

Word Work Lesson Plan and Activities

Instructional Focus Based on the Words in the Book

Word Work
Harold and the Purple Crayon
 By: Crockett Johnson
 Grade Level: 2 / Guided Reading Level: K

Instructional Focus:
 The letters -igh make one sound (long i)

Background:
 The letter combination -igh makes the long "i" sound we hear in the words high, night, and sight.

Examples:

bright	light	sight
flight	might	
flight	night	
fright	right	
high	sight	

Materials and Preparation:

- A Copy of Harold and the Purple Crayon
- Chart Paper
- Colored Markers
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Sample Anchor Chart
- Three in a Row Worksheet
- igh Letter Combination Word Cards
- Optional - Lightbulb Engagement in Story
- Optional - Word Detective

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Step 1: Introduce the Focus of Word Work

Introduce -igh Letter Combination

- Explain that the -igh letter combination makes a long "i" sound.
- Draw a lightbulb on chart paper.
- Write the word "light" at the top of the lightbulb, using a different color marker to write the -igh letter combination.
- Read the word and ask children to repeat the word.
- Ask if students can hear the long "i" sound in the word.
- Explain that the -igh letter combination makes the long "i" sound.
- Repeat the same steps for the words right, high, flight, night and sight.
- Ask children to share examples.

Step 2: Connect Word Work to Reading

-igh Letter Combination in the Text

- Give each child an -igh Word Card.
- Ask them to say each word and circle the -igh letter combination.
- Explain that as you read "Harold and the Purple Crayon", their job is to listen for the words that are on their -igh Word Cards.
- When they hear a word listed on the word card, they will draw one tally mark in the word box. Children will keep track of how many times they hear each word by adding tally marks in each word box.
- Begin reading the text and exaggerate the -igh words so children have a chance to respond.

List of words in the text that are examples of -igh letter combination:

lightening
 higher
 might
 moonlight
 night
 straight

Step by Step Lesson Plan

Optional Activity to Extend Engagement

List of words in the book that match the instructional focus

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Step 3: Guided Word Work Practice

Interactive Exploration

- Pass out the **Three in a Row** worksheet.
- Tell children to choose an **-igh word** from the word list and write the word in an empty square.
- Follow the same procedure until all nine squares have a word written in it.
- Choose one student to be the "caller". Their job is to cut out the words from the word list, turn all of the words over, and shuffle them.
- The "caller" will pick a word from the pile and read it.
- When the players hear a word that they wrote on their chart, they can cross off the word.
- If a player gets three words in a row, they win the game.

Step 4: Independent Word Work Practice

Practice Page

- Give each student a **Practice Page**.
- Ask students to say the name of each picture.
- Ask students to read the words on the right side of the page.
- Explain that they will draw a line from a picture to its name.

Step 5: Reconnect and Reflect on Word Work

Group Discussion

- Bring the students back together.
- Ask students to explain what they learned about words based on the work they completed.
- Invite students to turn and talk with a partner about their word work.
- Invite 2-3 students to share what they learned with the group.

Step 6: Extend Word Work (optional)

Extension Activity

- Ask students to be on the lookout for words with **-igh letter combination** in their own reading. Tell them to write their words on sticky notes and add them to the anchor chart (review the anchor chart with the class later in the day or before moving on to the next word work lesson).
- Alternatively, students can keep track of the words using the **Word Detective worksheet**.

Interactive Activities

Independent Practice Page

Extension Activity

Three in a Row Interactive Activity

Word List

Directions: Cut out the words below, turn all of the words over, and shuffle them.

bright	light	sight
flight	might	sight
flight	night	straight
flight	right	high
high	sigh	light

Word Detective: -igh Letter Combination Extension Activity

Directions: Be a word detective! Be on the lookout for words with **-igh letter combination** while you read. Write the word that you find along with the title of the book where you found the word, the page, and the sentence with the word or phrase.

Word	Book Title	Page	Sentence

-igh Letter Combination Word Work Practice Page

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the words located in the Word Bank.

WORD BANK

bright light high light night
 flight right high straight flight

- The _____ to Florida was running late because of bad weather.
- It was hard to reach the book that was on a _____ shelf.
- The shirt was too small and felt _____.
- The soccer ball hit his _____ and left a red mark.
- What time do you go to bed at _____?
- The dogs started to _____ for the delicious bone they both wanted.
- Do you write with your _____ hand or your left hand?
- Drawing a _____ line is easy when you use a ruler.
- The sun was so _____ I had to wear sunglasses.
- Please turn on the _____ so I can see where I am going.