

Unit 2: Overcoming adversity

Day 4: Deepening connections to vocabulary words

Content Objective:

- Students will demonstrate their understanding of target words and their meanings by matching words and definitions while playing a game.

Language Objective:

- Students will categorize target words by part of speech.

Teacher Materials:

- overhead of vocabulary summary chart – filled in with words and definitions presented on Day 3
- unit 2 vocabulary cards
- overhead for part of speech transformation wrap-up activity

Student Materials:

- binders - glossary
- vocabulary summary chart
- unit 2 vocabulary cards
- part of speech cards

Day at a Glance:

- **(10 min – or longer if finishing Day 3 activities). Review** completed vocabulary summary chart (**or finish** the poster presentations **and complete** the chart if the posters were not all presented on Day 3.
- **(30-35 min – or less if finishing up Day 3 activities). Practice** matching target words and meanings through one or more games.
- **(5 min). Wrap-up**

Activities:

(Whole class: 10 min.) **Today we are going to continue to work with our target words, and we're going to play a game to help us remember the words and their meanings.**

Let's take a look at our objectives for today [point to screen with objectives on it]. **Our content objective is to demonstrate our understanding of target words and their meanings by matching words and definitions in a memory card game. Our language objective is to categorize the target words by part of speech.**

Yesterday you worked in groups to create posters about the target words. [If you haven't finished doing the poster presentations, do that now.] **Together, we filled in this summary chart for the words that were presented.** [Project the completed summary vocabulary chart and quickly review the words and definitions that were presented yesterday. Also review any strategies that were particularly useful in figuring out word meanings.]

(Cooperative Activity: 30-35 min). **I'm going to give each one of you a small deck of vocabulary cards for this unit. Some cards have a word on them, like this one** [show them one of the word cards], **while others have definitions on them, like this one** [show them one of the definition cards]. **All of them say 'unit 2' on the back. I'm also going to give each one of you a set of part of speech cards, like this one** [show cards to students] – **one card says 'nouns,' one card says, 'verbs,' and one card says, 'adjectives.'** [Pass out a deck of vocabulary cards to each student, as well as a set of part of speech cards.] **First, take your deck of vocabulary cards and sort out just the word cards – put the definition cards to the side for now. Working with a partner, I want you to sort your words into three columns – nouns, verbs, and adjectives.** [Solicit a quick review from students about these three parts of speech. After the kids do the sort, quickly review it with them. The words should be sorted as follows: nouns – *attribute, factor, adversity*; verbs – *illustrate, maintain, aspire, emphasize, motivate* ; adjectives – *profound, intractable*]

Now we're going to play a game to help us remember the words and their definitions. [Ask students to put their part of speech cards back in their pencil pouches. If you play a whole-class game, students can also put

the rubber band back around their unit 2 vocabulary cards and put the deck in their pencil pouch. Choose a game from the Day 4 review game menu (below), such as memory, musical matching, smack, password, or give me a clue. If time permits or attention wanes, play more than one game.]

(Wrap-up: 5 min) – [Project the ‘part of speech transformation’ overhead and ask kids to put away their vocabulary cards and take out their part of speech cards (noun, verb, and adjective). Explain to the kids that you have transformed each of the target words to change its part of speech. Remind the students that earlier in the period you classified the original target words by part of speech. Explain to them that their task now is to identify the part of speech of the transformed word. Point and say each transformed word, one at a time, and ask students to raise the card that correctly identifies the new part of speech. Do this for all of the words or as many as time allows. Have students place their materials in their binders, and collect the binders.]

Part of speech transformation answers:

- *adverse* (adjective)
- *illustrator* (noun)
- *aspiration* (noun)
- *emphasis* (noun)
- *motivational* (adjective)
- *profoundly* (adverb)

Day 4 Review Game Menu

!Note: For all of these games, it helps to project the vocabulary summary chart that you created on Day 3. Also, as you progress through the units, continue to include a few words from previous units so that students continue to get practice with those words as well.

Memory – can be played independently or with partners. Place word cards face down on one side of the desk, and definition cards down on the other side of the desk. Turn over one card from each side at a time, trying to find words and definitions that match one another. Continue to play until all matches have been found.

Smack – played with a partner – the whole class plays together. The partners spread out their word cards only, face up, in no particular order. The teacher reads out one definition at a time. As soon as a student recognizes a definition, he smacks his hand over that card, thereby winning that card. Play continues until all definitions have been read. The partner with the most cards wins.

Musical matching (hot potato) – Use the teacher deck (or decks) to play this game. Students stand in a circle (or inside/outside circle if the class is large). Every student gets a word card or a definition card. (If you have fewer students than cards, make sure every card you give out has a match – focus on the words/definitions that the students struggle with the most.) Explain that in your deck, all of the words are color A (e.g. blue), and all of the definitions are color B (e.g. yellow). Tell students that you are going to play some music. When the music starts, they need to pass their card to the player on their right. They continue to pass until the music stops. When the music stops, they find the person with the matching card. When all matches have been found, go around and have students read their cards (i.e. words and their definitions together). Then mix the cards up, redistribute them to students, and play again! Continue to play several rounds.

Password – Students play in pairs and take turns giving clues to one another and guessing the word. There is a one minute limit for giving clues and guessing. Pairs get a point for each word that they get right.

Pictionary – Students play in pairs. Team partners take turns picking a word card and drawing a picture of it on their dry erase boards. There is a 2-minute limit per word. Each team gets a point for each word that is guessed correctly.

Give me a clue – (no cards needed). One student sits at the front of the room and faces the class. The teacher (or another student) writes one of the target words on the board behind the student so that everyone in the class can see it except for that one student. The classmates take turns giving clues to the student to help him/her guess the word.