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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 authors.
- 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**

accord • voluntarily or without outside intervention

Copy the word and the definition here:

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

“Thank goodness,” said Edmund, “the door must have swung open of its own accord.”

(Lewis, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe 30)

Copy the sentence here:

Craft a sentence of your own here:

adept • skilled or proficient at something

Copy the word and the definition here:

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

“I am the great scholar, the magician, the adept, who is doing the experiment.”

(Lewis, The Magician’s Nephew 26)

Copy the sentence here:

Craft a sentence of your own here:

Week 1: **Day 2**

ajar • slightly open

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EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

In the stony wall there was a door hanging crookedly ajar upon one great hinge.

(Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring* 231)

Copy the sentence here:

Craft a sentence of your own here:

applicable • capable of or suitable for being applied

Copy the word and the definition here:

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

Bilbo had just enough wits left, when Bert dropped him on the ground, to scramble out of the way of their feet, before they were fighting like dogs, and calling one another all sorts of perfectly true and applicable names in very loud voices.

(Tolkien, *The Hobbit* 42)

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