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How to Use This Guide

For the Teacher

Operation Lexicon will not only enable your student to acquire new vocabulary, but will simultaneously improve all areas of communication. Utilizing vocabulary introduced each week, students will exercise creative writing skills as they craft imaginative micro-stories. As students explore the collection of words in this Discovery Guide, they will begin to appreciate the potential of singular words!

Overview

Each week is divided into three days of word explorations that include:

- Word definitions
- Example sentences from the works of the author.
- Sentence crafting opportunities
- Copy work
- Micro-story writing opportunities

Skills Addressed

- Vocabulary acquisition
- Complex sentence writing
- Creative writing
- Contemplative attention to detail
- Handwriting practice
- Self-guided work

Week 1: Day 1

arc • *a curved shape*

Copy the word and the definition here:

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

The moon was halfway up and dimmed the stars for a great arc.

(L'Engle, *A Wrinkle in Time* 56)

Copy the sentence here:

Craft a sentence of your own here:

asperity • *harsh tone*

Copy the word and the definition here:

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Mr Jenkins responded in a strange voice she had never heard before, completely unlike his usual, nasal, shrill asperity.

(L'Engle, *A Wind in the Door* 150)

Copy the sentence here:

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Week 1: Day 2

antecedents • *a person's ancestors*

Copy the word and the definition here:

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Ananda whined softly, an ordinary whine coming from an ordinary dog of questionable antecedents, a mongrel like many in the village.

(L'Engle, *A Swiftly Tilting Planet* 51)

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Craft a sentence of your own here:

anachronism • *a thing belonging to another period than that in which it exists*

Copy the word and the definition here:

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

As Anaral gestured with her hands, Polly noticed again the Band-Aid anachronistically on Anaral's finger.

(L'Engle, *An Acceptable Time* 50)

Copy the sentence here:

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