



Objective

The student will use strategies to identify the meaning of words in context.

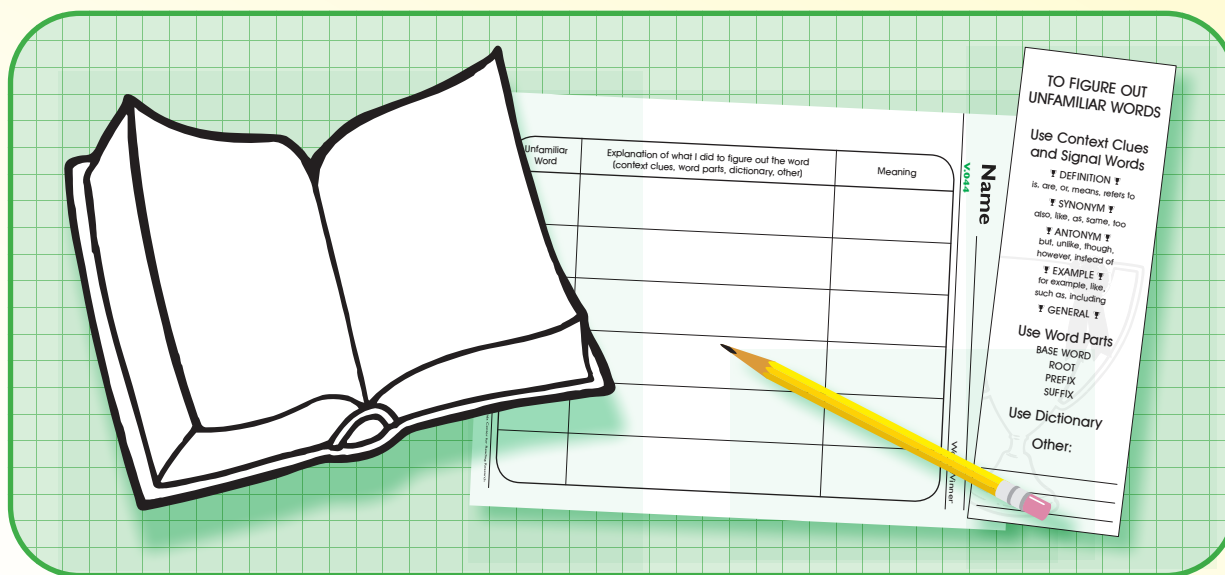
Materials

- ▶ Text
Choose text within students' instructional-independent reading level range.
- ▶ Word Winner bookmark
Copy, fold, laminate, and cut.
- ▶ Student sheet
- ▶ Dictionary
- ▶ Pencil

Activity

Students gain understanding of the meaning of words by using strategies.

1. Provide the student with text, a bookmark, and a student sheet.
2. The student reads the text. Stops at unfamiliar words. Thinks about a strategy or strategies to figure out the meaning (e.g., context clues, words parts). Looks at bookmark for ideas about strategies, if needed.
3. Uses strategy or strategies to determine the meaning of the word.
4. Uses the meaning in the original sentence and decides if it makes sense.
5. Confirms by looking word up in the dictionary, if necessary.
6. Records the word, strategy or strategies used to understand the meaning, and the meaning of the word on the student sheet.
7. Continues until entire text is read.
8. Teacher evaluation



Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Discuss text, learned words, and vocabulary strategies with a partner.
- ▶ Use graphic organizer to show word-learning strategies.

TO FIGURE OUT UNFAMILIAR WORDS

Use Context Clues and Signal Words

🏆 DEFINITION 🏆

is, are, or, means, refers to

🏆 SYNONYM 🏆

also, like, as, same, too

🏆 ANTONYM 🏆

but, unlike, though, however, instead of

🏆 EXAMPLE 🏆

for example, like, such as, including

🏆 GENERAL 🏆

Use Word Parts

BASE WORD

ROOT

PREFIX

SUFFIX

Use Dictionary

Other:

STEPS FOR FIGURING OUT AN UNFAMILIAR WORD

1.

Look for context clues and signal words in the sentence of the unfamiliar word and other nearby sentences.

2.

Break the word into word parts (roots, prefixes, base words, and suffixes). Identify the meaning of each part, then put the meanings together to figure out the whole word.

3.

Attempt to determine the meaning of the word and use it in the sentence.

4.

If necessary, look the word up in the dictionary.

Other:



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Word Winner

Unfamiliar Word	Explanation of what I did to figure out the word (context clues, word parts, dictionary, other)	Meaning

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