

Word Work Lesson Plan and Activities

Instructional Focus Based on the Words in the Book

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Instructional Focus:
Adding -er/-or to verbs

Background:
When the -er/-or suffix is added to a verb, the word changes to a noun. For example, when the suffix -er/-or is added to a word, the meaning changes to refer to "one who".

Examples:
leader + er = leader
report + er = reporter

Verb	Suffix	Noun
teach	er	teacher
invent	or	inventor
report	er	reporter
conduct	or	conductor
adventure	er	adventurer

Materials and Preparation:

- A Copy of *Mailing May*
- Anchor Chart P
- Chart Markers
- Verbs to Nouns
- Packing Up Nouns
- Optional - Word Detective

Step by Step Lesson Plan

List of words in the book that match the instructional focus

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Step 3: Guided Word Work Practice

Interactive Exploration

- Distribute copies of the *Verbs to Nouns and Back Again!* Practice Page.
- Ask the students to follow along while you read the directions aloud.
- Provide students time to complete the practice page.
- Monitor students while they work, providing support as needed.

Step 4: Independent Word Work Practice

Practice Page

- Provide each student a copy of *Packing Up Nouns Practice Page*.
- Read the directions with the class.
- Tell the students to complete the practice page.
- Monitor students while they work.

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 ending in the suffix -er/-or in their own reading. Tell them to write their words on an index card and add them to the pocket chart (review the added cards 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.

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Interactive Activity

Independent Practice Page

Verbs to Nouns and Back Again!
Word Work Practice page

Directions:
Complete the chart below by adding the missing verb, suffix, or noun.

Verb	Suffix	Noun
teach		teacher
	-or	conductor
invent	-or	
report		reporter
adventure	-er	
	-er	manager

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Packing Up Nouns
Word Work Practice page

Directions:
Change each of the verbs in the box to a noun by adding either the suffix -er or -or. Add each of the nouns to the correct suitcase in alphabetical order.

teach	invent	adventure
conduct	report	manage

-er

-or

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Extension Activity

Word Detective: Suffix -er/-or
Extension Activity

Directions:
Be a word detective!
Be on the lookout for words ending in the suffix -er/-or while you read. Write the words that you find along with the title of the book where you found the words, the page, and the sentence with the word or phrase.

Words	Book Title	Page

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