

Grade Two Word Map Lesson Plan

ELA Curricular objectives:

- Vocabulary development contributes to the ability to communicate effectively.
- Morphemes can change the meaning of a word.

Instructional Strategy:

Word Map

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- Using word maps when we are not sure of a word to help build understanding

Lesson

1. Read the story "*Pink is for Blobfish*" by Jess Keating to the whole class.
2. The story provides numerous scientific words that students might not understand or know what they mean.
3. Share with the class that when reading and when you come upon a word that you might not know or understand, then the use of a word map comes in handy. Word maps help us build a better understanding of a new word.
4. Choose the word "edible" from the story to use as a classroom example.
 - Ask the class "what do we know about the word edible"
5. Model to the class as you fill out the word map template
 - definition - what does the word mean
 - synonym - another word that means the same thing
 - antonym - a word that means the opposite
 - picture - visual representation of the word
6. Show students how you go back into the story and find the word "edible" and read the sentence to help build an understanding of what the definition of the word is.

Definition: Something that is safe to eat.

Examples of foods that are edible for us to eat.

Synonym: is another word for edible that means the same thing.

Antonym: this is a word that means the opposite. So something that is inedible. The “in” is a prefix meaning “not”.

WORD MAP	
Name: _____	Class: _____
Definition safe to eat	Synonym consumable
edible	
Antonym inedible	Draw a picture. 

ELL Accommodation: Pictures are used along with the various examples to help build understanding. Scaffolding the lesson slowly with having the teacher model and then slowly releasing responsibility to students provides a low stakes environment. The mind map provides connections to prior knowledge and a visual representation of the word.

Template:

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Definition	Synonym
Antonym	Draw a picture.

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