. You might wonder why he didn't take the elevator. Once the Towers were hit by the airplanes, the electricity went out and elevators require electricity to operate. Children and adults from all over the world began sending cards and letters to the families and to the rescue workers to thank them and wish them well.

## Planning To Remember

Almost immediately the people of the United States began to think about and discuss what sort of memorials should be created at each of the three sites. Today at the Pentagon visitors can walk among the 184 benches that represent the victims of the Pentagon attack on 9-11. It opened 7 years after the attack in 2001. In Pennsylvania, a marble wall with 40 pieces, one for each passenger on Flight 93 will be written. It will be surrounded by a garden of wildflowers. In New York, on September 11, 2011, on the 10 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ anniversary of the attacks, the people who attend the remembrance ceremony will see the plans for reflecting pools (one where each of the Twin Towers stood), bronze panels with the names of the victims, large artificial waterfalls flowing into the pools and the Freedom Tower which when finished in 2013 will be 1,776 feet tall. This height honors the birth of the United States in 1776. In New York there will also be a museum that will educate the millions of visitors that are expected each year so we can prevent such a tragedy from occurring in the future. Today, there are two things that we can do to honor those people who died in the tragedy of September 11. First we can remember them and their families. We can remember the
events of that day. We can remember that people's hatred of America and Americans gave them permission to act in such destructive ways and make decisions about how to change that. We can remember that Americans rallied together to find solutions to a common problem, and that people across the country felt a "one for all and all for one" connection. As a class, you might want to create a Peace Mural or Diversity Quilt. You might want to plan a ceremony to remember the victims and families of 9-11. You might want to write a group report on all that you have learned about September 11, 2001. You might want to write a poem, create a Reader's Theater script, or celebrate America in singing.

The second thing we can do is to find a way to be of service in our community. There are many ways that we can help in our community. We can find a flower bed at the school that would look better with flowers. We might write room numbers on P.E. equipment, clean-up the playground, redistribute items in the Lost and Found, develop of list of things that people can do when they are angry instead of hitting or hurting another person, or even join with a community agency in supporting a project such as a community health fair. We can visit a retirement home, make cards for people in hospitals, or send letters to service men and women. By serving others we will honor the efforts made by those who came to New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania in the aftermath of 9-11.

Picture in your mind the eleven year old girl adjusting a ribbon on a vase at a memorial just outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. See her carefully touch the ribbon so the bow stays nice and tight. Understand that this girl was only one year old when her father, Donald Greene, was one of the 40 passengers who gave his life to protect another American from being hurt or killed. Imagine what you would want to say to Jody Greene if she were your best friend. Imagine what you would want to hear if you were Jody Greene.
For additional resources on 9-11, you can go to:
www.readinga-z.com for leveled books on the topic

## Local library

Also, surf the web for photos and maps to share with your students

## 9-11 Fact Cards

> The Twin Towers of the World The Twin Towers were 110 Trade Center were in New stories tall. Thousands of York City close to the Atlantic Ocean. people worked in the two Towers each day.

On February 26, 1993 the Towers were attacked when someone drove a car full of explosives into the underground parking lot.

The airplanes were hijacked in Boston. One from
American Air, Flight 11, and the second from United, Flight 175.

On September 11, 2001, two planes smashed into first the North Tower and 17 minutes later into the South Tower.

Both of the flights that were hijacked and smashed into the Twin Towers were supposed to be going to Los Angeles.

In the North Tower, the airplane hit the building between floors 93 and 99.
$99 \%$ of the people who were in the building BELOW the crash survived by walking down the stairs.

In the South Tower, the airplane hit the building between floors 77 and 85.

The first airplane smashed into the North Tower at 8:45 a.m.

The second airplane smashed into the South Tower at 9:05 a.m.

A third plane left Dulles International Airport and smashed into the Pentagon in Washington D.C. at 9:40 a.m.

## A fourth airplane left Newark New Jersey and smashed into <br> Shanksville, Pennsylvania at 10:10, because the brave passengers did not let the plane reach Washington D.C.

## 56 minutes after the second

 plane smashed into the South Tower, it began to collapse29 minutes later the North Tower collapsed as well. and came crashing down.

When the Towers collapsed, firefighters, police officers, and citizens of more than 75 countries were killed. In total, 2,753 people died in New York.

As soon as the people in the Towers realized what had happened, they began to walk down the stairs to find safety.

There have been many memorials built to honor those who lost their lives on 9-11 in New York, Washington D.C., Pennsylvania and other places.

The structure in New Jersey is called the Tear of Grief and is 100 feet tall and the teardrop is 40 feet in length.

In Pennsylvania they remember the sacrifices made on 9-11 with the Bells of Remembrance which ring forty times while the names of the victims are read aloud.

In Bayonne, New Jersey there is a large structure that has a crack down the middle with a teardrop hanging down in the center. It looks like the Trade Center being torn apart.

The memorial in Arlington, Virginia for the Pentagon has 184 benches, one for each person who died as a result of the crash.

On September 11, 2011, the two huge pools where the Twin towers stood will be unveiled, along with the 2,983 names of the victims.

The Freedom Tower, which
will stand 1,776 feet high, will be completed in 2013 in New York City.

People gather at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania to read the names of the heroes who lost their lives.

Each 9-11 New York turns on lights that shine into the sky where to World Trade Center towers once stood.

It is important that we remember the events of 9-11. We should honor the fallen heroes and let them be an example for our own service to others.

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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Fact Cards September 11 |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Questioning |

## Materials:

Information about 9-11 $3^{\prime \prime} \times 5^{\prime \prime}$ cards
Fact Cards
Vocabulary Cards

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What do you know about the events of 9-11 now?
In what way do you believe that 9-11 changed the world for the United States?
How will you remind yourself of the sacrifice the iron workers, regular people, and firefighters made during this time of tragedy?
How will you "pay it forward"?

## Content (the "Meat") <br> Today's Lesson

Today we are going to review the events on September 11. We will also review key vocabulary that is connected to 9-11.

## Vocabulary

You have had eight words this past 8 days that you have clarified to develop a better understanding of each of them. These words go together in our study of the events of 9-11. Ask students to describe the connection in terms of this event.
Have students work together in pairs to develop a clue for each word. For example: A box pulled by electricity and a strong cable that you move up or down in (elevator); A person who is brave and acts in an extraordinary way (hero); The act of removing a person from a dangerous situation (rescue). The card is two sided-one side will have the word and a picture, the other side will have the clue.
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Vocabulary Clue Cards Sample
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Closing
Review
Say:

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


## Debrief

## Three Whats

Ask the following three what questions:
What was your key learning for the day?
What opportunities might you have to apply this key learning in the "real world"?
What advice would you give to a "new" student getting ready to do this activity?

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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What do you know about 9-11 or September 11, 2001?
When someone says that "something if tragic", what do you think about?
Have you ever been "rescued", maybe you were lost, or you got stuck in a tree, or you were trying to put on your jacket and you just couldn't get your arm through the sleeve opening? Of course, you may have experienced a more serious rescue as well.
What would you be thinking if something tragic and unexpected happened in your town or city?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Today's Lesson

Today we are going to learn more factual information about the events on September 11. We will also begin learning key vocabulary that is connected to 9-11.

## Vocabulary

## Word for Today: tragic

Description: Something is described as tragic when it involves a senseless loss of life or destruction. Tragic events are often heartbreaking and catastrophic. You cannot explain tragic events, they are appalling.
Brainstorm with students something they have heard about that was tragic. Maybe it is an event in which a person was injured or killed in a senseless accident. Ask students to create a list of words that mean the same thing as tragic (catastrophic, heartbreaking, heartrending, terrible, awful, dreadful, appalling, unfortunate, wretched) and then have them list antonyms for those words (joyful, wonderful, blissful, pleasurable, enjoyable, happy, carefree, pleasant)
Ask students to partner with another student to use a word that means tragic in the same sentence as they use an antonym. Example: It was tragic the planes crashed into the Twin Towers, but it was wonderful to learn about the brave actions of everyday heroes.

> *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

It is important to review academic math vocabulary often throughout the day. Complete the Vocabulary notebook for the word covered today. Vocabulary Notebooks can be made from $1 / 2$ of a composition book.

Complete the Vocabulary Notebook for today. Student may work in pairs if this is helpful Vocabulary Notebook Sample:

| New Word tragic | My Description <br> Loss of life or property in a way that makes <br> no sense |
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| Personal Connection <br> The car accident was a tragic loss for the <br> family. | Drawing |

## Reciprocal Teaching

## Predicting

It is hard to know if you will behave in a heroic way before something tragic happens. For the people who were faced with the events of September 11, many who would not consider themselves heroic, certainly behaved in an heroic manner. We know that the passengers of Flight 93 acted in a heroic way and crashed with the plane in Pennsylvania. They did this to avoid a tragic situation in a highly populated city.
Predict what other types of heroism you think people exhibited on 9-11. Who were the people? Did they have some special power? In your opinion what made these people behave in the way that they did? Make a list of qualities that you think these heroes would have.

## Activity

Today we are going to listen to the story of what happened after the Twin Towers
collapsed, the Pentagon was smashed, and the plane crashed in Pennsylvania. Read the section of the Story of 9-11, The Aftermath, on pages 2 and 3.
Look at the quote from President Bush, "These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve." Examine the quote word by word or phrase by phrase.
"These acts" What acts did he refer to?
"shatter steel" What does shatter mean? What do you usually think of as "shattering"? How does steel compare to glass?
"but they" Who is they? Why did they want to "shatter" the United States
"cannot dent the steel of American Resolve" What is a dent? What is resolve? How could you dent resolve? How is American resolve different than other country's?
As a group, rewrite the George Bush quote in the words that you have come up with to describe each of the phrases.
In pairs have students write several sentences about the events of 9-11, what happened and how people acted in a heroic manner.

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The tragic events of 9-11 continued to unfold. There seemed to be one emergency after another. Rescue workers, firefighters, paramedics, and policemen and everyday citizens
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The second thing we can do is to find a way to be of service in our community. There are many ways that we can help in our community. We can find a flower bed at the school that would look better with flowers. We might write room numbers on P.E. equipment, clean-up the playground, redistribute items in the Lost and Found, develop of list of things that people can do when they are angry instead of hitting or hurting another person, or even join with a community agency in supporting a project such as a community health fair. We can visit a retirement home, make cards for people in hospitals, or send letters to service men and women. By serving others we will honor the efforts made by those who came to New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania in the aftermath of 9-11.

Picture in your mind the eleven year old girl adjusting a ribbon on a vase at a memorial just outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. See her carefully touch the ribbon so the bow stays nice and tight. Understand that this girl was only one year old when her father, Donald Greene, was one of the 40 passengers who gave his life to protect another American from being hurt or killed. Imagine what you would want to say to Jody Greene if she were your best friend. Imagine what you would want to hear if you were Jody Greene.
For additional resources on 9-11, you can go to:
www.readinga-z.com for leveled books on the topic

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## Local library

Also, surf the web for photos and maps to share with your students

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| Focus: | Vocabulary, Clarifying |

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| Today's Lesson <br> Today we are going to learn more factual information about the events on September 11. We will also begin learning key vocabulary that is connected to 9-11. | *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout |
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| Freedom Tower is a remembrance of what <br> happened on 9-11. | Drawing |

## Reciprocal Teaching Clarifying

You have had three words this week that you are clarifying: hijack, tragic, and remembrance. These words go together in our study of the events of 9-11. Ask students to describe the connection in terms of this event.
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## Activity

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Have students make a decision about what they will do as a remembrance for the events of 9-11. They will work on this activity for 3 days so there is not a reason to rush.
Option \#1: Create a mural of the events of 9-11. This mural could have three sections: the event itself (planes crashing into the Towers, the Pentagon, and the field in Pennsylvania; section 2 the clean-up efforts in each of the locations; section 3 the remembrance ceremonies that have been held for the past 10 years).
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events of that day. We can remember that people's hatred of America and Americans gave them permission to act in such destructive ways and make decisions about how to change that. We can remember that Americans rallied together to find solutions to a common problem, and that people across the country felt a "one for all and all for one" connection. As a class, you might want to create a Peace Mural or Diversity Quilt. You might want to plan a ceremony to remember the victims and families of 9-11. You might want to write a group report on all that you have learned about September 11, 2001. You might want to write a poem, create a Reader's Theater script, or celebrate America in singing.

The second thing we can do is to find a way to be of service in our community. There are many ways that we can help in our community. We can find a flower bed at the school that would look better with flowers. We might write room numbers on P.E. equipment, clean-up the playground, redistribute items in the Lost and Found, develop of list of things that people can do when they are angry instead of hitting or hurting another person, or even join with a community agency in supporting a project such as a community health fair. We can visit a retirement home, make cards for people in hospitals, or send letters to service men and women. By serving others we will honor the efforts made by those who came to New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania in the aftermath of 9-11.

Picture in your mind the eleven year old girl adjusting a ribbon on a vase at a memorial just outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. See her carefully touch the ribbon so the bow stays nice and tight. Understand that this girl was only one year old when her father, Donald Greene, was one of the 40 passengers who gave his life to protect another American from being hurt or killed. Imagine what you would want to say to Jody Greene if she were your best friend. Imagine what you would want to hear if you were Jody Greene.
For additional resources on 9-11, you can go to:
www.readinga-z.com for leveled books on the topic

## Local library

Also, surf the web for photos and maps to share with your students

## 9-11 Fact Cards

> The Twin Towers of the World The Twin Towers were 110 Trade Center were in New stories tall. Thousands of York City close to the Atlantic Ocean. people worked in the two Towers each day.

On February 26, 1993 the Towers were attacked when someone drove a car full of explosives into the underground parking lot.

The airplanes were hijacked in Boston. One from
American Air, Flight 11, and the second from United, Flight 175.

On September 11, 2001, two planes smashed into first the North Tower and 17 minutes later into the South Tower.

Both of the flights that were hijacked and smashed into the Twin Towers were supposed to be going to Los Angeles.

In the North Tower, the airplane hit the building between floors 93 and 99.
$99 \%$ of the people who were in the building BELOW the crash survived by walking down the stairs.

In the South Tower, the airplane hit the building between floors 77 and 85.

The first airplane smashed into the North Tower at 8:45 a.m.

The second airplane smashed into the South Tower at 9:05 a.m.

A third plane left Dulles International Airport and smashed into the Pentagon in Washington D.C. at 9:40 a.m.

## A fourth airplane left Newark New Jersey and smashed into <br> Shanksville, Pennsylvania at 10:10, because the brave passengers did not let the plane reach Washington D.C.

## 56 minutes after the second

 plane smashed into the South Tower, it began to collapse29 minutes later the North Tower collapsed as well. and came crashing down.

When the Towers collapsed, firefighters, police officers, and citizens of more than 75 countries were killed. In total, 2,753 people died in New York.

As soon as the people in the Towers realized what had happened, they began to walk down the stairs to find safety.

There have been many memorials built to honor those who lost their lives on 9-11 in New York, Washington D.C., Pennsylvania and other places.

The structure in New Jersey is called the Tear of Grief and is 100 feet tall and the teardrop is 40 feet in length.

In Pennsylvania they remember the sacrifices made on 9-11 with the Bells of Remembrance which ring forty times while the names of the victims are read aloud.

In Bayonne, New Jersey there is a large structure that has a crack down the middle with a teardrop hanging down in the center. It looks like the Trade Center being torn apart.

The memorial in Arlington, Virginia for the Pentagon has 184 benches, one for each person who died as a result of the crash.

On September 11, 2011, the two huge pools where the Twin towers stood will be unveiled, along with the 2,983 names of the victims.

The Freedom Tower, which
will stand 1,776 feet high, will be completed in 2013 in New York City.

People gather at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania to read the names of the heroes who lost their lives.

Each 9-11 New York turns on lights that shine into the sky where to World Trade Center towers once stood.

It is important that we remember the events of 9-11. We should honor the fallen heroes and let them be an example for our own service to others.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | September 11 Choices |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, History Review |

## Materials:

Information about 9-11—use information from previous days
Fact Cards-use information from previous days Vocabulary Cards-create card for the word "debris"

| Opening |
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| State the objective |
| For the next several days we are going to learn more about the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and ways that we can |
| remember the heroes of that day and provide service to others just like the service workers did on that day. |

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

After the lesson we had yesterday, what do you know about 9-11 or September 11, 2001?
What do you know about what a rescue is?
What are some things that you might need to be rescued from?
Have you ever been rescued? If yes, how did you feel about being rescued?

## Content (the "Meat") <br> Today's Lesson

Today we are going to revisit the factual information about the events on September 11. We will also begin learning key vocabulary that is connected to 9-11.

## Vocabulary

## Word for Today: debris

Description: Debris is a word that means trash. It is pronounced as if it was spelled: duhbree. Debris is often what is left over after an event. For example, the garbage and trash left on the ground after a concert would be labeled debris, where as one or two pieces of trash would simply be called trash or garbage. Rubble, rubbish, and wreckage are words that mean the same thing as debris.

Brainstorm a place that you have been that had debris or a crew of people who were intentionally keeping the debris thrown away. What did you think when you saw such a clean space? Also consider the opposite. Think of a place that had a great deal of debris and it seemed like no one was taking care to pick it up. How do you feel about being in this situation?
Ask students to share their thoughts with another student.
Review yesterday's word.
*Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

It is important to review academic math vocabulary often throughout the day Complete the Vocabulary notebook for the new word. Vocabulary Notebooks can be made from $1 / 2$ of a composition book

Complete the Vocabulary Notebook for today. Students may work in pairs if this is helpful
Vocabulary Notebook Sample:

| New Word debris | My Description <br> Trash, things you are throwing away, left <br> over from a storm or disaster |
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| Personal Connection <br> There was a lot of debris in the yard after <br> the wind storm. | Drawing |

## Activity

Review the entire story one more time. After today the activities will involve having an understanding of the entire story. Have students share their thoughts with one another. Ask them to think about the key learnings for them.
This is day three of working on one of the options below.
Option \#1: Create a mural of the events of 9-11. This mural could have three sections: the event itself (planes crashing into the Towers, the Pentagon, and the field in Pennsylvania; section 2 the clean-up efforts in each of the locations; section 3 the remembrance ceremonies that have been held for the past 10 years).
Option \#2: Create a quilt that depicts the events of 9-11. Each student creates two 8" squares that depict the events of 9-11 and the aftermath. When all of the squares are complete, place them on a backing of butcher paper leaving 1" strip in between the squares"
Option \#3: Create a timeline, beginning with the take-off of the first plane through the remembrance services of September 11, 2011.
Select one of these options. If students complete an option more quickly than the 3 days allocated, then you can select a second option.

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.
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| Say: | Review |
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## Debrief

## Three Whats

Ask the following three what questions:
What was your key learning for the day?
What opportunities might you have to apply this key learning in the "real world"?
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Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Review September 11 |
| Focus: | Review-On Being American |

## Materials:

Information about 9-11

## Fact Cards

Vocabulary Cards

## State the objective

The objective of these two days is to finalize the 9-11 project. In this lesson plan you will find a list of 3 different activities that you can do with students.

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

Students have learned a great deal about the events of September 11 and the aftermath of those events. Ask students the following:
Is there anything about 9-11 that you would like to know that we did not talk about? (record any response that they make) Let them know that you will give them a list of web sites that have been developed for youth that they can look at to discover information that they do not already have.
Ask them to think of 1 or 2 words to describe the events of 9-11 and to share those with first a peer and then the whole group.

## Content (the "Meat")

## Activity

Here are three activities for you to choose from:

## Pledge of Allegiance (Grades 2-5)

- Write the Pledge on the board or chart paper. Pay special attention to "liberty and justice for all". What does this mean? What is liberty? Why do we recite this Pledge each day? Ask pairs of students to illustrate this Pledge.


## Letter to The Future (Grades 2-5)

- Students write letters to the future about what they hope will happen to create a more peaceful world. For younger students, provide the following prompt:
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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | September 11 Pledge of Allegiance |
| Focus: | Review-On Being American |

## Materials:

Information about 9-11

## Fact Cards

Vocabulary Cards

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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | September 11 Murals |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Understanding an Historical Event |

## Materials:

Information about 9-11—Use from previous lessons
Fact Cards—Use from previous lessons
Vocabulary Cards-Create with word "survivor" vocabulary card

| Opening |
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| State the objective |
| For the next several days we are going to learn more about the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and ways that we can |
| remember the heroes of that day and provide service to others just like the service workers did on that day. |

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

After the lesson we had yesterday, what do you know about 9-11 or September 11, 2001?
What do you know about firefighters?
What are some things that firefighters do during disasters?
If you could interview a firefighter, what would you most like to ask him or her?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Today's Lesson

Today we are going to revisit the factual information about the events on September 11. We will also begin learning key vocabulary that is connected to 9-11.

## Vocabulary

## Word for Today: survivor

Description: A survivor is someone who makes it through a very tragic set of circumstances. A survivor is someone who is not killed or severely injured during a catastrophe.
Brainstorm with students events that they people could survive. (car crashes, fires, earthquakes, hurricanes.) What about those events would make you think the person was a survivor? What about T-Shirts that say something like "I Survived the Roller Coaster" that people can buy after taking a turn on an amusement park ride? Are they serious or are they trying to give a message about the ride? What is the message?
Ask students to share their thoughts with another student.
Review yesterday's word.
Complete the Vocabulary Notebook for today. Student may work in pairs if this is helpful

## *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

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| Vocabulary Notebook Sample: |  | During the lesson check in with students repeatedly. <br> Check in about what is happening and what they are thinking. |
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| New Word $\begin{array}{rr} \\ & \\ & \text { survivor }\end{array}$ | My Description <br> Person who is lives through a disaster in which other people have died |  |
| Personal Connection <br> He was a survivor of the tragic event. | Drawing |  |
| Activity |  |  |
| Today we are going to listen to the story of what happened on September 11. Reread the entire story from beginning to end. Stop and ask questions are invite students to comment. Give them opportunities to put their heads together and share the thoughts that are going through their minds. |  | Take advantage of any teachable moments. |
| This is day two of working on one of the options below. |  | Stop the class and focus on a |
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|  | Closing |
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| Say: | Review |
| - Please recap what we did today. |  |
| - Did we achieve our objectives? |  |

## Debrief

## Three Whats

Ask the following three what questions:
What was your key learning for the day?
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What advice would you give to a "new" student getting ready to do this activity?

Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Brainstorming Service |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Project-Based Learning |

## Materials:

Information about 9-11—use information from previous days
Fact Cards-use cards from previous days
Vocabulary Cards-create card for the word "ruins"


#### Abstract

Opening

\section*{State the objective}

For the next several days we are going to learn more about the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and ways that we can remember the heroes of that day and provide service to others just like the service workers did on that day.


## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

You have completed a project of remembrance. Share your thoughts about 9-11 at this point. What do you know now that you didn't know before? What ideas do you have about the importance of remembering this event? In your opinion, how is it that such an event can hold us all together?
What is a memorial? (There is more than one definition. It can be service or it can also be a place such as a monument) Have you ever been to a memorial? If yes, who or what is it that the memorial wanted you to remember?

## Content (the "Meat")

Today's Lesson
Today we are going to consider what we could do to provide a service to our community much in the same way as firefighters, doctors, iron workers, and ordinary people provided service on 9-11. You have had the beginnings of this conversation earlier this week.

## Vocabulary

## Word for Today: memorial

Description: A memorial is a ceremony or a monument that is there to remind you of someone or something. A memorial commemorates something that is lost or is no longer available to you in the same way. Memorials usually cause people to slow down and reflect on a particular situation or person.
Brainstorm a list of memorials that you could visit. (Washington D.C. is loaded with memorials, whether it be the Lincoln Memorial, the Roosevelt Memorial, the World War II Memorial or the Vietnam Wall). If you have access to the internet, let students look up the many memorials in D.C. Ask students to think about the town in which they live. Are there statues, photographs in the library on display? All of these are reminders of things that have happened in the past.
*Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

Ask students to share their thoughts with another student.
Review yesterday's word.

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## Vocabulary Notebook Sample:

| New Word memorial | My Description <br> A physical reminder of someone, for <br> instance a cemetery, statue |
| :--- | :--- |
| Personal Connection <br> We visited the memorials in Washington <br> D.C. | Drawing |

## Activity

Today is the first day of the next 3 day project, a way to give-back or pay it forward, by providing service. It is important that you work through this process one step at a time. Today you are going to work to determine which community you want to work with and then what need they have that you might fill. For students in $2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ grade it may be more important that you do something on the school campus or at least close to the school.
Example: One community that you could serve would be the elderly. One of the needs that they have is to be remembered and made to feel special. Sometimes their family is too busy or too far away to spend time with them. A service that you could provide would be to create a scrapbook of pictures that would share your daily time in school, and then write individual letters to the older people in a rest home.
Another project might be to re-label all of the P.E. Equipment that is assigned to classrooms; helping the custodian clean-up the school by organizing a weekly effort to clean up the debris left on the yards; helping the school clean out the last and found article either by returning them to the person the item belongs to, or redistributing the items to someone else who has a greater need.

## Day 1:

1. Brainstorm the community that you want to serve.
2. Brainstorm the need that this community has that you can address.
3. Brainstorm the possible ways that you could help.
4. Select the activity that you want to do and begin to plan the activity (consider who you have to advise of your plan, the supplies and materials that you will need, permissions that you need if you are leaving campus, and so on).

## Day 2:

1. Continue the planning and preparations for the activity.
2. Be sure that supplies are ready and everyone knows what they will do.
3. Have students prepare any information (memos, posters, etc.) that they will use to let people know what is going on.
4. Assign jobs and tasks for Day 3.

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.
When possible, engage students in a "teach to learn" opportunity and have the student become the teacher.

1. Perform the service, each person doing his/her part.
2. Have students reflect on the service. Have them answer questions about the task but also what benefits the activity had for the people receiving the service as well as thinking about how the service has affected them.
3. Have students prepare a reflection in writing, pictures, or a combination of both.
4. Have students share their reflections with the other students.

## Closing

## Review

Say:

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

Debrief

## Three Whats

Ask the following three what questions:
What was your key learning for the day?
What opportunities might you have to apply this key learning in the "real world"?
What advice would you give to a "new" student getting ready to do this activity?

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today with the information about 9-11.
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Planning and Preparations for Service |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Project-Based Learning |

## Materials:

Information about 9-11—use material already copied
Fact Cards—use materials already copied
Vocabulary Cards-create a vocabulary card for the word "sculpture"
Play Dough or other clay

## Opening

## State the objective

For the next several days we are going to learn more about the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and ways that we can remember the heroes of that day and provide service to others just like the service workers did on that day.

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

Talk with another student about the service project you have selected. Talk about how you both think the beneficiary of the service will feel.
What is a sculpture?
What sculptures have you seen or heard about?
How is a sculpture different from a painting?

## Content (the "Meat")

Today's Lesson
Today we are going to plan and prepare for the service project tomorrow. Take time to plan well. Remember the expression, "Go slow to go fast". Apply the skill of metacognition and think about how you are thinking or feeling about the planning and the activity that you will be doing tomorrow.

## Vocabulary

## Word for Today: sculpture

Description: A sculpture is a three dimensional representation of a person or a thing.
Very often sculptures are made out of stone. Michelangelo is one of the most famous sculptures. When he carved a statue out of marble he believed that the statue was always in the marble and that his job was to chip away the excess. Some statues are made out of bronze. Probably the most famous one is the Statue of Liberty.
Give each student a small amount of Play Dough or other clay product. Ask them to create a sculpture of something that is interesting to them (could be an animal, person, place). Ask them if it is as easy to do as it seems when you talk about it?
Complete the Vocabulary Notebook for today. Students may work in pairs if this is helpful.
*Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

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## Closing

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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | September 11 Performing Service |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Project Based Learning |

## Materials:

Information about 9-11
Fact Cards
Vocabulary Cards

| Opening |  |
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| State the objective <br> For the next several days we are going to learn more about the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and ways that we can remember the heroes of that day and provide service to others just like the service workers did on that day. |  |
| Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions <br> Talk with another student about the service project that has been selected. Talk about how the two of you think the beneficiary of the service will feel. <br> What is a ceremony? (an event to honor or focus on someone or something) <br> What ceremonies have you been to? (weddings, birthday parties, funerals, quinceneras) <br> How does a ceremony make the event special? |  |
| Content (the "Meat") |  |
| Today's Lesson <br> Today we are going to implement the service project that you have selected. Take time to execute on the plan carefully. Remember the expression, "all for one and one for all" and work together to make this a positive experience. Apply the skill of metacognition and think about how you are thinking or feeling as you are executing the activity. | *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout |
| Vocabulary <br> Word for Today: ceremony <br> Description: A ceremony is a special way that you observe something that is noteworthy. Ceremonies often are a formal procedure with steps and stages that you will go through to complete the ceremony. Another word for ceremony is ritual. <br> Give students an opportunity to plan a ceremony to celebrate something that you are doing in your program-learning multiplication tables, completing all homework for 1 week, anything that you are working on. Once they have met the goal, then hold the celebration that the students designed. <br> Complete the Vocabulary Notebook for today. Students may work in pairs if this is helpful. <br> Vocabulary Notebook Sample: | It is important to review academic math vocabulary often throughout the day. Complete the Vocabulary notebook for the new word. can be made from $1 / 2$ of a composition book. |


| New Wordceremony | My Description <br> An event to celebrate or remember <br> something or someone |
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| Personal Connection <br> We went to the graduation ceremony in <br> the gymnasium. | Drawing |

## Activity

Today is the third day of the 3 day project, a way to give-back or pay it forward, by providing service. It is important that you work through this process one step at a time. Today you are going to implement the activity that you selected. You will also take time to reflect on the project when it is complete.
Example: One community that you could serve would be the elderly. One of the needs that they have is to be remembered and made to feel special. Sometimes their family is too busy or too far away to spend time with them. A service that you could provide would be to create a scrapbook of pictures that would share your daily time in school, and then write individual letters to the older people in a rest home.
Another project might be to re-label all of the P.E. Equipment that is assigned to classrooms; helping the custodian clean-up the school by organizing a weekly effort to clean up the debris left on the yards; helping the school clean out the last and found article either by returning them to the person the item belongs to, or redistributing the items to someone else who has a greater need.

## Day 1 :

1. Brainstorm the community that you want to serve.
2. Brainstorm the need that this community has that you can address
3. Brainstorm the possible ways that you could help
4. Select the activity that you want to do and begin to plan the activity (consider who you have to advise of your plan, the supplies and materials that you will need, permissions that you need if you are leaving campus, and so on)

## Day 2:

1. Continue the planning and preparations for the activity.
2. Be sure that supplies are ready and everyone knows what they will do.
3. Have students prepare any information (memos, posters, etc.) that they will use to let people know what is going on.
4. Assign jobs and tasks for Day 3.

## Day 3

1. Perform the service, each person doing his/her part.
2. Have students reflect on the service. Have them answer questions about the task but also what benefits the activity had for the people receiving the service as well

During the lesson check in with students repeatedly.
Check in about what is happening and what they are thinking.
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as thinking about how the service has affected them.
3. Have students prepare a reflection in writing, pictures, or a combination of both.
4. Have students share their reflections with the other students.

## Closing

## Review

Say:

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


## Debrief

## Three Whats

Ask the following three what questions:
What was your key learning for the day?
What opportunities might you have to apply this key learning in the "real world"?
What advice would you give to a "new" student getting ready to do this activity?

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today with the information about 9-11.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today that was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Four Elements Wind and Air |
| Focus: | Fluency, Vocabulary |

## Materials:

Information about Four Elements (attached to this lesson plan)
Fact Cards (attached to the lesson plan)
Vocabulary Notebook
IMPORTANT: At least one hour before the activity, prepare the bottles for the Twister Activity

| Opening |
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| $\quad$ State the objective |
| For the next several days we are going to learn more about the four elements of Earth, water, wind/air, and fire. These |
| natural phenomena can be both friend and foe. We will learn more about each of them and also how they work together. |
| We will focus on vocabulary development and also asking questions and summarizing. |
| $\qquad$Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions <br> After the lesson we had yesterday, what do you know about water that you didn't know before? <br> Can you name the seven continents? <br> What are some of the ways that water is helpful? Is not helpful? <br> If you could interview a person who works for the water department, what would you ask them? |


| Content (the "Meat") |  |
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| Today's Lesson | *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable |
| Today we are going to review factual information about one of the four elements-wind/air. | Moment(s) throughout |
| At the end of the time we are going to create a whirlpool in a bottle. This is much like a |  |
| twister or tornado or a hurricane looks. A tornado is strong winds that occur over land and |  |
| act like a funnel sucking up dirt and debris. A hurricane is made up of strong winds and |  |
| rain and usually develops over warm water that is sucked up into the eye of the hurricane. |  |

## Fluency

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## Repeated Reading Process

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Remember that they are practicing the sight words and phrases that make up about $65 \%$ of the text.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in
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Select a book that is at the child's reading level and have them select 250-300 words to
the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
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

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.

## Vocabulary

## Word for Today: global

Description: Global is a word that refers to worldwide or all over the world. When the Earth is represented on a ball-shaped map, that map is called a globe. A globe is a sphere. Global is an adjective that means overall and relating to a whole system.
Brainstorm with students things that they believe are global (communication-cell phones, weather, things that people buy that are created in other countries, etc.)
Ask students to share their thoughts with another student. about what it means to be global or if they were to grow up and work with a company that was global what that would mean for them.
Review yesterday's word--evaporate
Complete the Vocabulary Notebook for today. Student may work in pairs if this is helpful

## Vocabulary Notebook Sample:

| New Word global | My Description <br> Something that is world-wide, covering all <br> parts of the world |
| :--- | :--- |
| Personal Connection <br> The internet is global-no matter where <br> you live you have access to it. | Drawing |

## Activity <br> Twister In A Bottle

Purpose: To create a vortex (a circular pattern of flow around a center of low pressure, for students to see so they can better understand a tornado and/or hurricane. When water drains in a sink it creates a vortex.

## Materials:

- 2 clear plastic liter soda bottles for each group
- Water
practice (even if they move on with the story).

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When possible, have students experience the word (Ex. 4 students creating a right angle, multiple students acting out an equation)
Vocabulary Notebooks can be made from $1 / 2$ of a composition book

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.

- 1 " diameter metal or plastic flat washer with $a^{1 / 4}$ " opening
- Black electrical tape
- White glue


## Directions:

- Divide students into pairs or small groups
- Fill one of the bottles a little over $1 / 2$ full with water-be sure to dry the mouth of the bottle
- Place a thin line of glue around the mouth of the bottle and place the washer on top of it, centering it over the opening.
- Place a thin line of glue over the mouth of the second bottle and place it upside down on the washer
- Using electrical tape, carefully wrap and seal the connection of the two bottles, wrapping the necks of the bottle to ensure that they are well connected.

IMPORTANT: Wait at least one hour before beginning the activity.

- Holding the bottle with water in it in your hand, slowly flip the bottle over. Observe what happens
- Predict how you can get the water in the top bottle to flow faster into the bottom bottle
- Record your responses (spinning the bottle will make the water flow faster)
- Try the suggestions made by the students
- Try spinning the bottle
- Ask: Why does spinning make the water flow faster?
- Ask: How does this compare to what happens in a tornado or a hurricane.

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.
When possible, engage students in a "teach to learn" opportunity and have the student become the teacher.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today with the information about wind/air.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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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Modification:
You may want to make only two or three of the twister bottles and have children work in larger groups rather than having them work in pairs or groups of 3 .

## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

## Wind/Air

## Facts about wind/air

- Wind moves moisture and heat around the world.
- Wind moves as it warms up and cools down.
- There is a global wind pattern. This pattern determines how the wind blows.
- We measure the speed of the wind, usually in miles or kilometers per hour.
- Tornados are formed as part of thunderstorms and are large, spinning funnel-shaped clouds that touch the ground moving about 30 miles per hour.
- The funnel of a tornado creates an updraft and sucks up almost anything it comes into contact with. It works in much the same way as you drinking from a straw, sucking up the liquid that the straw comes into contact with.
- Most tornadoes occur in what has been called Tornado Alley which includes Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and Colorado, mainly and is bordered by Minnesota, Wyoming, and South Dakota.
- About 750 tornados occur in the United States each year.
- Hurricanes are a combination of severe winds and rain that develop above the warm water in the summer. Instead of sucking up dirt like a tornado, a hurricane sucks up moisture.


## Wind/Air Fact Cards

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A tornado works much like we do when sucking liquid up in a straw.

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Minnesota, Wyoming, and South Dakota border Tornado Alley.

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| Katrina was the United States worst <br> hurricane, causing tremendous <br> damage to New Orleans and other <br> Southern cities. |  |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {h }}$ - 5th Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Four Elements-Wind In Action |
| Focus: | Fluency, Vocabulary |

## Materials:

Information about Wind-Air, Friend or Foe
Vocabulary Cards

Fact Cards<br>Straws, paint, and construction paper

## Opening

## State the objective

For the next several days we are going to learn more about the four elements of Earth, water, wind/air, and fire. These natural phenomena can be both friend and foe. We will learn more about each of them and also how they work together. We will focus on vocabulary development and also asking questions and summarizing.

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

Ask students what they learned yesterday about water and how it can be both friend and foe.
Ask students: When is a time that you were afraid of wind? What happened? When is a time that you were enjoying the wind? What was the wind like that you enjoyed?
We all know that air to breathe is very important. How is it that fish don't need air to live? (It is the oxygen that we need and so do fish. Fish get the oxygen from the water, we get it from the air.)

## Content (the "Meat")

## Today's Lesson

Today we are going look closely at wind/air and think about when this is friendly and when it is a foe. There is an old story about a contest between the wind and the sun. In this contest each was to get a man to take off his coat. The wind blew and blew, only causing the man to hold on to his jacket more tightly. The sun on the other hand simply shone warmly on the man who quickly took off his jacket. This story is an example of wind/air not being friendly. Share this with students so they can begin to think about wind/air.

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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

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

## Word for Today: atmosphere

Description: Atmosphere is another word for air. This word describes the layer of air that surrounds the Earth. What happens in the atmosphere determines the weather that we have on earth. Atmosphere can hold pollen, dust, water, and many other small particles.
Ask students to think about a time when they have made a fan and fanned themselves to stir up the air. Ask them why they would use a fan. Ask them why stirring the air would tend to cool them off, even if the air is warm.
Review yesterday's word: erosion. It is important to review academic math vocabulary often throughout the day.
Complete the Vocabulary Notebook for today. Students may work in pairs if this is helpful

## Vocabulary Notebook Sample:

| New Word | My Description <br> The air around us is our atmosphere-it is <br> what sustains life |
| :--- | :--- |
| Personal Connection <br> The atmosphere is thick with fog and <br> moisture. | Drawing |

## Activity

Wind In Action
Purpose: Today students are going to use air/wind to create art. They are going to use a straw instead of a brush to move paint around.

## Materials:

- Construction paper
- Straws (at least 1 per student)
- Liquid tempera paint in a variety of colors: red, green, blue, orange, yellow, purple

Complete the Vocabulary notebook for each word.
When possible, have students experience the word. (Ex. 4 students creating a right angle, multiple students acting out an equation.)
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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 open-

## Directions:

1. Give each student a piece of construction paper and have them write their name on the back.
2. Give a straw to each student.
3. Explain to students (you may want to demonstrate this) that they will place small drops of pain on the paper (same color could be dropped on a variety of different places on the paper).
4. Once the drop of paint is on the paper, student will take the straw and blow through the straw to move the paint around on the paper.
5. Process is repeated until other colors and paint slides have been created.
6. Paper should dry before going home with the student.
ended questions to determine what the rest of the group is thinking.
When possible, engage students in a "teach to learn" opportunity and have the student become the teacher.

## Closing

Review
Say:

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## Debrief

## Three Whats

Ask the following three what questions:
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What advice would you give to a "new" student getting ready to do this activity?

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today with the information about wind-air, friend or foe.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
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## Wind-Air, Friend or Foe

Air surrounds us. You cannot see air but you can feel it. Take a deep breath-when you do that you are filling your lungs with air. Hold your hand up to your mouth placing the wrist-end of your palm close to your chin. Blow the air out. What do you feel? Does it feel warm? Does the air touch your hand differently the further away your fingers are from your mouth? Air is made up primarily of nitrogen and oxygen. Other than these gases there are other things in the air including other gases, dust, water, and pollen.
Air is also known as atmosphere. The air that surrounds the Earth like a blanket is called atmosphere. This atmosphere keeps us comfortable. It protects us from both too much heat and too much cold. Earth is the only planet in the solar system that has an atmosphere that supports life. Some planets have toxic atmosphere. Even some moons have an atmosphere. The Earth's atmosphere extends away from the planet for about 6,000 miles, however the first 16 miles are the most compressed. To understand compression imagine a stack of paper towels. Imagine putting books on top of that stack of paper towels. Although there is pressure on the top paper towels, the pressure on the bottom towels is even stronger because the pressure of the books adds to the pressure of all of the paper towels as well. This is why the Earth's atmosphere is more compressed in the 16 miles closest to the surface. This pressure has different effects on people and animals.

Weather, warm or cold, windy or calm, stormy or placid, is what happens in the atmosphere at the lower layers, those closest to Earth. Wind is one of those elements of weather. Wind can be both friend and foe. Wind is helpful. Wind energy is a clean source of energy. Around the world, wind powered turbines can be found, harnessing the wind and turning it into electricity. Gentle wind moves seeds from one place to another and also helps to pollinate plants. Wind can cool an area down or blow in more hot air.

As a foe, wind can whip up a fire, helping fires to be out of control. Many times a forest fire is more dangerous because of the winds that help the fire to jump fire breaks. Winds can also be dangerous if they pick up dust and sand and blow it around eliminating visibility. If you are driving in a dust storm it is best that you pull over and park your car. Put some sort of cloth or handkerchief over your mouth and nose so your lungs are not breathing in the dust and dirt. When winds pick up speed and combine with warm ocean waters hurricanes are created. When wind is over land it can create a funnel cloud that we call a tornado.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\mathrm{h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Four Elements Water |
| Focus: | Fluency, Summarizing |

## Materials:

Information about Water
Vocabulary Notebook

| Opening |
| :--- |
| State the objective |
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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

After the lesson we had yesterday, what do you know about the element of Earth?
What are some key facts about Earth that you remember?
Ask students to name the continents. (Draw a triangle map and see if they can identify them.)
From the information you received yesterday, what did you find the most interesting fact.

## Content (the "Meat")

## Today's Lesson

Today we are going to learn more factual information about the on one of the four elements-water. At the end of the day we will do an experiment that will let us see the water cycle.

## Fluency

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students to the next level.

## 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.

## Vocabulary

## Word for Today: evaporate

Description: Evaporate is a word that describes the element of water transforming into a gas. Evaporation occurs when the air "picks up" a molecule of water and absorbs that water into a cloud. Usually evaporation occurs because of heat.
Brainstorm with students times that they have seen water evaporate (when a bathing suit dries out, when a wet sidewalk become dry, when a puddle disappears.)
Ask them to share how they think evaporation works. Let them know that the experiment you do today will help them understand how evaporation is a key part of the water cycle.
Review yesterday's word-continent.
Complete the Vocabulary Notebook for today. Student may work in pairs if this is helpful

## Vocabulary Notebook Sample:

| New Word | My Description <br> evaporate |
| :--- | :--- |
| The process of water being dried up by the <br> sun and going into the air |  |
| The water evaporated from the cement on <br> the sunny day. | Drawing |

## Reciprocal Teaching

## Summarizing

Summarizing is what you do to capture the major points of something you have read. If you retell you are providing many more details. Today you are going to share the information about water with the students. You can share the information in one of two formats-Fact Cards or a sheet of text. (You could also make a chart of the facts about water if you would like). After sharing the information and discussing it, divide the students into pairs and ask each pair to summarize what has been read and discussed.
Ask students to use no more than 25 words in the summary. When they have summarized the material have student share with the class.

## Activity <br> Water Cycle Experiment

## Materials:

Clear 2 liter bottle (1 for each group of 4-5 students)
1 cup of warm to hot water (not hot enough to burn a student)

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When possible, engage students in a "teach to learn" opportunity and have the

Ice
student become the teacher.
Tape

## Preparation:

Cut the top off of the bottle with scissors. Cut about $2 / 3$ of the way from the bottom of the bottle.
Screw the lid onto the bottle top tightly

## Directions:

1. Pour the cup of warm/hot water into the soda bottle bottom.
2. Put the top of the bottle with the lid on it upside down in the bottle with the water in it.
3. Take the tape and wrap it around the bottle where the two pieces connect.
4. Place the bottle in the direct sun (if there is not enough sun, use a hair dryer to increase the heat) for about 5 minutes. You should see that the inside of the bottle begins to "sweat"
5. Place ice in the top of the bottle so it will begin to cool the air inside the bottle

You should start to see "rain" as the "atmosphere" inside the bottle begins to cool.
This is an example of the water cycle: water, evaporation, rain. The water on our pilot has been recycled million of times in this manner.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today with the information about the element water.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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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## Water

## Facts about water:

- Approximately $70 \%$ of a grown-up's body is made up of water.
- Drinking 8 cups of water each day is recommended.
- In the United States, millions and millions of gallons of water are used each day.
- The average person uses $80-100$ gallons of water daily.
- Approximately $85 \%$ of the water that is used in the United States comes from a public water source.
- In the United States, $80 \%$ of the water is used for irrigation or generating electricity.
- If you drink too much water in a short period of time you can suffer from water intoxication. This usually happens when you are very physically active.
- Water dissolves more substances than any other liquid.
- Fresh water can be found above ground but most of it is under the ground.
- The same water that existed on Earth millions of years ago still exists on this Earth. Our Earth is a closed system and there is no place for the water to go.
- Water is made up of two elements: 2 parts hydrogen and 1 part oxygen. It is written this way: $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. The hydrogen and oxygen bond together.
- Water comes in three states: ice (solid), water (liquid), water vapor or steam (gas).
- The longest river in the world is the Nile River followed by the Amazon River. In the United States the longest river is the Mississippi.
- Pure water has no smell or taste.
- Water has a variety of uses:
- cooking
- cleaning
- electricity
- fun
- irrigation
- drinking
- extinguish fires
- The water cycle involves water evaporating (which turns into gas) and rises into the sky where it cools and condenses into tiny drops of water or ice that we see as clouds, and then the water falls back to the Earth as rain, snow or hail and the cycle begins all over again.
- Water freezes at $32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ or $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


## Water Fact Cards

About 70\% of the earth's surface is covered by water.

Approximately 70\% of a grown-up's body is made up of water.

Drinking 8 cups of water each day is recommended.

In the United States, millions and millions of gallons of water are used each day.

The average person uses 80-100 gallons of water daily.

Approximately $85 \%$ of the water that is used in the United States comes from a public water source.

In the United States, $80 \%$ of the water is used for irrigation or generating electricity.

If you drink too much water in a short period of time you can suffer from water intoxication. This usually happens when you are very physically active.

Water dissolves more substances than any other liquid.

Water is made up of two elements: 2 parts hydrogen and 1 part oxygen. It is written this way: $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$

| The same water that existed on Earth <br> millions of years ago still exists on this <br> Earth. Our Earth is a closed system and <br> there is no place for the water to go. | Fresh water can be found above ground <br> but most of it is under the ground. |
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| The hydrogen and oxygen bond together <br> to form water. | Water is essential to life on Earth. |
| Water comes in three states: ice (solid), <br> water (liquid), water vapor or steam (gas). | The largest bodies of salt water are the <br> Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, and the <br> Indian Ocean. |
| The longest river in the world is the Nile <br> River followed by the Amazon River. In <br> the United States the longest river is the <br> Mississippi. | Pure water has no smell or taste. |
| Water has a variety of uses: <br> Extinguish fires <br> Cleaning <br> Electricity <br> Fun | Irrigation |

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Another word for tsunami might be tidal wave.

A tsunami is a very dangerous wave in the ocean, usually caused by an earthquake

A hurricane is a combination of extreme wind and water and usually develop over the ocean.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Four Elements Water Friend or Foe Chart |
| Focus: | Fluency, Vocabulary |

## Materials:

Information about Water-Friend or Foe
Vocabulary Notebook

## Fact Cards <br> Chart Paper

## Opening

For the next several days we are going to learn more about the four elements of Earth, water, wind/air, and fire. These natural phenomena can be both friend and foe. We will learn more about each of them and also how they work together. We will focus on vocabulary development and also asking questions and summarizing.

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What is the difference between the words friend and foe? (on your side, supporter, likes you and enemy, dangerous, harmful)
How is it possible that something like water can be both friend and foe?
Give examples of a friendly use of water.
Give examples of water as a foe.
Content (the "Meat")

Today we are going to consider how water is both friend and foe. We are going to learn some additional information about water and then we are going to look at some facts about water and decide whether the fact represents water as a friend or water as a foe. Small groups will create a chart labeled Friend - Foe and list the facts in the appropriate column and illustrate at least two of those facts.

## Fluency

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## Repeated Reading Process

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2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
6. Celebrate success.
7. Students should stay on the same passage level for $4-6$ weeks and then transition

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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).
students to the next level.

## 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

## Word for Today: erosion

Description: Erosion is a word that refers to a process in which things are slowly, over time, and often with the power of water, destroyed or removed. For instance, if you were to create a channel or ditch in the ground and begin to run water down it, before long the ditch or channel would be wider as the flowing water soaked up some of the dirt on the edges. Another way to say erosion is "wearing away". If you have ever been standing on the beach in the sand, when the wave hits your feet, some of the sand is eroded or moved away from your feet.
Ask students if they have ever seen water working to erode something, usually dirt, away. Ask them why flowing water can be so powerful.
Review yesterday's word--ignite
Complete the Vocabulary Notebook for today. Students may work in pairs if this is helpful

## Vocabulary Notebook Sample:

| New Word $\quad$ erosion | My Description <br> Process of water and wind wearing away at <br> the Earth |
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| Personal Connection <br> The Grand Canyon was made by erosion <br> of water and wind. |  |

## Activity <br> Water-Friend or Foe Chart

Students will have an opportunity to work in pairs to determine whether certain facts/information about water would be classified as water as friendly or water as not friendly (foe) to people. They will use the information that they review today, the water facts cards, and the information they received in lessons \#1 and \#3.

## Directions:

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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.

1. Review the material with students as a large group.
2. Have them read and discuss the material for today and days \#1 and \#3.
3. Divide students into pairs, giving each a piece of chart or poster paper.
4. Give each group a copy of the written material, or post the information on a chart for all to see.
5. Have students write the fact on one side of the chart or the other, depending on whether they think the fact is friend or foe.
6. Pairs should illustrate at least 2 of the facts.
7. Pairs should share their chart with at least one other group.

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.
When possible, engage students in a "teach to learn" opportunity and have the student become the teacher.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today with the information about water, friend or foe.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)


## Water-Friend and Foe

"We use water every day-for drinking, for watering our lawns and gardens, for recreation, and for many uses that we don't necessarily see but which are critical to our lives. Large quantities of water are used to generate power and to cool electricity-generating equipment. Water is used for irrigation, aquaculture, and for many industrial processes and commercial uses. Our nation's underground and surface waters are vitally important to our everyday life."1

Some of the most powerful forces of destruction also involve water. Tsunamis, huge ocean waves that are caused by earthquakes or other movement under the sea, are some of the most destructive. There are several types of earthquakes and generally only one type of earthquake will cause a tsunami. Think about a slinky. When you stretch a slinky out and let it go, all of the movement is "flat". This is one type of earthquake that can occur and you would not expect a tsunami. If you were to take that same slinky and keeping flat on a table make it move back and forth, this would represent a second type of earthquake where this is shaking and the feeling of moving back and forth. With this type of earthquake you would not expect a tsunami either. Now, if you take that same slinky, hold one end to the table and then flick the free end up and down you would demonstrate the third type of earthquake. This is what happens when the Earth's crust pushed up suddenly and the water rises as well. This rise in water creates the tsunami. The wave begins to grow taller and as it does, the water is pulled back from the coast to backfill the gap in the water as the wave grows higher. When the wave reaches land it can be hundreds of feet high and will crash down on the coast and the towns and cities that are on the coast. Tsunamis are most likely to occur in what is called the Ring of Fire which follows the rim of the Pacific Ocean from the tip of South America around to Australia.

Water is also powerful as it moves from place to place. This movement can be used to create hydro-electric power which is very helpful; but it can also cause flooding and a great deal of damage. Moving water is what created the Grand Canyon in a process called erosion. Moving water is a home to many fish and other life, and it also serves as a transportation highway for many products. Polluted water is harmful to humans, plants and animals.
Water can be both friend and foe. However, without water, life on Earth would end.

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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Four Elements Fire |
| Focus: | Fluency, Vocabulary |

## Materials:

| Information about Fire | Fact Cards |
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| Vocabulary Notebooks | Supplies for the activity |


| Opening |
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| $\quad$ State the objective |
| For the next several days we are going to learn more about the four elements of Earth, water, wind/air, and fire. These |
| natural phenomena can be both friend and foe. We will learn more about each of them and also how they work together. |
| We will focus on vocabulary development and also asking questions and summarizing. |
| $\qquad$Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions <br> After the lesson we had yesterday, what do you know about wind/air? <br> Have you ever experienced or seen a vortex? <br> What are some things that you might need to do if you were in a tornado? <br> What do you know about fire? |


| Content (the "Meat") |  |
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| Today's Lesson <br> Today we are going to learn some things about fire and how it is both friend and foe. We are going to experience a friendly part of fire-a campfire, and make S'mores and tell scary stories at the end of today. | *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout |
| Fluency <br> Repeated Reading is a key strategy that research has found to be incredibly effective in building fluency. Repeated Reading means exactly that-students read and re-read the same passage, practicing not only the unique words but the sight words that make up of $65 \%$ of the written words. For reading passages see information in the side note. <br> Repeated Reading Process <br> 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. <br> 2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute. <br> 3. Record the number of words read on a chart. <br> 4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan. <br> 5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded. <br> 6. Celebrate success. | Repeated Reading passages can be found at: <br> www.readinga-z.com (This is a subscription fee site). <br> Check with the school day to see if the textbook has these passages (most do). <br> 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). |

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

## Word for Today: ignite

Description: Ignite is a word that describes what happens when a fire is started. It is that single moment in which friction happens (like striking a match), a spark strikes (like when lightening hits the ground) or a switch is flipped and creates the necessary action (starting a car or a rocket ship).
Brainstorm a time when you saw something ignite (match, barbecue, car, fireworks, stove, etc.) Ask students to think about what they saw at the moment that something ignited. Ask students to share their thoughts with another student.
Review yesterday's word—global.
Complete the Vocabulary Notebook for today. Students may work in pairs if this is helpful.
Vocabulary Notebook Sample:

| New Wordignite | My Description <br> Striking a match to start a fire |
| :--- | :--- |
| Personal Connection <br> They will ignite the barbeque fire in time to <br> grill the hamburgers. | Drawing |

## Activity

S'Mores and Scary Stories
One of the wonderful ways to spend time around fire is at a campfire. The fire is safely contained within the boundaries of the fire. Sometimes people will sing during campfires but they also tell Scary Stories and fix S'Mores. Today, that is what the class is going to do.

## Scary Stories

1. Brainstorm words with students that indicate fear, being very afraid, spooky, and scary.
2. Brainstorm with students events that are scary to them.
3. Ask them if it is more scary to think about something that might really happen or about something like is only a fantasy.
4. Ask them to list everyday events that can take a scary twist.

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Vocabulary Notebooks can be made from $1 / 2$ of a composition book.

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
5. Discuss why the dark is always scarier than the daylight; why bad things usually happen on a rainy night; why it is scarier when there are only a few people around, etc.
6. Have students work in small group or with a partner.
7. Have students select a scary story starter from the list they created and complete the tale. Note: If students have their own idea about a scary story, have them run the plot line by you so you know it is appropriate.

## S'Mores

Supplies: Graham Crackers, Marshmallow Cream, Hershey candy bar or chocolate chips, plastic knife, small paper plate

## Directions:

1. Give each student one whole graham cracker that they will then break in half (a S'More is like a graham cracker sandwich)
2. Spread marshmallow cream on one piece of the graham cracker
3. Add chocolate chips or piece of a Hershey candy bar
4. Put the other half of the graham cracker on as a top or lid
5. Eat and enjoy!

Create a campfire by putting a flashlight under some red, yellow and orange tissue paper. Sit around the campfire (all other lights are off or you can do this outdoors) and tell the scary stories and eat the S'Mores
Be prepared to tell a scary story of your own.
determine what the rest of the group is thinking.
When possible, engage students in a "teach to learn" opportunity and have the student become the teacher.


## Fire

## Fire Facts

- All fires need to have something that ignites them. This could be a match, an explosion, or the sun focused on a spot by glass.
- Fires must also have fuel, or something to burn. Some natural items like wood, cloth, and dry plants burn more easily than things like rocks, steel, and dirt.
- Fires must also have oxygen. Without oxygen the fire cannot burn. It takes heat, fuel, and oxygen to keep fire burning.
- Gases are the easiest to burn followed by liquids and then solids.
- During a fire, hot plumes of smoky air rise from the flames.
- The best safety strategy for fire is to prevent one from starting. There are thing that we can do regularly to keep fires from starting: store combustible liquids safely, use matches and other igniters safely and only with adult permission, and keep trash and debris picked up and out of the way.
- Fire can provide warmth to us when it is cold. It is fire that allows us to cook our food so we are not eating it raw.
- When you go camping, sitting around a safe campfire can be very memorable. One of the things people do at campfires is to make S'mores and tell scary stories.


## Fire Fact Cards

All fires need to have heat, oxygen, and fuel.

Fires are usually ignited by something like a match, an explosion, or focusing a light beam on a fuel through a piece of glass or some other object.

Although with enough heat most everything can turn to a liquid, even rocks and steel.

Fuel for a fire includes wood, cloth, dry plants.

Fire extinguishers work to put out a fire by taking away the oxygen it need to burn.

Gases are the easiest to burn followed by liquids and then solids.

During a fire, hot plumes of smoky air rise from the flames.

Fire can provide us with warmth when we are cold.

Fire provides us with a way to cook and heat our food.

Fire can be a campfire that will help create positive memories for us.

The best safety strategy when it comes to fire is to prevent fires before the start.

Forest fires can be "surface" fires which means that the burning is the undergrowth and the leaf litter.

To the Greeks, Prometheus stole fire from the gods to give to man.

To the Native Americans, a hero came and took fire back to the people.

Removing fuel and being cautious about igniting fires helps keep us all safe.

Forest fires can be "crown" fires which means that the tops of trees are burning and that the fire is moving rapidly from tree top to tree top.

To the Chinese, Hui Lu started fires all over earth but these fires were put out by dew and mist.

To the Africans, when the ostrich was tricked away from the fire, people were able to use it.

In the Amazon, fire came to people because a young boy stole a coal from the jaguar.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\mathrm{h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Four Elements Fire Mosaic |
| Focus: | Fluency, Vocabulary |

## Materials:

Information about Fire—Friend or Foe
Vocabulary Cards
Glue sticks

Fact Cards
Construction paper: red, yellow, orange, purple, and black, Scissors

## Opening

## State the objective

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

Talk with another student about the four elements that we have been learning about: earth, wind/air, water, and fire. What are some interesting things that you have learned?
What do you think about when someone says "Be careful! Danger ahead!" when it comes to fire? water? wind?
What kind of things exist in a dangerous situation (unknown, unsafe conditions)?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Today's Lesson

Today we are going to learn more information about fire and how it is both friend and foe.
*Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

Students will work in pairs to create a mosaic of fire (a mosaic is a picture made from small squares of paper or other material) that the fire that was given to people.

## Fluency

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2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
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

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

## Word for Today: myths

Description: Myth is a word that describes a story that has been created and refined over tie that tries to explain something that people cannot explain. In ancient times when science was still very young, people would create myths about the sun, the moon, the stars, the wind, the rain, and anything else that could not be explained by observation.
Ask student if they know any myths about any of these natural phenomena. If they do, have them share them with the class.
Review the word from yesterday: atmosphere
Complete the Vocabulary Notebook for today. Students may work in pairs if this is helpful
Vocabulary Notebook Sample:

| New Word | My Description <br> Myths |
| :--- | :--- |
| A story that is passed down through <br> generations and explain natural <br> phenomena such as movement of the <br> Earth |  |
| Personal Connection <br> The dragons in Harry Potter are <br> mythological. | Drawing |

Activity
Fire Mosaic
Read with students the information about Fire, Friend or Foe that is attached to this lesson plan. Also review the information from Lesson 1 and Lesson 5. Review the fact cards as well.
Pay close attention to the first paragraph of today's information that shares some information about the mythology surrounding fire. In all of these stories, man was somehow able to get fire from whatever entity was protecting it. This fire was given to provide man with warmth and a way to cook his/her food.
A mosaic is a picture that is made from small pieces of paper, tile, glass or some other object. Today, students will work in pairs to create a mosaic of the fire that is discussed in the various mythologies.

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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

## Supplies:

- Construction paper: red, yellow, orange, purple, and black for a backing
- Glue sticks
- Scissors


## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Pairs are given red, yellow, orange and purple construction paper and invited to cut the paper into small squares (approximately $1 / 4$ " by $1 / 4$ " or $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ by $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ ). If children do not want to cut the paper or have trouble with this, have them tear the paper into those small pieces.
3. Pairs should design the fire that they are going to create out of the small pieces of paper and draw it onto the black backing (they will be able to see the outlines).
4. Students then begin to glue the mosaic pieces onto the black background, using a variety of colors to create the look of fire.
5. If the pieces are too large for the space, they should trim them by cutting or tearing.
6. When students are finished, they should share with another pair.
determine what the rest of the group is thinking.

When possible, engage students in a "teach to learn" opportunity and have the student become the teacher.

## Closing

## Review

Say:

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


## Debrief

## Three Whats

Ask the following three what questions:
What was your key learning for the day?
What opportunities might you have to apply this key learning in the "real world"?
What advice would you give to a "new" student getting ready to do this activity?

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today with the information about fire-friend or foe.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)


## Fire-Friend or Foe

Fire is an element that brings both pain and comfort. Fire brings light and warmth and enables people to prepare food. Fire can also race through nature and homes causing destruction and death in its wake. Fire has fascinated people for thousands of years. The ability to control fire sets people apart from animals. Fire can be used to forge tools, create glass, and pottery. There are many stories and myths about how man for acquired fire. In Greek mythology, Prometheus stole fire from the gods and gave it to man. In Chinese mythology stories of Hui Lu tell how fire was sent out to cause fires across the Earth, but that dew and mist could triumph over fire. Native Americans believe that a hero returned fire to the people, African stories talk about the ostrich who protected fire and was tricked to fly away, making fire, good and bad, available to people; and the Indians in the Amazon have stories about a young boy who stole a coal from a jaguar.

Forest fires can be both destructive and helpful. Forest fires can be either surface fires, ones that burn the undergrowth and leaf litter, and "crown fires" that move from tree top to tree top with amazing speed and destruction. Surface fires can clean up leaf litter, encourage the growth of new plants, and reduce the number of insects and pathogens that are dangerous to forests. In nature, many ecosystems are actually protected and strengthened by periodic surface fires.

When fighting fires, forest or otherwise, the firefighters try to eliminate one of the three essential elements of fire: oxygen, fuel, and heat. Sometimes firefighters will clear away the fuel by starting a controlled burn that will burn toward the wild fire. Sometimes firefighters use airplanes and helicopters to douse the fire with water and flame retardant chemicals. Such action takes away both the heat and the oxygen. With structure fires the usual course is to reduce the heat with water.

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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }-5 \text { th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | The Four Elements Land |
| Focus: | Fluency, Questioning |

## Materials:

Information about Earth
Poster Paper and crayons or colored pencils
Vocabulary Notebook

## Opening

## State the objective

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

After the lesson we had yesterday, what do you know about the four elements? What are some key facts about the Earth? About fire? About water? About wind/air? What did you learn about asking "right there" questions? What did you learn about asking "interpretive" questions?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Today's Lesson

Today we are going to learn more factual information about one of the four classic elements: the Earth. At the end of today's lesson you and a partner will practice drawing a map of the Earth's continents.
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3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
6. Celebrate success.
7. Students should stay on the same passage level for $4-6$ weeks and then transition students to the next level.

## *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

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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

## Word for Today: continent

Description: A continent is a large body of land on Earth. A continent is much larger than an island, it is big enough for millions of people to live on. There are 7 continents on Earth. Antarctica is the only one that does not have people living on it. The equator divides the earth in half. Some of the continents are north of the equator: Europe, Asia, North America, and some are south of the equator: Australia, Antarctica, Africa and South America.
Brainstorm with students something they have heard about the continents. Ask them which continent that they live on. (North America) Ask them what countries are in North America (Canada, Mexico and the United States are the largest.)
Ask students to think about which continent they would like to visit (other than North America).
Review yesterday's word--element.
Complete the Vocabulary Notebook for today. Student may work in pairs if this is helpful

## Vocabulary Notebook Sample:

| New Wordcontinent | My Description <br> 7 large masses of land on Earth |
| :--- | :--- |
| Personal Connection | Drawing |
| We live on the continent of North America. |  |

## Reciprocal Teaching: Questioning

Review the 8 key facts about Earth with the students. (This information is attached to this lesson plan). After discussing each of the facts, ask the students to think about the questions that they would ask if they were playing Jeopardy. For example one of the facts is that Earth's atmosphere is $21 \%$ oxygen and $77 \%$ nitrogen. A Jeopardy question would be "What is the percentage of the Earth's atmosphere that is oxygen?" This will be challenging for the students so work with them through each of the facts. Remind students that these are all "right there" questions which can start with: Who is..., Where is..., What is..., How many..., When did..., or What kind of.
Have students read the rest of the information about the Earth including the 7 continents and the difference between globes and maps. Every 2-3 sentences stop and have the

It is important to review academic math vocabulary often throughout the day Complete the Vocabulary notebook for each word. When possible, have students experience the word (Ex. 4 students creating a right angle, multiple students acting out an equation).
Vocabulary Notebooks can be made from $1 / 2$ of a composition book.

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

| children ask one another questions about what was just read. | determine what the rest of <br> the group is thinking. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Activity | You will need construction <br> paper, crayolas or colored <br> Have students work in pairs to create a map of the world by using triangles. <br> Create a map of the world using triangles of different sizes and shapes. It is important that <br> you model this (look at the picture provided) and remember that Antarctica would be across <br> the bottom of the map (this is not on the picture provided). When creating the model take <br> the time to label each triangle. You may also want to show students where the equator is <br> so they can better understand north and south of the equator. Have students label the |
| Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Indian Ocean as well as the continents. <br> When students have finished the maps, have student pairs share with another pair. |  |

## Closing

## Review

Say:

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


## Debrief

## Three Whats

Ask the following three what questions:
What was your key learning for the day?
What opportunities might you have to apply this key learning in the "real world"?
What advice would you give to a "new" student getting ready to do this activity?

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today when they were practicing English Language Arts with the information about the Earth.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them


## Modification:

Instead of drawing the triangle you can have children cut out various triangles and glue them on the poster. North and South America and Africa are about the same size. Australia and Antarctica are wide triangles. Europe is smaller and Asia is the largest triangle.

## Earth

## Facts about the Earth:

- Earth is the only planet whose name does not derive from Greek or Roman mythology.
- Earth is the third planet from the sun.
- $71 \%$ of the Earth's surface is covered with water.
- The Earth's atmosphere is $21 \%$ oxygen and $77 \%$ nitrogen. The other $2 \%$ is a combination of elements.
- One of those other elements is carbon dioxide, a very important although small part of our atmosphere.
- Scientists believe that Earth is between 4 and 4.5 billion years old.
- Temperatures at the Earth's core are hotter than the sun.
- Earth seems to be unique in our Solar System in its ability to support life.

Earth is made up of 7 Continents. They are Europe, Asia, Australia, Antarctica, Africa, North America and South America. We live on the continent of North America. The largest countries in North America are Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Central America is really part of North America as is Cuba and other islands in that Atlantic Ocean. The country we live in is the United States. In the United States there are 50 states and each of those states has hundreds of cities. Which state and country do you live in?

The other is round and when we look at a globe we can see how the Earth looks when you view it from space. Maps are flat and help us to look more closely at the different parts of the Earth's surface, but to really understand how close or faraway places are from one another, it is better to look at a globe. The continents are separated by oceans and seas, the largest of which are the Pacific Ocean (in between North and South America and Asia and Australia; the Atlantic Ocean (in between North and South America and Europe and Africa, and the Indian Ocean which separates Asia and Africa. Although the continents are not triangle, this representation of the Earth's continents is reasonably accurate. Antarctica would run across the bottom of the Earth. Can you decide which triangle is which?


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Four Elements Earthquake |
| Focus: | Fluency, Vocabulary |

## Materials:

Information about Earth, Friend or Foe
Fact Cards
Vocabulary Notebooks

## Opening

## State the objective

For the next several days we are going to learn more about the four elements of Earth, water, wind/air, and fire. These natural phenomena can be both friend and foe. We will learn more about each of them and also how they work together. We will focus on vocabulary development and also asking questions and summarizing.

Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions
What do you know about the four elements now that you didn't know when we began these lessons?
In what way do you believe that these four elements are friend or foe? In what ways do you believe that these four elements work together as a powerful force?

## Content (the "Meat")

Today's Lesson
Today we are going to learn more about the Earth as both Friend and Foe. We are going to work in pairs to create a poster that depicts Earth as Friend and Foe and share out with the rest of the class.

## Fluency

Repeated Reading is a key strategy that research has found to be incredibly effective in building fluency. Repeated Reading means exactly that-students read and re-read the same passage, practicing not only the unique words but the sight words that make up of $65 \%$ of the written words. For reading passages see information in the side note.

## 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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
6. Celebrate success.
7. Students should stay on the same passage level for $4-6$ weeks and then transition students to the next level.
$*$ Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable
Moment(s) throughout

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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

## Vocabulary

## Word for Today: earthquake

Description: Earthquake is a word that describes the shaking we feel when the plates under the surface of the Earth slip and move. An earthquake can also feel like a rolling motion or it can feel like jerks and pushes. Earthquakes happen more around the Pacific Ocean, but can happen anywhere in the world.
Ask students if they have ever felt an earthquake. If yes, ask them what it felt like. Ask them what they did to be safe. Ask them if they have ever practiced an Earthquake Drill in school. Ask them what they did and why? (Duck under a desk, turn face away from glass, cover back of the neck with linked hands to protect from flying objects.)
Review yesterday's word: myths

## Vocabulary Notebook Sample:

| New Word | My Description <br> earthquake |
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| Shaking of the Earth because of movement <br> underground or ocean |  |
| Have you ever felt an earthquake? I have. <br> It was scary! | Drawing |

## Reciprocal Teaching <br> Earth-Friend or Foe

Predict: Ask students to predict some of the ways that the Earth acts as both friend and foe. Chart their responses.
Clarify: Ask students if the know what an epicenter is (the beginning point of the earthquake); the main shock (this is the hardest and most powerful jolt of the earthquake) and the aftershock (these are the smaller jolts that happen as the Earth tries to get back in equilibrium)
Question: Have students pair up and decide on one question that they would like to have answered about earthquakes. Students should share the questions with the class (answer if you can)

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When possible, have students experience the word (Ex. 4 students creating a right angle, multiple students acting out an equation)
Vocabulary Notebooks can be made from $1 / 2$ of a composition book

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

## Activity <br> Earth-Friend or Foe Poster

## Supplies:

- Chart paper or poster board
- Pens, crayolas, colored pencils
- Information about the Earth (fact cards and written information)


## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs
2. After reading and reviewing the information about the Earth with the entire class, pairs should decide which 3-5 facts they will place as either demonstrating friendly or demonstrating foe.
3. Students will draw a picture to represent each of these facts and be prepared to share with the remainder of the class.
determine what the rest of the group is thinking When possible, engage students in a "teach to learn" opportunity and have the student become the teacher


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today with the information about the Earth—Friend or Foe.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)


## Earth-Friend or Foe

The Earth is our home. We refer to it as Mother Earth because it sustains our life. Earth is made up of many layers. The surface layer is be covered by water (oceans and other) and land masses known as continents and islands. The land can be covered with forests, deserts, mountains, valleys, and any number of other habitats. People have harnessed the power of the land to grow crops, build homes, establish cities, and yet, have not necessarily taken good care of the Earth as they pollute the land and water with trash and garbage, send harmful chemicals into the soil as well as the air, and misuse many of nature's gifts.

The Earth has four major layers: the crust (this is the surface), the mantle, the outer core and the inner core. The crust and the top part of the mantle make up the surface. This surface is not just one piece. Below the surface of the Earth there are tectonic plates. These plates continue to shift and move causing earthquakes. Earthquakes occur when two blocks of Earth slip past one another without warning. Where the Earth slips is called a fault on the surface. The earthquake starts below the surface of the Earth at the hypocenter which is directly under the surface location called an epicenter. Earthquakes can have foreshocks (these happen prior to the main earthquake) the main shock (this is the main slippage) and the aftershock (those mini quakes that happen after the main quake.). The number of aftershocks is determined by the force of the main quake.

The inner core of the Earth is solid and it is supported by the outer core which is made up of molten or liquid nickel and iron and other elements. The outer and inner core are very hot, ranging from $4400^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $6100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The inner core of the Earth was discovered by Inge Lehmann in 1936.

## Earth Fact Cards

Earth is the only planet whose name does not derive from Greek or Roman mythology.

Earth is the third planet from the sun.
$71 \%$ of the Earth's surface is covered with water. $29 \%$ is covered by land.

The Earth's atmosphere is $21 \%$ oxygen and $77 \%$ nitrogen. The other $2 \%$ is a combination of elements.

One of the elements in the $2 \%$ is carbon dioxide.

Scientists believe that Earth is between 3 and 4.5 billion years old.

Temperatures at the Earth's core are hotter than the sun.

Earth seems to be the only planet in the Solar System to support life.

Earth has 7 continents—or large masses of land: Africa, Antarctica, Australia, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America.

The equator runs around the middle of the Earth from east to west.

| The Earth has four major layers: the crust, the mantle, the outer core and the inner core. | The inner core is solid and was discovered by Inge Lehmann in 1936. |
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| The outer core is liquid or molten nickel, iron and other elements. | The outer core is very hot ranging from $4400^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $6100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. |
| Earthquakes happen when the plates in the Earth's mantle slip against each other. | Earthquakes have an epicenter-the place where the slippage occurred first. |
| Earthquakes can cause tsunamis which a huge ocean waves that can flood and destroy coastal cities. | Without the earth, we would not be able to grow crops and have places to live. |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Four Elements Review |
| Focus: | Review |

## Materials:

Information about the Four Elements
Fact Cards from other lessons
Materials needed for various project options.

| Opening |  |
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| State the objective <br> For the past several days we have learned about the four elements of Earth, water, wind/air, and fire. We have discovered that these natural phenomena can be both friend and foe. We have learned about each of them and also how they work together. The next two days we will spend our time trying to capture our key learnings through several projects. |  |
| Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions <br> Students have learned a great deal about the four elements of earth, wind/air, water, and fire. Ask students the following: Is there anything about these four elements that has surprised you? If so, what? <br> What has been your most important learning? <br> Ask them to think of 1 or 2 words to describe the four elements and to share those with first a peer and then the whole group. |  |
| Content (the "Meat") |  |
| Activity <br> Here are four activities for you to choose from: <br> Mural (Grades 2-5) <br> - Divide the class into four groups and assign or have them draw lots to determine which of the four elements they will create a mural about. The mural should depict all aspects of the element-both friend and foe characteristics. At the end, the four murals will be joined together <br> Letter to Mother Nature (Grades 2-5) <br> - Students write letters to Mother Nature about the effect of the four elements. Students share the information they have learned and ask the unanswered questions that they may have about each element. <br> Fact Book (Grade 2-5) <br> - Considering all or the facts that you have learned about the four elements, capture those that are most relevant to you in a Fact Book that is illustrated <br> Myth (Grades 2-5) | Preview all of the activities for youth and have them selfselect the project they would like to work on. They will have 2 days, so it is possible to participate in more than one activity in the 2 days. <br> Make the Fact Cards and Fact Sheets available to them so they can complete the projects effectively. |

- We briefly looked at several myths that explained how man was able to capture fire. Students should work in pairs or small groups to create a myth about wind/air, water, fire, or Earth itself. Groups should share with one another.


## Closing

## Review

Say:

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


## Debrief

## Three Whats

Ask the following three what questions:
What was your key learning for the day?
What opportunities might you have to apply this key learning in the "real world"?
What advice would you give to a "new" student getting ready to do this activity?

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today with the information about the four elements.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Four Elements Mural and Other Choices |
| Focus: | Review |

## Materials:

Information about the Four Elements
Fact Cards from other lessons
Materials needed for various project options.

| Opening |  |
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| State the objective <br> For the past several days we have learned about the four elements of Earth, water, wind/air, and fire. We have discovered that these natural phenomena can be both friend and foe. We have learned about each of them and also how they work together. The next two days we will spend our time trying to capture our key learnings through several projects. |  |
| Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions <br> Students have learned a great deal about the four elements of earth, wind/air, water, and fire. Ask students the following: Is there anything about these four elements that has surprised you? If so, what? <br> What has been your most important learning? <br> Ask them to think of 1 or 2 words to describe the four elements and to share those with first a peer and then the whole group. |  |
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## Closing

## Review

Say:

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## Debrief

## Three Whats

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What advice would you give to a "new" student getting ready to do this activity?

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\mathrm{h}-5 \mathrm{th}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Create a Crest or Shield |
| Focus: | Fluency, Questioning |

## Materials:

Information about the Four Elements (attached to this lesson plan)
Vocabulary Notebook
Construction paper or poster board
Crayolas, marking pens, colored pencils, etc. for drawing

| Opening |
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| State the objective |
| For the next several days we are going to learn more about the four elements of Earth, water, wind/air, and fire. These <br> natural phenomena can be both friend and foe. We will learn more about each of them and also how they work together. <br> We will focus on vocabulary development and also asking questions and summarizing. <br> Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions <br> When you hear the word: Earth, water, wind/air and fire, what do you think about? What are some of the ways that you <br> use any of these elements? Have you ever had an experience with one of these elements that has been scary? Share <br> that information with the class or a friend. |

## Content (the "Meat") <br> Today's Lesson

Today we are going to learn about the four classic elements and then work in pairs to create a poster that capture each of them.

## Fluency

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## Repeated Reading Process

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2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.

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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.

## Fluency Activity of the Day

Fluency Test—Read 1 minute count number 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

## Word for Today: element

Description: An element is some piece or aspect of nature. It is another word for "building blocks". When you look at the four classic elements, Earth, fire, water, and wind/air, you are looking at four things that are essential for life on Earth and also act as building blocks for life.
Brainstorm with students the experiences they have had, both positive and negative with water. (Positive: cool drink, swimming, taking a shower, washing hands; Negative: floods, heavy storms, hurricanes). Talk about how they felt and what they did.
Ask them to name some symbols or sounds for each of these elements. Ask students why these symbols and sounds are important.
Students complete the Vocabulary Notebooks. Student may work in pairs if this is helpful

## Vocabulary Notebook Sample:

| New Word $\quad$My Description |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Personal Connection <br> He was able to combine the elements to the whole, like oxygen is part of <br> water and also air <br> create air. | Drawing |

## Reciprocal Teaching Questioning

Divide the class into groups of 2-3 students. Explain that as a small group the students will read about one of the elements and develop 3 questions about the information in the paragraph. The questions can be one of two types: right there (asking for information that can be found in the text) or interpretive questions that will require you to both think and search for an answer.
Read the information about the classic elements as a class and then model the activity of forming at least 3 questions. (Information attached to this lesson plan).
Brainstorm some of the "right there" questions that you might ask. Think about starting the

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## *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

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
questions with words like: Who is..., Where is..., List..., What is..., How many..., When did..., Name..., or What kind of
Brainstorm some of the interpretive questions that you might ask. Think about starting the questions with words like: Summarize..., What caused..., Contrast..., Retell..., How did..., Explain..., Find two examples..., For what reason..., Compare.
Write the questions that the students develop on a chart so students will be able to use them as an example when they are developing their own questions.
Assign the elements to the groups. Once the questions have been written, pair the groups up so they can ask each other the questions. Rotate so that all students hear about all sections.

## Activity <br> Create a Crest or Shield

A crest or shield can take on one of several shapes. You and your partner will create a crest or a shield


that will have each of the four classic elements represented on it. You might want to divide the shield or crest into fourths by drawing one, vertical and one horizontal line, or create bands, one for each element. Before making your crest or shield, decide what symbol or picture you will use to represent each of the elements. Decide on the colors, size, and so on. Plan to share your shield or crest with the class.

## Closing

## Review

Say:

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


## Debrief

## Three Whats

Ask the following three what questions:
What was your key learning for the day?
What opportunities might you have to apply this key learning in the "real world"?
What advice would you give to a "new" student getting ready to do this activity?

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today with the information about the four elements.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)


## Modification:

If your group struggles with reading, read all of the content aloud together. Also, you may want to create the questions as a group if your students are not able to do this on their own.

## The Four Classic Elements: Earth, Wind, Water, and Fire

If you look at the classics you will discover that there are four classic elements: Earth, wind, water, and fire. These four elements can work independently or can combine to create a natural force that is both friend and foe. The animated show The Fantastic Four uses this premise. As we look at each of these elements we will consider each from both a positive influence and a destructive influence. We will take a look at each alone and also as they combine with one another.

## Earth

Earth, the planet that we live on, is the playground of wind, water, and fire. It is on the surface of the Earth as well as deep within it, that these forces of nature work and create an environment that is fit for human and other life. When we look at all of the planets in our Solar System, it appears that only Earth is able to sustain life as we know it. Earth is a nurturing environment. Seasons come and go and there is an annual rebirth every Spring. All aspects of life happen on the planet Earth and we are able to participate in it.

## Water

Water is found in abundance on Earth, and it covers over 70\% of the Earth's surface. Water is foundational to life. You can survive longer without food that you can without water. Water is used for healing, for cleaning, and purification. Without water, life on Earth ceases to exist. Water comes in three distinct forms-ice (solid), running water (liquid), and gas (steam). Water can be both gentle and very powerful. Erosion is one of the ways that water changes the face of the Earth.

## Wind or Air

You cannot see air or wind but you can see the effects of it. Air is associated with the very breath we take which keeps us alive. The wind carries thoughts and ideas around the world and also carries physical things as well. There is a saying that "when someone sneezes in China, someone in the United States will get a cold". Air reminds us of how connected we are.

## Fire

Fire is an element that can destroy or provide warmth and comfort. Fire has a strong energy and can be used by man but cannot be controlled by him. We get used to "controlling" fire because of the way we live and use it in our daily lives, however, we only need to look at the power of a house fire or a forest fire to know that fire can easily be out of human control. Fire men work hard to protect people from its destruction, but that is not always the case. Sometimes Earth experiences horrible forest fires which seem to be so devastating, but what we know is that fire can clear out the dead brush and that the forest is reborn, stronger and better after the fire than it was before.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\mathrm{t}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Where Do I Live? |
| Focus: | Theme-Celebrating Traditions |

## Materials:

Vocabulary notebook
Construction paper
Crayons, colored pencils

| Opening |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\quad$ State the objective |  |  |  |
| For the next eleven days we will be practicing our reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking skills by studying |  |  |  |
| traditions that exist in our families, in our culture and around the world. |  |  |  |
| Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions |  |  |  |
| What is a habit? What are some of the habits you have? What are some of your family's habits? What do you think it |  |  |  |
| would be like if you had to learn everything new every day? |  |  |  |


have to think about how to do something.
Remember what it was like when you learned how to tie your shoe? It was challenging. You had to bring a wide variety of skills together, in a particular order, if you wanted to tie your shoe. In the beginning, what you tied did not last for very long because you didn't know how to make a tight bow. Now, you tie your shoes in a certain way and don't give it a second thought. That's because tying your shoe is a habit.

What are some of the other habits that you have? How about how you get ready for school in the morning? How about how you get everything ready to eat breakfast? Talk with a peer and discuss some of your habits.

Fact: It takes about 21 days to build a habit. At that point your actions will start to become embedded in your brain.

Sometimes a habit may not be the best way. There is a joke about a worker who is taking her lunch break and complaining about the fact that once again she has a tuna sandwich for lunch. She comments that she has had tuna sandwiches every day for the past three years and she is sick and tired of them. Once of her co-workers asks, "Who makes your lunch?" The worker replied, "I do!" Now that's a person with a habit. Something that they do because they work that way every day, but the habit has been in place past it usefulness. Do you have any habits that you would like to give up?

## Student Practice ("You do") <br> Activity <br> What's My Habit

## Directions:

1. Think about your day and the habits that you have that come into play throughout the day.
2. Divide a piece of paper into fourths.
3. In each quadrant you are to draw a picture and write a sentence about a habit that you have in practice.
4. The upper left hand quadrant should be for the morning. The lower right hand quadrant is for the end of the day. The other two quadrants can be for the time between morning and evening.
5. When you are finished, share your "habits" with a peer.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | American Tradition--Thanksgiving |
| Focus: | Theme-Celebrating Traditions |

## Materials:

Vocabulary Notebook
Paper for cards
Crayons/colored pencils

| Opening |
| :--- |
| $\quad$ State the objective |
| For the next eleven days we will be practicing our reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking skills by studying <br> traditions that exist in our families, in our culture and around the world. |
| Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions |
| What are you thankful for? What is another word for "thankful"? Here are some synonyms that students may or may not |
| come up with: gratitude, grateful, appreciative, pleased. |



## American Tradition-Thanksgiving

In our American Tradition we have learned that the Pilgrims came to the new world (now the United States) to have a different life than the one they had in Europe. They arrived in early 1600s and there were no cities, no stores, no transportation, nothing, but some Indians who were willing to be friendly and helpful. It was not easy for the Pilgrims. The weather was cold and they didn't have houses when they arrived. They struggled through the first year and after working very hard we able to enjoy their first harvest. The story goes that the Indians and the Pilgrims got together to celebrate surviving the winter and being somewhat prepared for the months ahead. The Indians and the Pilgrims gave thanks for the friendship that they had developed. In 1864 Thanksgiving became a U.S. holiday and the more modern Thanksgiving traditions began in 1946. Part of the tradition is saying "thanks" for family, friends, and a good life.

Thanksgiving Day is about having an "attitude of gratitude." This attitude of gratitude helps people to be thankful every day for the good things that happen. Instead of the attitude of entitlement-I'm great and terrific and I should have everything that I want", the attitude of gratitude encourages people to be thankful for what they have, not so they don't wish for other things, but to be appreciative of the good things they have instead of focusing on what they don't have.

## Student Practice ("You do") <br> Activity Thank You Cards

## Directions:

1. Give each student a piece of 8 " $\times 11$ " paper.
2. Students will each make a Thank You card that will illustrate what they are thankful for in both words and pictures.
3. Students should decide who they are going to give the card to and take that in mind as they are putting together the card.
4. When students are finished have them share the cards with another peer.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)


## Modification:

Make a word bank on the board so the students can draw from them when writing the Thank You note. Make a list of words that mean gratitude, items that students are thankful for, etc.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | American Traditions Fourth of July |
| Focus: | Theme-Celebrating Traditions |

## Materials:

Vocabulary Notebook
Fun Fact Cards at the end of the lesson plan
Paper, crayons/colored pencils

| Opening |
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| State the objective |
| For the next eleven days we will be practicing our reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking skills by studying |
| traditions that exist in our families, in our culture and around the world. |

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What does it mean to me independent? What does it mean to be a colony? How are those two things different? What is something that you know about the $4^{\text {th }}$ of July?

## Content (the "Meat")

| Vocabulary |
| :--- |
| Word for today: independence <br> Describe: Independence is a word that describes being free. Every day we learn how to <br> do one more thing for ourselves we are becoming more independent. When you were a <br> young child, you were totally dependent on your caregiver, even to spoon the food into your <br> mouth. Now you can eat independently. <br> Create an entry in your Vocabulary Notebook for the word independence <br> Vocabulary Notebook Sample: |
| New Word <br> independence |
| Personal Connection <br> Independence has to be earned by doing <br> what you say you will do and holding <br> yourself responsible. |

## *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

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.
When possible, engage students in a "teach to learn" opportunity and have the student become the teacher.

## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

## July 4 ${ }^{\text {th }}$-American Independence Day

On July 4, 1776 the United States of America was born. Before that, this part of the world was a colony that owed it allegiance to England and specifically to the King of England. There were events leading up to the Fourth of July. Things seldom happen in a vacuum. There were many different events that occurred that culminated or ended in that single moment on the $4^{\text {th }}$ of July in a hot, muggy room, the colonies of King George of England declared that they were free.

Review the Fun Fact cards about American Independence with the students. Distribute the cards to the students in small groups and have them review the events and the date of those events. Each group should prepare to share with the class the event on the Fun Fact Card that they have and then be prepared to place it on the time line (this can be a piece of chart paper or drawn on the white board.

## Student Practice ("You do")

## Activity

Time Line

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Review the July $4^{\text {th }}$ Fun Fact Cards.
3. Put them in order from the earliest date to the actual Declaration of Independence saying we were free on July 4, 1776.
4. Create a pictorial time line of those events.
5. Share with the group.

| Closing |
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| Review <br> Say: <br> - Please recap what we did today. <br> - Did we achieve our objectives? |
| Debrief <br> Three Whats <br> Ask the following three what questions: <br> What was your key learning for the day? <br> What opportunities might you have to apply this key learning in the "real world"? <br> What advice would you give to a "new" student getting ready to do this activity? |

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)


## Modification:

Place the Fun Facts on Post Its so students can rearrange to get the sequence of events correctly.

## Fun Fact Cards <br> July $4^{\text {th }}$ —Road to Independence

1763 - King George III signed the Proclamation of 1763. This Proclamation stated that no one could settle west of the Appalachian Mountains, and if you were already there, you needed to "come home". King George III made this Proclamation because he wanted to be friendly with the Native Americans.

1764 In Boston at a town meeting, James Otis declared that England had no right to tax us without letting us have a voice in the project. In America, consumers began to boycott the products.

1764 - The English Parliament wanted to pay its war debt caused by the ongoing war with France. Since the colonies took part of this, the colonies needed to pay the cost. Taxes were increased on sugar, coffee, and wine. It also doubled the cost of thing shipped to the U.S. from counties not England.

1765 - Taxes were first imposed on Americans with the passing of the Stamp Act. Items taxed include: newspapers, pamphlets, bills, legal documents, licenses, almanacs, dice and playing cards.

1765 - In March of 1765, Parliament determined that colonists would be required to house and feed British soldiers without any pay.

1765 - The Sons of Liberty was formed as a secret group to oppose the Stamp Act. It was hoped that this pressure would keep American shop owners from signing on.

1767 - The English Parliament passes the Townshend Revenue Acts, imposing a new set of taxes on the colonists to offset the costs of administering and protecting the American colonies. Items taxed include imports such as paper, tea, glass, lead and paints.
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|}\hline & \\ 1768 \text { - Samuel Adams of Massachusetts, a true } \\ \text { patriot, opposed taxation without representation } \\ \text { and called for the colonists to unite against the } \\ \text { British government in his Circular Letters. }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l}1768 \text { - A British warship with } 50 \text { cannons sails into } \\ \text { Boston. The custom commissioners in Boston } \\ \text { asked for help against the colonial agitators. }\end{array}\right\}$

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}$-5th Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Family Traditions Lyrics for Traditions |
| Focus: | Theme-Celebrating Traditions |

## Materials:

Vocabulary Notebook, Traditions lyrics, paper, crayons/colored pencils

| Opening |
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| State the objective |
| For the next eleven days we will be practicing our reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking skills by studying |
| traditions that exist in our families, in our culture and around the world. |

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

Think specifically about your family. What are some of your family traditions? Think about specific members of your family. What is the role that you expect them to play? For example, when you think of your mother do you expect that she will be awake before you? Do you expect that she will have gone to the grocery store so you have something to eat for breakfast? Do you expect her to drop you off at school on her way to work? Do you expect that on Wednesday evening she will bring home Chinese food? What do you expect of them and what do they expect from you?


## Family Traditions

There is a Broadway musical and movie called Fiddler on the Roof. In this play a Jewish family is trying to follow the traditions of their culture and also make sense of a world that is rapidly changing. In this musical there is a song called Traditions. In this song, the father, mother, son, and daughter identify the tradition for their family role. When you look at the lyrics of the song, think about what is expected of the father, the mother, the son and the daughter in your family. If all of those people aren't in your family, think about the roles off the people who are in your family. Here are the lyrics for that song. (Lyrics also available at end of lesson plan for a handout)

Tradition, tradition! Tradition!
Tradition, tradition! Tradition!
The role of the father
Who, day and night, must scramble for a living,
Feed a wife and children, say his daily prayers?
And who has the right, as master of the house,
To have the final word at home?
The Papa, the Papa! Tradition.
The Papa, the Papa! Tradition.
The role of the mother
Who must know the way to make a proper home,
A quiet home, a kosher home?
Who must raise the family and run the home,
So Papa's free to read the holy books?
The Mama, the Mama! Tradition!
The Mama, the Mama! Tradition!
The role of the son
At three, I started Hebrew school. At ten, I learned a trade.
I hear they've picked a bride for me. I hope she's pretty.
The son, the son! Tradition!
The son, the son! Tradition!
The role of the daughter
And who does Mama teach to mend and tend and fix,
Preparing me to marry whoever Papa picks?
The daughter, the daughter! Tradition!
The daughter, the daughter! Tradition!

## Student Practice ("You do")

## Activity

Tradition

## Directions:

1. As a group, take one or more of the roles in your family and create a stanza (words that the person in the role could say) that capture the role and expectations of each of those people.
2. Write the stanza on the board for each of the roles.
3. Student selects one of the stanzas to copy and illustrate
4. Student explains why he/she selected this particular stanza to copy and illustrate
5. Illustrate each of the expectations in the stanza
6. Share with a partner

## Closing

## Review

Say:

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


## Debrief

## Three Whats

Ask the following three what questions:
What was your key learning for the day?
What opportunities might you have to apply this key learning in the "real world"?
What advice would you give to a "new" student getting ready to do this activity?

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)


## Modification:

If you would like you can make the stanza rhyme, but it is not required. Be careful to not just write a paragraph. Try to capture the meaning in a few words like in the example. You may also want to get a copy of the song Tradition, and play for the students.

# Traditions Fiddler on the Roof 

Tradition, tradition! Tradition!
Tradition, tradition! Tradition!
(The role of the father)
Who, day and night, must scramble for a living,
Feed a wife and children, say his daily prayers?
And who has the right, as master of the house,
To have the final word at home?
The Papa, the Papa! Tradition.
The Papa, the Papa! Tradition.
(The role of the mother)
Who must know the way to make a proper home,
A quiet home, a kosher home?
Who must raise the family and run the home,
So Papa's free to read the holy books?
The Mama, the Mama! Tradition!
The Mama, the Mama! Tradition!
(The role of the son)
At three, I started Hebrew school. At ten, I learned a trade.
I hear they've picked a bride for me. I hope she's pretty.
The son, the son! Tradition!
The son, the son! Tradition!
(The role of the daughter)
And who does Mama teach to mend and tend and fix, Preparing me to marry whoever Papa picks?

The daughter, the daughter! Tradition!
The daughter, the daughter! Tradition!

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Family Traditions Things That Are Special |
| Focus: | Celebrating Traditions |

## Materials:

- $2-8$ " card stock circles for each student
- $1 / 4$ circle pattern
- Crayons/colored pencils
- Brad for each student

| Opening |
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| State the objective |
| For the next few days we will be practicing our reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking skills by studying traditions that |
| exist in our families, in our culture and around the world. |
| Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions |
| A lot of times we think that traditions have to be for special occasions. While they certainly can be, traditions can be very non- |
| holiday as well. What are some of the traditions that your family has that does not involve a holiday? What do you look forward |
| to doing year after year and that you have come to expect? How many people in your family are engaged in this tradition? |
| Immediate or extended? |


| Content (the "Meat") |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Word for today: ordinary <br> Describe: The word ordinary means regula expect to find. For example, the clothes you would wear to a wedding. One set of cloth Create an entry in your Vocabulary Not <br> Vocabulary Notebook Sample: | abulary <br> not special. Ordinary is something you would ear to school are different than the clothes you more ordinary than the other. <br> $k$ for the word | *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout <br> During the lesson check in with students repeatedly. <br> Check in about what is happening and what they are thinking. <br> Take advantage of any |
| New Word | My Description <br> Part of my regular routine | Stop the class and focus on a student's key learning or understanding. Ask open- |
| Personal Connection <br> It is ordinary for my family to eat dinner together. | Drawing | what the rest of the group is thinking <br> When possible, engage students in a "teach to learn" opportunity and have the student become the teacher |
| Today's Lesson "I do-We do" |  |  |

## Family Traditions-Things That Are Special

There are certain things that we do with our family that really matter to us. Instead of being ordinary, the routine that we turn into habits, these things are special and really matter to us. They add special meaning to our lives. However, these things can be simple. Special does not mean extravagant or elegant or grandiose.

These things can be as simple as the $1 / 2$ hour before bed when it's story time, or as fun as knowing every Sunday you are going to go to Grandma and Grandpa's house for lunch and an afternoon of family softball. Maybe you go to the beach for 3 days every summer or have picnics in the park on the first Saturday of the month. Or maybe you go star gazing with your uncle Fred whenever he's in town. Whatever it is, it is what you look forward to doing and when it doesn't occur you really miss it.

We would call these things, simple pleasures. With the class brainstorm a list of those things that are special to them but would not be a part of a cultural tradition.

## Student Practice ("You do") <br> Activity <br> My Favorite Traditions

## Directions:

1. Brainstorm a list of the things that are simple pleasures-the simple traditions of your family.
2. Select 4 family traditions that you enjoy with your family (immediate or extended).
3. Select $28^{\prime \prime}$ circles and one brad. Also pick up a $1 / 4$ circle pattern.
4. Fold one circle carefully so you have four sections and then open it up and press it flat.
5. On the other circle, trace the 1.4 circle and cut away that piece (your circle should look like Pac Man).
6. This circle will be your title or cover sheet. Label it My Family Traditions and then decorate it with patterns or drawing.
7. On the circle that is divided into quarters, in each quarter draw an illustration of the one of the four family traditions that you selected.
8. When you have completed this, join the two circles together with a brad.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)


## Modification:

You may want to cut out the $1 / 4$ of the circle for students so they have more time to spend on the drawings.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\mathrm{t}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Cultural Traditions Cinco de Mayo and September 16 |
| Focus: | Celebrating Traditions |

## Materials:

Vocabulary Notebooks
Fact Card (in separate file)
Paper, crayons/colored pencils
Cinco de Mayo and September 16 Fun Fact Cards
Additional information found in articles about Cinco de Mayo and September 16

## Opening

## State the objective

For the next eleven days we will be practicing our reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking skills by studying traditions that exist in our families, in our culture and around the world.

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

Think about your family's heritage. Unless you are full-blooded American Indian, your family came to the United States from somewhere else. Where is that somewhere? What do you know about that place, the people, the food, how they do certain things?
When you think about those things you are, in part, thinking about the culture.

| Content (the "Meat") |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vocabulary |  | *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout |
| Describe: Culture is a word that describes the beliefs, customs, social practices, history and celebrations of a particular group of people. In each country, there is a national culture-set of beliefs and customs. |  | During the lesson check in with students repeatedly. Check in about what is |
| Create an entry in your Vocabulary Notebook for the word culture Vocabulary Notebook Sample: |  | happening and what they are thinking. |
| New Word | My Description | Take advantage of any teachable moments |
| culture | Beliefs and customs-4 $4^{\text {th }}$ of July picnic at the park with cousins, aunts, and uncles | Stop the class and focus on a student's key learning or understanding. Ask open- |
| Personal Connection <br> It is a tradition in my culture to have a | Drawing | ended questions to determine what the rest of the group is thinking |
| family picnic on July 4 ${ }^{\text {th }}$. |  | When possible, engage students in a "teach to learn" opportunity and have the student become the teacher |

## Today's Lesson "I do-We do"

Cultural Traditions (fact cards for the two days attached)
Have you ever had an opportunity to watch the opening ceremonies of the Olympics on TV? If you have you know that the country that is hosting the Olympics tries to share itself with the world at this opening ceremony. The country tries to capture, in that ceremony, the culture of the country itself. It looks at the history of the country, the people that make up the country, the values that the country has, and the hopes and dreams of the country itself. The ceremony tries to capture this very complex tradition in a very creative and dramatic way.
Sometimes a country's culture gets tied to an historical event and that event becomes a way to showcase that culture. Let's take a look at two important dates in Mexico's history. The first, Cinco de May (the $5^{\text {th }}$ of May) and the second, Mexican Independence Day, September 16. We are going to look at some fact cards about both of the celebrations and discuss the events.

## Student Practice ("You do")

## Activity

Comparing Cinco de Mayo and September 16

## Directions:

1. Distribute the fun fact cards (with $2^{\text {nd }}$ graders you may want to read them together.)
2. After reading the information, make a list of all of the things that happen on Cinco de Mayo.
3. After making the list for Cinco de Mayo, review the information and make a list of all of the facts about September 16.
4. After these lists are made, pair the students to create a Venn Diagram of the two cultural traditions. A Venn diagram is two overlapping circles. In one circle (where it does not overlap the second circle, write all the things on the list about Cinco de Mayo that DO NOT occur on September 16. Repeat the process for the other circle. In the part that overlaps, list those things which are the same for both days.
5. Share the Venn Diagram with another group.



## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)


# Fun Fact Cards <br> Cinco de Mayo and September 16th 

Cinco de Mayo means "the fifth of May." Even though many people think so, it is not Mexico's Independence Day. Many people believe it is Mexico's Independence Day, but that is incorrect. (Mexico's Independence Day is September 16.)

September 16 is Mexico's Independence Day.

Cinco de Mayo is the anniversary of a battle that took place between the Mexicans and the French in 1862.

On September 16, 1810, the priest Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla started a revolt against Spanish rule.

Father Hidalgo was not successful during this battle. He was executed as were many of his Indian followers.

Father Jose Maria Morelos led the revolutionaries after Father Hidalgo, but he too failed and was executed.

Both Father Hidalgo and Father Morelos are symbols of Mexican liberty and patriotism

| Cinco de Mayo isn't like some special events that <br> has particular food attached to it. Instead, <br> traditional Mexican dishes such as enchiladas, <br> burritos, guacamole and tacos are popular on <br> Cinco de Mayo. | Spain was finally defeated in 1821. May 16 was <br> chosen as Mexican Independence Day to honor <br> the anniversary of the start of Father Hidalgo's <br> revolt in 1810. |
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| The Battle of Puebla was short. The entire battle <br> lasted just about two hours and changed the <br> course of history in North America. | The Mexican Independence Day party kicks off on <br> the night of September 15th with special food and <br> a public address by Mexico's President. |
| Cinco de Mayo, as we know it today in America, didn't <br> begin until 1967. Students from California State University <br> noticed that there weren't any Mexican holidays celebrated <br> in America like there were for citizens of other descent, like <br> St. Patrick's Day, Oktoberfest, or Chinese New Year. So <br> they chose Cinco de Mayo as the day to celebrate and <br> gathered Chicano students in unity and celebration. | On Mexican Independence Day families come <br> together much like we do on July 4th. They <br> celebrate with fireworks. |
|  | Just like in America, after Mexico became <br> independent, other countries tried to come in and <br> take over. In 1862 the French came to Mexico to <br> collect on a loan. |
| Holidays like Cinco de May help us to remember <br> special moments in history and help us honor the <br> people who participated. | Mexico declared its independence in 1810, more <br> than 50 years prior to the battle that we <br> commemorate with Cinco de Mayo. |
| Cinco de Mayo represents the last time a foreign <br> army waged aggression in North America... | and |

## Cinco de Mayo

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## 5 facts about Cinco de Mayo

Why do we celebrate Cinco de Mayo? Here are five facts to help you understand the importance of this often misunderstood holiday.

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What's the big deal about Cinco de Mayo - literally translated as the fifth of May? Here's what you need to know to celebrate the day:

1. Cinco de Mayo IS NOT Mexico's Independence Day. Most Americans confuse this holiday with Mexico's Independence Day, but that date is Sept. 16.
2. Cinco de Mayo IS a celebration of the Battle of Puebla. The holiday commemorates the Mexican Army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War (1861-1867).
3. Cinco de Mayo IS a celebrations of underdogs. Why make such a big deal over one victory? The win at Puebla was a huge deal for Mexico because the Mexican Army went into the battle as underdogs. They had no training and no equipment and were vastly outnumbered against the well-armed, well-disciplined and well-funded French, who up until that point had defeated them at every turn. Yet, they prevailed.
4. Cinco de Mayo IS NOT really a big deal in Mexico. With all of the fuss around May 5th here in the U.S., you would think it was the biggest holiday in Mexico - but that's not the case. That honor goes to Mexican Independence Day. Still, Mexicans do celebrate the day with family get-togethers, fireworks, dancing and lots of yummy food.
5. Cinco de Mayo IS a holiday for everyone to celebrate. Many towns around the U.S. have festivals, fiestas, dances, fireworks, food and music in honor of the holiday. It's a great time to teach your kids about the culture, people and history of Mexico - or even learn a little yourself.

More information:

- Cinco de Mayo is the anniversary of a battle that took place between the Mexicans and the French in 1862.
- The battle is known as the Battle of Puebla, and it celebrates Mexico's victory over the French. It also marks a turning point in Mexican national pride. A small, poorly armed group of about 4,500 men were able to stop the French invasion of a well-equipped French army that had about 6,500 or even 8,000 soldiers. The victory made the Mexican people very happy, and helped create a feeling of national unity.
- While Cinco de Mayo is a national holiday in Mexico, it is mainly observed in the state capital of Puebla. However, in the United States, it is becoming a popular holiday to celebrate Mexican culture. Kids and families can try delicious Mexican food, listen and dance to Mexican music, make and admire Mexican art, and shop for fun souvenirs and products at markets called "Mercado."
- The largest Cinco de Mayo event in the world is held in Los Angeles, California, where more than 600,000 people celebrate with music and food. The whole event is called Festival de Fiesta Broadway. Two other big festival are held far from Mexico, in Denver, Colorado, and St Paul's, Minnesota, but they draw hundreds of thousands of participants.
- The Cinco de Mayo festival in Chandler, Arizona, is known for its Chihuahuas! There are Chihuahua parade, races and pageants. At the end, a King and Queen of the Chihuahuas are crowned.
- There aren't any specific foods associated with Cinco de Mayo, but traditional Mexican dishes such as enchiladas, burritos, guacamole and tacos are popular.


# September 16—Mexican Independence Day 

## Grito de Dolores (Cry of Independence)

The Grito de Dolores ("Cry of Dolores") also known as El Grito de la Independencia ("Cry of Independence"), uttered from the small town of Dolores, near Guanajuato on September 16, 1810. It is the event that marks the beginning of the Mexican War of Independence. The "grito" was the pronunciamiento of the Mexican War of Independence by Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a Roman Catholic priest. Since October 1825, the anniversary of the event is celebrated as Mexican Independence Day.

## The Event

Several criollos were involved in a planned revolt against the Spanish colonial government, when several plotters were betrayed. Fearing his arrest, Hidalgo commanded his brother Mauricio to make the sheriff release the pro-independence inmates there on the night of 15 April. They managed to set eighty free. Around 6:00 am September 16, 1810, Hidalgo ordered the church bells to be rung and gathered his congregation. He addressed the people in front of his church, encouraging them to revolt.

The Battle of Guanajuato, the first major engagement of the insurgency, occurred 4 days later. Mexico's independence would not be effectively declared from Spain in the Declaration of Independence of the Mexican Empire until September 27, 1821, after a decade of war.

There is no scholarly consensus as to what exactly Hidalgo said at the time, as the book The Course of Mexican History states "The exact words of this most famous of all Mexican speeches are not known, or, rather, they are reproduced in almost as many variations as there are historians to reproduce them. "[3]

Hidalgo's Grito did not condemn the notion of monarchy or criticize the current social order in detail, but his opposition to the events in Spain and the current government was clearly expressed in his reference to bad government. The Grito also emphasized loyalty to the Catholic religion, a sentiment with which both Creoles and native Spaniards could sympathize.

This event has since assumed an almost mythic status. Since the late 20th century, Hidalgo y Costilla's "cry of independence" has become emblematic of Mexican independence.

Each year on the night of September 15 at around eleven in the evening, the President of Mexico rings the bell of the National Palace in Mexico City. After the ringing of the bell, he repeats a cry of patriotism (a Grito Mexicano) based upon the "Grito de Dolores", with the names of the important heroes of the Mexican War of Independence and ending with the threefold shout of $j$ Viva México! from the balcony of the palace to the assembled crowd in the Plaza de la Constitución, or Zócalo, one of the largest public plazas in the world. After the shouting, he rings the bell again and waves the Flag of Mexico to the applause of the crowd, and is followed by the playing and mass singing of the Himno Nacional Mexicano, the national anthem. This event draws up to half a million spectators from all over Mexico and tourists worldwide. On the morning of September 16, or Independence Day, the national military parade starts in the Zócalo, passes the Hidalgo Memorial and ends on the Paseo de la Reforma, Mexico City's main boulevard.

A similar celebration occurs in cities and towns all over Mexico, and in Mexican embassies and consulates worldwide, on the 15th or the 16th. The mayor (or governor, in the case of state capitals and ambassadors or consuls in the case of overseas celebrations), rings a bell and gives the traditional words, with the names of Mexican independence heroes included, ending with the threefold shout of Viva Mexico!, the bell ringing for the second time, the waving of the Mexican flag and the mass singing of the National Anthem by everyone in attendance. In the 19th century, it became common practice

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for Mexican presidents in their final year in office to re-enact the Grito in Dolores Hidalgo, rather than in the National Palace. President Calderón officiated at the Grito in Dolores Hidalgo as part of the bicentennial celebrations in 2010 on the 16th of September, even though he had to do this first, to launch the national bicentennial celebrations, in the National Palace balcony on the night of the 15 th. ${ }^{[7][8]}$ As a result, the 2011 commemoration was held in the National Palace balcony instead.

The following day, September 16 is Independence Day in Mexico and is considered a patriotic holiday, or fiesta patria (literally, holiday of the Fatherland). This day is marked by parades, patriotic programs, drum and bugle and marching band competitions, and special programs on the national and local media outlets, even concerts.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Traditions Christmas Around the World |
| Focus: | Theme-Celebrating Traditions |

## Materials:

Fun Fact Cards attached to the Lesson Plan
Materials for activity (green and red construction paper, glue sticks, scissors)


The Christmas Holiday is celebrated around the world. There are many traditions connected to Christmas but the three that we are going to take a look at are the wreath, the candy cane and the stocking.

Wreath: circle because there is no beginning or end to the love that it represents; evergreen because it is always green and represents the hope we need to live our lives joyously.

Candy Cane: In the beginning, 1670 , the candy cane was all white and shaped like a J to represent a shepherd's staff (the "hook" that the shepherd used to rescue his sheep). The red was added years later. In America it became a tree decoration.

Stocking: An empty sock is hung by the "fireplace" so that gifts can be added before Christmas morning. The gifts can be fruit and nuts or something small enough to actually fit into the stocking.

There are fact cards available for you and the students to read and review that will share more about these three items and other Christmas Around the World traditions.

After going through those cards, make a list of those significant facts that you have learned from reading the history of the wreath, candy cane and stocking.

## Student Practice ("You do") <br> Activity <br> Making A Wreath (Hands traced onto green paper)

## Supplies

Scissors
Green construction paper (multiple pieces for each child)
8 " green circle, with center cut out
Red construction paper
Glue sticks

## Directions:

1. Pair students.
2. Partners should trace the hands of their partners for a pattern.
3. After the pattern is complete, student cut it out and traces it multiple times on several pieces of green paper.
4. Cut out the hand prints.
5. Gently roll the ends of each of the hand prints.
6. Glue the hands around the circle; turn the fingers toward the center and away from the center.
7. When handprints have been glued all the way around the green wreath base, add red berries (cut red circles).


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)


## Fun Fact Cards <br> Christmas Around the World

Santa Claus began in the $4^{\text {th }}$ Century with St. Nicholas who came from Turkey. He was a generous man and gave gifts and presents to people in need.

According to one legend, St. Nicholas rode by a nobleman's house who had lost all of his money and threw out small packages of gold so the daughters of the nobleman could get married and have a dowry.

St. Nicholas is the patron said of Russia and is well known for a flowing red cape, white beard, and carrying a bishop's mitre.

Christmas trees have been popular for a long time. In Germany in the $16^{\text {th }}$ century, fir or evergreen trees were decorated with apples, roses, colored paper and decorated candy. These decorated trees could be found both indoors and outdoors. Later these trees were decorated with cookies and ornaments.

Holly has stickers on the points at the end of its leaves. In ancient times, boughs of holly were thought to have magical power because it was able to survive very cold and harsh winters.

In the beginning a Christmas card was a way for children to practice their writing skills. Then people started sending special greeting at Christmas time to people they spent a lot of time with as well as those they did not keep track of very well. Sir Henry Cole created the first real Christmas card to reach out to his friends.

In Hawaii to have a fir tree you would have to import the tree. Creative Hawaiians decorate palm trees and instead of a sleigh for Santa Claus, they see things like an outrigger canoe and instead of reindeer, the kids think of dolphins pulling the outrigger.

In the Philippines they celebrate with a Christmas Eve feast of special Filipino dinner dishes. They have gift-giving ceremonies on Christmas Eve and the children hang their socks as well.

In Guatemala there are processions for nine days. The official food for this time period is tamales. The Feast Day of Saint Thomas is on December 21. There are parades up and down the streets in Guatemala with marching bands.

After Christmas day in the Ukraine, people dress up in monster-mask s and jump out and scare people who then combine forces to defeat the evil that is represented by the masks.

What may be considered as the unique Christmas traditions of Japan are Christmas Cakes, Fried Chicken, and Daiku. The cake usually is a decorated sponge cake with miniature figures of trees, flowers, and Santa Claus. Fried chicken has become the traditional meal while the Daiku, which is the Ninth Symphony of Beethoven, the favorite music of the season.

France serves seven meatless meals before going to attend the midnight mass on Christmas Eve. The fast is broken with a feast of roast meat and wine after the mass.

In Lithuania, food is prepared not only for kucios, which is the special Xmas Eve supper, but for the first day of Christmas as well. This breaks the ritual fast and abstention from meat.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Traditions-Fixing Ham |
| Focus: | Celebrating Traditions |

## Materials:

Strips of white paper (4" x 17")
Crayons or colored pencils

## Opening

State the objective
For the next eleven days we will be practicing our reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking skills by studying traditions that exist in our families, in our culture and around the world.

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What is a tradition that you have in your family? When did this tradition begin? Is it a tradition based on a celebration? Is it a tradition based on something to celebrate your culture? Is it a tradition based on your extended family (grandparents, greatgrandparents, parents, etc.)

## Content (the "Meat")

| Vocabulary |  | *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Describe: A tradition is like a habit but instead of being with just one person, it is something that spreads across many people and many generations. It is a way that a family or a culture thinks, behaves or celebrates. In the U.S. we have a tradition of fireworks on the $4^{\text {th }}$ of July to celebrate our independence. |  | During the lesson check in with students repeatedly. <br> Check in about what is happening and what they are thinking. <br> Take advantage of any teachable moments. |
| New Word tradition | My Description <br> My family's habit of going to the movies on Friday night | 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 |
| Personal Connection <br> It is our tradition to go to the movies every Friday night. | Drawing | thinking. <br> When possible, engage students in a "teach to learn" opportunity and have the student become the teacher. |
| Today's Lesson "I do-We do" What is a tradition? |  |  |

A tradition is something that is more institutionalized than a habit. You may wonder what that means. A habit is personal, it belongs to the person who has the habit. If the person gives up the habit, then the habit goes away. A tradition is something that a group of people accept and act on. It is what they collectively expect to happen no matter which people are in the room. It is the way a group of people, often a family or collection of families, acts or a tradition describes the group's expectations.
There is a story about the tradition of the Thanksgiving Ham. A family was getting ready for a large family dinner on Thanksgiving. A girl is watching her mother fix a ham for the dinner. The first thing that the mother does is cut the end off the ham. The girl asks, "Mom, why do you cut the end off the ham?". The mother said, "It's a tradition. I don't know why we do it. Ask your grandmother when she gets here." When the grandmother arrived the girl asked, "Grandma, why do we cut the end off the ham?" The grandmother replied, "It's a tradition. I don't know why we do it. Ask your great-grandmother when she gets here." When the great-grandmother arrived the girl asked, "Great grandmother, why do we cut the end off the ham?" The great grandmother replied, "I don't know why your mother and your grandmother cut it off, but I cut it off because my pan was too small".
This is an example of a tradition, something that happens from one generation to another. In this case it is a meaningless tradition, but most of them are part of the cultural mystique a celebration of one of three things:

The family itself
The culture
The celebrations
What are some of your traditions? Do you have a tradition of calling a person whose birthday it is and singing happy birthday to them? Do you have a tradition that every Saturday night you have hamburgers? Do you have a tradition that you go swimming on New Year's Day? Do you have a tradition that has everyone sit at the dinner table in a particular order? Discuss your traditions with a peer.

## Student Practice ("You do") <br> Activity <br> "Fixing Ham"

## Directions:

1. Take a strip of paper ( 6 " $\times 17^{\prime \prime}$ ) and fold the strip into 4 parts.
2. On the strip of paper create a "comic" strip (pictures and words) for the story about cutting the end off the ham. When you have finished, share with a friend not only your drawing but your thoughts about your own traditions.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)


## Modification:

Demonstrate how to make a comic strip by discussing the pictures and also consider what words you may put in a dialogue bubble.


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}$-5th Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Traditions Jewish Hanukkah |
| Focus: | Theme-Celebrating Traditions |

## Materials:

Vocabulary notebook
Fun Fact Cards
3 " $x$ " unlined cards, crayons/colored pencils

| Opening |
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| $\quad$ State the objective |
| For the next eleven days we will be practicing our reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking skills by studying <br> traditions that exist in our families, in our culture and around the world. |

## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What do you know about Hanukkah? What do you know about Jewish people? What would you like to learn about this celebration and the Jewish people?

## Content (the "Meat")



## Celebrations: Hanukkah

One of the holidays that is celebrated by the Jewish culture is Hanukkah. This date has historic significance in Jewish history and the celebration is directly tied to that event.

In 165 B.C., the Macabees had banded together and drove the very powerful Syrian army out of Jerusalem. For the Macabees, Jerusalem was a city where they had a special temple or church. When the Syrians came to Jerusalem they insisted that the Jewish people give up their religion and rituals and worship the Greek gods. This made the Jewish people very unhappy.

The Jewish people, the Macabees, met and decided to fight back and turn the anger they felt into action. So, they banded together to force Antiochus, the Greek King of Syria, out of Jerusalem. Hanukkah is a celebration of the Macabees victory over the Syrian army. Hanukkah is a Hebrew word which mean dedication. (Jewish people speak Hebrew, just like American people speak English.)

Once the Macabees had reclaimed the temple they wanted to "purify and sanctify" the temple by lighting an eternal flame. This flame had to be fueled by sacred oil, but when the Macabees got ready to light the fire they discovered that they had only one days oil. The Jewish people believe that a miracle happened because the flame continued to burn for 8 days the time it took to get the sacred oil. This miracle is remembered in the eight candles of the Menorah, a candelabra that has become part of Hanukkah.

You will be able to share more information with your students with the Fun Fact Cards.

## Student Practice ("You do")

## Activity

Trading Cards

## Directions:

1. Give each student a $3^{\prime \prime} \times 5^{\prime \prime}$ card that is blank on both sides.
2. On side one, student should write the word Hanukkah and draw a symbol of that event (maybe the menorah.
3. On the back of the card, student should select 3 of the facts that were of interest to them about Hanukkah (making tiny illustrations to the side).
4. When student has finished his or her cards, have them share the card with a small group of peers.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)


## Modification:

Have students work in small groups or pairs to read the Fun Fact cards.

## Fun Fact Cards <br> Hanukkah

$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|}\hline & \begin{array}{l}\text { The Menorah is a candelabrum that is used in the } \\ \text { Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days and nights, } \\ \text { beginning on the 25th in the month of Kislev on the celebration. There are } 8 \text { candles } \\ \text { Hebrew calendar. }\end{array} \\ \begin{array}{ll}\text { which represent the } 8 \text { days that had no oil. The } \\ \text { eight-day lighting of the candles commemorates } \\ \text { the eight-day miracle of the oil. }\end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{l}\text { The Yiddish word for money is gelt. During the 8 } \\ \text { days of Hanukkah, children receive a gift of gelt. } \\ \text { Children learn to both give and receive. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { During Hanukkah, Jewish children enjoying playing } \\ \text { with a toy called a dreidel, which is similar to a top. } \\ \text { The dreidel has four sides and features the }\end{array} \\ \text { Hebrew letters. }\end{array}\right\}$

| Nun, gimel, hay, and shin are Hebrew letters that <br> can be found on dreidels. | In 165 B.C.E, the Jewish Macabees managed to <br> drive the Syrian army out of Jerusalem and reclaim <br> their temple. |
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| Most Jews were angry and decided to fight back <br> when they were told to ignore Jewish traditions <br> and worship Greek gods. | Hanukkah is the celebration of the Macabee <br> victory over the Syrian army. |
| In history, the celebration or observance of |  |
| Hanukkah has increased in popularity. | In Hebrew, the word "Hanukkah" means <br> "dedication." There are many different ways to <br> spell Hanukkah. |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}$-5th Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Traditions Kwanzaa Woven Mat |
| Focus: | Theme-Celebrating Traditions |

## Materials:

Fun Fact Cards at the end of this Lesson Plan
Materials for woven mat (glue sticks, scissors, green, black, and red construction paper)

| Opening |
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| $\quad$ State the objective |
| For the next eleven days we will be practicing our reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking skills by studying |
| traditions that exist in our families, in our culture and around the world. |
| Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions |
| What do you know about Kwanzaa? What do you know about the colors that are important to Kwanzaa? |
| Do you know anyone who celebrates Kwanzaa? What would you like to learn about Kwanzaa? |


| Content (the "Meat") |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Word for today: reflective Vocabulary |  | *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout |
| Describe: Have you ever looked into a mirror? What do you see? You see a reflection of yourself and everything else that can be seen in the mirror. Reflective means that you stop and think about an event, not just what happened but how you feel about it and what you've learned from it, and how you will apply that learning. When you do this, you are being reflective. |  | During the lesson check in with students repeatedly. <br> Check in about what is happening and what they are thinking. |
| Create an entry in your Vocabulary Notebook for the word reflective |  | Take advantage of any teachable moments. <br> Stop the class and focus on a |
| New Word $\begin{array}{ll} \\ & \text { Reflective }\end{array}$ | My Description <br> To think about something and see it in your mind and consider how you feel about the event | student's key learning or understanding. Ask openended questions to determine what the rest of the group is thinking. |
| Personal Connection <br> I am in a reflective mood as I think back to my last birthday. | Drawing | students in a "teach to learn" opportunity and have the student become the teacher. |
| Today's Lesson "I do-We do" |  |  |

## Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is a holiday that is born out of African tradition. It is a celebration that is reflective and encourages people to slow down and take a look at what is important.

Kwanzaa was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966 during the American Civil Rights Movement. Kwanzaa is observed from December 26 through January 1. During these seven days, people observing Kwanzaa focus on seven principles: unity, selfdetermination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

A candle is lit each day of the observance. The candles are black (representing the people) red (3 of these to represent the struggles of the people) and green (3 of these to represent hope and future). Each day a candle is lit and the principle for the day is discussed and reflected upon.

Symbols of Kwanzaa include African symbols of harvest which include dried corn and colorfully woven tablecloths.

There are fact cards available for you and the students to read and review.
After going through those cards, make a list of those significant facts that you have learned from reading the history of Kwanzaa.

## Student Practice ("You do")

Kwanzaa Woven Mat

## Directions:

1. Three important colors for Kwanzaa are black, green and red. Today we are going to create a place mat by weaving together those colors.
2. Once we have made the mat, you will write one fact on a white 3 " $\times 5$ " card and place in the middle of the mat.
3. Each student needs an 8 " square of black construction paper, a ruler, and a pair of scissors.
4. The black paper will be the frame for the weaving.
5. Student should begin on one edge and draw a straight line, aligning the edge of the paper with one edge of the ruler and then tracing down the other side of the leader.
6. After completing that, student should turn the square and repeat the process (it should look like a T of sorts.
7. On the second side, student should trace lines, one ruler apart across the entire paper:

8. Student will cut up the lines that go across, stopping at the first line that was drawn, creating a border.
9. Student is then given both a red and green 8 " square. The student will use the ruler to draw lines for strips that they can cut apart.
10. Once the student has cut all of his/her strips, then he/she will begin weaving the strips into the black frame, first the green and then the red strips until the weaving have gone across the entire frame.
11. Once the strips are in place, student will glue the ends to add stability.
12. Student writes his/her fact card and places it on the mat with glue sticks.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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)
- Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)


## Fun Fact Cards

## Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is an African American celebration observed from December 26th through January 1st.

Kwanzaa was developed by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966, a professor at California State University Long Beach, as a way to celebrate and promote the African American culture.

A Kinara is a type of candelabra. The Kinara holds 7 candles, one that is lit on each day of the observance.
purpose, 6) creativity and 7) faith.
There are seven principles that the Kwanzaa observance focuses on. These are 1) unity, 2) self-determination, 3) collective work and responsibility, 4) cooperative economics, 5)

A black candle is in the center of the Kinara. To the left of the black candle are three red candles representing the struggles of the African American people. To the right of the black candles are three green candles which represent hope and the future.

During Kwanzaa, people greet one another in Swahili. They ask the question, "Habari gani?" The question is answered by saying the principle being discussed or focused on for that day: (unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith)

Kwanzaa if about reflection and thinking about African heritage, where you have been and where you want to go. It is not religious or political.

The kinara is a wooden candle stick. It is a simple candle stick that is made from the Earth.

African harvest symbols have become symbols for Kwanzaa. These include ears of dried corn and colorfully woven tablecloths.

On day one, the black candle of unity is lit. Families gather and share things they are feeling as well as the day-to-day of their lives with one another. This practice helps to clear the air in case there are misunderstandings.

| On day 2 the red candle is lit. This candle <br> symbolizes togetherness and the importance of <br> sharing traditions. Some people teach others how <br> to play a drum, cook a particular food, or braid <br> hair. | On day 3 a green candle is lit that symbolizes <br> togetherness and sharing a common goal. <br> Everyone in the family comes together to work on <br> a chore or a project such as cleaning the garage or <br> painting a fence. |
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| On day four a red candle is lit signifying <br> togetherness and sharing a family gift. Instead of <br> an individual gift, this is the day for the gift to be <br> given to the family. The gift needs to promote <br> family unity and togetherness. | On day 5 a green candle is lit. This candle is <br> symbolic of togetherness, sharing dreams and <br> hopes. This is an especially good day to talk about <br> the future and ask each person to share what they <br> want to accomplish in the coming year. |
| On day 6 a red candle is lit that supports <br> togetherness, sharing and creativity. For this day, <br> everyone in the family creates something-poem, <br> dance, painting, a hand craft. Each person shares <br> with the entire family. | On day 7 a green candle is lit. This is the day that <br> everyone will come together to celebrate being <br> one by breaking bread and sharing a meal. Such <br> wonderful food as baked ham, roasted yams, <br> collard greens, thick bread -help to make this a <br> wonderful feast. |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }} \text { Grades }}$ |
| Lesson Title: | Synonyms and One Minute Predictions |
| Focus: | Fluency, Synonyms, Double Consonants |

## Materials:

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

## Opening

## State the objective

The purpose of these lessons are to:

- Improve fluency (the ability to read smoothly).
- Increase vocabulary (both academic and other words).
- Practice Reciprocal Teaching (predicting, clarifying, questioning, and summarizing).
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## Repeated Reading Process

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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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## Synonyms

In small groups students brainstorm words that mean the same thing as the word cry. Remind students that words which mean the same or about the same are called synonyms. The goal is to come up with at least 10 words that mean the same as "cry".
sob, weep, tear, sigh, hysterics, blubber, bawl, snivel, whimper, whine.
Once students have made a list, ask them to work in their groups to order the words from cry to the word that means the most cry, placing all of the words in between. When making this list, start with the word "cry" on the top of the page, and the word that means the most cry on the bottom.

Once this is done, have them select 3 words from the list and draw a picture that will represent that word.

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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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During the lesson check in with students repeatedly.
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## Double the Consonant (activity at end of lesson plan)

One of the things that you need to learn so that you can spell correctly is when to double a consonant and when to leave it alone. The purpose of this activity is to practice that skill.

## Directions:

With a vis-à-vis pen, write the root words with "ed" and "ing" endings. After duplicating the activity either laminate or place in a sheet protector for reuse.
Reminder: Many root words end with a short vowel and one consonant. When an "ed" or "ing" ending is added, usually the consonant is doubled.
Example:
map + ed = mapped
map + ing = mapping

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| Say: | Review |
| - Please recap what we did today. |  |
| - Did we achieve our objectives? |  |
| 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!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today.
- Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
- 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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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Antonyms |
| Focus: | Fluency, Antonyms, Double Consonants |

## Materials:

Chart paper
White board, pens and/or crayons
Activity at end of lesson plan

## Opening

## State the objective

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## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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## Repeated Reading Process

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students to the next level.

## 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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## Antonyms

Yesterday and the day before you made charts for all of the words that you could think of that mean the same or nearly the same as "laugh" and "cry". Today, put the list with the "laugh" synonyms on top and the list with the "cry" synonyms on the bottom. You now have a continuum of words from the smallest emotion of unhappiness to the biggest emotion of happiness.
Create several sentences and try it out using each of the different words and see how the sentence changes in its meaning. For example. The movie was amazing and before it was over every emotion was felt, I laughed during so many parts. Or, The movie was amazing and before it was over every emotion was felt, I cried during so many parts.

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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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Double the Consonant (at end of lesson plan)
Review this game from yesterday. Have students share with you the strategies that they used
to get the answers correct. Have students play with a different partner today.
Directions:
With a vis-à-vis pen, write the root words with "ed" and "ing" endings.
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ending is added, usually the consonant is doubled.
Example:
map + ed = mapped
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in with kids to determine if they have and understanding of these key elements.

|  | Closing |
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|  | 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.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Clipped Words and Homographs |
| Focus: | Fluency, Homographs, Clipped Words |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan (Clipped Words and Double or Nothing)
White board, pens/crayons OR $3 \times 5$ cards for Question and Connection Cards

| Opening |
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students to the next level.

## 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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Homographs--one of a group of words spelt in the same way but having different meanings. The English language is full of words that have multiple meanings and the challenge is to help students, especially those new to English, to understand the differences in meaning. You will have options to play several games using the same cards.

The first is called Double or Nothing.
The purpose of this game is to practice utilizing these homographs in a variety of sentences.

## Directions:

1. Divide students into groups of 2-3.
2. Give each group two sets of cards-word cards and sentence cards.
3. Shuffle the word cards and place them face down between the players.
4. Lay the sentence cards face up in a grid between the players.
5. Player \#1 picks a word card and determines which sentence card the word goes with, filling in the blank in both sentences with the same word.
6. If he/she gets the answer correct, then play moves on to Player \#2 and Player \#1 gets to keep the pair of cards.
7. Player with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

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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

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questions, going back and forth.
Example: If students read something about Columbus, the QUESTION card might read: What were the names of the three ships Columbus sailed with? If the same article was read, a CONNECTION card might read: How does Columbus coming to the new world connect to the Pilgrims coming over 100 years later?

## Conventions

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## Clipped Words (at end of the lesson plan)

Sometimes when we talk about something that is very familiar, we clip the word. For example,

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## Directions

1. Place the cards face down in a grid (like Concentration).
2. Player selects two cards. If they match, player removes the two cards and draws again. If the cards do not match, play moves to the next player.
3. Repeat step 2.
4. Winner is player with the most matches.

## 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!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today.
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Clipped Words

| pike | microphone | drape | referee |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| mike | automobile | gas | veteran |
| auto | gradate | ref | turnpike |
| vet | hamburger | burger | trigonometry |
| champ | drapery | trig | gasoline |
| grad | champion | exam | lab |
| van | sub | plane | memo |
| flu | limo | tux | teen |


| laboratory | submarine | memorandum | examination |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| limousine | caravan | teenager | airplane |
| tuxedo | influenza | lunch | luncheon |

Double or Nothing Homographs

| agape | bass | bat | bow |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| down | entrance | evening | fine |
| learned | minute | moped | number |
| row | sewer | wave | wound |
| yard | duck | fly | fair |
| ring | pitcher | light | desert |
| ry |  |  |  |

Double or Nothing

| Her mouth was wide open. It was | He went fishing for | He would rather have a wooden $\qquad$ than a metal one. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| When he went to church he learned a Greek word for love. He learned the word | He has the deepest voice. He sings $\qquad$ | He is afraid of going into the cave because $h$ heard that a $\qquad$ lived there. |
| She had a ribbon in her hair. It was tied in a $\qquad$ | Place your shoe $\qquad$ on the floor. | Please be sure that you go through the |
| When he met the queen he remembered to $\qquad$ | He lives where it is cold so he has a $\qquad$ jacket made from goose feathers. | Her grandmother is so excited to take her to Disneyland/ She knows it will $\qquad$ her granddaughter. |
| As the sun went down, the day turned into $\qquad$ | Have you seen the movie, One $\qquad$ Day? | He had done that many times so he has $\qquad$ his lesson. |
| The frosting was lumpy so she spent some time $\qquad$ it out. | He was speeding on the freeway so he was charged a $\qquad$ | He is very well education. He is considered a $\qquad$ man. |
| There are 60 seconds in a | He was so sad that he $\qquad$ around all weekend. | He had no feeling in his hand. It was $\qquad$ than before it got hit. |
| $\qquad$ . The picture | Do you know how to ride a | What $\qquad$ comes after 8? |


| There is a song called | The water from the shower went into the | When you see someone you know, your hand. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| your boat. |  |  |
| They got into a $\qquad$ over who would pay the bill. | She uses needle and thread to make the dress. She is known as a $\qquad$ | When you are standing on the beach the $\qquad$ will lap over your feet. |
| He $\qquad$ the old fashioned clock every Saturday. | The little girl was playing in her back $\qquad$ | The mother $\qquad$ and her babies were waddling along. |
| He was shot in the arm. He had a horrible $\qquad$ | He decided to measure the fabric by the $\qquad$ | Be careful around here. You will need to $\qquad$ your head. |
| I will $\qquad$ to New York on an airplane. | He went to the County $\qquad$ and had a great time. | It is incredibly hot in the |
| The dragon $\qquad$ had colorful wings. | Julie said that it wasn't $\qquad$ to send her away. | I couldn't believe the he would $\qquad$ us when we needed him most. |
| Do you have a silver $\qquad$ that you wear? | He will pour the water out of the large green $\qquad$ | Turn the $\qquad$ on when you come into the room. |
| I heard the telephone | The $\qquad$ hurled the baseball over the base. | It is interesting how the shading went from $\qquad$ to dark. |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Musical Shares and Sequencing |
| Focus: | Sequencing, Prediction, Punctuating Direct Quotes |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan (Sequencing and Direct Quotes)
White board and pen/crayon

## Opening

## State the objective

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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.

## 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.

## Vocabulary

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

Sequencing is an important skill if you are predicting what will happen next. The order that events occur, matters. For example, you will not wash the dishes before you have eaten dinner and gotten them dirty, it just doesn't make sense. In this activity, read each of the cards and answer the question, what comes next.

## Sequencing

## Directions:

1. Read through the cards and discuss the completion of each sentence. Blue cards are the sentence beginnings, yellow, the sentence ends.
2. Mix the cards up and place face down in a grid pattern (like Concentration).
3. Player one turns up one card and looks for a match in the second card.
4. If the cards match, the player keeps the cards. If not play resumes with the next player.
5. Continue until all cards are matched.

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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 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

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will then work in pairs and using those three words will write a description of what they believe the story will be about.

## Conventions

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Punctuating Quotations correctly requires that students both know and understand the rules and then apply them correctly. In this activity students will be able to practice the basics.
There are 6 basic rules:

1. Periods and commas always go inside quotation marks, even inside single quotes.
2. The placement of question marks with quotes follows logic. If a question is in quotation marks, the question mark should be placed inside the quotation marks.
3. When you have a question outside quoted material and inside quote material, use only one question mark and place it inside the quotation mark.
4. Use single quotation marks for quotes within quotes. Note that the period goes inside all quote marks.
5. Use quotation marks to set off a direct quotation only.
6. Do not use quotation marks with quoted material that is more than three lines in length.

## Punctuating Direct Quotes

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Direct Quotation cards, and a white board and crayon.
3. Student \#1 draws a card and writes the statement or question on the white board correctly.
4. If Student \#1 is successful, then Student \#2 takes his/her turn.
5. Game is over when all cards have been used.

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 |
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| Say: | Review |
| - 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.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today.
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## Sequencing-Part \#2 (select different color for these cards)

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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Sequencing and Independent Reading |
| Focus: | Sequencing, Clarifying, Punctuating Quotes |

## Materials:

Activities at the end of the lesson plan (Sequencing and Direct Quotes)

| 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?
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Beyond fluency, it is important to read with correct phrasing and expression. What can you do to accomplish this?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

Repeated Reading is a key strategy that research has found to be incredibly effective in building fluency. Repeated Reading means exactly that-students read and re-read the same passage, practicing not only the unique words but the sight words that make up of $65 \%$ of the written words. For reading passages see information in the side note.

## 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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
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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

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

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

Students played this game yesterday. Ask them to share the strategies they learned for playing the game easily. Have them share the tips with one another.
Have students participate today but with a different partner.

## Sequencing

## Directions:

1. Read through the cards and discuss the completion of each sentence. Blue cards are the sentence beginnings, yellow, the sentence ends.
2. Mix the cards up and place face down in a grid pattern (like Concentration).
3. Player one turns up one card and looks for a match in the second card.
4. If the cards match, the player keeps the cards. If not play resumes with the next player.
5. Continue until all cards are matched.

## Reciprocal Teaching

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## Activity

## Clarifying:

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/question would be, "Can an adder be a hermit? Will a bat fly through a waterfall? Is there a cave under the bridge?

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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.

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| Punctuating Direct Quotes | these key elements. |
| See above |  |
| Punctuating Direct Quotes |  |
| Directions: |  |
| 1. Divide students into pairs. |  |
| 2. Give each pair a set of Direct Quotation cards, and a white board and crayon. |  |
| 3. Student \#1 draws a card and writes the statement or question on the white board correctly. |  |
| 4. If Student \#1 is successful, then Student \#2 takes his/her turn. |  |
| 5. Game is over when all cards have been used. |  |


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| Say: | Review |
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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Find The Evidence and Fluency |
| Focus: | Fluency, Synonyms, Predicting |

## Materials:

Fluency passages or students current reading
White boards, pens or crayons
Conventions activity at end of lesson plan
Chart paper

## Opening <br> State the objective

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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.

## Fluency Activity of the Day

Fluency Test—Read 1 minute count number 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

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

## Synonyms

Together, brainstorm words that mean the same thing as the word big. Share with students that words which mean the same or about the same are called synonyms. Make it your goal to come up with at least 10 words that mean the same as "big".
large, giant, huge, outsized, bulky, colossal, enormous, massive, gargantuan, mammoth (a word like grande could also be used).

Once students have made a list, ask them to work in pairs or trios to order the words from big to the word that means the most big, placing all of the words in between. When making this chart, put the word big at the bottom and the word that represents the "biggest" is on the top.

Once this is done, have them select 3 words from the list and draw a picture that will represent that word.

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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 walked alone."

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## Conventions

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## Simple and Compound Sentences (Activity at end of lesson plan)

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## Directions:

1. Read each sentence.
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3. Sort the sentences to the appropriate column.

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.

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## Simple and Compound Sentences

## Simple Sentences

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The dog dug a hole in the yard.

John said that his brother was outside on his bike.

I did my homework first.

I cleaned up my bedroom.

We saw the Grand Canyon on our vacation.

I went to the store but I did not buy anything.

The dog dug a hole and he chased the mailman.

John rode his bike and he helped his neighbor rake leaves.

I did my homework first and I played video games with my friend.

I cleaned up my bedroom but I did not clean up the yard.

We saw the Grand Canyon and we saw Yellowstone Park.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | I Wonder and Paired Reading |
| Focus: | Synonyms, Fluency, Sentence Types |

## Materials:

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

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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.

## Vocabulary

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## Antonyms

Yesterday and the day before you made charts for all of the words that you could think of that mean the same or nearly the same as "big" and "little". Today, put the list with the "big" synonyms on top and the list with the "little" synonyms on the bottom. You now have a continuum of words from the smallest of small to the biggest of big.

Have students read through the words and quiz each other on the opposites of each word.
When you have completed this have each pair of students use three different words in a sentence.

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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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## Simple, Compound and Complex Sentences (attached to this lesson plan)

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The purpose of the activity is to practice identifying simple, compound and complex sentences. Simple sentences have a subject and a predicate. Example: The brown dog ran quickly down the street. Compound sentences are two simple sentences put together by the connecting words like and. Example: The dog ran down the street and he stopped at the corner to wait for the light. Complex sentences are one simple sentence and then a phrase that could not stand alone. Example: Even though the dog waited at the corner, he did not know that the light was red.

## Directions:

1. Read each sentence.
2. Decide if it is simple, compound, or complex.
3. Sort the sentences to the appropriate column.

## 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.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

- Ask students to think about what they did today.
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If I go to the store, I will not buy anything.

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Even though it was cold outside, J ohn rode his bike.

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After the housekeeper came, the bedroom was clean.

While we were on vacation, we saw Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Parks.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Figurative Language and Collective Nouns |
| Focus: | Figurative Language, Clarifying, Collective Nouns |

## Materials:

Activity from yesterday
White boards, crayons and/or pens
Convention activity at end of lesson plan

## Opening

## State the objective

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- Work on being proficient at the conventions of writing which include capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence types, and grammar.


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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.

## 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

Students played this game yesterday. Review what an idiom is. Discuss strategies for playing the game effectively. Ask students to play with a different partner today.

## Figurative Language

## Directions:

1. Place the definition cards face down.
2. Player draws a definition card and has 30 seconds to locate the correct idiom.
3. If player matches the definition and the idiom correctly, then he/she rolls the die and moves that many spaces.
4. If player does not match the definition and the idiom correctly, then he/she loses his/her turn.
5. Play continues until one person completes the course.
6. Cards may be reshuffled for play to continue.

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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 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

## Collective Nouns

A collective noun names a group. Groups have members which may be people, animals or

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Often, this activity will be centered on a game to provide practice time on key
things. A collective noun refers to the entire group at one time. The purpose of the activity is to determine which words are collective nouns and to write them on the game board.

## Collective Nouns

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Collective Nouns Game Board and Sentence Cards.
3. Game Board goes between the two students. Sentence Cards are shuffled and placed face down next to the game board.
4. Player one reads the sentence card and determines if there is a collective noun in the sentence, and if yes, determines which word is the collective noun.
5. Player then writes the collective noun on the game board.
6. Player 2 then draws a sentence card and repeats the process.
7. Game is over when first player has identified 8 collective nouns.
conventions. Be sure to check in with kids to determine if they have and understanding of these key elements.

## Closing

## Review

Say:

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## Debrief

## LBNT

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Collective Nouns Game Board $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$


| The army carefully went <br> through the jungle. | The roll of quarters was <br> worth $\$ 10.00$. | The band was marching <br> in the parade in their blue <br> and gold uniforms. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| The atlas was updated to <br> include three newly <br> formed countries. | The pool of lawyers was <br> waiting to get a case. | The litter of kittens looked <br> just like the mother. |
| The swarm of bees was <br> buzzing around the roof. | The troop of baboons is a <br> big attraction at the zoo. | The flock of geese was <br> flying south for the winter. |
| The school of fish could <br> turn immediately and go <br> the other way. | The board of directors for <br> the school was elected. | Mom purchased a bunch <br> of bananas for our <br> lunches. |
| The cast of the play met |  |  |
| us after the final curtain. | The hen's brood was busy <br> following their mother. | The mob of kangaroos <br> could be found in <br> Australia. |
| The pride of lions is alone |  |  |
| on the savannah. | The herd of buffalo is <br> traveling through <br> Wyoming. | We saw a pack of wolves <br> near the campsite. |


| A cloud of gnats swarmed <br> nearby. | The football team was <br> eager to win the game. | The class will graduate in <br> June. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | 10 or Less and All Read |
| Focus: | Synonyms, Different Types of Sentences, Summarizing |

## Materials:

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

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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.

## Vocabulary

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## Synonyms

In small groups have students brainstorm words that mean the same thing as the word laugh. Remind students that words which mean the same or about the same are called synonyms. Their goal is to come up with at least 10 words that mean the same as "laugh" chuckle, giggle, tee-hee, smile, guffaw, chortle, snigger, snort, hoot, cackle.

Once students have made a list, ask them to work in the group to order the words from laugh to the word that means the most laugh, placing all of the words in between. When making this chart, put the word laugh at the bottom and the word that represents the most "laugh" is on the top.

Once this is done, have them select 3 words from the list and draw a picture that will represent that.

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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 will this information apply to your life?

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## Simple, Compound and Complex Sentences (at end of lesson plan)

Review this game from yesterday. Have students share with you the strategies that they used to get the answers correct. Have students play with a different partner today.

## Directions:

1. Read each sentence.
2. Decide if it is simple, compound, or complex.
3. Sort the sentences to the appropriate column.

## Closing

## Review

Say:

- Please recap what we did today.
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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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Simple, Compound and Complex Sentences

| Simple |
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| Sentences |$|$|  |
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| Compound |
| :---: |
| Sentences |$\quad$|  |
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Complex Sentences

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| :---: | :---: |
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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Double or Nothing and Review |
| Focus: | Sequencing and Review |

## Materials:

Activities from the past 11 days for students to select from, at the end of lessons 1-10.

## Opening

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## Fluency Activity of the Day

Retest student, read for 1 minute compare results with the pre-test.

## Vocabulary

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Have students select one of the games that they did during the week to play today. If they would like to do the synonyms and antonyms from most to least and create a synonyms/antonyms chart, consider the following word pairs:

- loud and quiet
- old and young
- fast and slow


## Sequencing

Double or Nothing

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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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- Simple and Compound Sentences
- Simple, Compound, and Complex Sentences
- Double the Consonant
- Clipped Words
- Punctuating Direct Quotes


## Closing

Review
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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | One Minute Predictions and Structural Patterns |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Predicting, and Comparative Adjectives |

## Materials:

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

| Opening |
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| The purpose of these lessons are to: $\quad$ State the objective |
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## 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

A structural pattern is a way of organizing sentences, paragraphs, or entire documents. One structure is compare and contrast. In this structure you would expect to find out how things are alike and how they are different. Another structural pattern is cause and effect. In this pattern there is almost and if-then statement. For example, if it rains, the sidewalk will be wet. The cause is the rain and the effect is a wet sidewalk. A third structural pattern is one that uses order, such as first, second, finally, and so on. In this activity, students will determine which structural pattern the sentence represents.

## Structural Patterns

## Directions:

1. Read each sentence.
2. Decide if it is an example of compare and contrast, cause and effect, or sequential order.
3. Place it in the correct column.
4. Be prepared to explain your reasoning.

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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.

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|  | Closing |
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Structural Patterns $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$

| Compare and <br> Contrast |
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| I believe that the yellow iris <br> is more beautiful than the <br> purple one. |
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| It is safer to go to |
| Sacramento on I-5, but 99 is |
| closer. |
| Both Apple and IBM have a |
| growing computer market in |
| China. |
| The directions say to add the |
| water and then add the |
| eggs. |
| Before she could purchase a |
| new house, she needed to |
| see if the bank would loan |
| her money. |

After their trip to Washington, the family was moving to California.

| The California State |
| :--- |
| government is a replica of the |
| United States government. |

Even though people think that basketball is not a contact sport, I can assure you that it is.

The Cartoon Network can be found on Channel 501, but Disney cartoons can be found on channel 503.

We packed our clothes on Friday, but we left on Saturday morning.

The star hitter will have to wait for his turn to bat, there are three people in front of him.

After he fertilized the flower beds, the gardener planted the rose bushes.

Unlike her younger brother, she is very tall and thin.

VanGough and Monét were both Impressionist painters.

Many people in France speak English, but only a handful of Americans speak French.

In order for a caterpillar to turn into a butterfly, it must first spin a cocoon or form a chrysalis.

After she had her sixteenth birthday, her parents bought her a car.

First the infant rolled, then crawled, and finally walked.

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| As a result of purchasing the |
| winning LOTTO ticket, the |
| family bought a new house. |
| She moved to Alaska |
| because she was tired of |
| living in the hot climate. |
| He sneezed and blew his <br> nose because he was <br> allergic to the grass. |


| She earned her college degree <br> so that she could get a job <br> designing clothes. | When the vinegar was added to <br> the baking soda, a chemical <br> reaction occurred. |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | As a result of 9-11, the security <br> at the airport is very strict. |
| After falling off of the horse three <br> times, the rider refused to get back <br> onto the animal. |  |
| The driver swerved to miss the <br> cat that had darted out between <br> two cars. | She was proud of the trophy she <br> had won for spelling all of the <br> words correctly in the contest. |

Comparative Adjectives $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Game Board

| -er | -ier | more |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |

Comparative Adjective Cards

| superficial | dirty | hungry | magical |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| thirsty | grumpy | natural | virtuous |
| embarrassed | steep | tall | heavy |
| large | big | blue | long |
| old | happy | fast | happy |
| ugly | bald | rough | white |


| healthy | choosy | short | wild |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ferocious | chunky | pretty | clear |
| quiet | brave | unbelievable | protective |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\mathrm{t}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Proper Nouns and Fluency |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Predicting, and Proper Nouns |

## Materials:

Fluency passages or students current reading
White boards, pens or crayons
Activities at the end of lesson plan

## Opening <br> State the objective

The purpose of these lessons are to:

- Improve fluency (the ability to read smoothly).
- Increase vocabulary (both academic and other words).
- Practice Reciiprocal Teaching (predicting, clarifying, questioning, and summarizing).
- Work on being proficient at the conventions of writing which include capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence types, and grammar.


## 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?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

Repeated Reading is a key strategy that research has found to be incredibly effective in building fluency. Repeated Reading means exactly that-students read and re-read the same passage, practicing not only the unique words but the sight words that make up of $65 \%$ of the written words.

## 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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
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

Fluency Test-Read 1 minute count number 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

Idioms are expressions that when are taken literally would make no sense at all. For example, "lt is raining cats and dogs" doesn't really mean that cats and dogs are falling from the sky, but it does mean that the rain is coming down really hard and really fast. When someone uses an idiom that you do not understand, it is very difficult to get the point of what they are saying. In this activity, students will match the idiom with the meaning.

## Figurative Language

## Directions:

1. Place the definition cards face down.
2. Player draws a definition card and has 30 seconds to locate the correct idiom.
3. If player matches the definition and the idiom correctly, then he/she rolls the die and moves that many spaces.
4. If player does not match the definition and the idiom correctly, then he/she loses his/her turn.
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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 walked alone."

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.

| Proper Nouns $\quad$ Conventions | Often, this activity will be <br> centered on a game to <br> A proper noun is the name of a particular person, place or thing. Proper nouns begin with a <br> capital letter (just like a person's name). In this activity you will review a number of nouns, <br> some of them will be proper nouns and some will be common nouns. To make it |
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| provide practice time on key |  |
| conventions. Be sure to |  |
| interesting, all words will begin with a capital letter like they would at the beginning of a |  |
| sentence. | determine if kids to <br> understanding of these key |
| Proper Nouns | elements. |
| Directions: |  |
| 1. Divide students into pairs. |  |
| 2. Give each pair a game board and a deck of Noun Cards. |  |
| 3. Place game board in between the players. |  |
| 4. Player one draws the top card and determines whether the word is a common noun or |  |
| a proper noun and then places the word in the correct column. |  |
| 5. Player 2 repeats the process. |  |
| 6. Game is over when all cards have been categorized correctly. |  |

## Closing

## Review

Say:

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


## Debrief

DIGA
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## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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Figurative Language $-4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$


| catch a cold | circular file | see eye to <br> eye | afraid of his <br> own shadow |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| cost an arm <br> and a leg | backseat <br> driver | clear the air | got cold feet |
| come clean | crack a book | dead to the <br> world | turned a deaf <br> ear |
| down in the <br> dumps | eyes popped <br> out | lost her <br> marbles | burn his <br> bridges |
| forever and a <br> day | know the <br> ropes | out of the <br> woods | green thumb |


| become ill <br> with a cold | trash can | agree | too frightened <br> to act |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| expensive | bossy | back out, will <br> not do | tell the truth |
| study | asleep | won't listen <br> to | depressed |
| surprised | crazy, not <br> making <br> sense | sever ties <br> with | always |
| understand <br> what to do | will be okay | great <br> gardener | talk about the <br> problem |

Proper Nouns- $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$

| Common Noun Proper Noun |  |  |
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| boy | store | milk |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| uncle | cafeteria | neighbor |
| desert | summer | boy |
| car | designer | family |
| restaurant | appliances | manufacturer |
| school | principal | truck |
| brothers | skateboards | park |
| recipe | event | volcano |
| Brandon | Ronald Reagan Library | Corvette |
| Southwest Air | Mr. Smith | Mrs. Franks |
| Delano | Massachusetts | McDonalds |
| Hunger Games | Van Gogh | Emerson High |
| Legos | Felix | Nike |
| Brazil | WalMart | Lord of the Rings |
| Griffith Park | Center Street | Chess |


| Dr. Martin | Angelina Jolie | President Obama |
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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | I Wonder and Main Idea |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Questioning, and Possessive Nouns |

## Materials:

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


## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
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

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.

## Vocabulary

The main idea lets us know the topic of what we are talking about. Usually there is one main idea and then there are 3-4 statements that back that statement up. In this activity, the student will read the paragraph and then try to capture the main idea in as few words as possible. For example, the main idea of the 3 bears is intruder eats, breaks, sleeps-captured-this would be a total of 5 words. In this game I would get to move 1 space.

## Main Idea

Directions:

1. Draw a card.
2. Read the sentence on the card.
3. Summarize the main idea of the sentence.
4. Score according to the rules in the center of the game board.

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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....

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.

## Possessive Nouns

A possessive noun shows ownership. The noun can be a common or a proper noun. The ownership is demonstrated by the use of an apostrophe and an "s" unless the noun ends in the letter "s". If the noun ends in an "s", then you only add an apostrophe. Example: beach's sand; Tess' sand

## Possessive Nouns

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a game board with possessive and non-possessive common and proper noun and a deck of sentence cards.
3. Player 1 draws a sentence card, reads it aloud, and selects the correct noun to complete the sentence, covering the choice.
4. Player 2 repeats the process.
5. Game is over when all of the nouns are covered.
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

## 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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Main Idea $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$


| The United Kingdom is made up of England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland, and is ruled by Queen Elizabeth II. | On January28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after lift-off, killing all seven crew members. | In 1867, the United States bought Alaska from Russia for $\$ 7.2$ million. | George Washington was chosen to be the first President of the United States after leading the colonists in their war against the British. |
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| In June of 1924, Congress approved a law making all Indians citizens of the United States. | During the Civil War, many slaves escaped to the North through the Underground Railway, a series of safe houses in which slaves were hidden. | California was one of the first areas west of Mississippi to be settled because it could be reached by water and because of its gold. | Arizona and New Mexico were once grouped together as the Territory of New Mexico. |
| Coronado and his men explored the southwestern United States when they were looking for the seven cities of gold. | Marco Polo was one of the first Europeans to visit China and returned to Europe with strange spices and exciting stories. | Andrew Jackson, nicknamed, "Old Hickory", led men at the Battle of New Orleans before becoming President of the United States. | The inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, was born in Scotland. |
| Born in New Orleans, the great jazz musician Louis Armstrong was called "Satchmo." | Juan Peron's wife, Eva, was such an interesting and powerful person in Argentina that books and plays have been written about her. | The first skyscraper, the Home Insurance Company building, was only 10 stories high. | The Vatican in Rome is a group of buildings in which the pope of the Catholic church lives. |
| The amphitheater called the Coliseum of Rome seated over 40,000 people who came to watch the gladiators fight. | While China, with 1,221,000,000 people, had the largest population in 1997, it is expected that by the year 2100, India will have the greatest number of people-1,631,800,000. | Cuba, the largest island in the West Indies, lies only 90 miles south of Florida and is ruled by the communist leader, Fidel Castro. | Botswana, like Arizona, is mostly desert or neardesert, but this African country is twice the size of Arizona and has only about one-third of the population of Arizona. |

Possessive Nouns $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Game Board


| $\qquad$ mother was baking Tess a birthday cake. | The $\qquad$ den was hard to see without binoculars. | $\qquad$ television was the biggest I had ever seen. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| _ last name is Jones. | The $\qquad$ lead is very brittle and breaks easily. | $\qquad$ car is a red Corvette. |
| The $\qquad$ face was bright red with black numbers. | The $\qquad$ cover is made out of silk to protect her hair. | $\qquad$ business card states that he sells insurance. |
| The $\qquad$ sign states that interest rates are low. | The $\qquad$ are in the water to hold the boats still. | $\qquad$ can only be visited in London. |
| $\qquad$ is a great place to play volleyball. | His $\qquad$ no longer fit his foot had grown so much. | The $\qquad$ of cereal were eaten before the pancakes. |
| The $\qquad$ can be seen traveling up and down the highway. | That $\qquad$ is his very favorite tune. | $\qquad$ broadcasts on Channel 7. |
| The $\qquad$ are not going to lay down the bricks. | The $\qquad$ are in a straight row. |  |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Main Idea and Irregular Verbs |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Summarizing, and Iregular Verbs |

## Materials:

Activity at end of lesson plan
White Boards, pens and/or crayons
Main Idea game from yesterday

| Opening |
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to the next level.

## 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.

## Vocabulary

Students played this game yesterday. Review what the main idea is. Discuss strategies for playing the game effectively. Ask students to play with a different partner today.

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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 will this information apply to your life?

## Conventions

## Irregular Verbs

A verb is a word that shows action or a state of being. In most verbs, the past tense (showing that the action took place in the past) is made by adding -ed to the end of the verb. Example: finish-finished.
In an irregular verb, the past tense if created by changing the form of the word, or in some

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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
cases the word stays exactly the same and the context determines how the word is viewed Examples: I read the book now. I read the book yesterday. I catch the ball now. I caught the ball yesterday.

## Irregular Verbs

Directions:

1. Divide the students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Irregular Verb cards.
3. Students make a grid $4 \times 4$ of cards face down.
4. Player one turns two cards over. If they match (present and past tense of the same verb) player takes the cards and replaces with remaining cards in the deck. If they do not match, player turns the cards face down again.
5. Player two repeats until all cards are paired.
understanding of these key elements.

## Closing

## Review

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## DIGA

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Irregular Verbs $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade

| catch | caught | teach | taught |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| drink | drank | build | built |
| freeze | froze | get | got |
| hide | hid | write | wrote |


| sing | sang | keep | kept |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| eat | ate | set | sat |
| think | thought | sell | sold |
| slide | slid | speak | spoke |
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| shut | shut | say | said |
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| sit | sat | buy | bought |
| drive | drove | go | went |
| give | gave | leave | left |
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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\mathrm{t}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Figurative Language |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Clarifying, and Collective Nouns |

## Materials:

Figurative Language Activity from yesterday
White boards, crayons and/or pens
Convention activity at end of lesson plan

| Opening |
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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

Students played this game yesterday. Review what an idiom is. Discuss strategies for playing the game effectively. Ask students to play with a different partner today.

## Figurative Language

Directions:

1. Place the definition cards face down.
2. Player draws a definition card and has 30 seconds to locate the correct idiom.
3. If player matches the definition and the idiom correctly, then he/she rolls the die and moves that many spaces.
4. If player does not match the definition and the idiom correctly, then he/she loses his/her turn.
5. Play continues until one person completes the course.
6. Cards may be reshuffled for play to continue.

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

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.

## Conventions

Collective Nouns

A collective noun names a group. Groups have members which may be people, animals or things. A collective noun refers to the entire group at one time. The purpose of the activity is to determine which words are collective nouns and to write them on the game board.

## Collective Nouns

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Collective Nouns Game Board and Sentence Cards.
3. Game Board goes between the two students, Sentence Cards are shuffled and placed face down next to the game board.
4. Player one reads the sentence card and determines if there is a collective noun in the sentence, and if yes, determines which word is the collective noun.
5. Player then writes the collective noun on the game board.
6. Player 2 then draws a sentence card and repeats the process.
7. Game is over when first player has identified 8 collective nouns.
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

## 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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2. Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
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Collective Nouns Game Board $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$


| The army carefully went <br> through the jungle. | The roll of quarters was <br> worth $\$ 10.00$. | The band was marching <br> in the parade in their blue <br> and gold uniforms. |
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| The atlas was updated to <br> include three newly <br> formed countries. | The pool of lawyers was <br> waiting to get a case. | The litter of kittens looked <br> just like the mother. |
| The swarm of bees was <br> buzzing around the roof. | The troop of baboons is a <br> big attraction at the zoo. | The flock of geese was <br> flying south for the winter. |
| The school of fish could <br> turn immediately and go <br> the other way. | The board of directors for <br> the school was elected. | Mom purchased a bunch <br> of bananas for our <br> lunches. |
| The cast of the play met |  |  |
| us after the final curtain. | The hen's brood was busy <br> following their mother. | The mob of kangaroos <br> could be found in <br> Australia. |
| The pride of lions is alone <br> on the savannah. | The herd of buffalo is <br> traveling through <br> Wyoming. | We saw a pack of wolves <br> near the campsite. |


| A cloud of gnats swarmed <br> nearby. | The football team was <br> eager to win the game. | The class will graduate in <br> June. |
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| Components: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\mathrm{t}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Silly Questions and Word Origins |
| Focus: | Word Origins, Clarifying, Conventions |

## Materials:

Activities at the end of the lesson plan
Word Origins from yesterday

## Opening <br> State the objective

The purpose of these lessons are to:

- Improve fluency (the ability to read smoothly).
- Increase vocabulary (both academic and other words).
- Practice Reciprocal Teaching (predicting, clarifying, questioning, and summarizing).
- Work on being proficient at the conventions of writing which include capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence types, and grammar.


## 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?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

Repeated Reading is a key strategy that research has found to be incredibly effective in building fluency. Repeated Reading means exactly that-students read and re-read the same passage, practicing not only the unique words but the sight words that make up of $65 \%$ of the written words. For reading passages see information in the side note.

## 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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
6. Celebrate success.
7. Students should stay on the same passage level for $4-6$ weeks and then transition students to the next level.

## *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).

## 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

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

Students played this game yesterday. Review word origins with students. Discuss strategies for playing the game effectively. Ask students to play with a different partner today.

## Word Origins

Directions:

1. Place the cards face down in a 4 by 4 grid.
2. First player turns over 2 cards, if they match, then the player takes the two cards.
3. Player 2 takes his/her turn.
4. Game is over when all pairs have been collected.

## Reciprocal Teaching

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Summarizing (listing the key bullet points of what you've read-not retelling detail by detail).
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## Activity

## Clarifying:

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/question would be, "Can an adder be a hermit? Will a bat fly through a waterfall? Is there a cave under the bridge?

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.

## 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.

## Superlative Adverbs

Superlative adverbs compare more than two things. If the adverb has 3 or more syllables in it or ends in the letters "ly" the comparison is made by placing the word "most" in front of the adverb. If the adverb has one or two syllables and does not end in "ly", the comparison is made by adding the letters -er to the end of the adverb. If the adverb ends in only " $y$ ", drop the " $y$ " and add -ier
Examples:
high - highest
loudly - most loudly

## Superlative Adverbs

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Game Board and a die.
3. Player 1 rolls the die. If the number is even, the player selects an adverb that would be made superlative by adding "est" to the end of the word. If the die is odd, player selects and adverb that is made superlative by placing the words "most" in front of the adverb.
4. Player 2 completes the process.
5. Game is over when all words are covered.
6. Winner is determined by the player who has the most markers.

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.


## 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)
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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!)

Superlative Adverbs $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Game Board







| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\mathrm{t}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Word Origins and Three Words |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Predicting, Comparative Adjectives |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan
White board and pen/crayon

## Opening <br> State the objective

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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

## Vocabulary

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

Sometimes words are coined or made out of several words combined together. For example, the word smog is used to describe air that is both gray/brown in color and often has an unpleasant smell. Smog is a word that is a combination of the two words smoke and fog. Sometimes these combined words are created just for fun. For example, brunch is a word that combines breakfast and lunch and is commonly accepted and used. The word that combines lunch and dinner, "linner" is one that is used just for fun.

## Word Origins

## Directions:

1. Look at each word in column 1.
2. Look in column 2 for the two words that were combined to make the word in column 1.
3. Write the two words on the line in column 3.

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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 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.

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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.

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.

## Conventions

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## Comparative Adverbs

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high - higher
loudly - more loudly

## Comparative Adverbs

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Game Board and a die.
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|  | Closing |
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| Say: | Review |
| • 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!)

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Word Origins
smog

> motor + hotel

| squiggle | smoke + fog |
| :--- | :---: |
| smash | twist + whirl |
| telethon | gleam + shimmer |

motorcade
smack + mash
twirl
squirm + wiggle
moped
motel
chortle
motocross
glimmer
autobus
splatter chuckle + snort

Comparative Adverbs $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade



| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\mathrm{t}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Superlative Adjectives and Patters |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Clarifying, and Superlative Adjectives |

## Materials:

Activity from yesterday-Structural Analysis
White board, pens and/or crayons
Activity at end of lesson plan

## Opening <br> State the objective

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

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## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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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.

## 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

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

Students played this game yesterday. Review structural patterns with the students.
Discuss strategies for playing the game effectively. Ask students to play with a different partner today.

## Structural Patterns

## Directions:

1. Read each sentence.
2. Decide if it is an example of compare and contrast, cause and effect, or sequential order.
3. Place it in the correct column.
4. Be prepared to explain your reasoning.

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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

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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

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.

## Superlative Adjectives

A superlative adjective compares more things than 2. If the adjective has 3 or more syllables in it, the superlative is made by placing the word "most" in front of the adjective. If the adjective has one or two syllables, the superlative is made by adding the letters -est to the end of the adjective. If the one or two syllable word ends in a " $y$ ", you drop the " $y$ " and
add -iest. Examples:
indifferent -most indifferent
old-oldest
happy-happiest
Superlative Adjectives

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Which One-Most, -est, or -iest? game board and a set of cards.
3. Player 1 draws a word card and places it under the correct heading.
4. Player 2 repeats the same.
5. Game is over when all cards are placed in the correct category.


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Superlative Adjectives $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Game Board

| -est | -iest | most |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |

Superlative Cards

| quiet | small | tasty | organized |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| sharp | rich | poisonous | powerful |
| outrageous | silly | prestigious | glamorous |
| pretty | ramshackle | repellant | rough |
| sick | flattering | safe | chunky |
| ferocious | clear | choosy | wild |


| white | healthy | ugly | bald |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| rough | sloppy | slender | funny |
| brave | shallow | mean | sick |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\mathrm{t}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Superlatives and Homonyms |
| Focus: | Vocabulary, Questioning, and Comparative and Superlative Adjectives |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan (Homonym Match and Comparative or Superlative)
White board, pens/crayons OR $3 \times 5$ cards for Question and Connection Cards

| Opening |
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| The purpose of these lessons are to: |
| State the objective |
| - Improve fluency (the ability to read smoothly). |
| - Increase vocabulary (both academic and other words). |
| - Practice Reciprocal Teaching (predicting, clarifying, questioning, and summarizing). |
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| grammar. |

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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

Vocabulary development is a huge part of becoming proficient in reading. This section will build both academic vocabulary and important text vocabulary.
Homonyms are words that sound alike when you say them aloud, but are not spelled alike and also do not mean the same thing. For example, two and too are both pronounced "2", but one of them means the number and the other means also or extreme (too much). In this game, players will read a phrase and determine which of the homonym pairs correctly fills in the blank.

## Homonym Match

Directions:

1. Place phrase cards in the middle of the board, face down.
2. Player draws one card.
3. Player determines which word matches the phrase that he/she drew.
4. Player places token on the word.
5. Other players can challenge for cause.

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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.
Example: If students read something about Columbus, the QUESTION card might read:

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What were the names of the three ships Columbus sailed with? If the same article was read, a CONNECTION card might read: How does Columbus coming to the new world connect to the Pilgrims coming over 100 years later?

## Conventions

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## Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

The purpose of this activity is to give students practice in selecting the comparative or superlative form of the word in context. Discuss with students the guidelines-comparative

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.

2 things, superlative, more than 2 things.
Comparative-Superlative
Directions:

1. Place game board in between students and the sentence cards face down to the side.
2. Player 1 draws a sentence card and determines whether the underlined word should be in the comparative or superlative form, and then places a marker on the game board.
3. Game is over when all sentence cards are used.
4. Winner is determined by the player with the most markers.

## 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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Homonym Match $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$

| berry | bury | heal | heel | hear | here |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| in | Homonym Meaning Match |  |  |  | led |
| inn |  |  |  |  | mail |
| meet |  |  |  |  | meat |
| knot |  |  |  |  | male |
| not | great | grate | know | no | lead |


| wear down or grind <br> off in small pieces | a small juicy fruit <br> with many seeds | come face to face <br> with; come <br> together | put in the earth or <br> a tomb; cover up |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| cure; bring back to <br> health | a word used to <br> refuse or deny; <br> none | adult that can be a <br> father | in this place; now; <br> at this time |
| big; large; much; <br> more than usual | a lodging house for <br> travelers | back part of foot | showed the way; <br> went first |
| animal flesh used <br> for food | get sounds <br> through the ears; <br> listen | tied together, as <br> rope, string, ribbon | letters sent or <br> received |
| a word that says <br> "no"; expressed <br> denial | tell apart from <br> others; have the <br> facts | within; not outside; <br> into | bluish-gray metal; <br> graphite for pencils |

Comparative-Superlative Adjectives $4^{\text {th- }}$ - th $^{\text {t }}$ Grade

| Who is the rich person <br> in the world? | Which snake is the <br> poisonous? | Judy Jones is the <br> powerful doctor in <br> town. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Jizelle wears the <br> outrageous clothes! | The comedian is the <br> silly of all. | Is Angelina Jolie the <br> glamorous actress? |
| She is the pretty of all <br> of the contestants. | That grit of sandpaper <br> is by far the rough. | That airport was named <br> the safe. |
| They all have the flu, <br> but Jody is the sick. | A skunk is the stinky of <br> all animals. | Her pumpkin pie is the <br> tasty. |
| Crows are ugly than <br> sparrows. | Harry Potter is <br> believable than Lord of <br> the Rings. | The cat is quiet than <br> the mouse. |
| The water in June Lake <br> is $\underline{\text { clear than March }}$Lake. <br> Who is the brave of the <br> two?Lori is $\underline{\text { choosy than }}$ <br> Mary. |  |  |


| His diet is healthy than <br> hers. | You are pale than a <br> ghost. | Linen is rough than <br> silk. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mary is short than her <br> brother Ned. | Skippy is chunk than <br> Jiff. | The lion is wild than <br> the leopard. |

Comparative-Superlative Game Board


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Q and S and Review |
| Focus: | Review of Vocabulary and Conventions |

## Materials:

Activities from the past 11 days for students to select from, at the end of lessons 1-10

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

## Vocabulary

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Choose from the following activities that students have played over the past 10 days. They should select the game that they would like to play. All play should be done in partners.

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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 students 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.

## Conventions

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Comparative Adverbs
Adverbs
Superlative/Comparative Adjectives
Superlative Adjectives
Comparative Adjectives
Irregular Verbs
Possessive Nouns
Collective Nouns
Proper Nouns
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

## 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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| Lesson Title: | Synonyms and Linking to Predicate Nouns |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Synonyms), Clarifying, and Linking Verbs and Predicate Nouns |

## Materials:

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

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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

## Synonym Review

Synonyms are words that mean the same or nearly the same thing. Selecting a synonym with just the right meaning will make a difference in students' speaking and writing.

## Synonyms

Directions:

1. Divide students into trios.
2. Give each pair a set of Synonym Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and deal out equal numbers to each player.
4. Player 1 asks another player for a synonym for (and then states the word).
5. Player 1 then uses the word in a sentence.
6. Player 2 either gives up the word or he/she passes.
7. Player 2 then repeats, asking player 3.
8. Player 3 then repeats, asking player 1.
9. When all cards are matched game is over.

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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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## Linking Verbs and Predicate Nouns

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Demonstrate several examples of this:
That girl was my sister. (was is the linking verb and sister is the predicate noun)
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Linking to Predicate Nouns \#2
Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
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3. Students work together to find the linking verb in each sentence and then the predicate noun.
When the sentences on the card have been reviewed, pair should write three sentences of their own that follow the pattern of linking verb + predicate noun.

## 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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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Synonyms

| hairless | bald | lost | misplaced |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| buttoned | fastened | clean | fresh |
| child | tot | fast | quick |
| scream | yell | cook | heat |
| cut | take apart | fat | obese |
| bare | uncovered | tied | knotted |
| dirty | soiled | dog | canine |
| heavy | weighty | vacation | time off |


| wash | cleanse | bark | arf! |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| talk | chat | bend | swerve |
| complete | finish | stripe | streak |
| ajar | open | parcel | package |
| return | give back | sneakers | shoes |
| quilt | blanket | music | tunes |
| continue | keep going | stop | halt |

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## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Linking to Predicate Nouns \#2

$>$ He tiger is a large cat.
$>$ The boy at first base is my brother.
$>$ Sherry is the skateboard rider.
$>$ I am happy.
$>$ A ruler is an important math tool.
$>$ Mercury is the planet closest to the sun.
$>$ Saturn has rings around it.
$>$ Judy is the first place winner in the art show.
$>$ The moon is in orbit around the Earth.
$>$ A diamond is in the box.
$>$ The thread will be a tablecloth.
$>$ The doctors are near the desk.
$>$ He will be a spider for Halloween.
$>$ Neptune is light years away from Earth.
$>$ Chocolate is her favorite flavor.

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## Materials:

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## 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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## Synonyms

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Synonym Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place the first 16 in a 4 by 4 grid face down.
4. Player 1 draws 2 cards and if they are synonyms for one another they collect the cards and use one of the words in a sentence. Player replaces the two cards with two other cards from the deck.
5. Player 2 then repeats.
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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.

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|  | Closing |
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|  |  |
|  |  |
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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| buttoned | fastened | clean | fresh |
| child | tot | fast | quick |
| scream | yell | cook | heat |
| cut | take apart | fat | obese |
| bare | uncovered | tied | knotted |
| dirty | soiled | dog | canine |
| heavy | weighty | vacation | time off |


| wash | cleanse | bark | arf! |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| talk | chat | bend | swerve |
| complete | finish | stripe | streak |
| ajar | open | parcel | package |
| return | give back | sneakers | shoes |
| quilt | blanket | music | tunes |
| continue | keep going | stop | halt |

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## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Linking to Predicate Nouns \#1

$>$ The zebra mussel is a bivalve.
$>$ That girl in the third row is my friend.
$>$ Mr. Martin is a $5^{\text {th }}$ grade teacher.
$>$ I am a talented singer.
$>$ A solar calculator is a perfect math tool.
$>$ Jupiter is the largest planet.
$>$ Venus is the second planet form the sun.
$>$ Pluto is the planet that is furthest from Earth.
$>$ The first trumpet is Natalie Jones.
$>$ Earth's sun is actually a star.
$>$ That lumpy stone is coal.
$>$ Those three women are the surgeons for the hospital.
$>$ This yarn will be an afghan soon.
$>$ That large spider is a tarantula.
$>$ John is afraid of elevators.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Predicting, Fluency, Agreement Subject and Verb |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Homographs), Predicting, and Subject-Verb Agreement |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan
White board and pen/crayon

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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.

## Vocabulary

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## Homographs

Homographs are words that are spelled the same way but are pronounced differently and mean something different.
An example would be read and read. One time you pronounce it as if you are reading something right now, the other is pronounced to indicate that the reading took place in the past.
Share homographs-record and record (the first is to keep a record, the second is to make a tape of your voice.)

## Homographs

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Homograph Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place them in between the two players.
4. Player 1 draws a card, reads the sentence and tells how to pronounce the word to fit in that sentence.
If Player 2 agrees, Player 1 gets a point and Player 2 resumes play. If Player 2 disagrees, then they must find a neutral peer and ask him/her to decide.

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## Predicting

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.

## Conventions

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## Subject-Verb Agreement

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When sentences are straightforward (without a compound subject or predicate or without prepositional phrase) it is easier to decide whether the subject is singular or plural. Today we will practice with simple sentences. Tomorrow we will add the challenge of prepositional phrases, etc.

## Do We Agree? \#1

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a deck of Do We Agree? Cards and a game board.
3. Shuffle the cards and place them to the right of the game board.
4. Player 1 draws a sentence card and determines if the subject and verb agree. If yes, player places the card in the agree column, if player says no, they put it in the disagree column.
5. If player 2 agrees, then he/she take his/her turn. If not, he/she can challenge and explain why.
6. Once a challenge is settled, Player 2 takes his/her turn.
7. Game is over when all cards have been completed.

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## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

## 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.


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| John will record that song. | Sales set a record the day after Thanksgiving. | She straightened the bow in her hair. | The actor took a bow after the play. |
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| What is your address? | How did you address the judge? | Jill held her teddy bear close. | Don't forget to close the door. |
| He plays the bass guitar with the band | He caught a bass in the lake. | He was a rebel because he just couldn't cooperate. | In 1860 Virginia decided to rebel. |
| The room was dirty and dingy. | That small boat is called a dingy. | The sewer drain was at the corner. | She loved to work with fabric, she was a sewer. |
| Please read the story aloud now. | He read the book yesterday. | He will present his project to the group. | Did you get a present for your birthday? |


| He enjoys the cactus in the desert. | The soldier did not desert his friends. | You may move forward and resume your walk. | He turned in his résumé. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The dove will "coo" when it is content. | He dove into the swimming pool. | Who will lead the activity? | The pencil needs a sharp lead. |
| Will you polish your fingernails? | Have you ever eaten a Polish dog? | He is the subject of the investigation. | Don't subject me to your anger! |
| She always has an excuse about her clothes. | Mom will excuse you from the table. | She was so sad that a tear slid down her cheek. | Don't tear that paper! |
| I was able to win the contest. | He disagrees and will contest your opinion | He was sad about the loss so he moped around. | I will ride my moped to the store. |


$\left.$| Did he refuse to |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| go to the dinner? | | The garbage truck |
| :---: |
| picked up the |
| refuse. |$\quad$| Did you suspect |
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| the surprise party? |$\quad$| He was a suspect |
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| in the robbery. | \right\rvert\,

$4^{\text {th }-5} 5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Do We Agree? \#1

| Thirty-five students <br> are hiking Grand <br> Canyon. | Sixteen students is <br> hiking in Yosemite. | Jorge's mother is <br> afraid. | Jorge's mother are <br> afraid. |
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| The wind scatter <br> seeds. | The wind scatters <br> seeds. | Boats floats a long <br> distance. | Boats float a long <br> distance. |
| Seeds travel in <br> many ways. | Seeds travels in <br> many ways. | Sometimes seeds <br> falls in the water. | Sometimes seeds <br> fall in the water. |
| Animals gathers <br> seeds to eat. | Animals gather <br> seeds to eat. | Squirrels digs <br> holes to bury <br> seeds. | Squirrels dig holes <br> to bury seeds. |
| Cardinals likes to |  |  |  |
| eat seeds. | Cardinals like to <br> eat seeds. | Dogs carry seeds <br> in their fur | Dogs carries seeds <br> in their fur. |


| People plant seeds to grow new plants. | People plants seeds to grow new plants. | A fire is built in marked areas. | A fire are built in marked areas. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jorge took a lot of water with him. | Jorge tooks a lot of water with him. | We ship out tomorrow on the boat. | We ships out tomorrow on the boat. |
| I jump on the trampoline every afternoon. | I jumps on the trampoline every afternoon. | The driver parks the car. | The driver park the car. |
| The breeze fill the air. | The breeze fills the air. | Andrew travel overseas. | Andrew travels overseas. |
| Aaron uses his boat every day. | Aaron use his boat every day. | Dave drive expertly on the track. | Dave drives expertly on the tack. |


| Jack and Jill goes <br> up the hill. | Jack and Jill go up <br> the hill. | Mark and John is <br> coming home. | Mark and John are <br> coming home. |
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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Predicting and Meaning Match |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Homophones), Predicting, and Prepositions |

## Materials:

Fluency passages or students current reading
White boards, pens or crayons
Activities at the end of lesson plan

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## Fluency Activity of the Day

Fluency Test—Read 1 minute count number 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

## Homophones

Homophones are words that sound alike but are spelled differently and have different meanings. Other than the words we worked with yesterday, there are other homophone pairs. Today we will look at other homophones such as bury and berry.

## Homophone Meaning Match

Directions:

1. Place meaning cards in the middle of the board, face down.
2. Player draws one card.
3. Player determines which word matches the definition that he/she drew.
4. Player places token on the word.
5. Other players can challenge.
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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 walked alone."

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the sentence. It can tell where something is, where something is going, when something happens, or the relationship between a noun or pronoun and another word.
Common prepositions include: aboard, about, above, across, after, against, along, alongside, among, around, as, at, before, behind, below, beneath, beside, besides, between, beyond, but, despite, down, during, except, for, from, in, inside, into, like, near, of, off, on, onto, out, outside, over, past, round, since, through, throughout, till, to, towards, under, underneath, until, up, upon, with, within, without (Make a list of these for students to refer to).

## Prepositions

Directions

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a $12^{\prime \prime} \times 18$ " piece of paper.
3. Demonstrate for students how to divide the white board into 4 columns (this can be done on paper).
4. Label the columns: "Tells where something is", "Tells where something is going", "Tells when something happens", and "Tells the relationship between a noun or pronoun and another word".
5. Ask student to look at the single prepositions on the chart and place each in one of the 4 categories.
6. Example: aboard would be placed in the column "where something is".

Have pairs compare lists with another pair and correct any differences.
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$4^{\text {th }}$-5th Grade Homograph Meaning Match


| wear down or <br> grind off in small <br> pieces | a small juicy <br> fruit with many <br> seeds | come face to <br> face with; come <br> together | put in the earth <br> or a tomb; cover <br> up |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| cure; bring back <br> to health | a word used to <br> refuse or deny; <br> none | adult that can <br> be a father | in this place; <br> now; at this time |
| big; large; much; <br> more than usual | a lodging house <br> for travelers | back part of <br> foot | showed the way; <br> went first |
| animal flesh used <br> for food | get sounds <br> through the <br> ears; listen | tied together, as <br> rope, string, <br> ribbon | letters sent or <br> received |
| a word that says <br> "no"; expressed <br> denial | tell apart from <br> others; have the <br> facts | within; not <br> outside; into | bluish-gray <br> metal; graphite <br> for pencils |


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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\mathrm{t}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Word Families ould and ought |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Word Family-ould, ought), Summarizing, and Prepositional Phrase as Adverbs |

## Materials:

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

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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.
Word Families-ould-ought Vocabulary

A word family is a group of words that rhyme and have the same final spellings. Example: ran, can, fan, bran, tan; or words that are more challenging to spell-eight, freight, weight (Note: these words end in eight not ight
Today we are going to look at words that end in "ould" and "ought". Divide students into pairs and have them brainstorm as many words as they can that end in "ould" that sounds like "ought". Words will include: could, would, should, bought, brought, fought, ought, sought, thought

Once you have brainstormed the list of words have students work in pairs to write a paragraph using as many "ould" and "ought" words as possible. Example: I should have bought red raspberry punch and brought it to the party. Instead I thought I ought to bring banana nut bread.
Have pairs share their paragraph with the class. When they read a word that contains "ould" or "ought, the class should whisper, "Yahoo!"

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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 will this information apply to your life?

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## Adverb Prepositional Phrases

An adverb prepositional phrase will modify a verb. It tells how, where, when, or what.
The preposition may be the same as in an adjective prepositional phrase, but the word that it is modifying or telling more about, is the verb.

## Which One?

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a game board and set of Which One Cards.
3. Place Cards shuffled and face down to the right of the game board.
4. Player 1 draws a card, identifies the prepositional phrase and determines if the phrase tells how, where, when or what.
5. Card is then placed in the appropriate column.
6. Player 2 continues.
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## Closing

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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Which One? Game Board

| HOW | WHERE | WHEN | WHAT |
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$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|}\hline \begin{array}{l}\text { The beaver swam } \\ \text { to his underwater } \\ \text { door. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Alex flosses } \\ \text { between his teeth. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { The coals are hot; } \\ \text { you can put your } \\ \text { hot dog on the grill. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { The sails billowed } \\ \text { during the boat } \\ \text { ride. }\end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{l}\text { The bear crawled } \\ \text { in his den and } \\ \text { went to sleep. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Joni sat nearby as } \\ \text { the air show } \\ \text { continued. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Dolphins live } \\ \text { underneath the } \\ \text { ocean. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { When the rain } \\ \text { started, we went } \\ \text { inside the house. }\end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{l}\text { The crowd clapped } \\ \text { as the band } \\ \text { passed by the } \\ \text { review stand. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { My puppy leaned } \\ \text { against my leg. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Please put the } \\ \text { napkin underneath } \\ \text { the plate. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Ricky walked along } \\ \text { the edge of the } \\ \text { beach. }\end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{l}\text { The snow fell } \\ \text { gently down to the } \\ \text { ground. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { The ship sank } \\ \text { below the ocean. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Fred made the } \\ \text { feed for his cow. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { The will leave for } \\ \text { the park. }\end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{l}\text { We will go outside } \\ \text { of the building. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Sally shared her } \\ \text { poem with the } \\ \text { class. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { He ate celery for a } \\ \text { snack. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { He set the rake } \\ \text { against the garage. }\end{array} \\ \hline \text { We left after the } \\ \text { program. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Jill swam to the } \\ \text { deep end. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { They are not } \\ \text { moving in until } \\ \text { tomorrow. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Jorge walked to } \\ \text { the corner market. }\end{array} \\ \text { The lady laughed } \\ \text { Frank rolled down } \\ \text { the hill. } \\ \text { with great menace. } \\ \text { without humor. } \\ \text { after his lunch. }\end{array}\right\}$

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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {t }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Subject Verb Agreement |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Homographs), Clarifying, and Subject-Verb Agreement |

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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.

## Vocabulary

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

## Homographs

Homographs are words that are spelled the same way but are pronounced differently and mean something different.
An example would be read and read. One time you pronounce it as if you are reading something right now, the other is pronounced to indicate that the reading took place in the past.
Share homographs-record and record (the first is to keep a record, the second is to make a tape of your voice.)

## Homographs

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Homograph Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place them in between the two players.
4. Player 1 draws a card, reads the sentence and tells how to pronounce the word to fit in that sentence.
5. If Player 2 agrees, Player 1 gets a point and Player 2 resumes play. If Player 2 disagrees, then they must find a neutral peer and ask him/her to decide.

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#### Abstract

Clarifying: 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/question would be, "Can an adder be a hermit? Will a bat fly through a waterfall? Is there a cave under the bridge?


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| 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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| John will record that song. | Sales set a record the day after Thanksgiving. | She straightened the bow in her hair. | The actor took a bow after the play. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| What is your address? | How did you address the judge? | Jill held her teddy bear close. | Don't forget to close the door. |
| He plays the bass guitar with the band | He caught a bass in the lake. | He was a rebel because he just couldn't cooperate. | In 1860 Virginia decided to rebel. |
| The room was dirty and dingy. | That small boat is called a dingy. | The sewer drain was at the corner. | She loved to work with fabric, she was a sewer. |
| Please read the story aloud now. | He read the book yesterday. | He will present his project to the group. | Did you get a present for your birthday? |


| He enjoys the cactus in the desert. | The soldier did not desert his friends. | You may move forward and resume your walk. | He turned in his résumé. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The dove will "coo" when it is content. | He dove into the swimming pool. | Who will lead the activity? | The pencil needs a sharp lead. |
| Will you polish your fingernails? | Have you ever eaten a Polish dog? | He is the subject of the investigation. | Don't subject me to your anger! |
| She always has an excuse about her clothes. | Mom will excuse you from the table. | She was so sad that a tear slid down her cheek. | Don't tear that paper! |
| I was able to win the contest. | He disagrees and will contest your opinion | He was sad about the loss so he moped around. | I will ride my moped to the store. |


$\left.$| Did he refuse to |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| go to the dinner? | | The garbage truck |
| :---: |
| picked up the |
| refuse. |$\quad$| Did you suspect |
| :---: |
| the surprise party? |$\quad$| He was a suspect |
| :---: |
| in the robbery. | \right\rvert\,

## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Do We Agree? \#2

| The buttons on her <br> sweater is wooden. | The buttons on her <br> sweater are <br> wooden. | The dog with many <br> spots growl at <br> everyone. | The dog with many <br> spots growls at <br> everyone. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The girl with <br> braces brush her <br> teeth. | The girl with <br> braces brushes her <br> teeth. | The street outside <br> the mall need <br> plowing. | The street outside <br> the mall needs <br> plowing. |
| The couch with <br> stripes is <br> comfortable. | The couch with <br> stripes are <br> comfortable. | A bucket of berries <br> cost \$4.00. | A bucket of berries <br> costs \$4.00. |
| The pack of <br> pencils is <br> inexpensive. | The pack of <br> pencils are <br> inexpensive. | The sweater in the <br> display fit me. | The sweater in the <br> display fits me. |
| Many marbles in <br> that game is <br> matching. | Many marbles in <br> that game are <br> matching. | The pictures of the <br> zoo trip is <br> developed. | The pictures of the <br> zoo trip are <br> developed. |


| The guinea pig <br> with black spots <br> need a good <br> home. | The guinea pig <br> with black spots <br> needs a good <br> home. | The videos on the <br> bottom shelf need <br> to be returned. | The videos on the <br> bottom shelf needs <br> to be returned. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| That banana with <br> dark spots is <br> rotten. | That banana with <br> dark spots are <br> rotten. | The dogs with the <br> collar is friendly. | The dogs with the <br> collar are friendly. |
| The people <br> throughout the <br> area want the <br> road. | The people <br> throughout the <br> area wants the <br> road. | Students <br> throughout the <br> school want a <br> longer lunch. | Students <br> throughout the <br> school wants a <br> longer lunch. |
| The girl with <br> chicken pox have <br> lunch. | The girl with <br> chicken pox has <br> lunch. | The horse with the <br> saddle runs fast. | The horse with the <br> saddle run fast. |
| The radish in the <br> salad taste spicy. | The radish in the <br> salad tastes spicy. | The tomatoes on <br> the sandwich is <br> soft. | The tomatoes on <br> the sandwich are <br> soft. |


| The pancakes on <br> the plate is cold. | The pancakes on <br> the plate are cold. | The boys near the <br> slide helps pick up <br> trash. | The boys near the <br> slide help pick up <br> trash. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Paired Reading and ight |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Word Family-ight), Questioning, and Prepositional Phrases as Adjectives |

## Materials:

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

## Opening <br> State the objective

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## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
6. Celebrate success.
7. Students should stay on the same passage level for $4-6$ weeks and then transition

> *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

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students to the next level.

## 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.

## Vocabulary

## Word Families-ight

A word family is a group of words that rhyme and have the same final spellings. Example: ran, can, fan, bran, tan; or words that are more challenging to spell-eight, freight, weight (Note: these words end in eight not ight).
Today we are going to look at words that end in the pattern "ight" Divide students into pairs and have them brainstorm as many words as they can that end in "ight" that sounds like "ite". Words include: bright, fight, flight, fright, knight, light, might, night, plight, right sight, slight, tight.

Once you have brainstormed the list of words have students work in pairs to write a paragraph using as many "ight" words as possible. Example: Last night we saw a bright light in the sky. At first we were frightened by the sight. Have pairs share their paragraph with the class. When they read a word that contains "ight", the class should snap fingers.

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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....

## Conventions

## Adjective Prepositional Phrases

Write the following prepositional phrases on the board and ask students to circle the preposition and underline the object of the preposition.
around the corral
on the wall

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.

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

| behind the door <br> of jam <br> with a paper towel <br> of $i$ ice cream <br> around the edge <br> of the pond <br> between the doors | understanding of these key <br> elements. |
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| In the activity today, students will read a sentence and identify the preposition, the object of |  |
| the preposition, and the noun that the prepositional phrase modifies. |  |
| Tell About Nouns |  |
| Directions: |  |
| 1.Divide students into pairs. <br> 2. Give each pair a set of Tell About Nouns cards and a white board. <br> 3. Player 1 draws a card and identifies the preposition, identifies the object of the <br> preposition, identifies the noun. |  |
| 4. Player 1 will receive 1 point for each correct response (up to 3 points). |  |
| 5. Player 2 repeats. |  |
| 6. Game is over when first player reaches 15 points. |  |


| Closing |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Review |
| Say: <br> - Please recap what we did today. <br> - Did we achieve our objectives? |  |
| 3-2-1 | Debrief <br> ered. <br> u practiced today. |

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$4^{\text {th }}$ - $^{\text {th }}$ Grade Tell About Nouns

| The candle on the piano is cinnamon scented. | Use that container of fertilizer to feed the plants. | The books from the library must be returned today. | Anna likes pancakes with butter and syrup. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| That radish in the salad is very spicy. | The girl near the slide helped me pick up trash. | The horse with the red saddle blanket won the prize. | Students throughout the school want a longer lunch period. |
| The girl with chicken pox ate lunch yesterday. | Julie ordered marble cake with raspberry filling. | Dad shoveled the end of the driveway. | The red scarf around my neck was a gift. |
| Our class will clean up the mess around the soccer field. | We are renting a cottage near the dock. | The box of books is behind the door. | The girl with brown hair won the race. |
| The nest in the tree is fragile. | The runner in the green shorts fell down. | The chicken under the awning is named El Pollo. | The rainbow in the sky is beautiful. |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Homophone Meanings |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Homographs), Clarifying, and Compound Prepositions |

## Materials:

Homograph activity from yesterday
White boards, crayons and/or pens
Convention activity at end of lesson plan

## Opening <br> State the objective

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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

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

Homophones
Homophones are words that sound alike but are spelled differently and have different meanings. Other than the words we worked with yesterday, there are other homophone pairs. Today we will look at other homophones such as bury and berry.

## Homophone Meaning Match

Directions:

1. Place sentence cards in the middle of the board, face down.
2. Player draws one card.
3. Player determines which word matches the definition that he/she drew.
4. Player places token on the word.
5. Other players can challenge.
6. Game is over when all words are covered.

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

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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.

| $\quad$ Conventions | Often, this activity will be <br> centered on a game to <br> Compound Prepositions <br> Compound prepositions are multiple prepositions used together to demonstrate the <br> relationship between words in the sentence. Commonly used compound prepositions time on key <br> include: according to, ahead of, along with, as for, away from, because of, by way of, due <br> to, except for, in addition to, in back of, in case of, in front of, in regard to, in spite of, <br> instead of, out of, up to, with the exception of. (Place these words on a chart) <br> chens in with kids to to <br> ciscuss each of the compound prepositions, giving examples of how these are used in <br> sentences |
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| determine if they have and <br> understanding of these key <br> elements. |  |
| Say What? |  |
| Directions: |  |
| 1. Divide students into pairs. |  |
| 2. Give each pair a set of Compound Preposition Cards. |  |
| 3. Play 1 draws a card and uses the compound preposition in a sentence. |  |
| 4. If correct, he/she keeps the card. |  |
| 5. Player 2 repeats the process. |  |
| 6. If sentence is incorrect, the card is placed back in the deck. |  |
| 7. Play is over when all cards are taken. |  |


|  | Closing |
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| Say: | Review |
| - | Please recap what we did today. <br> - |
| Lid we achieve our objectives? |  |
| 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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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Homograph Meaning Match

| berry | bury | heal | heel | hear | here |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| in |  |  |  |  | led |
| inn |  | Homophones Meaning Match |  |  | mail |
| meet |  |  |  |  | meat |
| knot |  |  |  |  | male |
| not | great | grate | know | no | lead |


| wear down or <br> grind off in small <br> pieces | a small juicy <br> fruit with many <br> seeds | come face to <br> face with; come <br> together | put in the earth <br> or a tomb; cover <br> up |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| cure; bring back <br> to health | a word used to <br> refuse or deny; <br> none | adult that can <br> be a father | in this place; <br> now; at this time |
| big; large; much; <br> more than usual | a lodging house <br> for travelers | back part of <br> foot | showed the way; <br> went first |
| animal flesh used <br> for food | get sounds <br> through the <br> ears; listen | tied together, as <br> rope, string, <br> ribbon | letters sent or <br> received |
| a word that says <br> "no"; expressed <br> denial | tell apart from <br> others; have the <br> facts | within; not <br> outside; into | bluish-gray <br> metal; graphite <br> for pencils |

$4^{\text {th }-5} 5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Say What?

| according to | ahead of | along with | as for |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| away from | because of | by way of | due to |
| except for | in addition to | in back of | in case of |
| in front of | in regard to | in spite of | instead of |

## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans



| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4^{\mathrm{h}}-5^{\text {th }} \text { Grades }}$ |
| Lesson Title: | Somebody Wanted Antonym Review |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Antonyms), Summarizing, and Linking Verbs and Predicate Adjectives |

## Materials:

Activity at the end of the lesson plan

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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

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

## Antonym Review

Antonyms are words that mean the opposite of another word. Not all words have opposites, but the ones that do, should be understood.
Review several examples with students.

## Antonyms

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Antonym Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place the first 16 in a 4 by 4 grid face down.
4. Player 1 draws 2 cards and if they are antonyms for one another they collect the cards and use one of the words in a sentence. Player replaces the two cards with two other cards from the deck.
5. Player 2 then repeats.
6. When all cards are matched game is over.

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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:

During the lesson check in with students repeatedly.
Check in about what is happening and what they are thinking.
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| 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.) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 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> Linking Verbs and Predicate Adjectives <br> A linking verb does not show action. A linking verb links or joins something in the predicate to the subject of the sentence. A linking verb does not have an action verb after it. A predicate adjective that follow the linking verb tells something about the subject. <br> Demonstrate several examples of this: <br> Ants are disgusting. (are is the linking verb, disgusting is the adverb) Jorge is loud (is is the linking verb, loud is the adjective.) <br> Linking to Predicate Adjectives \#1 <br> Directions: <br> 1. Divide students into pairs. <br> 2. Give each pair a sentence card. <br> 3. Students work together to find the linking verb in each sentence and then the predicate adjective. <br> 4. When the sentences on the card have been reviewed, pair should write three sentences of their own that follow the pattern of linking verb + predicate adjective. | 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. |


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|  | Closing |
| Say: | Review |
| - Please recap what we did today. |  |
| - Did we achieve our objectives? |  |

## Debrief

## LBNT

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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Antonym Review

| up | down | fat | thin |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| black | white | fast | slow |
| fingers | toes | head | toes |
| ill | well | pass | grab |
| rich | poor | polite | rude |
| loud | soft | tall | short |
| wet | dry | sweet | sour |
| arm | leg | blind | sighted |


| good | bad | inside | outside |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| boy | girl | Mr. | Mrs. |
| late | early | morning | evening |
| find | lost | top | bottom |
| under | over | play | work |
| empty | full | baby | adult |
| floor | ceiling |  | beautiful |

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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Linking to Predicate Adjectives \#2
> Cockroaches are yucky!
$>$ Hot dogs are yummy.
$>$ The sidewalk is cluttered.
$>$ Julie is graceful.
$>$ My sunburn is painful.
$>$ The golf ball dent is deep.
$\Rightarrow$ The bag of candy is full.
$>$ He is happy.
$>\mathrm{Mr}$. Sheldon is funny.
$>$ Night will be dark.
$>$ The movie was enjoyable.
$>$ The cruise ship is huge.
$>$ The girl is sleepy.
$>$ The raccoon is stealthy.
$>$ Mother is shy.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Do We Agree? |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Homographs), Predicting, and Subject-Verb Agreement |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan
White board and pen/crayon

## Opening

## State the objective

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## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
6. Celebrate success.
7. Students should stay on the same passage level for $4-6$ weeks and then transition

*Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

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students to the next level.

## 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.

## Vocabulary

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

## Homographs

Homographs are words that are spelled the same way but are pronounced differently and mean something different.
An example would be read and read. One time you pronounce it as if you are reading something right now, the other is pronounced to indicate that the reading took place in the past.
Share homographs-record and record (the first is to keep a record, the second is to make a tape of your voice.)

## Homographs

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Homograph Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place them in between the two players.
4. Player 1 draws a card, reads the sentence and tells how to pronounce the word to fit in that sentence.
If Player 2 agrees, Player 1 gets a point and Player 2 resumes play. If Player 2 disagrees, then they must find a neutral peer and ask him/her to decide.

## Reciprocal Teaching

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Clarifying (understanding the meaning of each of the words-remember that many English words have multiple meanings).
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## Activity

## Predicting

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

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.
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.

## 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.

## Subject-Verb Agreement

Subjects and verbs must agree. When a subject is one, it is singular. This singular subject needs to be matched to a singular verb. When the subject is more than one, it is plural and should be matched to a plural verb. Here is an example: My friend is going to the zoo. (friend is singular and is singular). My friends are going to the zoo. (friends is plural and are is plural). John jumps high (John is singular and jumps is singular) We jump high (we is plural and jump is plural).
When sentences are straightforward (without a compound subject or predicate or without prepositional phrase) it is easier to decide whether the subject is singular or plural. Today we will practice with simple sentences. Tomorrow we will add the challenge of prepositional phrases, etc.

## Do We Agree? \#1

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a deck of Do We Agree? Cards and a game board.
3. Shuffle the cards and place them to the right of the game board.
4. Player 1 draws a sentence card and determines if the subject and verb agree. If yes, player places the card in the agree column, if player says no, they put it in the disagree column.
5. If player 2 agrees, then he/she take his/her turn. If not, he/she can challenge and explain why.
6. Once a challenge is settled, Player 2 takes his/her turn.
7. Game is over when all cards have been completed.

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.

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|  | Closing |
| Say: | Review |
| - Please recap what we did today. |  |
| - Did we achieve our objectives? |  |

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## 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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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!)

| John will record that song. | Sales set a record the day after Thanksgiving. | She straightened the bow in her hair. | The actor took a bow after the play. |
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| What is your address? | How did you address the judge? | Jill held her teddy bear close. | Don't forget to close the door. |
| He plays the bass guitar with the band | He caught a bass in the lake. | He was a rebel because he just couldn't cooperate. | In 1860 Virginia decided to rebel. |
| The room was dirty and dingy. | That small boat is called a dingy. | The sewer drain was at the corner. | She loved to work with fabric, she was a sewer. |
| Please read the story aloud now. | He read the book yesterday. | He will present his project to the group. | Did you get a present for your birthday? |


| He enjoys the cactus in the desert. | The soldier did not desert his friends. | You may move forward and resume your walk. | He turned in his résumé. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The dove will "coo" when it is content. | He dove into the swimming pool. | Who will lead the activity? | The pencil needs a sharp lead. |
| Will you polish your fingernails? | Have you ever eaten a Polish dog? | He is the subject of the investigation. | Don't subject me to your anger! |
| She always has an excuse about her clothes. | Mom will excuse you from the table. | She was so sad that a tear slid down her cheek. | Don't tear that paper! |
| I was able to win the contest. | He disagrees and will contest your opinion | He was sad about the loss so he moped around. | I will ride my moped to the store. |


$\left.$| Did he refuse to |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| go to the dinner? | | The garbage truck |
| :---: |
| picked up the |
| refuse. |$\quad$| Did you suspect |
| :---: |
| the surprise party? |$\quad$| He was a suspect |
| :---: |
| in the robbery. | \right\rvert\,

$4^{\text {th }-5} 5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Do We Agree? \#1

| Thirty-five students <br> are hiking Grand <br> Canyon. | Sixteen students is <br> hiking in Yosemite. | Jorge's mother is <br> afraid. | Jorge's mother are <br> afraid. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The wind scatter <br> seeds. | The wind scatters <br> seeds. | Boats floats a long <br> distance. | Boats float a long <br> distance. |
| Seeds travel in <br> many ways. | Seeds travels in <br> many ways. | Sometimes seeds <br> falls in the water. | Sometimes seeds <br> fall in the water. |
| Animals gathers <br> seeds to eat. | Animals gather <br> seeds to eat. | Squirrels digs <br> holes to bury <br> seeds. | Squirrels dig holes <br> to bury seeds. |
| Cardinals likes to |  |  |  |
| eat seeds. | Cardinals like to <br> eat seeds. | Dogs carry seeds <br> in their fur | Dogs carries seeds <br> in their fur. |


| People plant seeds to grow new plants. | People plants seeds to grow new plants. | A fire is built in marked areas. | A fire are built in marked areas. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jorge took a lot of water with him. | Jorge tooks a lot of water with him. | We ship out tomorrow on the boat. | We ships out tomorrow on the boat. |
| I jump on the trampoline every afternoon. | I jumps on the trampoline every afternoon. | The driver parks the car. | The driver park the car. |
| The breeze fill the air. | The breeze fills the air. | Andrew travel overseas. | Andrew travels overseas. |
| Aaron uses his boat every day. | Aaron use his boat every day. | Dave drive expertly on the track. | Dave drives expertly on the tack. |


| Jack and Jill goes <br> up the hill. | Jack and Jill go up <br> the hill. | Mark and John is <br> coming home. | Mark and John are <br> coming home. |
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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Fluency Review and More |
| Focus: | Review of Vocabulary and Conventions |

## Materials:

Activities from the past 11 days for students to select from, at the end of lessons 1-10

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

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## Fluency Activity of the Day

Retest student, read for 1 minute compare results with the pre-test.

## Vocabulary

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

Today is a day of review. Have students select from one of the following:
Homophones
"ight" Words
"ould" and "ought" Words
Synonyms
Antonyms
Homographs

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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.

## Conventions

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| Today is a day of review. Have students select from one of the following: | determine if they have and <br> understanding of these key <br> elements. <br> Prepositions |
| :--- | :--- |
| Say What? |  |
| Tell About Nouns |  |
| Which One? |  |
| Linking to Predicate Nouns |  |
| Linking to Predicate Adjectives |  |
| Do We Agree? |  |


|  | Closing |
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| Say: | Review |
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|  | Did we achieve our objectives? |$\quad$ Debrief

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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Chain of Synonyms |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Synonyms) Predicting, and Types of Sentences |

## Materials:

Fluency passages or students current reading
White boards, pens or crayons
Activities at the end of lesson plan

## Opening <br> 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 do you know about synonyms? What are some synonyms for the word "said". How does predicting help you think about the story you are going to read.
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 the different types of sentences? What is another word for interrogative? Declarative?

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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.

## Fluency Activity of the Day

Fluency Test—Read 1 minute count number 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

Synonyms: Synonyms are words that mean the same or nearly the same thing.
Synonyms are a way of expressing a subtlety of meaning that might not be there with a limited choice of words. For example: a big elephant is not nearly as big as a gigantic one, which is probably smaller than a humongous one. Yet, all of those words mean big.
So we will look at chains of words that add increments of meaning, creating a continuum of thought.

## Chain of Synonyms <br> Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Word Bank Card.
3. Together, students draw a card and brainstorm 4-6 synonyms for the word listed.
4. Together, the pair decides what the chain of words will be, linking the words together in an order or chain that makes sense to them.
5. Have pairs work on at least 5 chains.
6. Bring class together and have students share the Chain of Synonyms that they created.

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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

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| read the material, ask students to look for evidence of their predictions. For example, if the <br> prediction is, "There is a sad and lonely duck," the evidence might be, "The duck always <br> walked alone." |  |  |  |
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| Conventions |  |  |  |
| Types of Sentences: Interrogatives: An interrogative sentence asks a question. It ends | Often, this activity will be <br> centered on a game to <br> with a question mark. |  |  |
| jeoparde practice time on key |  |  |  |
| Students may work with a partner |  |  |  |
| conventions. Be sure to |  |  |  |
| Student should write the question for each answer on a small white board and hold up the |  |  |  |
| question for each answer. Demonstrate with students several times. Instruct students to |  |  |  |
| "write the questions for each of the following answers": | determine if they have and |  |  |
| understanding of these key |  |  |  |
| 1. It is an interrogative sentence | elements. |  |  |
| 2. It is on Friday. |  |  |  |
| 3. They are over there |  |  |  |
| 4. It is over six feet tall. |  |  |  |
| 5. It must have been him. |  |  |  |
| 6. It is hers. |  |  |  |
| 7. It is in the United States. |  |  |  |
| 8. They live in the rain forest. |  |  |  |
| 9. It is less than three pounds. |  |  |  |
| 10. They went to a cookout. |  |  |  |
| 11. Riley like llamas. |  |  |  |
| 12. They ate the two scoop special. |  |  |  |
| 13. He rode the bike for an hour. |  |  |  |
| 14. They were late to the movie. |  |  |  |
| 15. She walked on the beach. |  |  |  |



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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades Word Cards-Synonyms

| abandon | clothes | disaster |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| eager | hub | important |
| prejudice | problem | serious |
| special | general | hidden |
| improve | incomplete | inferior |
| interrupt | obvious | particular |
| vague | thorough | superb |
| suspect |  | trust |

## Information Including Synonyms For Leaders

| abandon: depart, desert, <br> withdraw | clothes: apparel, attire, garments | disaster: calamity, catastrophe, <br> misfortune |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| eager: avid, enthusiastic, keen | hub: center, middle, nucleus | important: major, principal, <br> significant |
| prejudice: bias, bigotry, <br> intolerance | problem: dilemma, mystery, <br> riddle | serious: grave, solemn, somber |
| special: particular, specific, <br> unique | general: broad, wide-ranging, <br> universal | hidden: unseen, concealed, <br> veiled |
| improve: strengthen, progress, <br> advance | incomplete: unfinished, partial, <br> shortened | inferior: substandard, lower, <br> mediocre |
| interrupt: barge, in suspend, <br> disrupt | obvious: apparent, evident, clear | particular: certain, meticulous, <br> exacting |
| vague: unclear, hazy, fuzzy | retreat: recoil, withdraw, leave | superb: outstanding, exemplary, <br> fantastic |
| suspect: guess, suppose, <br> imagine | thorough: methodical, detailed, | trust: believe, confident, reliant |
| comprehensive |  |  |


| Components: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\mathrm{h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Tongue Twisters |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Alliteration), Clarifying, and Commas |

## Materials:

Activities at the end of the lesson plan

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What is alliteration? Can you give an example of alliteration? When do you use commas?

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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

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

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

Alliteration: The repetition a sound, usually the initial consonant sounds in two or more words in a sentence or a phrase.

## Tongue Twisters <br> Directions:

1. Divide students into groups of 3 .
2. Give each group a Tongue Twisters Sample Card.
3. Each group is to write 5 original tongue twisters.
4. Have each group share with the rest of the class.
5. Select the 5 most outstanding and of course, difficult to say Tongue Twisters and have groups share with the other students.

## Reciprocal Teaching

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Clarifying (understanding the meaning of each of the words-remember that many English words have multiple meanings).
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Summarizing (listing the key bullet points of what you've read-not retelling detail by detail).
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## Activity

## Clarifying:

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,

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bat, cave, and bridge, a silly sentence/question would be, "Can an adder be a hermit? Will a bat fly through a waterfall? Is there a cave under the bridge?

## 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.

A comma is a punctuation mark that occurs within a sentence that tells you to pause. It acts as a separator between things in a series, two thoughts, a direct address, and so on. It is important to learn how to use a comma correctly otherwise what you have written becomes choppy and disconnected-making it difficult to make meaning.
One of the places that we use commas is in a series. A series is like a list of at least three things that is embedded into a sentence. For example, when talking about the American flag we can say, "The flag is red, white, and blue." The series is the three colors that we find on the flag.

## Series

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Series cards, a white board and a pen or crayon.
3. Together students will select a Series card and determine how to punctuate the sentence.
4. After completing all of the cards, students will select 3 cards to rewrite onto the white board using correct punctuation.
5. After working on this activity, students will come back together to share the 3 sentences they have selected with the group.
Note: When reading the sentence aloud, remember to pause at the comma.

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!)

1. Ask students to think about what they did today.

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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!)

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## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Tongue Twister Samples

## Tongue Twisters

- Angela Abigail Applewhite ate anchovies and artichokes.
- Bertha Bartholomew blew big, blue bubbles.
- Clever Clifford Cutter clumsily closed the closet clasps.
- Dwayne Dwiddle drew a drawing of dreaded Dracula.
- Elmer Elwood eluded eleven elderly elephants.
- Floyd Flingle flipped flat flapjacks.
- Greta Gruber grabbed a group of green grapes.
- Hattie Henderson hated happy healthy hippos.
- Ida Ivy identified the ivory iris.
- Julie Jackson juggled the juicy, jiggly jello.
- Karl Kessler kept the ketchup in the kitchen.
- Lila Ledbetter lugged a lot of little lemons.
- Milton Mallard mailed a mangled mango.
- Norris Newton never needed new noodles.
- Patsy Planter plucked plump, purple, plastic plums.
- Quinella Quist quite quickly quelled the quarreling quartet.
- Randy Rathbone wrapped a rather rare red rabbit.
- Shelly Sherman shivered in a sheer, short, shirt.
- Trina Tweety tripped two twittering twins under a twiggy tree.
- Uri Udall usually used his unique, unusual unicycle.
- Vicky Vince viewed a very valuable vase.
- Walter Whipple warily warned the weary warrior.
- Xerxes Xenon expected to Xerox extra x-rays.
- Yolana Yvonne Yarger yodeled up yonder yesterday.
- Zigmund Zane zig-zagged through the zany zoo zone.
$4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Series Cards

For cooking we will need a stove utensils and matches.

If you sleep over at my house please bring pajamas a robe and slippers

For fun I will have chocolate caramel and strawberry on my ice cream.

We saw the volcanoes at Mount Saint Helens Mount Etna and Mount Vesuvius.

The volcanoes all emitted gas lava and cinder.

He likes to eat tomato lettuce and onions on his burger.

Have you been to England Norway and Belgium?

For eating we will need knives forks and spoons.

When you go on the trip take socks a swimsuit and shorts.

I will bring Jenny Maria Mark and Lori with me.

The members of our team were Roy Bill and Esther.

We have seen volcanoes in the United States Mexico and Italy.

She will bake chocolate chip sugar and coconut cookies for them.

I will take my computer paper printer and reference book on my trip.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Word Pyramid |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Synonyms), Questioning, and Types of Sentences |

## Materials:

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

## Opening <br> State the objective

The purpose of these lessons are to:

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- Increase vocabulary (both academic and other words).
- Practice Reciprocal Teaching (predicting, clarifying, questioning, and summarizing).
- Work on being proficient at the conventions of writing which include capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence types, and grammar.


## 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 do you know about synonyms? What are some synonyms for the word "sad". How does predicting help you think about the story you are going to read.
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 the different types of sentences? What is another word for interrogative? Declarative?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

Repeated Reading is a key strategy that research has found to be incredibly effective in building fluency. Repeated Reading means exactly that-students read and re-read the same passage, practicing not only the unique words but the sight words that make up of $65 \%$ of the written words. For reading passages see information in the side note.

## 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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.

## *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

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5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
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

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.

## Vocabulary

Synonyms: Synonyms are words that mean the same or nearly the same thing. Synonyms are a way of expressing a subtlety of meaning that might not be there with a limited choice of words. For example: a big elephant is not nearly as big as a gigantic one, which is probably smaller than a humongous one. Yet, all of those words mean big. So we will look at chains of words that add increments of meaning, creating a continuum of thought.

## Word Pyramid

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair the directions for creating a Word Pyramid.
3. Explain that they will be using a variety of words when they follow the Pyramid format.
4. Line 1: Word
5. Line 2: 2 antonyms
6. Line 3: 3 Synonyms
7. Line 4: 4 adjectives that describe
8. Line 5: Sentence for the key word
9. Complete several examples on the board with students.

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on with the story).

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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.

| Questioning: $\quad$ Activity |  |
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| 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.... |  |
| Conventions |  |
| Types of Sentences: Exclamatory: An exclamatory sentence shows strong feelings and <br> ends with an exclamation point. | Often, this activity will be <br> Making WOW! <br> centered on a game to <br> Directions: <br> provide practice time on key <br> conventions. Be sure to <br> check in with kids to <br> 1. Divide the students into pairs. <br> 2. Give each pair a set of sentence cards. <br> 3. Player 1 draws a sentence card and changes it into an exclamatory sentence. <br> 4. Player gets one point each time he/she creates an exclamatory sentence. <br> 5. Player 2 continues play in the same way. |
| determine if they have and <br> understanding of these key <br> elements. |  |



## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

1. Ask students to think about what they did today.
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$4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Making WOW!

| I passed the science test. | We got an invitation to the party. |
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| The moon is full and round. | Please don't step on my book. |
| This is tasty ice cream. | Please don't throw that away. |
| Julie won the contest. | Please come now. |
| Sharks have big teeth. | The beast scared all of the kids. |
| Please send help fast. | Close the windows the cool air is |
| Be sure to lock your door. | escaping. |


| The bear is on my porch. | Please stand still. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Wally is so funny. | It's the Flying Flareteys. |
| Watch out for the hole. | Ha, Ha. |
| Please don't look so hungry and <br> mean. | They are amazing |
| Look at the crashing clown cars. | It's Fearless Frank on the high wire. |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | No Doubles |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (ldioms), Summarizing, and Double Negatives |

## Materials:

Activity at the end of the lesson plan

## Opening

## State the objective

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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 idioms? What is meant by the idiom: "It's raining cats and dogs". What happens in a sentence that you use a double negative in?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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## Repeated Reading Process

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2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.

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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.

## 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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## Literal and Non-Literal Game

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair an Idiom Phrase Card.
3. Students are to review each idiom and determine both its literal (exact meaning of the words) and non-literal (idiom) meaning.
4. Students may also have a set of idiom meanings to check their own thinking.

Note: Part of today's work will prepare students for tomorrow.

## Reciprocal Teaching

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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

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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.
Double Negatives: A negative word indicates "no". When two negative words are used, the phrase becomes a positive, or "yes" statements. This is exactly like what it is in mathtwo negatives make a positive. This is confusing to the reader and should be avoided. Use only one negative word when you mean to indicate "no".

## No Doubles!

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Double Negative Card.
3. Students read the sentences and agree on how to rewrite so there is only one negative in the sentence.
4. They should write the revised sentences on a white board.
5. When all students have finished pull the group together and have them share several examples of what they did to eliminate the double negatives.

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.

## 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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# circular file 

see eye to afraid of his eye own shadow
cost an arm backseat and a leg
come clean crack a book down in the
dumps
forever and a day
dead to the turned a deaf world ear
know the
ropes
clear the air got cold feet driver
lost her marbles
out of the woods

Idiom Meaning Card

| become ill with <br> a cold | trash can | agree | too frightened <br> to act |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| expensive | bossy | back out, will <br> not do | tell the truth |
| study | asleep | won't listen to | depressed |
| surprised | crazy, not <br> making <br> sense | sever ties with | always |
| understand <br> what to do | will be okay | great <br> gardener | talk about the <br> problem |

## $4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade No Doubles!

There is scarcely none of the birdseed left in the feeder.
Don't get no fries with your order.
We can't stop no one from walking in the wet grass.
Hardly no one ordered the pizza today.
There weren't no bags of popcorn left when I got there.
I don't have no money with me.
It isn't barely raining outside.
There wasn't no snow on our grass this morning.
I couldn't find no one who wanted to build a snowman.
We couldn't believe that no one wanted to stay inside.
None of the students could think of nothing to do at recess.
No one never thinks it is a waste of time to go ice-skating.
You shouldn't never play catch.
Isn't no one else going to eat icicles?
There wasn't nothing wrong with using fresh snow.
The snowman outside isn't nowhere.
Falling now isn't no fun if you can't go out and play in

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| Grade Level: | $4^{\mathrm{h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Idioms and Direct Address |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Idioms), Predicting, and Commas |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan
White board and pen/crayon

## Opening

## State the objective

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## Content (the "Meat")

| Fluency |
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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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Today, divide students into two teams. Each team will select 3 idioms to act out. The team must act out both the literal and idiom meaning of the phrase. All team members must participate in at least one of the Charades. They may select idioms from yesterday's card.

Give students 10 minutes to prepare and then have the two teams share with one another.

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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 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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One of the places we use commas is to set apart the name of someone being addressed and introductory words such as "yes", "no" and "well. Examples are: Kate, do you want to go to the store? Yes, I will be there tomorrow. I agree with you, Joni, we need to eat more pizza.

## Direct Address

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Direct Address cards, a white board and a pen or crayon.
3. Together students will select a Direct Address card and determine how to punctuate the sentence.
4. After completing all of the cards, students will select 3 cards to rewrite onto the white board using correct punctuation.
5. After working on this activity, students will come back together to share the 3 sentences they have selected with the group.
Note: When reading the sentence aloud, remember to pause at the comma.

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.

## 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.
2. Ask them to comment on what they did today was something they already knew how to do. (Confirmation)
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4. Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)
catch a cold circular file
see eye to afraid of his eye own shadow
cost an arm backseat and a leg driver
come clean crack a book dead to the turned a deaf world
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down in the dumps
forever and a know the out of the
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day
clear the air got cold feet
burn his bridges know the out of the
ropes $\quad$ woods
green thumb
$4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Direct Address

Monica have you seen any butterflies fluttering around your yard?

Betsy when was the last time you saw butterflies in your garden?

Molly can you name the four stages of the butterfly?

Jeff do you know the name of the butterfly's long feeding tube?

Heather did you know that the Queen Alexandra's bird wing butterfly is the largest butterfly?

Well did you know that butterflies are insects?

Well yesterday I saw one, but just for a second.

Two days ago Kate I saw three butterflies.

Yes I certainly can.

Yes it is called the proboscis.

No I didn't know that.

Yes I knew that Ally.

Did you know Dave that butterflies like to warm-up out go in the sun?

Where can you see a lot of butterflies in the winter?

Fred do you have everything you need?

No but that must be because they are cold-blooded.

I know you can see it in Monarch Dunes Freddie.

Yes I am good to go.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Analogies and Comparisons |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Analogies), Predicting, and Colons |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan
White board and pen/crayon

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

Give several examples of analogies. If we were comparing a chick : hen, how would that be like a puppy : $\qquad$ ?
Explain your answer. What do you know about the use of a colon? What does the symbol look like? 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?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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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.

## Vocabulary

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

## Analogies

An analogy shows the relationship between two items. To create an analogy, you identify the relationship between the first two words. Are these words synonyms, opposites, do they show change over time? Then you find a second pair of words that have the same relationship. For example, a puppy is a young dog. This is similar to a foal which is a young horse. So you could say: puppy : dog ::foal : horse. The use of the colons tells the reader that there is a relationship first between the words and then between the pairs as well.

## Analogies/Comparisons

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Analogy Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place them between the students.
4. Player 1 draws a card and completes the analogy. If Player 2 agrees, player 1 keeps the card.
5. Player 2 then continues the play.
6. Game is over when all cards are drawn.

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## 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 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.

## 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.

## Colons

Colons are a punctuation mark that looks like this : A colon is used in the following ways:

- after a greeting in a business letter, to separate a book's title from its subtitle

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- to introduce a series of items after an independent clause
- after the word "as follows" or "the following"


## Colons

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Colons Practice Card and white boards.
3. Together, students look at each of the Practice Card statements and rewrite the sentences on the white board using the colon correctly.
4. When pair has completed the sentences, they find another pair and share solutions.

## 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!)

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## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Analogies/Comparisons

| left : right :: day : | eye : see :: nose : ___ | boy : girl : : man:___ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| coffee : hot : : ice cream : | watch : time : : scale : | bracelet : wrist : : ring : |
| bird : nest : : people: | sock : feet : : mittens : | soap : hands : : shampoo : |
| pig : oink : : dog : | stove : cook : : oven : | button : shirt : : zipper : |
| plane : fly : : boat : | five : eight : : twenty : | camera : film : : printer : |
| bee : hive : : wasp : | movie : watch : : music $\qquad$ | book : read : : canvas : |
| rocket : fast : : snail : | wrist : arm : : knee : ___ | meatloaf : main course : : cake : |
| boy : man : : girl : ___ | numbers : math : : words : | pencil : write : : crayons : |
| feather : bird : : fur : | open : closed : : up : | clean : dirty : : sharp |

## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Colons

Colons
Pack the following items hiking boots, shorts, sunscreen, and a hat.
In case of an earthquake follow these steps get to a doorway or bath tub, cover your eyes and the back of your neck, and stay calm.

My favorite TV shows follow Law and Order, Big Bang Theory, and The Closer.
The title of the book was "The Heist A Robbery in Brooklyn"

## Dear President Obama

I am visiting Washington D.C. in October.
The back-to-school list said to purchase crayons, pencils, erasers, and paper.
The title of the speech is "My Summer Life in the Fast Lane".

## Dear Sir

I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow.
This is what was on the list bank, car wash, grocery store.
Marge's itinerary stated Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama.
The snack bar menu read hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, soda.

## Customer Service

I am logging this complaint to express my dissatisfaction with the towels.
The album's title was "My Music Straight from the Heart".

## Dear Friend

Will you be able to distribute the request for donations?
The football roster read: Joe Smith, Fred Jones, Mark Little, Marvin Lester.
The title of the song is "Laughter The Best Medicine for Everyone:.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4^{\mathrm{h}}-5^{\mathrm{t}} \text { Grades }}$ |
| Lesson Title: | Categories and Analogies |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Analogies), Predicting, and Types of Sentences |

## Materials:

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

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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 do you know about analyzing words? What are some synonyms for the word "amazing". How does predicting help you think about the story you are going to read. What do you know about analogies? (comparison of things)
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 the different types of sentences? Give an example of a declarative sentence; and interrogative sentence; an exclamatory sentence; an imperative sentence.

## Content (the "Meat")

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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.

## 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.

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Example of correctly written analogy:
sock : shoe :: glove : hand (similar concept)
this : that :. go : come (dissimilar concept)
earth science : physical science : : bracelet : necklace (same category)
After working through several examples with the students, divide students into pairs and have them work on creating several analogies for each category.

## Types of analogies:

Similar Concepts: Adjacent concepts that are synonyms or similar in meaning: jump: leap :: shout : scream
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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 Types of Sentences

You have reviewed the four types of sentences: declarative, interrogative, exclamatory and imperative. It is important that you understand how to tell the difference when you read them and also when you write them.

## Categories

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Sentence Card.
3. Students should prepare a white board or a piece of paper with four columns, and label each column with a sentence type.
4. Together they should read each sentence and determine which category it belongs in and write the sentence in that column.

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|  | Closing |
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| Say: | Review |
| - Please recap what we did today. |  |
|  | Did we achieve our objectives? |
| LBNT | Debrief |
| 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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$4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Sentence Categories

- We have the plans for putting a pool in our backyard.
-Would you like to see them?
- Don't touch the plans with dirty hands, please.
- Look right here.
- Can you see this area?
- It is in the deep end.
- It's huge!
- They will begin to dig the hole for the pool next week.
- It will take three weeks until it is finished.
- Put your finger on the large area here.
- That whole area will be the deck.
- Did you know that we will have to build a fence, too?
- It has to be five feet tall for safety reasons.
- I can hardly wait!
-Will you be here tomorrow?
- Look out!
- Stop doing that.
- How many doors are in the building?
- He walked to school slowly.
- Jorge is my hero!
- He is only 3 feet tall.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Analogies and Infinitives |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Analogies), Clarifying, and Infinitives |

## Materials:

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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.

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tornado : weather : : paper clip : office supply (class name and class member)
finger : hand : : fender : car (part to whole)
puppy : dog : : equinox : seasons (change)
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## 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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Infinitives: Infinitives are present tense verbs that are usually preceded by the word "to". An infinitive can act as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb. Example: We need to water the plants; "to water" is the infinitive and it is acting as adverb elaborating on the verb "need".

## Identifying Infinitives

## Directions:

1. Divide students into trios.
2. Give each trio a Sentence Card.
3. Students should work together to identify the infinitive in each sentence.
4. They should number a white board and write the infinitive that corresponds to each number on the white board.
5. After trios have had an opportunity to work together, bring the whole group together and have them share their selections and reasons for that selection.
6. Discuss with students whether they believe the infinitive is acting as a noun, adjective, or adverb.

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## $4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Sentence Cards-Infinitives

To be outstanding was Maria's goal
To open the jar takes muscles.
You will need to remove the plastic liner.
Courage is needed to enter the haunted mansion.
To grill outside is best.
We want to enjoy the movie without a lot of extra noise.
Everyone would like to drink from the colder drinking fountain
Abby and Pearl want to show the class how to make pancakes.
We will be ready to leave when all of the toys are picked up.
The buds on the yellow flowers are beginning to open.
Dad has to run to the store for more nails.
We have to clean up this mess.
Salando can't wait to go on vacation in December.
The baby began to crawl on the floor.
We must wait until this afternoon to swim in the pool/
You need five tokens to play the arcade games.
Daily teeth brushing helps to keep plaque from forming cavities.
Cleo wants to have that candy bar.
Regular practice is needed to excel at basketball.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Function Analogies |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Analogies), Questioning, and Double Negatives |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan
White board, pens/crayons OR $3 \times 5$ cards for Question and Connection Cards

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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

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

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

Analogies: An analogy is a way to draw a comparison in order to show a similarity in two things. They are similar in some respect. For example, the following analogy: "the operation of a computer presents and interesting analogy to the working of the brain, so we could say that the computer is to brain, what a pace maker is to a heartbeat. There are several types of analogies. We will work on preparing different types of analogies for the next 3 days. When writing an analogy, use a : (colon) to compare the first 2 items, use a double colon :: to compare one $1 / 2$ of the analogy with the other half. You will see all types of analogies in the directions. You will work on the highlighted ones for each day.
Example of correctly written analogy:
yeast : bread :: water: ice (function)
dozen : egg : : house : bedroom (size)
After working through several examples with the students, divide students into pairs and have them work on creating several analogies for each category.

## Types of analogies:

Similar Concepts: Adjacent concepts that are synonyms or similar in meaning: jump: leap :: shout : scream
Dissimilar Concepts: Adjacent concepts that are antonyms or dissimilar in meaning:
Example: this :that : : go : come
Class Membership
Adjacent concepts that belong to the same class or category. Example: elephant : lion :: blue : pink

## Class Name and Class Member

One element in a set is a class name while the other is a member of the class: fork " utensil "" bee " insect.
Part to Whole:
One element in a set is a part of the other element in the set.
Example: wheel : car :: heel : leg
Change: One element in a set turns into the other element. Example: plant : seed :: caterpillar : butterfly
Function: One element in a set performs a function on or for another. Example: tutor student :. driver : car.
Quantity/Size: The two elements in the set are comparable in terms of quantity or size. Example: valley : hole :: lion : house cat

## Reciprocal Teaching

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Summarizing (listing the key bullet points of what you've read-not retelling detail by detail).
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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.
Example: If students read something about Columbus, the QUESTION card might read: What were the names of the three ships Columbus sailed with? If the same article was read, a CONNECTION card might read: How does Columbus coming to the new world connect to the Pilgrims coming over 100 years later?

## 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.

Double Negatives: A negative word indicates " no ". When two negative words are used, the phrase becomes a positive, or "yes" statements, just like in math. Double negatives are confusing to the reader and should be avoided. Use only one negative word when you mean to indicate "no". Negative words have a positive counterpart. It is important that you know this list.

## Concentration

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Concentration Cards.
3. Players should create a grid with the cards face down.
4. Player 1 draws to cards and if they are the positive and negative match, they pick up the two cards. If they do not match, they return them to the grid, face down.
5. Player 2 then takes his/her turn.
6. Activity is over when all of the words are matched.

If students finish before time is called, have pairs make up sentences with a double negative and then correct it to have only one negative.

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Check in about what is happening and what they are thinking.
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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 elements.

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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!)
$4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Concentration (Negative and Positive Words)

| neither | never | no |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| nobody | none | no one |
| nor | nothing | nowhere |
| weren't | won't | were |
| either | always | yes |
| someone | some | somebody |
| or | something | somewhere |
| were | will | sometimes |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Vocabulary Analyzer |
| Focus: | Vocabulary Analyzer, Summarizing, and Types of Sentences |

## Materials:

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

## Opening <br> State the objective

The purpose of these lessons are to:

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- Practice Reciprocal Teaching (predicting, clarifining, questioning, and summarizing).
- Work on being proficient at the conventions of writing which include capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence types, and grammar.


## 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 do you know about analyzing words? What are some synonyms for the word "ugly". How does predicting help you think about the story you are going to read.
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 the different types of sentences? What is another word for Exclamatory? Imperative?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

Repeated Reading is a key strategy that research has found to be incredibly effective in building fluency. Repeated Reading means exactly that-students read and re-read the same passage, practicing not only the unique words but the sight words that make up of $65 \%$ of the written words. For reading passages see information in the side note.

## 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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.

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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.

## Vocabulary

It is important that we look at vocabulary words in a holistic way. Each word has a meaning, a part of speech is attached to it, and you need to know how and when to use each word. We are going to spend some time with a Vocabulary Analyzer. You can utilize the lists of synonyms to generate the word list.

## Vocabulary Analyzer

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs and give each a pair a Word Card.
2. Share with students that they will work together to analyze the word. They will follow this 6 step format, recording the information on a white board or piece of paper so they can share it out with the other students.
A. Analyze the word-what part of speech, is there an affix, what is the root
B. Define: Short definition of the word
C. Apply: How can you use this word?
D. Compare: What is is this word similar to or different from?
E. Argue: Make an opinion statement using this word and argue for or against it.
F. Associate: How is this word related to your life? What does it make you think of?
3. When students have worked on several words, have them share with the remainder of the class

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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 will this information apply to your life?

## Conventions

Types of Sentences
Imperative: Imperative sentences tell you what to do or give you a command. An imperative sentence ends with a period. Often times the subject of an imperative sentence is implied, because the person is talking to you. If they were talking to someone else, it wouldn't me an imperative it would be a declarative sentence, simply stating a fact. Example: Mom asks you to sit down to dinner is a declarative sentence. To become an imperative, it would be said: "Sit down for dinner."

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of sentence cards that describe a situation.
3. Player 1 draws a card and reads the sentence and writes or speaks an imperative that tells a person what to do in the situation.
the group is thinking.

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## Debrief

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## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Imperative Sentences

A friend is tapping her pencil.

Someone touched poison ivy.

A fire started in the trash can.

Your friend is lounging on the couch, and you would like to share.

It is time for dinner.

You have just eaten a candy bar.

You are going to a friend's house and your mom wants to know what you arrive.

You are watching television and it is time for bed.
Your brother is hitting your bruised shoulder.

It is dinnertime.

The soil in the plant is beginning to dry.

The bull has spotted your friend in his pasture and is racing toward her.

The ladder fell down, and Mom is tuck on the roof.

Your bedroom has just been cleaned and your mother does not want you to take food into the bedroom.

You are sending a card to a friend and you need to put the address on it.

The windows are open and need A friend just passed by and you to be closed.

The lady is not wearing her shoes and there is glass.

You see the mountains and they are beautiful.

You need to return a call to the florist.

It is a hot day and you need to drink water so you won't become dehydrated.

You need to act like you are not hungry.

You should watch the circus act.

You should bring your money to the park.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Which One Is Not Like the Others? |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Synonyms), Clarifying, and Types of Sentences |

## Materials:

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

## Opening

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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 Synonyms

Synonyms are words that mean the same or nearly the same thing. Synonyms are a way of expressing a subtlety of meaning that might not be there with a limited choice of words.
For example: a big elephant is not nearly as big as a gigantic one, which is probably
smaller than a humongous one. Yet, all of those words mean big.
So we will look at chains of words that add increments of meaning, creating a continuum of thought.

## Synonyms: Which One Is Not Like the Other?

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give pairs a deck of Which One Is Not Like the Other Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards.
4. Player 1 draws a card and turns it face up. Player 1 reads the words on the card and identifies which one is not like the others (in other words it is not a synonym). Player states the word. If he/she is correct, he/she gets one point.
5. Player 2 continues in the same manner.
6. Play is over when 1 player reaches 10 points.

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## Activity

Clarifying:

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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.

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 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

Types of Sentences: Declaratives: Declarative sentences are statements. It tells something and ends with a period.

## Backwards Jeopardy

Students may work with a partner.
Student should write the answer for each of the questions below on a small white board and
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. hold up the answer for each question. Demonstrate with students several times. Instruct students to "write the answers for each of the following questions":

1. What day is it today?
2. Where are they now?
3. How tall is the basketball player?
4. Who took the cookies?
5. Who owns the pink jacket?
6. What is Connecticut?
7. Where do piranhas live?
8. How much does a small box of candy weigh?
9. What has mass and takes up space?
10. What is solid, liquid, and gas?
11. What transparent, fragile circles float in the air?
12. Who was invited to the party?
13. How many socks are in the drawer?
14. How many times have you gone to the zoo?
15. What color is the scarf?

## 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.

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## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Which One Is Not Like The Others?

| taxi cab car animal | crate bag box trunk | crash accident <br> wreck fair |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| store house abode <br> home | cat hare rabbit <br> bunny | speak hear listen <br> eavesdrop |
| strange normal odd <br> unusual | happy morose glad <br> delighted | hat bonnet ribbon <br> cap |
| close near afar <br> touchable | friend enemy buddy <br> comrade | pail bucket <br> container car |
| car shadow auto <br> vehicle | ill happy sick ailing | whisper yell shout <br> scream |
| shut close lock ajar | evil good bad <br> wicked | funny serious silly <br> comic |
| hungry full famished <br> starving | average clever <br> smart bright | exit leave go away <br> arrive |
| see observe look <br> hear | hard difficult easy <br> challenging | untrue honest false <br> bogus |
| avenue railroad <br> street road | tiny small wee <br> gigantic | cold dry freezing <br> frosty |
| large thin slender <br> lean | pretty plain beautiful <br> gorgeous | cup mug goblet <br> coffee |
| awake nap asleep <br> snooze | right left correct <br> accurate | sky error mistake <br> blunder |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| beverage drink <br> brew orange | strong mighty weak <br> muscular | wallet purse billfold <br> scarf |
| thought race idea <br> notion | middle center core <br> arm | blanket snug cozy <br> comfy |
| rant rave seethe <br> relax | shadow light beam <br> lantern | crack break fracture <br> whole |
| jacket zipper coat <br> parka | wander roam <br> ramble intentional | port harbor wharf <br> boat |
| stare blink look |  |  |
| gaze | walls carpet rug <br> flooring | tired exhausted <br> fresh drained |
| gems jewels <br> diamonds Mercedes | box trash garbage <br> refuse | brown chocolate <br> beige purple |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Q and S Review |
| Focus: | Review of Vocabulary and Conventions |

## Materials:

Activities from the past 11 days for students to select from, at the end of lessons 1-10
Opening
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students to the next level.

## Fluency Activity of the Day

Retest student, read for 1 minute compare results with the pre-test.

## Vocabulary

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

Today is a day of review. Have students select from one of the following:
Synonyms
Idioms
Analogies
Alliteration

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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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Today is a day of review. Have students select from one of the following:
Sentence Categories
Infinitives
Double Negatives
Commas in Direct Address
Commas in a Series
conventions. Be sure to check in with kids to determine if they have and understanding of these key elements.

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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4^{\mathrm{h}}-5^{\mathrm{t}} \text { Grades }}$ |
| Lesson Title: | Predicting and Apostrophes |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Homophones), Predicting, and Apostrophes |

## Materials:

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

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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 do you know about analyzing words? What are some synonyms for the word "amazing". How does predicting help you think about the story you are going to read. What do you know about analogies? (comparison of things)
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 the different types of sentences? Give an example of a declarative sentence; and interrogative sentence; an exclamatory sentence; an imperative sentence.

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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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.

## 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

## Homophones

Homophones are two or more words that sound the same when you say them, but they are spelled differently and mean different things. An example of homophones would include:
to, two, and too as well as cygnet and signet.

## Sound Alike

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Sound Alike Word Bank.
3. Ask students to select 12 homophone pairs and write description cards for each of the words selected.
4. Bring group back together and divide into teams.
5. Team 1 selects one member to read one of the descriptor cards they wrote for the pair of homophones aloud to the other team. The opposing team will have 30 seconds to select and spell the correct homophone to get 1 point.
6. Teams reverse roles.
7. Game is over when all sentences have been read.
8. Team with the most points wins.

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practice (even if they move on with the story).

During the lesson check in with students repeatedly.
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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.

| Predicting | Activity |  |  |  |
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| 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 |  |  | Often, this activity will be <br> centered on a game to <br> provide practice time on key <br> conventions. Be sure to <br> check in with kids to <br> Apostrophes <br> Apostrophes are used in contractions (could not = couldn't) and possession (that something <br> belongs to someone or something-John's ball or Sis' purse.) If a word ends in s, you <br> simply add an apostrophe rather than an apostrophe s. In the word its and it's, the its is <br> possessive and the it's is a contraction for it is. | determine if they have and <br> understanding of these key |
| elements. |  |  |  |  |
| Apostrophes |  |  |  |  |
| Directions: |  |  |  |  |
| 1.Divide students into pairs and give each pair a deck of Apostrophe cards. <br> 2. Shuffle the cards and place in the middle of the students. <br> 3. <br> Play 1 draws a card and determines where the apostrophe goes and writes the <br> word(s) on the white board and shows to player 2. |  |  |  |  |
| 4. If the apostrophe has been used correctly, Player keeps the card, if it is incorrect |  |  |  |  |
| card goes back into the deck. |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Player 2 then takes his/her turn. |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Game continues until all cards have been claimed. |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Player with most cards wins. |  |  |  |  |


|  | Closing |
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| Say: | Review |
| - 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)
4. Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)
$4^{\text {th }} 5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Homographs

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| ring (jewelry, tone made by <br> the phone | quack (noise from a duck, <br> someone who pretends to be <br> a doctor | pump (shoe with a heel, <br> siphon water from the ground |
| stable (home for horses, <br> firm and constant) | spruce (type of tree, make <br> things neater) | mum (type of flower, without <br> words) |
| slug (snail without a shell, <br> hit something hard) | pen (tool for writing, home <br> for a pig) | school (group of fish, a <br> place for learning) |
| present (gift, right now) | bed (place where you sleep, <br> yard where you plant flowers) | sink (place to wash hands, <br> go to the bottom) |
| pitcher (holder for water, <br> person who throws the ball in <br> baseball) | roots (part of a tree, cheers <br> for someone) | key (important point, metal <br> piece used to unlock a door) |
| lap (place for people to sit, <br> trip around a track) | bat (flying mammal, wooden <br> instrument to hit a ball) | coat (garment to keep you <br> warm, cover with paint) |
| shower (party for a bride-to- <br> be, like a bath) | can (able to do something, <br> tin cylinder to hold food) | sock (hit someone, covering <br> for your foot-before the <br> shoe) |

$4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Apostrophes

| Georges house at Mt. Vernon | Horses leather saddle | Childrens bikes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All the boys auditions | Boys jackets | Bands instruments |
| Womens restroom | First graders books | Sis handbag |
| Mr. Jones classroom | Painters brush | Lillys doll |
| will not | is not | I am |
| you have | can not | should not |
| you are | we will | they will |
| are not | they had | she will |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\mathrm{t}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Complex Word Families and Capitalization |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Complex Word Families) Predicting, and Capitalization |

## Materials:

Fluency passages or students current reading
White boards, pens or crayons
Activities at the end of lesson plan

## Opening

## State the objective

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What words do you need to capitalize in a sentence? How can you remember which words to capitalize? What is a word family? What are some of the strategies that you utilize to uncover the meaning of unfamiliar words? What do you know about synonyms? What are some synonyms for the word "said". How does predicting help you think about the story you are going to read.
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?

| 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

Fluency Test—Read 1 minute count number 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

## Complex Word Families

Word Families are made up of rhyming words that combine various onsets (single letters, digraphs, and blends) with a rime (a group of letters such as ing, et, and ant). Complex Word Families have a combination of letters at the end. Examples would include "ight" as in the words light., bright, tight, and fight. Today we are going to look at several complex rimes: "etch" (as in stretch), "aunt" (as in taunt); "ough" (as in rough); "ought"- (as in bought), "inge" (as in hinge), "aught" (as in caught), "ound" (as in bound), and "ould" (as in should).

## Complex Word Families <br> Directions:

1. Divide students into groups of 2-3 students.
2. Together, the groups of students complete the word bank, writing as many words as possible under each rime.
3. Once the word bank is complete, students check with the word bank needed for the game, adding any necessary words.
4. Player shuffles the Description Cards and places face down between the players.
5. Player 1 draws a Description Card and selects the word from the word bank that will either complete the sentence or has the meaning found on the Description Card.
6. When Player identifies the word, he/she marks it off the word bank.
7. Player 2 continues in the same way.
8. Play is complete when all Description Cards have been used.

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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

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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 walked alone."

## Conventions

## Capitalization

We capitalize word based on guidelines. These guidelines include:

- first word of sentence, quotes
- proper nouns, titles
- titles of events, books, and movies
- days of the week, months of the year, and special days
- names of products

Write these guidelines on the chalkboard or chart paper so students can refer to them.
Capitalization
Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Descriptor Cards.
3. Together, students select one of the descriptor cards and then writes something that the descriptor requests, capitalizing the appropriate words.
4. When pair is finished, the pair meets with another pair and shares their responses.

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.

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|  | Closing |
| Say: | Review |
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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.

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

1. Ask students to think about what they did today.
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## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

## 4-5 Grade Complex Word Families

Add single consonants, digraphs (wh, ch, th, sh) and/or blends (bl, dr, sl, sm, etc.) to each rime creating a word bank to use during the activity that follows.

| -etch | -aunt | -ough | -ought | -inge | -aught | -ound | -ould |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| fetch | taunt | rough | brought | hinge | caught | round | could |
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## Word Bank Key



## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Capitalization Descriptor Cards

| Name of a restaurant | Name of a park | Name of a game |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name of a city | Name of a state | Name of a country |
| Name of a holiday | Name of a day | Name of a month |
| Name of your doctor | Name of your teacher | Name of the last book you read |
| Name of the last movie you watched | Name of your favorite TV show | Name of a toothpaste |
| Name of a shoe | Name of a gum | Name of an actress |
| Name of a football team | Name your favorite holiday | Name of a soccer team |
| Your name first, middle, last | Name of the President | Your birth month |
| Name of a cartoon show | Name of an office store | Name of college or university |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Multiple Meanings and Apostrophes |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Homographs), Clarifying, and Apostrophes |

## Materials:

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

## Opening

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What do you know about homographs? Give several examples of homographs. Give examples of words that have apostrophes. Tell what letters (if any) the apostrophe is replacing. 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?
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## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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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

## Homographs

Homographs are words that have the same spelling but have different meanings. An example of a homograph would be the word "well". This word can describe how you feel and it can also describe a hole in the ground that you can get oil or water out of. The context that surrounds the word helps the reader know which of the meanings is being used.

## Multiple Meanings

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a word bank.
3. Students are to work together to write 2 sentences for each of 10 words that they select.
4. Pair will then join with another pair and take turns reading a sentence, saying "blank" when they come to the homograph. For example: They got their water from a "blank" (well).
5. The opposing team will then decide which homograph is being used.
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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

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.

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## 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.


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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Capitalization and Charades |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Complex Word Families), Clarifying, and Capitalization |

## Materials:

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What are some of the strategies that you utilize to uncover the meaning of unfamiliar words? What do you know about synonyms? What are some synonyms for the word "laugh". How does predicting help you think about the story you are going to read.
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? List 5 words that start with a capital letter even when they are not at the beginning of a sentence. Give several examples of word families.

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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

## Complex Word Families

Word Families are made up of rhyming words that combine various onsets (single letters, digraphs, and blends) with a rime (a group of letters such as ing, et, and ant). Complex Word Families have a combination of letters at the end. Examples would include "ight" as in the words light., bright, tight, and fight. Today we are going to look at several complex rimes: "etch" (as in stretch), "aunt" (as in taunt); "ough" (as in rough); "ought"- (as in bought), "inge" (as in hinge), "aught" (as in caught), "ound" (as in bound), and "ould" (as in should).

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Directions:

1. Divide students into groups of 2-3 students.
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3. Once the word bank is complete, students check with the word bank needed for the game, adding any necessary words.
4. Player shuffles the Description Cards and places face down between the players.
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8. Play is complete when all Description Cards have been used.

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ended questions to determine what the rest of the group is thinking.

## 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 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

## Capitalization

We capitalize word based on guidelines. These guidelines include:

- first word of sentence, quotes
- proper nouns, titles
- titles of events, books, and movies
- days of the week, months of the year, and special days
- names of products

Write these guidelines on the chalkboard or chart paper so students can refer to them.
Capitalization
Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Descriptor Cards.
3. Together, students select one of the descriptor cards and then write something that the descriptor requests, capitalizing the appropriate words.
4. When pair is finished, the pair meets with another pair and shares their responses.

|  | Closing |
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| Say: | Review |
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|  | Please recap what we did today. |
|  | Did we achieve our objectives? |
| LBNT | Debrief |
| 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)
4. Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)

## 4-5 Grade Complex Word Families

Add single consonants, digraphs (wh, ch, th, sh) and/or blends (bl, dr, sl, sm, etc.) to each rime creating a word bank to use during the activity that follows.

| -etch | -aunt | -ough | -ought | -inge | -aught | -ound | -ould |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| fetch | taunt | rough | brought | hinge | caught | round | could |
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## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Capitalization Descriptor Cards

| Name of a restaurant | Name of a park | Name of a game |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name of a city | Name of a state | Name of a country |
| Name of a holiday | Name of a day | Name of a month |
| Name of your doctor | Name of your teacher | Name of the last book you <br> read |
| Name of the last movie you <br> watched | Name of your favorite TV <br> show | Name of a toothpaste |
| Name of a shoe | Name of a gum | Name of an actress |
| Name of a football team | Name your favorite holiday <br> Name of a soccer team |  |
| Your name first, middle, last | Name of the President | Your birth month |
| Name of a cartoon show | Name of an office store | Name of college or university |


| Components: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\mathrm{th}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Colons |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Antonyms and Synonyms), Clarifying, and Colons |

## Materials:

Activities at the end of the lesson plan

## Opening

## State the objective

The purpose of these lessons are to:

- Improve fluency (the ability to read smoothly).
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- Practice Reciprocal Teaching (predicting, clarifying, questioning, and summarizing).
- Work on being proficient at the conventions of writing which include capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence types, and grammar.


## 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 are synonyms? Give several examples of words that are synonyms. What is an antonym? Give several examples of words that are antonyms. Give an example of when you would use a colon.

| Content (the "Meat") |  |
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| Fluency |  |
| Repeated Reading is a key strategy that research has found to be incredibly effective in |  |
| building fluency. Repeated Reading means exactly that-students read and re-read the |  |
| same passage, practicing not only the unique words but the sight words that make up of |  |
| 65\% of the written words. For reading passages see information in the side note. |  |
| 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. |  |
| 2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute. |  |
| 3. Record the number of words read on a chart. |  |
| 4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in |  |
| the lesson plan. |  |
| 5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. |  |
| Record the number of words next to the first number recorded. |  |

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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.

## 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

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

## Antonyms and Synonyms

Antonyms are words that mean the opposite of each other. Synonyms are words that mean the same or nearly the same thing.

## Antonym or Synonym?

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Antonym or Synonym Cards and a Game Board.
3. Shuffle the cards and place the cards and the game board between the players.
4. Player 1 draws a card and decides if the pair of cards represents Antonyms or Synonyms and places the card in the proper column.
5. Player 2 continues in the same way.
6. Game is over when all cards have been drawn.

## Reciprocal Teaching

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## Activity

## Clarifying:

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

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sentence utilizing two of the words. For example, if the words are adder, hermit, waterfall, bat, cave, and bridge, a silly sentence/question would be, "Can an adder be a hermit? Will a bat fly through a waterfall? Is there a cave under the bridge?

## 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.

## Colons

Colons are a punctuation mark that looks like this: A colon is used in the following ways:

- after a greeting in a business letter, to separate a book's title from its subtitle
- to introduce a series of items after an independent clause
- after the word "as follows" or "the following"


## Colons

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Colons Practice Card and white boards.
3. Together, students look at each of the Practice Card statements and rewrite the sentences on the white board using the colon correctly.
4. When pair has completed the sentences, they find another pair and share solutions.

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

## 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!)

1. Ask students to think about what they did today.
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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Antonym or Synonym?

| outrage—anger | huge—tiny | brazen—shameless |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| beautiful—gorgeous | restrain—release | teach—learn |
| safe—dangerous | return—borrow | sure—uncertain |
| tall—short | kind—mean | criticize—admire |
| separate—combine | frugal-flamboyant | private—public |
| scold—reprimand | average—mediocre |  |

Game Board

## Antonyms

Synonyms

## $4^{\text {th }}$-5th Grade Colons

## Colons

Pack the following items hiking boots, shorts, sunscreen, and a hat.
In case of an earthquake follow these steps get to a doorway or bath tub, cover your eyes and the back of your neck, and stay calm.

My favorite TV shows follow Law and Order, Big Bang Theory, and The Closer.
The title of the book was "The Heist A Robbery in Brooklyn"

## Dear President Obama

I am visiting Washington D.C. in October.
The back-to-school list said to purchase crayons, pencils, erasers, and paper.
The title of the speech is "My Summer Life in the Fast Lane".

## Dear Sir

I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow.
This is what was on the list bank, car wash, grocery store.
Marge's itinerary stated Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama.
The snack bar menu read hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, soda.

## Customer Service

I am logging this complaint to express my dissatisfaction with the towels.
The album's title was "My Music Straight from the Heart".

## Dear Friend

Will you be able to distribute the request for donations?
The football roster read: Joe Smith, Fred Jones, Mark Little, Marvin Lester.
The title of the song is "Laughter The Best Medicine for Everyone:.

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| Lesson Title: | Complex Word Families |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Complex Word Families), Questioning, and Using Commas |

## Materials:

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

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What are some of the strategies that you utilize to uncover the meaning of unfamiliar words? What do you know about synonyms? What are some synonyms for the word "sad". How does predicting help you think about the story you are going to read.
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? Give examples of 5 different word families. When would you use a comma in a sentence? What does the comma cause the reader to do?

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## Fluency

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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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When students finish play today ask them to write a sentence using as many of these words as possible.

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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....

## Conventions

## Commas

Commas are use to indicate that there is a slight pause when you are reading sentences.
Following are guidelines for using commas:

- in a series
- in a date
- in letters to people
- before a conjunction
- to separate a dependent clause from an independent clause


## Why Use A Comma?

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Sentence Cards and a Game Board.
3. Together, students select one of the sentence cards and then decide the purpose of the commas, placing the card under the appropriate column on the game board. When pair is finished, the pair meets with another pair and shares their responses.
ended questions to determine what the rest of the group is thinking.

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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.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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Description Cards

| to get something from <br> another place | to widen an opening | an awful person |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| a quick drawing | a small sailing ship | engrave something |
| reach as far as you can | getting close to home | to hold tightly |
| always thinking about, <br> frightening | show off | go on a trip |
| to overwhelm | unhealthily skinny | a boastful statement |
| unsmooth | strong, not easy to <br> overpower | all you want and need |
| took something with you | purchased | got into a battle or war in the |
| past |  |  |$|$| somerwhelmed |
| :--- |
| something you should do |
| to look for |
| something you think of when <br> you are finished |
| a product to join two things <br> together, like a door and the <br> door jamb |
| go on a spree |
| shrink away usually in fright | | tassels on the edge of |
| :--- |
| something |$\quad$ shade or color | ( |
| :--- |


| to burn | pain or pang | a needle for a shot |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| capture the ball when it is <br> thrown | past tense of teach | full of difficulty |
| a female child | arrogant and condescending | not following the rules and <br> guideline |
| nothing, zero | attack | able to choose to do <br> something |
| past tense of will | need to do something | circular |
| in the region of | tied up | talk about at great length |
| discovered | a fish | dirt and soil |
| a noise | a mix or make more difficult | confuse |
| annoy | retrieve the ball after it |  |
| misses the basket |  |  |
| main picture | hammer |  |

$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Commas Game Board

| in a series | in a date | in letters to people | before a conjunction | to separate a dependent <br> clause from an <br> independent clause |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
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Why Use A Comma? Sentence Cards

| She was born January 4, 2012. | The game was on Tuesday, May 19. | When cutting down a branch, be sure to wear gloves. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| When wearing a sweater, be sure to button it. | Sunday, April 14 is a holiday. | The flag is red, white, and blue. |
| She had a poodle, a Labrador, and a Siamese cat. | He enjoys sandwiches with peanut butter, banana, and jelly. | Dear Mom, <br> Thanks for the cake. <br> Love, <br> Molly |
| He left on Saturday, December 1, 2011. | He can be there March 13, 14 , and 15. | If you are under the tent, the wind storm will seem less severe. |
| After the movie, the actor went to Paris. | He was wearing a shirt, pants, and sandals. | Hi, John, <br> When are you coming? <br> Regards, <br> Fred |
| Dear Santa, Please bring me a truck. Your friend, Michael | The flashlight had a new battery, but it still didn't work. | We went to the store, then we ate lunch. |
| Paul like to save his coins, but he turned them in once a year. | He would listen to the music, and he would dance. | He had health insurance, but he still wouldn't go to the doctor. |
| Jorge, Fred, and Mark were her brothers. | We will arrive on Tuesday, October 21, 2012. | Jill eats strawberry, chocolate and vanilla ice cream. |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Heteronyms $\sim$ Spell It |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Heteronym), Questioning, and Hyphens |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan
White board, pens/crayons OR $3 \times 5$ cards for Question and Connection Cards

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What is a heteronym? (words that are spelled the same but pronounced differently) Can you give an example of a heteronym? What do you know about hyphens? When would you use a hyphen? 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?

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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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## Heteronyms

Heteronyms are words that are spelled the same but have different meanings and different pronunciations. An example of a heteronym would be desert-a dry place where cactus grows, and a verb meaning to abandon.

## Spell It <br> Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Spell It-Heteronym Word Bank.
3. Ask students to select 10 heteronym pairs and write description cards for each of the words selected.
4. Bring group back together and divide into teams.
5. Team 1 selects one member to read one of the descriptor cards they wrote for the pair of heteronym aloud to the other team. When they come to the heteronym, the player should spell the word rather than pronounce it. The opposing team will have 30 seconds to select the correct pronunciation to get 1 point.
6. Teams reverse roles.
7. Game is over when all sentences have been read.
8. Team with the most points wins.

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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.
Example: If students read something about Columbus, the QUESTION card might read: What were the names of the three ships Columbus sailed with? If the same article was read, a CONNECTION card might read: How does Columbus coming to the new world connect to the Pilgrims coming over 100 years later?

## 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.

## Hyphens

A hyphen is a dash or a - that is used in the following ways:

- join two words serving as a single adjective (example: rut-filled);
- write compound numbers (example: fifty-three)
- avoid confusion in awkward combinations of letters (example: shell-like rather than shelllike)
- Certain prefixes (example: ex-mayor), and suffixes (example: X-Ray),
- dates, figures, or letters (example: mid-1900s,)
- breaking words into syllables at the end of a line when there isn't enough space for the whole word (example: e-nough)

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.

## Hyphens

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Hyphen Cards and a Game Board.
3. Together, students select one of the hyphen cards and then decide the purpose of the hyphen, placing the card under the appropriate column on the game board.
4. When pair is finished, the pair meets with another pair and shares their responses.


## 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!0
$4^{\text {th- }-5 t h ~ G r a d e ~ H e t e r o n y m s ~}$

| Word Bank |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| record-proof record-copy your sound | bow-hair piece <br> bow-curtsey | tear-rip into two parts tear-cry |
| close-nearby <br> close-shut, as in door | dove-bird <br> dove-into the water | minute-60 seconds minute-tiny |
| object-thing object-be against | bass-fish <br> bass-low voice | invalid-person who can't walk invalid-not true |
| wind-blowing air wind-twist a stem (watch) | watch-clock for your wrist watch-observe | tarry-wait around tarry-covered with tar |
| refuse-garbage refuse-say no | attribute-characteristic <br> attribute-give credit | buffet-moved by wind buffet-food spread out |
| conflict-dispute conflict-go against | deliberate-on purpose deliberate-think over | does-verb form of "do" does-female deer |
| moderate-even tempered moderate-facilitate | permit-allow <br> permit-document giving permission | project-send forward project-job to do |

## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

| rebel—person | resign—back down |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| rebel—go against | resign—sign again | conduct—behavior <br> conduct—lead |

Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Hyphens

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| ice-cream cone | high-wire act | toll-free number | well-known author |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| one-way street | thirty-nine cabs | forty-seven years old | twenty-two shoes |
| fifty-six cars | ninety-three cookies | shell-like | shelf-full |
| Great-Grandma | monster-like | blue-eyed princess | T-Ball |
| T-shirts | bulle- <br> tin | ex-drummer | mayor-elect |
| cal- <br> cify | mid-century | untouch- <br> able | saper <br> pling |
| lit- <br> tle | U-Turn | mid-range |  |
| raptor-like | self-starter | President-elect | wind-weathered |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\mathrm{h}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Sound Alike and Use A Comma |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Homophones), Summarizing, and Use of Commas |

## Materials:

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

## Opening <br> State the objective

The purpose of these lessons are to:

- Improve fluency (the ability to read smoothly).
- Increase vocabulary (both academic and other words).
- Practice Reciprocal Teaching (predicting, clarifying, questioning, and summarizing).
- Work on being proficient at the conventions of writing which include capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence types, and grammar.


## 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 do you know about analyzing words? What are some synonyms for the word "ugly". How does predicting help you think about the story you are going to read.
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? What does the segment of the word "phones" make you think of? How does this fit with what you know about homophones?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

Repeated Reading is a key strategy that research has found to be incredibly effective in building fluency. Repeated Reading means exactly that-students read and re-read the same passage, practicing not only the unique words but the sight words that make up of $65 \%$ of the written words. For reading passages see information in the side note.

## 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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in

## *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

Repeated Reading passages can be found at:
www.readinga-z.com (This is a subscription fee site).
Check with the school day to see if the textbook has these passages (most do).
Select a book that is at the child's reading level and have them select 250-300 words to
the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
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

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.

## Vocabulary

It is important that we look at vocabulary words in a holistic way. Each word has a meaning, a part of speech is attached to it, and you need to know how and when to use each word. We are going to spend some time with a Vocabulary Analyzer. You can utilize the lists of synonyms to generate the word list.

## Homophones

Homophones are two or more words that sound the same when you say them, but they are spelled differently and mean different things. An example of homophones would include:
to, two, and too as well as cygnet and signet.
Sound Alike

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Sound Alike Word Bank.
3. Ask students to select 12 homophone pairs and write description cards for each of the words selected.
4. Bring group back together and divide into teams.
5. Team 1 selects one member to read one of the descriptor card they wrote for the pair of homophones aloud to the other team. The opposing team will have 30 seconds to select and spell the correct homophone to get 1 point.
6. Teams reverse roles.
7. Game is over when all sentences have been read.
8. Team with the most points wins.

## Reciprocal Teaching

There are four sections of Reciprocal Teaching:
Predicting (what do you think will happen next-not a guess but based on evidence in the text.
Clarifying (understanding the meaning of each of the words-remember that many English words have multiple meanings).
Questioning (asking right there, interpretive, and applying questions so you can utilize the information).
Summarizing (listing the key bullet points of what you've read-not retelling detail by detail).
practice (even if they move on with the story).

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 open-

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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 will this information apply to your life?

## Conventions

## Commas

Commas are use to indicate that there is a slight pause when you are reading sentences.
Following are guidelines for using commas:

- in a series
- in a date
- in letters to people
- before a conjunction
- to separate a dependent clause from an independent clause


## Why Use A Comma?

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Sentence Cards and a Game Board.
3. Together, students select one of the sentence cards and then decide the purpose of the commas, placing the card under the appropriate column on the game board. When pair is finished, the pair meets with another pair and shares their responses.
ended questions to determine what the rest of the group is thinking.

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.

| $\quad$ Closing |  |  |  |
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| Say: | Review |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | Please recap what we did today. |  |  |
| - Did 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 in math.
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!)
$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Homophones

| Word Bank |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| sent scent | know no | hair hare |
| break brake | in inn | sun son |
| capitol capital | cell sell | cite sight site |
| beech beach | sail sale | grown groan |
| rose rows | way weigh | you ewe |
| tow toe throne |  |  |
| I aye eye | our hour | there their they're |
| to two too | role roll | cygnet signet |

$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Commas Game Board

| in a series | in a date | in letters to people | before a conjunction | to separate a dependent <br> clause from an <br> independent clause |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Why Use A Comma? Sentence Cards

| She was born January 4, 2012. | The game was on Tuesday, May 19. | When cutting down a branch, be sure to wear gloves. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| When wearing a sweater, be sure to button it. | Sunday, April 14 is a holiday. | The flag is red, white, and blue. |
| She had a poodle, a Labrador, and a Siamese cat. | He enjoys sandwiches with peanut butter, banana, and jelly. | Dear Mom, <br> Thanks for the cake. <br> Love, <br> Molly |
| He left on Saturday, December 1, 2011. | He can be there March 13, 14 , and 15. | If you are under the tent, the wind storm will seem less severe. |
| After the movie, the actor went to Paris. | He was wearing a shirt, pants, and sandals. | Hi, John, <br> When are you coming? <br> Regards, <br> Fred |
| Dear Santa, Please bring me a truck. Your friend, Michael | The flashlight had a new battery, but it still didn't work. | We went to the store, then we ate lunch. |
| Paul like to save his coins, but he turned them in once a year. | He would listen to the music, and he would dance. | He had health insurance, but he still wouldn't go to the doctor. |
| Jorge, Fred, and Mark were her brothers. | We will arrive on Tuesday, October 21, 2012. | Jill eats strawberry, chocolate and vanilla ice cream. |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Hyphens and Analogies |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Analogies), Summarizing, and Hyphens |

## Materials:

Activity at the end of the lesson plan

## Opening <br> State the objective

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What is an analogy? What does it mean to compare things? What is a hyphen? Give several examples of when you would use a hyphen. 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?

## Content (the "Meat")

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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

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

## Analogies

An analogy shows the relationship between two items. To create an analogy, you identify the relationship between the first two words. Are these words synonyms, opposites, do they show change over time? Then you find a second pair of words that have the same relationship. For example, a puppy is a young dog. This is similar to a foal which is a young horse. So you could say: puppy : dog ::foal : horse. The use of the colons tells the reader that there is a relationship first between the words and then between the pairs as well.
Analogies/Comparisons
Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Analogy Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place them between the students.
4. Player 1 draws a card and completes the analogy. If Player 2 agrees, player 1 keeps the card.
5. Player 2 then continues the play.
6. Game is over when all cards are drawn.

## Reciprocal Teaching

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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.

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

## Conventions

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Hyphens


## Directions:

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| 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.

## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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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!)

## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Analogies/Comparisons

| left : right : $:$ day : | eye : see : $:$ nose : | boy : girl : : man : |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| coffee : hot : : ice cream : | watch : time : : scale : | bracelet : wrist : : ring |
| bird : nest : : people : | sock : feet : : mittens : | soap : hands : : shampoo : |
| pig : oink : : dog : | stove : cook : : oven : | button : shirt : : zipper : |
| plane : fly : : boat : | five : eight : : twenty : | camera : film : : printer : |
| bee : hive : : wasp : | movie : watch : : music : | book : read : : canvas : |
| rocket : fast : : snail : | wrist : arm : : knee : | meatloaf : main course cake : $\qquad$ |
| boy : man : : girl : | numbers : math : : words : | pencil : write : : crayons : |
| feather : bird : : fur | open : closed : : up : | clean : dirty : : sharp : |

Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Hyphens

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
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| fifty-six cars | ninety-three cookies | shell-like | shelf-full |
| Great-Grandma | monster-like | blue-eyed princess | T-Ball |
| T-shirts | bulle- <br> tin | ex-drummer | mayor-elect |
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| raptor-like | self-starter | President-elect | wind-weathered |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
| :--- | :--- |
| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Review the 6 |
| Focus: | Review of Vocabulary and Conventions |

## Materials:

Activities from the past 11 days for students to select from, at the end of lessons 1-10
Opening
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| Content (the "Meat") |  |
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students to the next level.

## Fluency Activity of the Day

Retest student, read for 1 minute compare results with the pre-test.

## Vocabulary

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

Today is a review day of all of the games and/or activities that students have played for the last eleven days. Have students choose from the following:

Complex Word Families
Homophones-Sound Alike
Homographs-Multiple Meanings
Heteronyms-Spell It!
Analogies
Antonym or Synonym?

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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.

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.
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## 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.

Today is a review day of all of the games and/or activities that students have played for the last eleven days. Have students choose from the following:

Capitalization
Why Use A Comma?
Apostrophes
Hyphens
Colons

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.

## 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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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\mathrm{h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Independent and Dependent Clauses |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Greek Word Origins), Predicting, and Independent and Dependent Clauses |

## Materials:

Chart Paper
Activity at end of lesson plan
White boards, 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 do you know about analyzing words? What is important about Greek roots? Why do you think that Latin and Greek have such an influence on English? 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 is the difference between an independent and dependent clause? What is the difference between a clause and a sentence?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
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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

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

## Greek Word Origins

Just like there are Latin origins that can be found in English words so are the Greek Origins that do the exact same thing. Just like with Latin origins, knowing what the Greek origin of a word might be helps you know what that word means.

Review several Greek origins with the students:
agri-field
opt-eye
cycl-circular pattern

## Making Meaning

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Making Meaning card and two white boards.
3. Working together, students read the first sentence on the sentence card. After reading the Greek origin and the sentence, write the meaning of the word in your own language on the white board.
4. Pair should compare the sentences each wrote and justify why they are correct (return to the meaning).
5. Activity is complete when all sentences have been completed.

## Reciprocal Teaching

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Predicting (what do you think will happen next-not a guess but based on evidence in the text.
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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.

## 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

## Independent and Dependent Clauses

An independent clause is a sentence. It has a subject and a predicate. It expresses a complete thought. To ensure that your sentence is an independent clause it is important to learn how to mark both the subject and the predicate. Independent clauses can have dependent clauses added to them. A dependent clause is not a complete sentence by itself. Words that are often used to signal a dependent clause include: after although, because, before, despite, even though, since, when, and whenever. A dependent clause is separated from an independent clause by a comma.
Work through several examples on the board.

## Independent and Dependent:

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Independent and Dependent Sentence Card.
3. Together, students read each sentence and decide which part of the sentence is a dependent clause and which is the independent clause. Students should draw one line under the independent clause.
4. Once they have selected the independent clause, pair should circle the subject of the independent clause and put a box around the predicate.
When all groups are finished, ask each group to demonstrate understanding by sharing one of their answers.

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 |
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| Say: | Review |
| - Please recap what we did today. |  |
|  | Did we achieve our objectives? |
| LBNT | Debrief |
| 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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## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Match 'Em (Greek Roots)

## biblio-book

At the end of her research paper she included a bibliography so we knew what she had read.

## cardio-to heart

This exercise was designed not as weight training but to develop cardio.

## therm-heat

The thermometer recorded a record $105^{\circ}$.

## photo-light

He took a photograph of the family on the beach.

## phob-fear

He had a phobia about germs and washed his hands all of the time.

## agri-field

He went to college because as a farmer he wanted to know more about agriculture.

## onym-game

We learned about antonyms and synonyms.

## geo-earth

He is studying rocks as a geologist.

## log-word

If you hurt someone's feelings you should apologize.

## ast-star

Jill wants to be the first astronaut to Mars.
$4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Independent and Dependent Clauses

1. Even though it is sunny, he was wearing a heavy down jacket.
2. I will call you when I get to the restaurant.
3. When you finish cleaning your room, we can go to the mall.
4. The beach is beautiful when the tide has washed over the sand.
5. Whenever I hear the alarm, I jump.
6. Despite her effort to make friends with the new neighbor, they have remained strangers.
7. After the game, the team went out for pizza.
8. He will check on the departure time, before he arrives at the station.
9. When I was your age, I was driving a 10 year old Buick.
10. You are the winner of the race, even though you did not come in first across the finish line.
11. Whenever I see a sad movie, I have tears in my eyes.
12. Because they are sharing a hotel room, they both have a key.
13. He was able to use his gift certificate, since he arrived after 7:00 p.m.
14. Although there are four empty seats, you can't sit in that seat.
15. I will call my mother before the day is over.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Before Atter or In Between |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Latin Word Origins) Predicting, and Dictionary Skills |

## Materials:

Fluency passages or students current reading
White boards, pens or crayons
Activities at the end of lesson plan

## Opening

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What does the term "Latin word origins" refer to? Why is this important to understand? What do you know about using a dictionary? How can you use a book dictionary? How can you use a web-based dictionary? What are some of the strategies that you utilize to uncover the meaning of unfamiliar words? What do you know about synonyms? What are some synonyms for the word "said". How does predicting help you think about the story you are going to read. 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?

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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.

## Fluency Activity of the Day

Fluency Test—Read 1 minute count number 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

## Latin Word Origins

The English language is made up of a number of different languages. One of those languages is Latin. If a student knows the meaning of the Latin root, the meaning of the entire word can be determined. For example the Latin root "octo" means 8. An octopus is a creature with 8 legs; an octave is a set of 8 musical notes; and an octagon is a shape with 8 sides.
Review several Latin origins with the students:

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serv-save or keep
loc-place
man-hand
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## Discovering Meaning

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Discovering Meaning card and two white boards.
3. Working together, students read the first sentence on the sentence card. After reading the Latin origin and the sentence, write the meaning of the word in your own language on the white board.
4. Pair should compare the sentences each wrote and justify why they are correct (return to the meaning).
5. Activity is complete when all sentences have been completed.

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| Activity <br> Predicting <br> 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 walked alone." |  |
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| Conventions <br> Dictionary Skills <br> Whether you are using an online or a paper dictionary (still found in the majority of classrooms), understanding ways to organize and understand words is important. For the next three days students will take a look at these basis dictionary skills: <br> - alphabetical order <br> - guide words <br> - entry word information <br> - definitions <br> - multiple meanings <br> Alphabetical order is simply that, how do organize a series of words using the alphabet as a guide. To do this you look at the first letter that is different and determine which comes first when you are saying the alphabet. So if the words or jump and go, the first letters, $j$ and $g$ are different, and $g$ comes first when you say the alphabet, so alphabetical order would be go, jump. If the words were goal, get goat, the first letter is the same, so you would look at the second letter. Get has an e in second place, while goal and goat both have an o. So we would put get first. Letter 3 for goal and goat is an a, so we look in $4^{\text {th }}$ place and realize the I comes before $t$ so we write the list get, goal, goat. It's that simple. <br> Understanding alphabetical order helps you to determine which words come before, between or after other words. In a dictionary at the top of each page there are two guide words, and your task is to determine whether a particular word comes before the first guide word, after the last guide word, or between the two guide words. If the guide words on a page were get and goal, you would know that goat comes after goal, so you would need to look on the next page. <br> Before, After, or In Between <br> Directions: <br> 1. Divide students into pairs. <br> 2. Give each pair a Before, After, or In Between game board and deck of cards. <br> 3. Shuffle the cards and place between the players beside the game board. <br> 4. Player 1 draws a card looking at the two guide words on the card and the underlined entry word. Player decides whether the entry word comes before, after, or in between the guide words. <br> 5. Example: guide words: jump and kite, entry word "junk" comes in between. <br> 6. Player places the word in the correct column. <br> 7. Play continues with Player 2. <br> 8. Game is over when all cards are placed. | 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. |


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| - | Did we achieve our objectives? |  |  |
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| 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. |  |  |  |
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## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Discovering Meaning

narr-to tell
The play's narrator filled in the reader about what was going on.

## ques-to ask or seek

John was able to ask a question.

## pop-people

Our town is so crowded with people.

## numer-number

The numerals were written in order.
orig-beginning
She was one of the original players
form-shape, not changing
The Army gave her a new uniform.

## loc-place

What location is the most essential?
serv-save, keep
He got to the restaurant early so he could reserve the table.

## volv-to roll, change

The merry-go-round revolved around the center post.
migr-move
The geese migrate from one location to another.

## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Before, After, or In Between

| Before | In Between | After |
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## Before, After, In Between Cards



| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4^{\mathrm{h}}-5^{\text {th }} \text { Grades }}$ |
| Lesson Title: | Coordinating Conjunctions |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Prefixes), Predicting, and Coordinating Conjunctions |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan
White board and pen/crayon

## Opening

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What do you know about prefixes? Give examples of commonly used prefixes. Tell what each of the prefixes means? What is a coordinating conjunction? Give an example of a coordinating conjunction. 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?

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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.

## Vocabulary

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

## Prefixes

Prefixes are a syllable of meaning added to the beginning of a word that changes the meaning of the word. Recognizing and understanding prefixes makes reading more fluent and can provide clues as to the meaning of the word.
Ask students if they can identify any prefixes and words that they attach to. Make a list on the board.
For the next 4 days we will be working with the following prefixes:
un-
re-
pre-
dis-
in-
en-
fore-
pro-
post-
pre-
super-
extr-
intra-
We are going to work with these prefixes in three ways. There will be a matching (memory) activity. There will be a making words activity. There will be a definition writing activity. On the fourth day, students may select which of the activities they want to repeat.

## What Does It Mean?

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a deck of What Does It Mean? Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place face down between the players.
4. Player 1 draws a card, places it face up, reads the sentence on the card and tells what the underlined word means.
5. If he/she is correct, he/she keeps the card.
6. Player 2 continues play in the same way
7. Game is over when all cards have been drawn.

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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 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.

## 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.

## Coordinating Conjunctions

A coordinating conjunction allows you to join two related independent clauses. The coordinating conjunctions are: and, nor, but, for, yet, so, and or. When you have two independent clauses together they create a run-on sentence. To correct this problem, find out where the first sentence ends and the second sentence begins. Select a coordinating conjunction that demonstrates the relationship between the two sentences. Place a comma after the first sentence, add the coordinating conjunction and you are done. Example: The catsup is on the plate the French fries are hot. The catsup is on the plate and the French fries are hot.

## Eliminating a Run On <br> Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Eliminating Run On Sentence Card and whiteboards.
3. Working together, students identify the two sentences, select a coordinating conjunction and rewrite each sentence adding the comma and the coordinating conjunction.
4. Activity is over when all of the run on sentences have been corrected.

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|  | Closing |
| Say: | Review |
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## 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.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade What Does It Mean?

| John is unable to help at the carnival. | Did you preview the new TV show? | After he lied to me, I distrust him. |
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| The table came in a box unassembled. | He failed the first test so they will retest him tomorrow. | Jorge is incapable of skiing that difficult slope. |
| The person said she could foretell the future. | That toy was enclosed in plastic when we bought it. | Susie turned in the work even though it was incomplete. |
| At his funeral the award was given posthumously. | The law prohibits a person from driving before the age of 16. | He took the posttest and was stellar. |
| When he rescued the grandmother it was through superhuman effort. | The Zumba class was a popular extracurricular activity at school. | The competition between the $4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ graders was intramural. |
| Before her surgery she went through preoperational procedures. | He will promote her to the next level. | The author asked me to write the foreword to his book. |

## $4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Eliminating the Run On

1. John saw where the dog dropped the ball he picked it up and threw it.
2. I am eating apple pie I will eat my dinner later.
3. The phone is ringing loudly no one is answering it.
4. Is the gray cat yours is the black cat yours?
5. You chose to play soccer you chose to play the trumpet.
6. I gave her a new jacket I wanted to give her a sweater.
7. The snow was thick on the side of the road the snow plow cleared the way.
8. We could go to the mall we could eat at Red Robin.
9. I need a map I can find my way.
10. The butter is melting the fresh bread smells good.
11. Lauren's coach is under warranty the store would not take it back or fix it.
12. You can take in the mail I can take in the newspaper.
13. The eagle swooped down to catch the fish the fish swam quickly away.
14. We are going to the beach I am bringing my bathing suit.
15. Jill needs sturdier shoes Jill has them in her closet.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\mathrm{h}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Greek Word Origins |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Greek Roots), Clarifying, and Independent and Dependent Clauses |

## Materials:

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

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Give an example of several Greek roots. What do these roots mean? Why is that important to you in developing your vocabulary? Give an example of 5 dependent clauses. Write them on the white board. Add an independent clause so you can have a sentence. How will you punctuate this? What are some of the strategies that you utilize to uncover the meaning of unfamiliar words?
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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

## Greek Word Origins

Just like there are Latin origins that can be found in English words so are the Greek Origins that do the exact same thing. Just like with Latin origins, knowing what the Greek origin of a word might be helps you know what that word means.

Review several Greek origins with the students:
agri-field
opt-eye
cycl-circular pattern

## Making Meaning

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
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3. Working together, students read the first sentence on the sentence card. After reading the Greek origin and the sentence, write the meaning of the word in your own language on the white board.
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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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## Independent and Dependent Clauses

An independent clause is a sentence. It has a subject and a predicate. It expresses a complete thought. To ensure that your sentence is an independent clause it is important to learn how to mark both the subject and the predicate. Independent clauses can have dependent clauses added to them. A dependent clause is not a complete sentence by itself. Words that are often used to signal a dependent clause include: after although, because, before, despite, even though, since, when, and whenever. A dependent clause is separated from an independent clause by a comma.
Work through several examples on the board.

## Independent and Dependent:

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Independent and Dependent Sentence Card.
3. Together, students read each sentence and decide which part of the sentence is a dependent clause and which is the independent clause. Students should draw one line under the independent clause.
4. Once they have selected the independent clause, pair should circle the subject of the independent clause and put a box around the predicate.
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ended questions to determine what the rest of the group is thinking.

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Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Match 'Em (Greek Roots)

## biblio-book

At the end of her research paper she included a bibliography so we knew what she had read.

## cardio-to heart

This exercise was designed not as weight training but to develop cardio.

## therm-heat

The thermometer recorded a record $105^{\circ}$.

## photo-light

He took a photograph of the family on the beach.

## phob-fear

He had a phobia about germs and washed his hands all of the time.

## agri-field

He went to college because as a farmer he wanted to know more about agriculture.

## onym-game

We learned about antonyms and synonyms.

## geo-earth

He is studying rocks as a geologist.

## log-word

If you hurt someone's feelings you should apologize.

## ast-star

Jill wants to be the first astronaut to Mars.

1. Even though it is sunny, he was wearing a heavy down jacket.
2. I will call you when I get to the restaurant.
3. When you finish cleaning your room, we can go to the mall.
4. The beach is beautiful when the tide has washed over the sand.
5. Whenever I hear the alarm, I jump.
6. Despite her effort to make friends with the new neighbor, they have remained strangers.
7. After the game, the team went out for pizza.
8. He will check on the departure time, before he arrives at the station.
9. When I was your age, I was driving a 10 year old Buick.
10. You are the winner of the race, even though you did not come in first across the finish line.
11. Whenever I see a sad movie, I have tears in my eyes.
12. Because they are sharing a hotel room, they both have a key.
13. He was able to use his gift certificate, since he arrived after 7:00 p.m.
14. Although there are four empty seats, you can't sit in that seat.
15. I will call my mother before the day is over.

| Components: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | What Does It Mean Prefixes |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Prefixes), Clarifying, and Coordinating Conjunctions |

## Materials:

Activities at the end of the lesson plan

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What are some of the strategies that you utilize to uncover the meaning of unfamiliar words?
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Beyond fluency, it is important to read with correct phrasing and expression. What can you do to accomplish this?
Please give examples of at least five prefixes and the meaning for each of the prefixes you list. What is important about using coordinating conjunctions correctly? Why is it important that you pay attention to sentence fragments?

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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.

## Vocabulary

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

## Prefixes

Prefixes are a syllable of meaning added to the beginning of a word that changes the meaning of the word. Recognizing and understanding prefixes makes reading more fluent and can provide clues as to the meaning of the word.
Ask students if they can identify any prefixes and words that they attach to. Make a list on the board.
For the next 4 days we will be working with the following prefixes:
un-
re-
pre-
dis-
in-
en-
fore-
pro-
post-
pre-
super-
extr-
intra-
We are going to work with these prefixes in three ways. There will be a matching (memory) activity. There will be a making words activity. There will be a definition writing activity. On the fourth day, students may select which of the activities they want to repeat.

## What Does It Mean?

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a deck of What Does It Mean? Cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place face down between the players.
4. Player 1 draws a card, places it face up, reads the sentence on the card and tells what the underlined word means.
5. If he/she is correct, he/she keeps the card.
6. Player 2 continues play in the same way.
7. Game is over when all card have been drawn.

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## Activity

## Clarifying:

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/question would be, "Can an adder be a hermit? Will a bat fly through a waterfall? Is there a cave under the bridge?

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## Coordinating Conjunctions

A coordinating conjunction allows you to join two related independent clauses. The coordinating conjunctions are: and, nor, but, for, yet, so, and or. When you have two independent clauses together they create a run-on sentence. To correct this problem, find out where the first sentence ends and the second sentence begins. Select a coordinating conjunction that demonstrates the relationship between the two sentences. Place a comma after the first sentence, add the coordinating conjunction and you are done. Example: The catsup is on the plate the French fries are hot. The catsup is on the plate and the French fries are hot.

## Eliminating a Run On <br> Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Eliminating Run On Sentence Card and whiteboards.
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| Closing |  |  |
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| Say: | Review |  |
| - |  |  |
| Dlease recap what we did today. |  |  |
| DIGA 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. |  |  |

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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade What Does It Mean?

| John is unable to help at the <br> carnival. | Did you preview the new <br> TV show? | After he lied to me, I <br> distrust him. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| The table came in a box <br> unassembled. | He failed the first test so they <br> will retest him tomorrow. | Jorge is incapable of skiing <br> that difficult slope. |
| The person said she could <br> foretell the future. | That toy was enclosed in <br> plastic when we bought it. | Susie turned in the work <br> even though it was <br> incomplete. |
| At his funeral the award was | The law prohibits a person <br> from driving before the age of <br> 16. | He took the posttest and <br> was stellar. |
| given posthumously. |  |  |

## $4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Eliminating the Run On

1. John saw where the dog dropped the ball he picked it up and threw it.
2. I am eating apple pie I will eat my dinner later.
3. The phone is ringing loudly no one is answering it.
4. Is the gray cat yours is the black cat yours?
5. You chose to play soccer you chose to play the trumpet.
6. I gave her a new jacket I wanted to give her a sweater.
7. The snow was thick on the side of the road the snow plow cleared the way.
8. We could go to the mall we could eat at Red Robin.
9. I need a map I can find my way.
10. The butter is melting the fresh bread smells good.
11. Lauren's coach is under warranty the store would not take it back or fix it.
12. You can take in the mail I can take in the newspaper.
13. The eagle swooped down to catch the fish the fish swam quickly away.
14. We are going to the beach I am bringing my bathing suit.
15. Jill needs sturdier shoes Jill has them in her closet.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Discovering Meaning |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Latin Word Origins), Clarifying, and Dictionary Skills |

## Materials:

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

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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

## Latin Word Origins

The English language is made up of a number of different languages. One of those languages is Latin. If a student knows the meaning of the Latin root, the meaning of the entire word can be determined. For example the Latin root "octo" means 8 . An octopus is a creature with 8 legs; an octave is a set of 8 musical notes; and an octagon is a shape with 8 sides.
Review several Latin origins with the students:

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serv-save or keep
loc-place
man-hand
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## Discovering Meaning

Directions:

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2. Give each pair a Discovering Meaning card and two white boards.
3. Working together, students read the first sentence on the sentence card. After reading the Latin origin and the sentence, write the meaning of the word in your own language on the white board.
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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 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

## Dictionary Skills

Whether you are using an online or a paper dictionary (still found in the majority of classrooms), understanding ways to organize and understand words is important. For the next three days students will take a look at these basis dictionary skills:

- alphabetical order
- guide words
- entry word information
- definitions
- multiple meanings

The entry word is the word that you are looking at when you are using the dictionary. It is the main word and they are listed in alphabetical order.

## It's What?

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair an It's What Game Card and dictionary.
3. Working together, students look at the It's What Game Card and select one of the words, look it up in the dictionary, and mark the items that they see in the dictionary entry.
4. As they find one of the identified items, they mark the section on the Game Card with an " $X$ ".
5. Activity is over when all items on the card are complete.

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## 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.
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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Discovering Meaning

## narr-to tell

The play's narrator filled in the reader about what was going on.

## ques-to ask or seek

John was able to ask a question.

## pop-people

Our town is so crowded with people.

## numer-number

The numerals were written in order.

## orig-beginning

She was one of the original players
form-shape, not changing
The Army gave her a new uniform.

## loc—place

What location is the most essential?

## serv-save, keep

He got to the restaurant early so he could reserve the table.

## volv-to roll, change

The merry-go-round revolved around the center post.

## migr-move

The geese migrate from one location to another.
$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade It's $^{\text {What? }}$
Look each entry word up in the dictionary. Check for each of the items listed to the right of the entry word in the dictionary. If you find the item in the dictionary entry, put a check mark in the box.

| Entry Word | Part of <br> Speech | Pronunciation | Definition | Usage | Derivations | Pictures | Sentence |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| apple |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| storm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| rainforest |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| icicle |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| cement |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| frantic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| perfection |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| cast |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| wreck |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| drastic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| telephone |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| critically |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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Activity at end of lesson plan
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Chart paper

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## Match 'Em

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Match 'Em cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place them in a 5 card by 4 card grid, face down.
4. The object of the game is to find the Latin origin and its meaning, and matching them.
5. Players take turn, gathering the matched pairs with them.
6. If there are spaces and you have cards left, fill in the spaces in the grid with those cards.
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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

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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....

## Conventions

## Dictionary Skills

Whether you are using an online or a paper dictionary (still found in the majority of classrooms), understanding ways to organize and understand words is important. For the next three days students will take a look at these basis dictionary skills:

- alphabetical order
- guide words
- entry word information
- definitions
- multiple meanings

Dictionaries provide a definition for a word. A definition is a formal description of the word. Many words have more than one meaning listed. The dictionary will also give you the part of speech, a pronunciation guide, and sometimes will show a picture, use the word in a sentence, and provide with words derived from the word you are looking up.

## Dictionary Race

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a dictionary.
3. Call out a word (see the list of words and questions at the end of the lesson plan) and have pairs look the word up as quickly as possible.
4. When the pair has found the word, have them stand up.
5. Once you have one team standing, have the team share with the group the page number of the word they have found so everyone can turn to the entry.
6. Select one of the questions to ask about the word and have the team respond.
7. If they are correct, the team gets 1 point.
8. Game is over when time is called or you have used all of the words.

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

## 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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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!)

| aptus | suitable | volv | to roll |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| serv | save or keep | orig | beginning |
| migr | change or move | numer | number |
| loc | place | form | shape, not changing |
| lab | work | narr | to tell |
| man | hand | ques | ask |


| pop | people | luna | moon |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| mater | mother | sim | like |
| tex | weave or text |  | turb |
| mater |  |  | confusion |
| mother |  |  | weave or text |
| turb |  |  |  |

$4^{\text {th }}$-5th Grade Dictionary Race
Word Bank for Dictionary Race

| guerilla | station |
| :--- | :--- |
| wrangle | novelty |
| hysteria | luncheon |
| fragile | premiere |
| mainstream | fence |
| impoverish | awkward |
| ridiculous | gigantic |
| adventure | relish |
| craft | zenith |
| cinema | station |

Questions to ask students

1. How many definitions does this word have?
2. What is the part of speech of this word?
3. Write the pronunciation guide for the word on the white board.
4. Does this word have a sentence? If so, read it aloud.
5. Is there an illustration or picture accompanying this word?
6. Does the entry give you examples of synonyms or antonyms?
7. Does the entry give you an example of forms of the word (critic, criticism, critical)

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Prefixes Memory |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Prefixes), Questioning, and Independent, Dependent, or Phrase |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan
White board, pens/crayons OR $3 \times 5$ cards for Question and Connection Cards

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- Work on being proficient at the conventions of writing which include capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence types, and grammar.


## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

Give several examples of prefixes. What do these prefixes mean? How does adding a prefix to a word, change it? What is the difference between a dependent and an independent clause? 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?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
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## *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

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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

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

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

## Prefixes

Prefixes are a syllable of meaning added to the beginning of a word that changes the meaning of the word. Recognizing and understanding prefixes makes reading more fluent and can provide clues as to the meaning of the word.
Ask students if they can identify any prefixes and words that they attach to. Make a list on the board.
For the next 4 days we will be working with the following prefixes:
un-
re-
pre-
dis-
in-
en-
fore-
pro-
post-
pre-
super-
extr-
intra-
We are going to work with these prefixes in three ways. There will be a matching (memory) activity. There will be a making words activity. There will be a definition writing activity. On the fourth day, students may select which of the activities they want to repeat.

## Memory

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Memory cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place them in a 54 card by 4 card grid, face down.
4. The object of the game is match the prefix with its meaning.
5. Players take turns, gathering the matched pairs with them.
6. If there are spaces and you have cards left, fill in the spaces in the grid with those cards.
7. Game is over when all cards have been drawn.

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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. |  |
| Example: If students read something about Columbus, the QUESTION card might read: What were the names of the three ships Columbus sailed with? If the same article was read, a CONNECTION card might read: How does Columbus coming to the new world connect to the Pilgrims coming over 100 years later? |  |
| Conventions | Often, this activity will be |
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| Determining if a group of words is a dependent or independent clause or simply a phrase is important so students can speak and/or write more clearly. |  |
| Have students share several examples of the three categories above. |  |
| I, D or P |  |
| Directions: |  |
| 1. Divide students into pairs. |  |
| 2. Give each pair a game board and a deck of I, D or P cards. |  |
| 3. Shuffle the cards and place face down by the game board. |  |
| 4. Player 1 draws a card, determines if it is an example of a dependent clause, independent clause or phrase and places the card in the correct column. |  |

5. Player 2 continues the play.
6. Game is over when all cards have been placed.

| Closing |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 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. |  |

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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| dis- | opposite of | pre- | before |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| un- | not | en- | in, into |
| in- | no, not | fore- | before |
| post- | after | pre- | before |
| pro- | in favor of | super- | more than, above |
| extra- | beyond | intra- | within |

$4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade I, D, or P Game Board

| Independent Clause | Dependent Clause | Phrase |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |

$4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade I, D or P Cards

| running and jumping in the <br> pool | around 5:00 | dogs bark |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| whenever I see the stars | just in time | this flashlight works |
| after Jorge comes home | through the door | he mows the lawn |
| before you go | buried under the tree | Joan drives the car |
| because you've seen the <br> movie | laughed aloud | Fred enjoyed the movie |
| even though it is hot | have a blister on my hand | Jill fell down the hill |
| when the fog has cleared | the beautiful sunset | are you are the oldest |
| when starting a fire | asen bag of crackers | Jack likes football |
| they were standing on the |  |  |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Latin Word Origins |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Latin Word Origins), Summarizing, and Types of Sentences |

## Materials:

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

## Opening <br> 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 do you know about analyzing words? What are some synonyms for the word "ugly". How does predicting help you think about the story you are going to read. 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 Latin Roots? Why is it important to know the meaning of the roots? What do you know about the different types of sentences? List the four types of sentences. Give an example of each one.

## Content (the "Meat")

| Fluency <br> Repeated Reading is a key strategy that research has found to be incredibly effective in building fluency. Repeated Reading means exactly that-students read and re-read the same passage, practicing not only the unique words but the sight words that make up of $65 \%$ of the written words. For reading passages see information in the side note. <br> Repeated Reading Process <br> 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. <br> 2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute. <br> 3. Record the number of words read on a chart. <br> 4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan. | *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout <br> Repeated Reading passages can be found at: <br> www.readinga-z.com (This is a subscription fee site). <br> Check with the school day to see if the textbook has these passages (most do). <br> Select a book that is at the child's reading level and have them select 250-300 words to practice (even if they move |
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5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
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

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.

## Vocabulary

It is important that we look at vocabulary words in a holistic way. Each word has a meaning, a part of speech is attached to it, and you need to know how and when to use each word. We are going to spend some time with a Vocabulary Analyzer. You can utilize the lists of synonyms to generate the word list.

## Latin Word Origins

The English language is made up of a number of different languages. One of those languages is Latin. If a student knows the meaning of the Latin root, the meaning of the entire word can be determined. For example the Latin root "octo" means 8. An octopus is a creature with 8 legs; an octave is a set of 8 musical notes; and an octagon is a shape with 8 sides.

## Match 'Em

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a set of Match 'Em cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place them in a 5 card by 4 card grid, face down.
4. The object of the game is to find the Latin origin and its meaning, and matching them.
5. Players take turn, gathering the matched pairs with them.
6. If there are spaces and you have cards left, fill in the spaces in the grid with those cards.
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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 will this information apply to your life?

## Conventions

## Types of Sentences

There are 4 types of sentences: declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory. A declarative sentence makes a statement. An interrogative sentence asks a question. An imperative sentence gives a command or an order. An exclamatory sentence shows strong emotion.
Have students give you several examples of each type of sentence. Discuss that the punctuation marks for these sentences include the ., ? and !

## Sentence Types

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs

Give each pair one dice and a pair of white boards
Rules: If you roll a:
1 = declarative
2 = interrogative
3 = choice
4 = imperative
5 = exclamatory
6 = choice
2. Player 1 rolls the dice and follows the rule, writing the type of sentence required (unless it is a choice in which case player can write any of the four types of sentences) on the white board.
3. If Player 2 agrees that the sentence written is the correct type, Player 1 gets a point.
4. Player 2 then plays in exactly the same way.
ended questions to determine what the rest of the group is thinking.

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## Closing <br> Review

Say:

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## Debrief

## LBNT

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| serv | save or keep | orig | beginning |
| migr | change or move | numer | number |
| loc | place | form | shape, not changing |
| lab | work | narr | to tell |
| man | hand | ques | ask |


| pop | people | luna | moon |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| mater | mother | sim | like |
| tex | weave or text |  | turb |
| mater |  |  | confusion |
| mother |  |  | weave or text |
| turb |  |  |  |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Making Words and D or P |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Prefixes), Summarizing, and Dependent, Independent, Phrases |

## Materials:

Activity at the end of the lesson plan

## Opening <br> State the objective

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What is an analogy? What does it mean to compare things? What is a hyphen? Give several examples of when you would use a hyphen. What are some of the strategies that you utilize to uncover the meaning of unfamiliar words?
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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."

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Making Words:

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Making Words Game Board and a deck of Making Words cards.
3. Shuffle the cards and place face down by the game board.
4. Play 1 draws a card and reads the word. He/she then selects a prefix from the game board that can be added to the word he/she drew.
5. Player 1 then uses the new word in a sentence and places a marker on the prefix used.
6. Player 2 then repeats.
7. A player may use a prefix that has been marked, replacing the existing marker with his/her own.
8. Winner is the player with the most markers on the board.

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

## Independent, Dependent or Phrase

An independent clause has a subject and predicate and expresses a complete thought and can stand alone as a sentence. A dependent clause has a subject and a predicate, but it does not express a complete thought and it can not stand alone as a sentence. A phrase is a group of words that does not have a subject and predicate.

Determining if a group of words is a dependent or independent clause or simply a phrase is important so students can speak and/or write more clearly.
Have students share several examples of the three categories above.
I, D or P

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
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3. Shuffle the cards and place face down by the game board.
4. Player 1 draws a card, determines if it is an example of a dependent clause, independent clause or phrase and places the card in the correct column.
5. Player 2 continues play.
6. Game is over when all cards have been placed.

|  | Closing |
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| Say: | Review |
| • Please recap what we did today. |  |
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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Prefixes-Memory

| dis- | opposite of | pre- | before |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| un- | not | en- | in, into |
| in- | no, not | fore- | before |
| post- | after | pre- | before |
| pro- | in favor of | super- | more than, above |
| extra- | beyond | intra- | within |

$4^{\text {th }}$ and $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Independent and Dependent Clauses

1. Even though it is sunny, he was wearing a heavy down jacket.
2. I will call you when I get to the restaurant.
3. When you finish cleaning your room, we can go to the mall.
4. The beach is beautiful when the tide has washed over the sand.
5. Whenever I hear the alarm, I jump.
6. Despite her effort to make friends with the new neighbor, they have remained strangers.
7. After the game, the team went out for pizza.
8. He will check on the departure time, before he arrives at the station.
9. When I was your age, I was driving a 10 year old Buick.
10. You are the winner of the race, even though you did not come in first across the finish line.
11. Whenever I see a sad movie, I have tears in my eyes.
12. Because they are sharing a hotel room, they both have a key.
13. He was able to use his gift certificate, since he arrived after 7:00 p.m.
14. Although there are four empty seats, you can't sit in that seat.
15. I will call my mother before the day is over.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Student Activity Choice |
| Focus: | Review of Vocabulary and Conventions |

## Materials:

Activities from the past 11 days for students to select from, at the end of lessons 1-10
Opening
The purpose of these lessons are to:

- Improve fluency (the ability to read smoothly).
- Increase vocabulary (both academic and other words).
- Practice Reciprocal Teaching (predicting, clarifying, questioning, and summarizing).
- Work on being proficient at the conventions of writing which include capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence types, and
grammar.


## 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?

| Content (the "Meat") |  |
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| Fluency <br> Repeated Reading is a key strategy that research has found to be incredibly effective in building fluency. Repeated Reading means exactly that-students read and re-read the same passage, practicing not only the unique words but the sight words that make up of $65 \%$ of the written words. For reading passages see information in the side note. <br> Repeated Reading Process <br> 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. <br> 2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute. <br> 3. Record the number of words read on a chart. <br> 4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan. <br> 5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read. Record the number of words next to the first number recorded. <br> 6. Celebrate success. <br> 7. Students should stay on the same passage level for 4-6 weeks and then transition | *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable <br> Moment(s) throughout <br> Repeated Reading passages can be found at: <br> www.readinga-z.com (This is a subscription fee site). <br> Check with the school day to see if the textbook has these passages (most do). <br> 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). |

students to the next level.

## Fluency Activity of the Day

Retest student, read for 1 minute compare results with the pre-test.

## Vocabulary

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

Today is a review day of all of the games and/or activities that students have played for the last eleven days. Have students choose from the following:

Discovering Meaning
Match 'Em
Making Meaning
Memory
Making Words
What Does It Mean?

## Reciprocal Teaching

There are four sections of Reciprocal Teaching:
Predicting (what do you think will happen next-not a guess but based on evidence in the text.
Clarifying (understanding the meaning of each of the words—remember that many English words have multiple meanings).
Questioning (asking right there, interpretive, and applying questions so you can utilize the information).
Summarizing (listing the key bullet points of what you've read-not retelling detail by detail).
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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.

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.

## 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.

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Before, After, Between
It's What?
Dictionary Race
Sentence Types
Independent and Dependent
I, D or P
Eliminating a Run-On

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 |
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|  | 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)
4. Ask them to comment on something (if anything) they have learned today that was brand new to them. (Aha!)

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Affixes and Which One? |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Suffixes) Predicting, and Run On Sentences |

## Materials:

Fluency passages or students current reading
White boards, pens or crayons
Activities at the end of lesson plan

## 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 grammar.


## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What do you know about suffixes? Where do you find suffixes in a word? What happens to a word when you add a suffix? What is a run-on sentence? Why is it important when we communicate to avoid run-on sentences? How does predicting help you think about the story you are going to read? 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?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
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6. Celebrate success.

## *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

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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

Fluency Test—Read 1 minute count number 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

Focusing on developing vocabulary is essential if you are going to be able to communicate effectively. The English language has over 550,000 words and although you don't need to know all of them, it is important that you know as many as possible.

## Suffixes -

Suffixes are a syllable that is added to the end of a word to change meaning. Sometimes you simply add the suffix. Other times, you have to prepare the root word. For example if you are adding the suffix -er to the word swim, you would need to add another "m", so the new word would be spelled: swimmer. If you were going to add the suffix -able to note, you would drop the e and write the word notable.

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-ful (full of
-er (person who)
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-ly (how it is done)
-ible (able to do-added to a root word that is not a word on its own)
-able (able to do-added to a word that can stand alone)
Practice several words on with suffixes on the board.

## Which One?

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Which One? Game Board and deck of Which One? Cards. Also give each pair a white board.
3. Shuffle the cards and place facedown next to the game board between the players.
4. Player 1 draws a card a reads the description, looking closely at the underlined word.
5. Player will then select the appropriate suffix to add to the word to match the description.
6. Player will write the word, with the suffix, on his/her white board.

## Reciprocal Teaching

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Stop the class and focus on a

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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 walked alone."

## Conventions

There are conventions that guide our reading, speaking, and writing. Understanding those conventions and being able to use them easily, makes communicating with one another easier.

## Run On Sentences

A run on sentence is two independent clauses that are written together as if they are one sentence.
When you have written a run-on sentence, you will need to correct it. You can do that in one of several ways:

- create 2 separate sentences
- separate the two independent clauses with a semicolon (;)
- add a coordinating conjunction-and, nor, but, for, yet, so, or-find the end of the first sentence, add a comma and a coordinating conjunction that will demonstrate how the two sentences are related, add the conjunction and the second sentence.

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.
student's key learning or understanding. Ask openended questions to determine what the rest of the group is thinking.

|  | 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. |  |
| 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!) |  |

$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Which One?

| -er | -ful | -ly | -able | -ible | -er |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -ful |  |  |  |  | -ly |
| -able |  | Which One? Suffixes |  |  | -ible |
| -er |  |  |  |  | -ful |
| -ly |  |  |  |  | -able |
| -ible | -er | -ful | -ly | -able | -ible |

$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Which One? Cards

| full of joy | person who tends the garden | full of wonder | how you feel when the injury is bad |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| full of grace | person who rides | person who teaches | doing it every week |
| full of hate | doing something with safety on your mind | person who sings | all that your hand can hold |
| a person who skates | a really bad dream is (horr-) | something that you can eat (ed-) | something that is amazing (incred-) |
| demonstrates honor (honor-) | something really awful (terr-) | someone you can rely on (depend-) | something you can not bear (unbear-) |
| when shoes feel good on your feet (comfort-) | something that is easy to see (vis-) | a really cool place to be (desire-) | wearing appropriate clothes (suit-) |
| something done that is fair and just | person who bakes | person who presents | do something and be happy |

$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Run On Sentences—Correct It


## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Run On Sentence Correct It Cards

| You have a new bike take <br> care of it. | The fair is open this week we <br> are going to it. | My nose is cold my feet are <br> freezing. | Joe is in my class he sits <br> across from me. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Joe crossed the finish line first <br> Jill crossed second. | It is raining today take your <br> umbrella. | The dog barked loudly the cat <br> ran away. | Dad went to the grocery store <br> he bought pickles. |
| Liz is driving the car it is a <br> Camry. | He earned \$40.00 he bought <br> new game. | Jill watched the movie she <br> was excited. | The Fed Ex driver left the <br> package it was huge. |
| Jules was golfing he got a <br> hole in one. | Joe has a cold he is using a <br> lot of Kleenex. | Terri is cooking dinner she is <br> making spaghetti. | The monkey is in the cage it <br> is swinging across it. |
| The parrot is colorful it knows <br> nineteen words. | We saw the panda it was <br> black and white. | The class had a guest <br> speaker she was a Senator. | He went on a safari he saw <br> 13 lions. |

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| Dorothy clicked her heels <br> together she woke up in <br> Kansas. | Have you seen the truck have <br> you seen the driver? | Look under the tree find the <br> hidden prize. | The raccoon is looking for <br> food it washes it in the <br> stream. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Idioms and Parts of Speech |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Idioms), Predicting, and Parts of Speech |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan
White board and pen/crayon

## Opening

## State the objective

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- Work on being proficient at the conventions of writing which include capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence types, and grammar.


## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What do you know about idioms? What is meant by the idiom: "bring a white elephant"? What other idioms can you think of? What are the parts of speech? List as many of the different parts of speech that you can. List several examples of each of the parts. 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?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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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

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.

## Vocabulary

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

## Idioms

An idiom is a figure of speech. A figure of speech has to be "translated" if it is to be understood. An idiom is not "translated" literally. For example, the idiom to describe a heavy rain is "rained cats and dogs". Needless to say, no real cats or dogs fell from the sky as rain, but the meaning is only clear if you understand the idiom.
Review several idioms with the students.

## Idioms

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair an Idiom Game Board and an Idiom Card and a set of Idiom Definition Cards.
3. Place the definition cards face down.
4. Player draws a definition card and has 30 seconds to locate the correct idiom.
5. If player matches the definition and the idiom correctly, then he/she rolls the die and moves that many spaces.
6. If player does not match the definition and the idiom correctly, then he/she loses his/her turn.
7. Play continues until one person completes the course.
8. Cards may be reshuffled for play to continue.

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Check in about what is happening and what they are thinking.
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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.
Predicting
Activity
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
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.

## 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.

## Parts of Speech

The English language is made up of all kinds of words, over 500,000 of them To make sense of the words and the function of each of them, the words are divided into parts of speech. These are the parts of speech:

- noun: name a person, place or thing
- verb: show action or state of being
- adjective: describers of nouns
- adverbs: describers of verbs
- interjections: words that show strong emotion
- prepositions: connect nouns, pronouns, and phrase to other words in the sentence
- pronoun: words that take the place of a noun
- conjunctions: words that combine sentences or parts of sentences

Review these parts of speech with the students and ask them to give you examples of each

## Parts of Speech

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Parts of Speech Game Board and random a list of words.
3. Working together, students look at each word on the list and determine which part of speech the word is.
4. Students then write the word on the game board under the correct column.

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

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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.


## 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!)
$4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Parts of Speech Word Bank

| and | about | around | among |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| beautiful | big | bird | car |
| brother | book | clearly | despite |
| cat | but | down | either |
| juggle | draw | dribble | fluently |
| me | friendly | fantastic | incredible |
| mine | fry | for | it |
| onto | he | handsome | lazy |
| ouch | hey | immediately | over |
| phew | neighbor | nor | quickly |
| run | or | oh | ship |
| slowly | shhh | park | spell |
| so | striking | tackle | they |
| softly | throughout | we | work |
| three | wow | yet |  |
| to |  |  | yikes |

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$4^{\text {th }}-6^{\text {th }}$ Grade Parts of Speech

| Parts of Speech |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Noun | Verb | Adjective | Adverb | Pronoun | Preposition | Interjection | Conjunction |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Idioms Game Board

| Idioms Card |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| catch a cold | circular file | see eye to eye | afraid of his own <br> shadow |
| cost an arm and <br> a leg | backseat driver | clear the air | got cold feet |
| come clean | crack a book | dead to the world | turned a deaf ear |
| down in the <br> dumps | eyes popped out | lost her marbles | burn his bridges |
| forever and a day | know the ropes | out of the woods | green thumb |

Do not cut these apart
Idiom Definition Cards (Cut apart)

| become ill with a <br> cold | trash can | agree | too frightened to <br> act |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| expensive | bossy | back out, will not <br> do | tell the truth |
| study | asleep | won't listen to | depressed |
| surprised | crazy, not <br> making sense | sever ties with | always |
| understand what <br> to do | will be okay | great gardener | talk about the <br> problem |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Parallel Structures |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Frequently Misspelled Words), Predicting, and Parallel Structures |

## Materials:

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

## Opening

## State the objective

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What words do you have challenges with when you spell them? What about those words makes them challenging? What strategies do you use to help you with these words? If lines are parallel, what does that mean? What do you think is meant by the term parallel structures when it comes to English Language Arts? 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?

## Content (the "Meat")

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## 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.

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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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determine what the rest of the group is thinking.

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|  | Closing |
| :--- | :--- |
| Say: | Review |
| - Please recap what we did today. |  |
|  | Did we achieve our objectives? |
| LBNT | Debrief |
| 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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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade-Spell It

| Spell It Word Bank |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| schedule | ninety |
| forty | temperature |
| theories | weird |
| their | sense |
| shoulder | library |
| friend | license |
| alright | believe |
| niece | neighbor |
| they | grateful |
| equipped | argument |
| attitude | divide |
| stories | favorite |
| truly | ridiculous |
| separate | restaurant |
| yield | paid |

$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Parallel Sentences

Parallel Sentences

| Parallel | Not Parallel |
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## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Parallel Sentence Cards

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| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| The pig is oinking, the duck is <br> quacking, and the cow is <br> mooing. | The book was opened and <br> the magazine was closed. | Put your golfing shoes, you <br> tennis shoes, and your dress <br> shoes in the closet. |
| In his pocket there is a pen, a <br> flashlight, and a business <br> card. | The cat meowed and the dog <br> barked. | He walked home and he ran <br> around the track. |
| Put in the paper, the ink <br> cartridge, and the staples. | When crossing the street <br> stop, look both ways, and <br> listen for traffic. | The garden had roses, <br> petunias, and zinnias. |
| Molly likes to cook and to <br> bake. | Maria bakes bread, cakes, <br> and cookies. | Beth likes to run and <br> jumping. |
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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Frequently Misspelled Words |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Frequently Misspelled Words), Clarifying, and Parallel Structures |

## Materials:

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

## Opening

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

Give some examples of words that are frequently misspelled. What are the reasons that these words are challenging to spell correctly? Create a sentence or two where you intentionally develop a parallel structure. How do you know that the components in the sentence are parallel?
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.
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## Content (the "Meat")

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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.

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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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| schedule | temperature |
| forty | weird |
| theories | sense |
| their | library |
| shoulder | license |
| friend | believe |
| alright | neighbor |
| niece | grateful |
| they | argument |
| equipped | divide |
| attitude | favorite |
| stories | ridiculous |
| truly | restaurant |
| separate | paid |
| yield |  |

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| Components: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Parts of Speech |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (ldioms), Clarifying, and Parts of Speech |

## Materials:

Activities at the end of the lesson plan

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What do you know about idioms? What is meant by the idiom: "bring a white elephant"? What other idioms can you think of? What are the parts of speech? List as many of the different parts of speech that you can. List several examples of each of the parts. 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?
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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.

## Vocabulary

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

## Idioms

An idiom is a figure of speech. A figure of speech has to be "translated" if it is to be understood. An idiom is not "translated" literally. For example, the idiom to describe a heavy rain is "rained cats and dogs". Needless to say, no real cats or dogs fell from the sky as rain, but the meaning is only clear if you understand the idiom.
Review several idioms with the students.

## Idioms

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair an Idiom Game Board and an Idiom Card and a set of Idiom Definition Cards.
3. Place the definition cards face down.
4. Player draws a definition card and has 30 seconds to locate the correct idiom.
5. If player matches the definition and the idiom correctly, then he/she rolls the die and moves that many spaces.
6. If player does not match the definition and the idiom correctly, then he/she loses his/her turn.
7. Play continues until one person completes the course.
8. Cards may be reshuffled for play to continue.

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## Activity

Clarifying:
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/question would be, "Can an adder be a hermit? Will a bat fly through a waterfall? Is there a cave under the bridge?

## 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.

## Parts of Speech

The English language is made up of all kinds of words, over 500,000 of them To make sense of the words and the function of each of them, the words are divided into parts of speech. These are the parts of speech:

- noun: name a person, place or thing
- verb: show action or state of being
- adjective: describers of nouns
- adverbs: describers of verbs
- interjections: words that show strong emotion
- prepositions: connect nouns, pronouns, and phrase to other words in the sentence
- pronoun: words that take the place of a noun
- conjunctions: words that combine sentences or parts of sentences

Review these parts of speech with the students and ask them to give you examples of each

## Parts of Speech

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Parts of Speech Game Board and random a list of words.
3. Working together, students look at each word on the list and determine which part of speech the word is.
4. Students then write the word on the game board under the correct column.
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$4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Parts of Speech Word Bank

| and | about | around | among |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| beautiful | big | bird | car |
| brother | book | clearly | despite |
| cat | but | down | either |
| juggle | draw | dribble | fluently |
| me | friendly | fantastic | incredible |
| mine | fry | for | it |
| onto | he | handsome | lazy |
| ouch | hey | immediately | over |
| phew | neighbor | nor | quickly |
| run | or | oh | ship |
| slowly | shhh | park | spell |
| so | striking | tackle | they |
| softly | throughout | we | work |
| three |  | wow | yet |
| to |  |  | yikes |

$4^{\text {th }}-6^{\text {th }}$ Grade Parts of Speech

| Parts of Speech |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Noun | Verb | Adjective | Adverb | Pronoun | Preposition | Interjection | Conjunction |  |
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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Idioms Game Board

| Idioms Card |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| catch a cold | circular file | see eye to eye | afraid of his own <br> shadow |
| cost an arm and <br> a leg | backseat driver | clear the air | got cold feet |
| come clean | crack a book | dead to the world | turned a deaf ear |
| down in the <br> dumps | eyes popped out | lost her marbles | burn his bridges |
| forever and a day | know the ropes | out of the woods | green thumb |

Do not cut these apart
Idiom Definition Cards (Cut apart)

| become ill with a <br> cold | trash can | agree | too frightened to <br> act |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| expensive | bossy | back out, will not <br> do | tell the truth |
| study | asleep | won't listen to | depressed |
| surprised | crazy, not <br> making sense | sever ties with | always |
| understand what <br> to do | will be okay | great gardener | talk about the <br> problem |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Run On Sentences |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Suffixes), Clarifying, and Run On Sentences |

## Materials:

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

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Make a list of common suffixes. Make as many words as you can using those suffixes. What happens to the words when we add a suffix to them? Write several run-on sentences on the board. Make these run-on sentences separate sentences. Does it make the meaning more clear? 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?

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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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## Suffixes -

Suffixes are a syllable that is added to the end of a word to change meaning. Sometimes you simply add the suffix. Other times, you have to prepare the root word. For example if you are adding the suffix -er to the word swim, you would need to add another "m", so the new word would be spelled: swimmer. If you were going to add the suffix -able to note, you would drop the e and write the word notable.

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-ful (full of
-er (person who)
-ly (how it is done)
-ible (able to do-added to a root word that is not a word on its own)
-able (able to do-added to a word that can stand alone)
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Practice several words on with suffixes on the board.

## Which One?

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Which One? Game Board and deck of Which One? Cards. Also give each pair a white board.
3. Shuffle the cards and place facedown next to the game board between the players.
4. Player 1 draws a card a reads the description, looking closely at the underlined word.
5. Player will then select the appropriate suffix to add to the word to match the description.
6. Player will write the word, with the suffix, on his/her white board.

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

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## Run On Sentences

A run on sentence is two independent clauses that are written together as if they are one sentence.
When you have written a run-on sentence, you will need to correct it. You can do that in one of several ways:

- create 2 separate sentences
- separate the two independent clauses with a semicolon (;)
- add a coordinating conjunction-and, nor, but, for, yet, so, or-find the end of the first sentence, add a comma and a coordinating conjunction that will demonstrate how the two sentences are related, add the conjunction and the second sentence.

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## Correct It

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Correct It game board and a deck of Correct It cards, and a die.
3. Shuffle the cards and place face down next to the game board.
4. Player 1 rolls a die, moving that many spaces. Player 1 then draws a card with a run on sentence.
5. Following the guideline that the person landed on, the Player corrects the runOon sentence.
6. Player 2 continues the process.
7. Game is over when player gets to the finish line.

## Closing

Review
Say:

- Please recap what we did today.
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## Debrief

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$4^{\text {th }}$-5 th Grade Which One?

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$4^{\text {th- }-5 t h}$ Grade Which One? Cards
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\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|}\hline \text { full of joy } & \begin{array}{l}\text { person who tends } \\
\text { the garden }\end{array} & \text { full of wonder } & \begin{array}{l}\text { how you feel when } \\
\text { the injury is } \underline{\text { bad }}\end{array} \\
\hline \text { full of grace } & \text { person who rides } & \begin{array}{l}\text { person who } \\
\text { teaches }\end{array} & \text { doing it every week } \\
\hline \text { full of hate } & \begin{array}{l}\text { doing something with } \\
\text { safety on your mind }\end{array} & \text { person who } \underline{\text { sings }}\end{array}
$$ \begin{array}{l}all that your hand <br>

can hold\end{array}\right]\)| a person who skates |
| :--- |
| a really bad dream is <br> (horr-) |
| something that you <br> can eat (ed-) |
| something that is <br> amazing (incred-) |
| (honor-) |

$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Run On Sentences-Correct It


## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Run On Sentence Correct It Cards

| You have a new bike take care of it. | The fair is open this week we are going to it. | My nose is cold my feet are freezing. | Joe is in my class he sits across from me. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Joe crossed the finish line first Jill crossed second. | It is raining today take your umbrella. | The dog barked loudly the cat ran away. | Dad went to the grocery store he bought pickles. |
| Liz is driving the car it is a Camry. | He earned $\$ 40.00$ he bought new game. | Jill watched the movie she was excited. | The Fed Ex driver left the package it was huge. |
| Jules was golfing he got a hole in one. | Joe has a cold he is using a lot of Kleenex. | Terri is cooking dinner she is making spaghetti. | The monkey is in the cage it is swinging across it. |
| The parrot is colorful it knows nineteen words. | We saw the panda it was black and white. | The class had a guest speaker she was a Senator. | He went on a safari he saw 13 lions. |


| Dorothy clicked her heels <br> together she woke up in <br> Kansas. | Have you seen the truck have <br> you seen the driver? | Look under the tree find the <br> hidden prize. | The raccoon is looking for <br> food it washes it in the <br> stream. |
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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Word Endings and Transition Words |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Ending Patterns), Questioning, and Transitional Words |

## Materials:

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

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

There are patterns that words end in, often patterns that are not phonetic. For example, both tion and ion make the sound of /shun/. Why is it important for you to know the difference and when to use each of these spelling patterns? What is a transition? How do we transition from one thing to another? What is important about know how to transition? How does that apply to our reading and writing? 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? Give examples of 5 different word families.

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6. Celebrate success.
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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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For the next two days we are going to look at the following ending patterns:

- the spelling of the soft lj/ sound at the end of words (-idge, -edge, -age).
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## Directions:

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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....

## Conventions

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## Transitional Words

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## Transition Words

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## Closing <br> 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.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

1. Ask students to think about what they did today.
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| invention | confusion |
| sensation | production |
| mansion | extension |
| vacation | question |
| motion | transportation |
| vision |  |

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| a way to get from one place <br> to another | when you can see something | to ask or inquire |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| moving | get more time | take a break from your <br> normal routine |
| get a job done | a large, elaborate home | lacking clarity |
| feel something like a wind on <br> your face | allow someone to do <br> something | create something that is new |
| gathering a group of the |  |  |
| same type of artifact | portion of a book (not a <br> chapter) | the U.S.A is one of these |
| part of a whole | accomplishment | money you earn for work |
| a spice or someone who is |  |  |
| wise |  |  |
| very angry | an elevated, highlighted |  |
| arena | you turn these in books |  |


| fix in place | a border of plants | promise |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| dig up | crest, (especially mountains) | a way to cross over a river |

## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

KIDS
$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Transitional Words Game Board

| Transitional Words |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Transitional Word Cards

| above | afterward | again | for example | extremely | but |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| below | currently | least | for instance | important | differ from |
| from | first | likewise | namely | in fact | even thought |
| opposite | immediately | next | specifically | necessary | in spit of |
| up front | third | too | that is | valuable | nevertheless |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Transitional Words |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Ending Patterns), Summarizing, and Transitional Words |

## Materials:

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

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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.

## Vocabulary

It is important that we look at vocabulary words in a holistic way. Each word has a meaning, a part of speech is attached to it, and you need to know how and when to use each word. We are going to spend some time with a Vocabulary Analyzer. You can utilize the lists of synonyms to generate the word list.

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## 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 will this information apply to your life?

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| feel something like a wind on <br> your face | allow someone to do <br> something | create something that is new |
| gathering a group of the |  |  |
| same type of artifact | portion of a book (not a <br> chapter) | the U.S.A is one of these |
| part of a whole | accomplishment | money you earn for work |
| a spice or someone who is |  |  |
| wise |  |  |
| very angry | an elevated, highlighted |  |
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| from | first | likewise | namely | in fact | even thought |
| opposite | immediately | next | specifically | necessary | in spit of |
| up front | third | too | that is | valuable | nevertheless |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Write A Letter |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Prefixes), Summarizing, and Dependent, Independent, Phrases |

## 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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## Syllables

A syllable is a part of a word. Every word has a least ne syllable. When a word has more than one syllable it is helpful if you can divide an unknown word into syllables so you can decode the word.

- Dividing words into syllable is easier when you know the rules of syllabication.
- Divide a word between the middle consonants (but don't split a digraph-wh, ch, th, sh, or ph) mat/ter, weath/er.
- Divide a word before a single consonant with a beginning vowel sound elject, o/pen.
- Divide a word before the consonant + le ta/ble, pur/ple.
- Divide a word between compound words, prefixes, and suffixes card/board, re/do, markling.


## Which Rule?

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Which Rule Game Board and a Deck of Which Rule game cards
3. Player 1 draws a Which Rule card, looks at the word and determines which of the 4 rules would guide the division of the word into syllables, and places the card on the game board.
4. Player 2 repeats the process.
5. Activity is over when all cards are placed.

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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.)

## Conventions

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## Letter Format

A letter has five major parts: the date, the greeting (sometimes called a salutation), the body of the letter (the content), the closing or closing remarks, and the signature.

A letter format can be used in a note card, an email and an actual letter.
Review the letter format with the students. Collectively write a letter thanking a person for coming to the program and making cookies with the students. Be sure to include all five elements of the letter.

## Writing A Letter

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a letter template.
3. Together students should compose a letter inviting the principal of the school to come and visit the afterschool program.
4. Students should follow the format on the letter template.
5. When the pair is finished with their letter they should find another pair and review each other's letters.
understanding. Ask openended questions to determine what the rest of the group is thinking.

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.

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| - | Please recap what we did today. |
| - Did we achieve our objectives? |  |
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| Have students share what they like best about today's ELA activities and list that under the heading: LB or Liked Best |  |
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| NT or Next Time. |  |
| Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!) |  |
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## $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Which Rule?

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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Which Word? Cards

| brickyard | dreamy | open | eject |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| bedspread | pillow | flower | middle |
| parcel | bathtub | simple | buckle |
| ripple | suppose | without | cardboard |
| able | easy | skating | lovely |
| stable | laughter | wishes | preclude |

$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Letter Template

January 15, 2012
Dear Mr. Smith,
Thanks you so much for bringing your dogs to our school. I have always been curious about how seeing eye dogs are trained and found it very interesting that you have to spend so much time teaching them to follow all of those commands.

Yours truly,<br>Susie Smith

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Student Activity Choice |
| Focus: | Review of Vocabulary and Conventions |

## Materials:

Activities from the past 11 days for students to select from, at the end of lessons 1-10
Opening
The purpose of these lessons are to:

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- Work on being proficient at the conventions of writing which include capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence types, and
grammar.


## 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?

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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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Which One?
Word Endings
Spell It
Which Rule?
Idioms

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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 students 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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Correct It
Transition Words
Creating a Parallel
Writing a Letter
Parts of Speech

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## Closing

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## Debrief

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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\mathrm{h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Similes and Appositives |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Similes) Predicting, and Appositives |

## Materials:

Fluency passages or students current reading
White boards, pens or crayons
Activities at the end of lesson plan

## Opening

## State the objective

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What do you know about similes? Is using the word "like" or "as" make the comparison a metaphor or a simile? (simile) Why would using a simile be important in communicating clearly? What is an appositive? In the sentence: "My father, John, likes pizza" what is the appositive? Why would you use an appositive in a sentence? How does predicting help you think about the story you are going to read? 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?

## Content (the "Meat")

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## Fluency Activity of the Day

Fluency Test—Read 1 minute count number 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

Focusing on developing vocabulary is essential if you are going to be able to communicate effectively. The English language has over 550,000 words and although you don't need to know all of them, it is important that you know as many as possible.

## Similes

A simile is a figure of speech that compares two things by using the words like or as to set up the comparison. For example: My love is like a rose...or high as a kite. These comparisons help the listener and/or reader create pictures in the mind that is as close as possible to the picture that the speaker and/or author was visualizing.
When writing similes it is important that the author visualize the image that he/she is trying to convey and then think about the words being used and visualize those to determine if the simile is the best one to convey meaning.
For example, if the author were trying to convey speed, the similes "fast as a turtle" would not work. However, if the author were trying to convey the lack of speed, "fast as a turtle" would be perfect.
Have students practice creating similes to describe:

## favorite food

favorite color
scariest moment
Write them on the board and discuss with the group. Ask for several examples for each topic. Explain that it is not about right or wrong similes, but rather which most clearly creates the appropriate visualization/meaning.

## Similes

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Similes Context Card and white boards.
3. Working together, pair creates similes for each of the contexts on the card.
4. Pair then shares the similes they have written with another pair.
5. At the end, have 2-3 groups share a simile.

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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 walked alone."

## Conventions

There are conventions that guide our reading, speaking, and writing. Understanding those conventions and being able to use them easily, makes communicating with one another easier.

## Appositives

An appositive is a word or phrase that renames the noun in a sentence. An appositive is set off by commas or hyphens. For example: Mrs. Smith, my third grade teacher, likes bagels. The words "my third grade teacher" renames Mrs. Smith, giving you more information about the noun, and as you can see is set apart from the rest of the sentence by commas.
It is important in the beginning to keep appositives simple and remember that the appositive renames the noun. A good way to tell if this is the case is to try the appositive in place of the noun and the noun in place of the appositive. For example, My third grade teacher, Mrs. Smith, likes bagels; reverses the role of the noun and the appositive and it "works" both directions.
Have students give you several sentences with appositives in them. Write them on the board or chart. Discuss if they have correctly identified the appositive.

## Appositives

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each group white boards.
3. Have pairs create a list of 15 different people they know (the custodian, the grocer, the postman, the principal, Freddie the kid who sits next to them, and so on).
4. After they have the list on the white board, next to the list pairs should determine how to rename the person they identified. John, the custodian, Freddie, my best friend, and so on.
5. Pairs should then select 7 of these people and write a sentence including an appositive.
6. Pairs should share with another pair when both have finished.

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.

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|  | 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. |  |
| Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!) |  |
| 1. Ask students to think about what they did today. |  |
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## $4^{\text {th- }} 5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Similes Context Card

1. a really messy bedroom
2. a person who can't sit down or stand still
3. a person who is very happy
4. a person who is very angry
5. a person who is very thin
6. an object that is very light weight
7. an object that is very heavy weight
8. an action that is very quick
9. a person or animal that is hard to influence
10. a garden that is full of flowers
11. a person outside in the winter watching football
12. feeling you would have winning a contest
13. feeling you would have when you are given a gift you really wanted
14. feeling you would have in an uncomfortable and unknown situation
15. describe your favorite food
16. your best friend
17. a blanket
18. someone who is no fun to be around
19. the food in the cafeteria
20. your pet

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\mathrm{h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Alliteration and Adverbs |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Alliteration), Predicting, and Adverbs |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan
White board and pen/crayon

## Opening

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What is alliteration? What is a tongue twister that you know? What letter is alliterated in the tongue twister? Select a letter from the alphabet and write a sentence using the technique of alliteration. Share it with the group. What do you know about adverbs? What questions do they answer? Make a list of at least 5 adverbs. 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?

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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.

## Vocabulary

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## Alliteration

Alliteration is a literary term that refers to a practice in writing of writing sentences in which most of the words begin with the same letter. An example of this would be a tongue twister: Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
In writing, using alliteration is of course, slightly different when writing in a paper or paragraph, but the concept is the same.
Give students a random alphabet letter and ask them to first generate words that begin with that letter and then ask them to put heads together to craft a sentence.

## Alliteration <br> Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair white boards.
3. Ask students to select 5 letters from the alphabet.
4. Ask them to brainstorm as many interesting words as they can that begin with each letter.
5. Ask students to write sentences that provide an example of alliteration.
6. When pairs have finished, have each group share one sentence with the entire class.

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## 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 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.

## Conventions

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## Adverbs

Adverbs are words that describe a verb, adjective or another adverb. Adverbs answer the question how, when, where, what, or how often. Adverbs often end in the letters "ly", but not always. Adverbs can compare things and when they do the guidelines are the same as for adjectives. Two items-er or the word more in front of a 3 syllable or more adverb; est or the word most for comparisons of 3 or more items.
Adverbs add meaning and clarity to verbs, adjectives and other adverbs.
Ask students to give examples of adverbs. Write them on the board or chart. In the examples they give, ask if the adverb is telling more about the verb, the adjective, or another adverb. Explain that this is the word the adverb is modifying (adding meaning to).

## Adverbs

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pair.
2. Give each pair an Adverb Game Board and a deck of Adverb cards.
3. Shuffle the deck and place facedown beside the board between the pair.
4. Player 1 draws a card, reads the sentence and decides if the adverb is modifying a verb, adjective or other adverb.
5. When he/she has decided, he/she places the sentence card in the correct column.
6. Player 2 continues in the same way.
7. Game is over when all cards have been place.

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

## 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.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Adverb Game Board

| Verb | Adjective | Other Adverb |
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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Adverb Cards

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| The rider slowed considerably. | Fertilized grass grows quickly. | The dog barked loudly. |
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| The plane landed somewhat roughly. | Jill rolled incredibly fast. | The alarm chimed nearly continuously. |
| Lilly lost quite happily. | She answered amazingly quickly. | The jacket is sewn more carefully. |
| The very happy baby giggled loudly. | The darkly-colored green grass grew rapidly. | The incredibly young driver saved the day. |
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| Components: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\mathrm{th}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Alliteration and Silly Questions |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Alliteration), Clarifying, and Adverbs |

## Materials:

Activities at the end of the lesson plan

## Opening <br> State the objective

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What is alliteration? What is a tongue twister that you know? What letter is alliterated in the tongue twister? Select a letter from the alphabet and write a sentence using the technique of alliteration. Share it with the group. What do you know about adverbs? What questions do they answer? Make a list of at least 5 adverbs. 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?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
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4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
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## *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

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Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
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

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

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

## Alliteration

Alliteration is a literary term that refers to a practice in writing of writing sentences in which most of the words begin with the same letter. An example of this would be a tongue twister: Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
In writing, using alliteration is of course, slightly different when writing in a paper or paragraph, but the concept is the same.
Give students a random alphabet letter and ask them to first generate words that begin with that letter and then ask them to put heads together to craft a sentence.

## Alliteration

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair white boards.
3. Ask students to select 5 letters from the alphabet.
4. Ask them to brainstorm as many interesting words as they can that begin with each letter.
5. Ask students to write sentences that provide an example of alliteration.
6. When pairs have finished, have each group share one sentence with the entire class.

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## Activity

## Clarifying:

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/question would be, "Can an adder be a hermit? Will a bat fly through a waterfall? Is there a cave under the bridge?

## 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.

## Adverbs

Adverbs are words that describe a verb, adjective or another adverb. Adverbs answer the question how, when, where, what, or how often. Adverbs often end in the letters "ly", but not always. Adverbs can compare things and when they do the guidelines are the same as for adjectives. Two items-er or the word more in front of a 3 syllable or more adverb; est or the word most for comparisons of 3 or more items.
Adverbs add meaning and clarity to verbs, adjectives and other adverbs.
Ask students to give examples of adverbs. Write them on the board or chart. In the examples they give, ask if the adverb is telling more about the verb, the adjective, or another adverb. Explain that this is the word the adverb is modifying (adding meaning to).

## Adverbs

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pair.
2. Give each pair an Adverb Game Board and a deck of Adverb cards.
3. Shuffle the deck and place facedown beside the board between the pair.
4. Player 1 draws a card, reads the sentence and decides if the adverb is modifying a verb, adjective or other adverb.
5. When he/she has decided, he/she places the sentence card in the correct column.
6. Player 2 continues in the same way.
7. Game is over when all cards have been place.
the group is thinking.

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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!)

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| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4^{\mathrm{h}}-5^{\mathrm{t}} \text { Grades }}$ |
| Lesson Title: | Verbs and Personification |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Personification), Predicting, and Verbs |

## Materials:

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

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What do you know about personification? When you think of the story The Three Pigs, in what ways do the pigs and the wolf take on the characteristics of people? What other things do you give characteristics of people to? What is a verb? Make a list of action words. Use 3-5 of them in sentences. 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?

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## 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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## Personification

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Personification card and white boards.
3. Ask students to look at each noun on the card and then brainstorm the human characteristics that could be associated with the noun.
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| Activity <br> Predicting <br> 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. |  |
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| - Please recap what we did today. |  |
|  | Did we achieve our objectives? |
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| 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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17. a cat
18. a puppy
19. a forest
20. ocean
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23. a chair
24. justice

| $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Action Verbs |  |
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| run | read |
| kick | sleep |
| think | smell |
| touch | help |
| taste | laugh |
| play | hug |
| scream | see |
| cry | feel |
| hop | skip |
| shake | wiggle |
| smile | brush |
| teach | choose |
| work | call |
| dance | throw |
| stab | cheer |
| eat | sing |
| roll | sneak |
| drop | point |
| climb | decide |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Personification |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Personification), Clarifying, and Linking Verbs |

## Materials:

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Activity at end of lesson plan

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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.

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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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## Linking Verbs

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Linking Verbs Card.
3. Together, students read each sentence, underlining the linking verb and drawing an arching arrow between the noun in the subject and the information in the predicate that is linked by the verb.
4. When pairs are finished, they should link to another pair and share the answers they found.
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The President is pleased with the vote.
He is a football player.
The movie was scary.
You were here yesterday.
We are at the mall.
They are lost.
You are my best friend.
She is five feet tall.
It is heavy.
I was lost on the freeway.
You were late.
It was on the table.
We were amazed.
Jorge is her brother.
The puppy was sick last night.
Jill is in first place in the hill rolling contest.
Dad is unsure about the car.
Both friends are forty-five.
My grandmother is cheerful.
The mummy is large and scary.

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Appositives |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Similes), Clarifying, and Appositives |

## Materials:

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

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What do you know about similes? Is using the word "like" or "as" make the comparison a metaphor or a simile? (simile) Why would using a simile be important in communicating clearly? What is an appositive? In the sentence: "My teacher, Mrs. Smith, drives a Toyota" what is the appositive? Why would you use an appositive in a sentence? 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?

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students to the next level.

## 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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## Similes

A simile is a figure of speech that compares two things by using the words like or as to set up the comparison. For example: My love is like a rose...or high as a kite. These comparisons help the listener and/or reader create pictures in the mind that is as close as possible to the picture that the speaker and/or author was visualizing.
When writing similes it is important that the author visualize the image that he/she is trying to convey and then think about the words being used and visualize those to determine if the simile is the best one to convey meaning.
For example, if the author were trying to convey speed, the similes "fast as a turtle" would not work. However, if the author were trying to convey the lack of speed, "fast as a turtle" would be perfect.
Have students practice creating similes to describe:

## favorite food

favorite color
scariest moment
Write them on the board and discuss with the group. Ask for several examples for each topic. Explain that it is not about right or wrong similes, but rather which most clearly creates the appropriate visualization/meaning.

## Similes

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Similes Context Card and white boards.
3. Working together, pair creates similes for each of the contexts on the card.
4. Pair then shares the similes they have written with another pair.
5. At the end, have 2-3 groups share a simile.

## Reciprocal Teaching

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words have multiple meanings).
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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 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

There are conventions that guide our reading, speaking, and writing. Understanding those conventions and being able to use them easily, makes communicating with one another easier.

## Appositives

An appositive is a word or phrase that renames the noun in a sentence. An appositive is set off by commas or hyphens. For example: Mrs. Smith, my third grade teacher, likes bagels. The words "my third grade teacher" renames Mrs. Smith, giving you more information about the noun, and as you can see is set apart from the rest of the sentence by commas.
It is important in the beginning to keep appositives simple and remember that the appositive renames the noun. A good way to tell if this is the case is to try the appositive in place of the noun and the noun in place of the appositive. For example, My third grade teacher, Mrs. Smith, likes bagels; reverses the role of the noun and the appositive and it "works" both directions.
Have students give you several sentences with appositives in them. Write them on the board or chart. Discuss if they have correctly identified the appositive.

## Appositives

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each group white boards.
3. Have pairs create a list of 15 different people they know (the custodian, the grocer, the postman, the principal, Freddie the kid who sits next to them, and so on).
4. After they have the list on the white board, next to the list pairs should determine how to rename the person they identified. John, the custodian, Freddie, my best friend, and so on.
5. Pairs should then select 7 of these people and write a sentence including an appositive.
6. Pairs should share with another pair when both have finished.

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.

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 |
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| Say: | Review |
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|  | Please recap what we did today. |
| - Did we achieve our objectives? |  |
| 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. 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!)
$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Similes Context Card
5. a really messy bedroom
6. a person who can't sit down or stand still
7. a person who is very happy
8. a person who is very angry
9. a person who is very thin
10. an object that is very light weight
11. an object that is very heavy weight
12. an action that is very quick
13. a person or animal that is hard to influence
14. a garden that is full of flowers
15. a person outside in the winter watching football
16. feeling you would have winning a contest
17. feeling you would have when you are given a gift you really wanted
18. feeling you would have in an uncomfortable and unknown situation
19. describe your favorite food
20. your best friend
21. a blanket
22. someone who is no fun to be around
23. the food in the cafeteria
24. your pet

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Nouns: Collective Plural and Irregular |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Metaphors), Questioning, and Nouns (collective, plural, irregular) |

## Materials:

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

## Opening

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What do you know about metaphors? If you have the word "like" or "as" in the comparison, is it a simile or a metaphor? How do you know? What are nouns? What three things can they identify? Where in sentences do you find nouns? What is the difference between a collective noun and plural nouns? 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? Give examples of 5 different word families.

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

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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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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

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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## Metaphors

A metaphor is also a figure of speech that makes a comparison. However, a metaphor does not use the words like or as. A metaphor describes a noun (person, place or thing) in an interesting way that will help the reader/listener visualize the noun being described more clearly, and more in line with the author's vision.
Examples: John is taller than the Empire State Building or Freedom is choice on steroids. Each of these metaphors conjures an image.
Have students practice creating metaphors to describe:

## favorite food

favorite color

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Write them on the board and discuss with the group. Ask for several examples for each topic. Explain that it is not about right or wrong metaphors, but rather which metaphor most clearly creates the appropriate visualization/meaning.

## Metaphor Meaning

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Metaphor Meaning Card and white boards.
3. Working together, students decide what the metaphor means and write the meaning on the white board.
4. Pair then shares what they believe the metaphors mean with another pair.
5. At the end, have 2-3 groups share their thoughts regarding the different metaphors.

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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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## Nouns

Nouns are a part of speech that identifies a person, place, or thing. We have common nouns (words that name non-specific people, places, and things) Proper Nouns (words that name specific people, places, and things and are always capitalized), and possessive nouns which let the reader know that something belongs to the noun, such as Frank's tacos or taco's shell. When we have a possessive noun we use the apostrophe "s" most of the time unless the word ends in a "s" sound, in which case we just use the apostrophe. There are two other types of nouns that require us to think a little differently. The first is the collective noun. There are some words, like team, cast, armada, and so on that already are plural-they are referring to more than one item. The collective noun names a group and groups have members. For example: The cast of the play will be going to lunch after the matinee.
The second is irregular plural nouns, nouns that don't follow the plural patterns of add s or es, or even change the $y$ to $i$ and add es. These irregular nouns are words that change the form of the word when it becomes plural. For example, tooth becomes teeth, child becomes children, and deer remains deer. Have student provide several examples of both collective nouns and irregular plural nouns. List them on the board or chart.

## Collective and Irregular Plural Nouns

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Collective and Irregular Plural Nouns card and white boards.
3. Together, the pair needs to determine if each word on the list is an example of either a collective or irregular plural noun.
4. They should write collective nouns on white board and irregular plural nouns on the other.
5. Once the nouns have been sorted, pair should select 5 from each white board and write a sentence with the noun.
6. Pairs should share the sentences they have written with another pair.
ended questions to determine what the rest of the group is thinking.

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 <br> 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.


## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

1. Ask students to think about what they did today.
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## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Metaphor Meaning

1. eyes bigger than saucers
2. make-up that was put on with a trowel
3. day hotter than a sauna
4. person prouder than a peacock
5. girl with the attention span of a gnat
6. a person stronger than an $0 x$
7. a song sweeter than a lark's
8. handwriting worse than a chicken scratching
9. posture straighter than a ruler
10. bread was a rock
11.book older than a dinosaur
11. at 50 Jill is over the hill
12. can calculate faster that an Excel Spreadsheet
13. spread faster than a You Tube post
14. the bride's friends were busy bees
15. neighbors were nosey Nellies when new neighbors arrived
16. necklace sparkled brighter than a new penny
17. story is Abraham Lincoln honest
18. bedroom neat as a pin
19. fan running smoother than a purring kitten
$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Collective and Irregular Plural Nouns

| team | army |
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| atlas | band |
| mob | brood |
| armada | bunch |
| woman | cast |
| litter | fish |
| goose | flock |
| knife | foot |
| ox | man |
| pool | mouse |
| deer | roll of coins |
| swarm | scarf |
| half | school of fish |
| elf | sheep |
| board of directors | tooth |
| man | troop |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Adjectives and Onomatopoeia |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Onomatopoeia), Questioning, and Adjectives |

## Materials:

Activities at end of lesson plan
White board, pens/crayons OR $3 \times 5$ cards for Question and Connection Cards

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What do you know about onomatopoeia? If the word buzz is a sample of onomatopoeia what other words can you think of that are examples? Why would these words be helpful in communication? What is an adjective? Make a list of 10 nouns. Beside each noun list 3-5 adjectives that will describe each noun. 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?

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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.

## 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

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

## Onomatopoeia

Onomatopoeia is a literary term that describes words that sound like what they are expressing. For example, buzz sounds like the noise you hear when a fly or a mosquito gets close to your ear. The same is true for a door that creaks or a person who sighs. Onomatopoeia is a colorful way to share meaning with another person.
Ask students to provide several examples of onomatopoeia. Write them on the board or chart. Ask other students to think about the list and select the word they most believe represent onomatopoeia.

## Onomatopoeia

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair an Onomatopoeia Card and white boards.
3. Invite students to think about each item on the list and what sounds could be associated with that word that fit the guidelines of onomatopoeia (meow, thump, buzz).
4. When pair has a list, they should select the 5 they believe are the strongest examples and use in a sentence.
5. When finished, pair should share with another pair and then finally offer several examples to the class.

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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.
Example: If students read something about Columbus, the QUESTION card might read: What were the names of the three ships Columbus sailed with? If the same article was read, a CONNECTION card might read: How does Columbus coming to the new world connect to the Pilgrims coming over 100 years later?

## 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.

## Adjectives

Adjectives are words that describe nouns. The add clarity to the noun by providing more information. For example, picture the following: dog, brown dog, barking, brown dog, barking and jumping brown dog. Now try this picture: dog, brown, log, lazy, brown dog, sleepy, lazy brown dog. Two totally different mental pictures. The adjectives make the difference.
Ask students to provide several examples of adjectives describing a noun. Write them on the board or chart. Discuss the clarity of the picture that is created by the adjectives.
Adjectives can also compare two nouns. When comparing two items we either add "er" to the adjective or if the adjective has 3 or more syllables, we add the word more in front of the adjective. If the comparison is of three or more nouns, then we add "est" to the adjective, or if the adjective has 3 or more syllables, we add the word most in front of the adjective.

## Adjectives

Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair an Adjective Card that contains a list of nouns and white boards.
3. Working together, pair brainstorms all of the adjectives they can think of that will describe each of the nouns, writing the adjectives on the white board.
4. Pair will then work together to write a sentence with 5 of the nouns, using as many of the adjectives in the sentence as they can and still make sense.
5. Pair meets with another pair and shares the sentences.

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| 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. |  |

## Reflection (Confirm, Tweak, Aha!)

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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Onomatopoeia
5. goose
6. sound of an ambulance
7. river flowing swiftly
8. a waterfall
9. boiling water
10. broom sweeping the garage
11. phone ringing
12. breaking eggs
13. laughter
14. change added to a piggy bank
15. fireworks
16. hammer
17. jack hammer
18. a wet sponge
19. cars braking to a stop
20. crying
21. a breeze
22. whispering
23. stretching
24. swarm of bees
$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Adjective Card

| glass |
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| skunk |
| dad |
| monkey |
| peanut butter |
| baby |
| water |
| story |
| snake |
| clown |
| house |
| sandpaper |
| squirrel |
| Jill |
| Jack |
| pencil |
| cookie |
| theme park |
| pig |
| celebrity |
| candle |
| food |
| cake |
| penguin |
| pants |
| money |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{4 \mathrm{~h}}-5^{\mathrm{t}}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Metaphors |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Metaphors), Summarizing, and Nouns (collective, plura, irregular) |

## Materials:

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

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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.

## Vocabulary

It is important that we look at vocabulary words in a holistic way. Each word has a meaning, a part of speech is attached to it, and you need to know how and when to use each word. We are going to spend some time with a Vocabulary Analyzer. You can utilize the lists of synonyms to generate the word list.

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3. Working together, students decide what the metaphor means and write the meaning on the white board.
4. Pair then shares what they believe the metaphors mean with another pair.
5. At the end, have $2-3$ groups share their thoughts regarding the different metaphors.

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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 will this information apply to your life?

## Conventions

There are conventions that guide our reading, speaking, and writing. Understanding those conventions and being able to use them easily, makes communicating with one another easier.

## Nouns

Nouns are a part of speech that identifies a person, place, or thing. We have common nouns (words that name non-specific people, places, and things) Proper Nouns (words that name specific people, places, and things and are always capitalized), and possessive nouns which let the reader know that something belongs to the noun, such as Frank's tacos or taco's shell. When we have a possessive noun we use the apostrophe "s" most of the time unless the word ends in a "s" sound, in which case we just use the apostrophe.
There are two other types of nouns that require us to think a little differently. The first is the collective noun. There are some words, like team, cast, armada, and so on that already are plural-they are referring to more than one item. The collective noun names a group and groups have members. For example: The cast of the play will be going to lunch after the matinee.
The second is irregular plural nouns, nouns that don't follow the plural patterns of add s or es, or even change the $y$ to $i$ and add es. These irregular nouns are words that change the form of the word when it becomes plural. For example, tooth becomes teeth, child becomes children, and deer remains deer. Have student provide several examples of both collective nouns and irregular plural nouns. List them on the board or chart.

## Collective and Irregular Plural Nouns Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair a Collective and Irregular Plural Nouns card and white boards.
3. Together, the pair needs to determine if each word on the list is an example of either a collective or irregular plural noun.
4. They should write collective nouns on white board and irregular plural nouns on the other.
5. Once the nouns have been sorted, pair should select 5 from each white board and write a sentence with the noun.
6. Pairs should share the sentences they have written with another pair.

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.

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.

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|  | Please recap what we did today. |
| LBNT | Debrief |
| 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 |  |
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## 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!)

## Consult 4 Kids Lesson Plans

$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Metaphor Meaning

1. eyes bigger than saucers
2. make-up that was put on with a trowel
3. day hotter than a sauna
4. person prouder than a peacock
5. girl with the attention span of a gnat
6. a person stronger than an ox
7. a song sweeter than a lark's
8. handwriting worse than a chicken scratching
9. posture straighter than a ruler
10. bread was a rock
11.book older than a dinosaur
11. at 50 Jill is over the hill
12. can calculate faster that an Excel Spreadsheet
13. spread faster than a You Tube post
14. the bride's friends were busy bees
15. neighbors were nosey Nellies when new neighbors arrived
16. necklace sparkled brighter than a new penny
17. story is Abraham Lincoln honest
18. bedroom neat as a pin
19. fan running smoother than a purring kitten
$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Collective and Irregular Plural Nouns

| team | army |
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| atlas | band |
| mob | brood |
| armada | bunch |
| woman | cast |
| litter | fish |
| goose | flock |
| knife | foot |
| ox | man |
| pool | mouse |
| deer | roll of coins |
| swarm | scarf |
| half | school of fish |
| elf | sheep |
| board of directors | tooth |
| man | troop |


| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Somebody Wanted, Adjectives |
| Focus: | Vocabulary (Prefixes), Summarizing, and Dependent, Independent, Phrases |

## Materials:

Activity at the end of the lesson plan

## Opening

## State the objective

The purpose of these lessons are to:

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## Gain prior knowledge by asking students the following questions

What do you know about onomatopoeia? If the word buzz is a sample of onomatopoeia what other words can you think of that are examples? Why would these words be helpful in communication? What is an adjective? Make a list of 10 nouns. Beside each noun list 3-5 adjectives that will describe each noun. 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?

## Content (the "Meat")

## Fluency

Repeated Reading is a key strategy that research has found to be incredibly effective in building fluency. Repeated Reading means exactly that-students read and re-read the same passage, practicing not only the unique words but the sight words that make up of $65 \%$ of the written words. For reading passages see information in the side note.

## 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.
2. Have students read for 1 minute and count the number of words read in the minute.
3. Record the number of words read on a chart.
4. For 8 days practice the SAME passage, using a different practice activities listed in the lesson plan.
5. Have students read the passage for 1 minute and then count the words read.

## *Activity $\rightarrow$ Teachable Moment(s) throughout

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Record the number of words next to the first number recorded.
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

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## Onomatopoeia

Onomatopoeia is a literary term that describes words that sound like what they are expressing. For example, buzz sounds like the noise you hear when a fly or a mosquito gets close to your ear. The same is true for a door that creaks or a person who sighs. Onomatopoeia is a colorful way to share meaning with another person.
Ask students to provide several examples of onomatopoeia. Write them on the board or chart. Ask other students to think about the list and select the word they most believe represent onomatopoeia.

## Onomatopoeia

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair an Onomatopoeia Card and white boards.
3. Invite students to think about each item on the list and what sounds could be associated with that word that fit the guidelines of onomatopoeia (meow, thump, buzz).
4. When pair has a list, they should select the 5 they believe are the strongest examples and use in a sentence.
5. When finished, pair should share with another pair and then finally offer several examples to the class.

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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), 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.

## Adjectives

Adjectives are words that describe nouns. The add clarity to the noun by providing more information. For example, picture the following: dog, brown dog, barking, brown dog, barking and jumping brown dog. Now try this picture: dog, brown, log, lazy, brown dog, sleepy, lazy brown dog. Two totally different mental pictures. The adjectives make the difference.
Ask students to provide several examples of adjectives describing a noun. Write them on the board or chart. Discuss the clarity of the picture that is created by the adjectives. Adjectives can also compare two nouns. When comparing two items we either add "er" to the adjective or if the adjective has 3 or more syllables, we add the word more in front of the adjective. If the comparison is of three or more nouns, then we add "est" to the adjective, or if the adjective has 3 or more syllables, we add the word most in front of the adjective.

## Adjectives

## Directions:

1. Divide students into pairs.
2. Give each pair an Adjective Card that contains a list of nouns and white boards.
3. Working together, pair brainstorms all of the adjectives they can think of that will describe each of the nouns, writing the adjectives on the white board.
4. Pair will then work together to write a sentence with 5 of the nouns, using as many of the adjectives in the sentence as they can and still make sense.
5. Pair meets with another pair and shares the sentences.
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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Onomatopoeia
5. goose
6. sound of an ambulance
7. river flowing swiftly
8. a waterfall
9. boiling water
10. broom sweeping the garage
11. phone ringing
12. breaking eggs
13. laughter
14. change added to a piggy bank
15. fireworks
16. hammer
17. jack hammer
18. a wet sponge
19. cars braking to a stop
20. crying
21. a breeze
22. whispering
23. stretching
24. swarm of bees

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$4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Adjective Card
glass
skunk
dad
monkey
peanut butter
baby
water
story
snake
clown
house
sandpaper
squirrel
Jill
Jack
pencil
cookie
theme park
pig
celebrity
candle
food
cake
penguin
pants
money

| Component: | English Language Arts |
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| Grade Level: | $4^{\text {th }}-5^{\text {th }}$ Grades |
| Lesson Title: | Student Activity Choice |
| Focus: | Review of Vocabulary and Conventions |

## Materials:

Activities from the past 11 days for students to select from, at the end of lessons 1-10
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## Fluency Activity of the Day

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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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Appositives
Collective and Irregular Nouns
Verbs
Linking Verbs
Adjectives
Adverbs
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| - Did we achieve our objectives? |  |

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