Lesson Plan

Prefix Practice

Book: *Cody Bellinger: Baseball Star*
Series: Biggest Names in Sports
Level: Navigator

Objective

To help students practice forming and identifying words with prefixes.

Supplies

- *Cody Bellinger: Baseball Star* book
- Prefix Practice worksheet (attached)
- Whiteboard
- Dictionary, such as Merriam-Webster Online: https://www.merriam-webster.com

Before the Activity

Have students read the *Cody Bellinger: Baseball Star* book. Hand out or email copies of the Prefix Practice worksheet to students.

Activity

Write the word *postseason* on the whiteboard. Underneath it, write the definition of this word from the book's glossary: "a set of games played after the regular season to decide which team will be the champion."

Explain that the word *postseason* includes a part called a prefix. A prefix is a letter or group of letters can be added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning. For example, underline the first four letters of the word on the whiteboard. These letters form the prefix "post–" which means "after." Without these four letters, the word is just *season*. But adding the prefix "post–" changes the word's meaning: it now describes games that take place after the season is over.

The English language has several common prefixes. Sixteen of these prefixes are listed on the worksheet, along with their meanings. Students should write an example of a word that uses each prefix in the space below it. They can think of this word on their own, or they can consult a dictionary if they get stuck. However, they should make sure it's a real word that is spelled correctly. Students should write each word's meaning next to it.

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Evaluation

Collect the worksheets. Give students 1 point for each word they found and 1 point for each correct definition, or up to 32 points total, using a dictionary to check words and meanings as needed.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards: foundational skills, grade 5 (RF 5.5), and language standards, grade 5 (L 5.4).

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Prefix Practice

Find a word that uses each prefix. Write the word and its definition in the space below.

1. anti- (against)

2. dis- (opposite of)

3. in- (not)

4. co- (with)

5. extra- (more than)

6. fore- (before)

7. mis- (wrongly)

8. mono- (one)

9. non- (not or without)

10. sub- (under)

11. trans- (across)

12. un- (not)

13. uni- (one)

14. pre- (before)

15. inter- (between)

16. re- (again)

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