



# Lesson Planning: **Application**

Subject:

## **Operation Lexicon**

Grade Range:

**4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Welcome to Blackbird & Company’s English Language Arts program!**

*Operation Lexicon is one of the Application elements of our ELA program.*

As your student works through this journal, they will develop a rich personal lexicon of vocabulary by defining meanings, studying usage, crafting their own unique sentences, and then using those words in a weekly imaginative story-poem or micro story depending on the specific guide.

*This planning Schedule is provided to help YOU as you plan and prepare to mentor your student on this pathway toward possessing a larger, more robust personal lexicon.*

*Are you ready? Let’s go!*

*The following guidelines assume you are planning for the start of a typical school year beginning the last week of August and ending the first week of June. This equals about 40 calendar weeks, and allows for 175-180 days of instruction when accounting for breaks and holidays. If you are starting mid-year, or are following a different schedule, simply adjust the dates as needed.*

### **Operation Lexicon: Traits of Character – Planning**

*June – August (Overall subject preparation)*

➔ Familiarize yourself with the materials and read ALL introductory pages in the student workbook.

### **Operation Lexicon: Traits of Character – Mapping**

*July – August (Scheduling for the school year)*

**Things to consider as you map:**

- ➔ *Operation Lexicon* is employed 3 days per week. Your student will need approximately 15 minutes per sitting, with one 30 minute segment for story creation. Depending on the specific guide, this unit requires 23 – 29 weeks to complete, so you have 11 – 17 weeks of school that will not require work in this unit. Each week can stand on its own and is not dependent on work previously completed. Weekly work does not need to be assigned on consecutive days. This unit can be utilized over multiple years as a supplement to core language materials to best benefit your student’s learning needs and schedule.
- ➔ Guide corrections need to be done weekly (daily if possible) to insure that your student receives all input, corrections, and encouragement needed to be successful.
- ➔ Know yourself! Look at your calendar before mapping and block out any planned holidays and vacations for the entire school year.
- ➔ Map out your intended *Operation Lexicon* schedule on your academic calendar in pencil, leaving room for possible adjustments along the way. Pay attention to other assignments and work load to avoid overwhelming your student. Remember, school can always stretch out to the end of June or into the summer if necessary or advantageous for your family.



## SAMPLE MAPPING GUIDE

**Now you have decisions to make about holidays, activities, and interruptions in scheduling.**

**Plan carefully to avoid overload or a lapse in student recall due to long down periods with holidays.**

**This sample schedule assumes the following breaks:** 1 week in November for Fall Break, 3 weeks in December/January for Winter Break, 1 week in April for Spring Break.

*When used as part of one of our Grade Collections, you can begin anywhere from week 1 to week 12 of the school year. Develop your own schedule based on what will work best for you and your student. The sample schedule below begins at week 1 and assumes 25 weeks of work.*

### Duration: 25 weeks

#### Week 1: (week 1 of school)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40			
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Day 1	• Read Introductory pages ix-page 3 and discuss expectations	
Day 2	• Complete Day 1 definitions, examples, and sentence crafting	
Day 3	• Complete Day 2 definitions, examples, and sentence crafting	
Day 4	• Complete Day 3 word choice section plus story creation	

#### Week 2: (week 2 of school)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40				
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**Continue mapping using a similar schedule for the rest of the school year.**