FOCUS READERS

Lesson Plan

Sustenance Sentences

Series: Nutrition
Level: Beacon

Objective
To help students practice using glossaries, dictionaries, and context clues to create sentences that practice using unfamiliar words.

Supplies
- One or more books in the Nutrition series
- Dictionary, such as the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary: https://www.merriam-webster.com
- Nutrition Words worksheet (attached)
- Pencils

Before the Activity
Print a copy of the Nutrition Words worksheet for each student. Place a copy of the dictionary on your desk, or have a dictionary website ready for students to refer to.

Activity
Open one book in the Nutrition series to the glossary on page 30. Explain that a glossary gives definitions for important or difficult words in a book. Pass out one book in the Nutrition series to each student, or have students choose a book to read. Then pass out the Nutrition Words worksheets. Explain that in the Nutrition series, glossary words appear in thicker, bold text the first time they are used in the book. Each student should read through the book and watch for those bolded words. Then, students should look through the book's glossary and read the definitions for each word.

Students should choose five glossary words. They should write each word on the worksheet. They should also write the sentence and page number where each word is first used in the book. Then, students should write a new sentence in their own words that uses each glossary word. If students are stuck, they can come use the dictionary to look up a word and see another definition or example sentence.

Evaluation
Collect the worksheets at the end of class. Use the following system to give each student up to 15 points:

- 1 point for each glossary word and in-text use they recorded correctly
- 1 point for each time they included a page number with that in-text use
- 1 point for each new sentence they wrote that used the glossary word correctly

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grade 3 (RI 3.4, 3.5), and the National Science Education Standards' Content Standard F, grades K–4.

Nutrition Words

1. Glossary word: _____

   Use in the book: _____

   _____

   New sentence: _____

   _____

2. Glossary word: _____

   Use in the book: _____

   _____

   New sentence: _____

   _____

3. Glossary word: _____

   Use in the book: _____

   _____

   New sentence: _____

   _____

4. Glossary word: _____

   Use in the book: _____

   _____

   New sentence: _____

   _____

5. Glossary word: _____

   Use in the book: _____

   _____

   New sentence: _____

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