Lesson Plan

100 First Words for Little Geeks

Story Summary

100 First Words for Little Geeks provides a perfect context to grow children’s vocabulary every day. There are sections on science, coding, video games, RPGs, superheroes, science fiction, monsters, high fantasy, and beloved movies. 100 First Words for Little Geeks is a fun way to learn new words!

Lesson Focus

Geek (interesting and unusual) Vocabulary

Activity Ideas

Vocabulary Routine
Create a vocabulary routine for children to add the words to their oral and written vocabulary.

Flashcards
Make your own flashcards to memorize words from 100 First Words for Little Geeks.

Arranging Words
Provide a list of words and ask children to arrange in like categories.

Additional activities can be found in the following pages of this document.

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The Importance of an Increased Vocabulary

Words make a difference. Children who are exposed to rich and robust language experiences, enter school with essential language skills needed to be successful readers. Children who enter school with limited exposure to rich vocabulary generally struggle with reading in school. It is important to plan experiences that will grow children’s vocabulary. Read alouds provide a perfect context to grow children’s vocabulary every day.

Children’s literature contains words that children hear in everyday conversations as well as decontextualized language—words and ideas outside of everyday use. Vocabulary is often divided into three tiers: **Tier One** words are the most basic words which rarely need instruction in school (happy, sad, run, etc.); **Tier Two** words are high frequency words, important to academic success (radiant, enormous, delicate); **Tier Three** words are low frequency words used in specific domains (quadrilateral, neutron, photosynthesis). Read alouds often build oral language skills as well as vocabulary skills.

The vocabulary in *100 First Words for Little Geeks* are mainly Tier 3 words specific to the following categories: science, coding, video games, RPGs, superheroes, science fiction, monsters, high fantasy, and beloved movies.

Considerations for choosing which words to teach:

- Which words will children find interesting?
- Which words will be useful in children’s lives?
- Is the word familiar to the children?
- The number of words to focus on is dependent upon your audience.
### After Reading

- Ask children to repeat the word again.

**Specific word repeated**
- Ask them to act it out.

**If verbalization of this step is difficult for the children,**

**Specific word examples from the children**
- The story: (You will need to think of these before teaching)
  - Give several examples of the word as it is used outside of the story.
  - Read the page emphasizing the vocabulary word.
  - Define in child friendly terms.
  - Ask children to repeat the word.

**Specific word repeated**
- Begin a brief discussion about the word.
- Reuse the picture card to introduce before reading.

**Specific word introduction**

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### During Reading

**Very brief, child friendly definition.** Pause when the word is used and give the children a

**During reading**
- As the book is read:
  - Ask the children to watch and listen for the word.
  - Define to the children the word.
  - Read the word in child friendly terms.

**Specific word examples used outside of the story**
- You will need to think of these before teaching.
  - Give several examples of the word as it is used outside of the story.

**Define in child friendly terms.**
- Ask children to repeat the word again.

**Specific word repeated**
- Begin a brief discussion about the word.
- Reuse the picture card to introduce before reading.

**Specific word introduction**

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### Before Reading

**Vocabulary introduction**

**Instructional Strategies**
- Choose words.

- Use a picture or object with the word printed for the children to

**Specific word introduction**
- Today, one of the words we read was _________.

- Begin a brief discussion about the word.
- Reuse the picture card to introduce before reading.

**Specific word repeated**
- Use a picture or object with the word printed for the children to

**Choose words.**
Use the coloring sheet to color and learn some of the words from 100 First Words for Little Geeks.

- mothership
- answer
- elementary
- rebel
- ring
- radioactive
- holy grail
- inconceivable
- pi
- hoverboard
- swallow
- boomerang
- cabbages
- cyborg
- atom
- dice
Drawing and Writing

What was your favorite vocabulary word from *100 First Words for Little Geeks*? Draw a picture of it and finish the sentences below.

My favorite word was ________________________________.

I liked it because ________________________________________________________________________.

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Geeks Matching

Match the picture from *100 First Words for Little Geeks* with the correct word. Draw a line to connect the two.

1. [Picture of a comet] - Stonehenge
2. [Picture of an explosion] - Robot
3. [Picture of a dragon] - Dragon
4. [Picture of a robot] - Sai
5. [Picture of a galaxy] - Apocalypse
6. [Picture of a UFO] - UFO
8. [Picture of Stonehenge] - Galaxy
Use the template to create your own Geeks Vocabulary Cards. Write the definition on the lines provided and the word on the back of each card. From 100 First Words for Little Geeks, vocabulary cards are a great tool to help you remember words.