

Word Work Lesson Plan and Activities

Instructional Focus Based on the Words in the Book

Word Work
The Hallo-Wiener
By: Dav Pilkey
Grade Level: 2 / Guided Reading Level: L

Instructional Focus:
Synonyms

Background:
Synonyms are sets of words that have the same or similar meanings.

Examples:

Go	depart, disappear, fade, move
Make	create, invent
Help	aid, assist, at
Idea	thought, plan
Happy	pleased, con

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Step 1: Introduce the Focus of Word Work

Introduce Synonyms

- Draw students' attention to the chart paper/board.
- Explain that synonyms are sets of words that have the same or nearly the same meaning.
- Write the word **Good** on the chart.
- Tell students there are several words that mean the same as the word **good**.
- Begin writing synonyms for the **good** on the chart (*great, super, wonderful, nice*).
- Next, write the word **Laugh** on the chart.
- Invite students to brainstorm synonyms for the **laugh**. Allow students to turn and talk with a partner to brainstorm words.
- Share words and add the synonyms to the chart. (Synonyms for **laugh** can include: *chuckle, giggle, snicker, crack-up*)
- Discuss any misconceptions if students share words that are not synonyms for **laugh**.
- Record synonyms for **laugh** on the chart.

Sample Anchor Chart

Good	great, super, wonderful, nice
Laugh	chuckle, giggle, snicker, crack-up
Wiener	hot-dog, frankfurter, sausage, frank

Step 2: Connect Word Work to Reading

Synonyms in the Text

- Tell students that the book they will be reading today has several examples of synonyms for one word in particular—**wiener**.
- Brainstorm synonyms for **wiener** and add the synonyms to the anchor chart.
- Show students **page 5 of The Hallo-Wiener**.
- Tell students to listen carefully and look at the words while you read. Ask the students to put a thumb up when they see or hear a synonym for **wiener**.
- After reading, ask the students to identify the synonym (Vienna sausage). Add the word to the chart.
- Tell the students that you are going to read the book once, from beginning to end. Ask them to listen for other synonyms for the word **wiener**.
- Read **The Hallo-Wiener**.

Examples of Synonyms Found in the Text:

- Vienna sausage
- sausage link
- hot-dog
- frank
- frankfurter

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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

- Tell students they will play a synonym game. Divide students into pairs.
- Invite one pair of students to model how to play the game for the class.
 - Read the word on the balloon.
 - Player 1 says a synonym for the word and floats the balloon to Player 2.
 - Player 2 says another synonym for the word and floats the balloon back to Player 1.
 - Play continues until a player cannot think of another synonym.
 - When the game ends, students should bring their balloon to the front of the classroom and sit down.
- Allow students to play the game.
- If time remains, allow students to choose a new balloon and play again.

Step 4: Independent Word Work Practice

Practice Page

- Give each student a copy of **Synonyms All Around 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 **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.

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Interactive Activity

Independent Practice Page

Synonyms All Around
Word Work Practice Page

Directions:
Read the starter words in the table below. Match one of Oscar's synonyms to the starter word. Write the synonym in the box next to the starter word.

Starter Word	Synonym
Tissue	
Plate	
Mug	
Sofa	
Pasta	
Rag	
Woods	
Coat	
Lawn	
Light	

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Extension Activity

Word Detective: Synonyms
Extension Activity

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

Word	Book Title	Page	Sentence

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