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Words in Context

Looking for Meaning

Objective

The student will produce more precise alternatives for overused words.

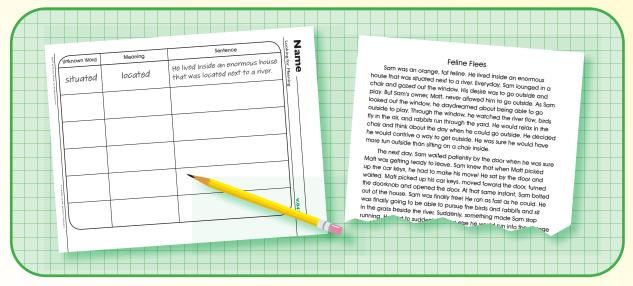
Materials

- ► Text
 - Choose text within students' instructional-independent reading level range. Copy and attach to the student sheet.
- Student sheet Provide students with multiple sheets, if necessary.
- References (e.g., dictionary or glossary)
 Optional: Provide students with a Word Winner bookmark.
- Pencil

Activity

Students determine the meanings of unfamiliar or unknown words and rewrite sentences to demonstrate understanding.

- 1. Provide the student with a copy of the text, a student sheet, and references.
- 2. The student reads the text silently and thinks about the meaning.
- 3. Rereads the text and underlines unfamiliar words.
- 4. Writes the underlined words on the student sheet.
- 5. Writes the meaning of each word by using context clues, word parts (affixes and roots), and references.
- 6. Rewrites sentences containing the unfamiliar words by using the learned meanings.
- 7. Continues until all unfamiliar words are defined and used in rewriting original sentences.
- 8. Teacher evaluation



Extensions and Adaptations

- Discuss the meaning of the text with a partner.
- Write a summary of the text using the learned words.

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Sentence			
Meaning			
Unknown Word			
