

Word Work Lesson Plan and Activities

Instructional Focus Based on the Words in the Book

Word Work **So You Want to Be President?**
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Grade Level: 3 / Guided Reading Level: P

Instructional Focus:
Antonyms and Synonyms

Background:
Antonyms are words that have the opposite meaning of each other. For example, hot and cold are antonyms. Synonyms are words that have the same meaning as each other. For example, small and little are synonyms.

Optional Activity to Extend Engagement

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Step 2: Connect Word Work to Reading (continued)

Antonyms and Synonyms in the Text
Examples of Antonyms and Synonyms Found in the Text:

Antonyms		Synonyms	
good	bad	mad	bother
tallest	smallest	shy	quiet
biggest	smallest	thrifty	penny pincher
young	old	dance	jig
nice	cold	honest	truth
honestly	handsome	workaholic	fear
loved	hated		
full	short		
fat	thin		
talkative	quiet		
vain	humble		
succeeded	failed		

Interactive Exploration

- Distribute copies of the **Same and Different** activity.
- Tell students that they will cut apart the Word Cards. Next, they will read the words in the middle of the page. To complete the activity, they will choose Word Cards that are the antonyms and synonyms for the printed words. They will glue the antonym on the left and the synonym on the right.
- Monitor students while they work.
- Provide support as needed.

List of words in the book that match the instructional focus

Step by Step Lesson Plan

Interactive Activity

Same and Different Sorting Mat

Directions: Cut apart the Word Cards. Read the printed word in the middle of the page. Choose the Word Card that is the antonym and synonym for the printed word. Glue the Word Card in place.

Antonym	Word	Synonym
	sick	
	fast	
	sprint	
	pause	
	truth	

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Step 4: Independent Word Work Practice

Practice Page

- Pass out copies of the **Antonyms and Synonyms** practice page.
- Read the directions aloud while students follow along.
- Instruct 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 **antonyms and synonyms** in their own reading. Tell them to write their words on a sticky note and add them to the anchor chart. (Review the added sticky notes 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.

Independent Practice Page

Extension Activity

Word Detective: Antonyms and Synonyms
Extension Activity

Directions:
Be a word detective!
Be on the lookout for **antonyms and synonyms** 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 words or phrases.

Word	Book Title	Page	Sentence

Adding -ed to Verbs
Word Work Practice Page

Directions:
Write the words in past tense using -ed, -d, or -id.

roll lift marry dine notice tidy
study brush apply mix thank decide

-ed -d -ed
