

Lesson Plan Title: Dog Handler Cloze Activity

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Discipline / Subject: Reading

Topic: vocabulary, context clues

Grade Level: 3rd – 5th grades

Resources / References / Materials Teacher Needs:

Handler story
Vocabulary notes

Lesson Summary: Students will learn vocabulary words and complete a cloze activity to demonstrate their understanding of context clues.

Standards Addressed: (Local, State, or National)

Common Core:

www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/CCRA/L/4/

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

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Vocabulary. SOL. 3.4. 4.4. 5.4.

Learning objectives:

The student will learn to find the meaning of unfamiliar words by using context clues

The student will learn new vocabulary

Assessment:

Cloze activity sheet

Informal assessment through classroom discussion

Procedural Activities

1. Discuss context clue strategies to determine unfamiliar words (part of speech needed, words around the unfamiliar word, topic of the paragraph, etc.)
2. Discuss mushers hiring handlers to help them take good care of their dogs, duties a handler might have (feeding, watering, harnessing and running the dogs with sleds or ATVs, scooping up waste, socializing the dogs)
3. Show cloze activity on overhead camera. Read through together, **hiding** the word

bank. Discuss what words could be used in the blanks.

4. Allow students to fill in blanks using the word bank

5. Later, go over cloze activity along with the vocabulary sheet. Ask students what they understood about the meanings from the context clues in the text. Fill in vocabulary sheet according to the discussion and the actual kid-friendly definitions based on context.

6. Allow students to assess their own work. Ask, “Were you able to use context clues to accurately understand unfamiliar words?”

Materials Students Need: Handler story cloze activity; vocabulary sheet

Technology Utilized to Enhance Learning:

- Cloze activity can be loaded into an online format using an app such as Duck Soup to go paperless and allow immediate feedback for students

Other Information

Modifications for special learners/ Enrichment Opportunities:

Work in a small group as students are placing words from the word bank in order to provide assistance. Have pictorial representations of the vocabulary words for ESOL learners.