VOCABULARY CURRICULUM first grade set 2



DIGITAL BOOKS APPLICATION

WORD PLAY

WEEKLY MATERIALS INCLUDE:

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My Weekly Word Boo



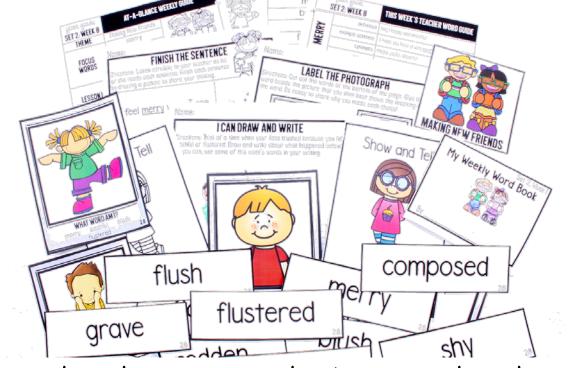
An original passage and a read-aloud story with detailed teacher language and discussions

SET 2: WEEK 8

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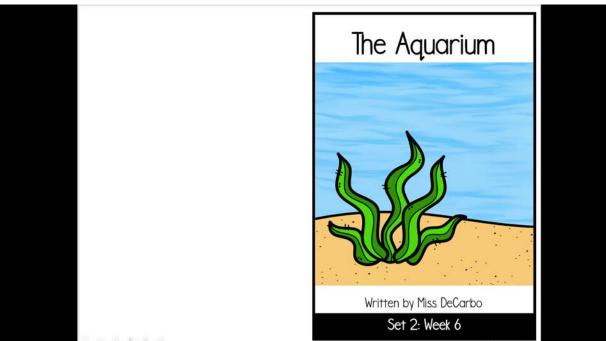
Show and Tell

At-A-Glance Weekly Guide and Weekly Teacher Word Guide for easy planning and teacher instruction

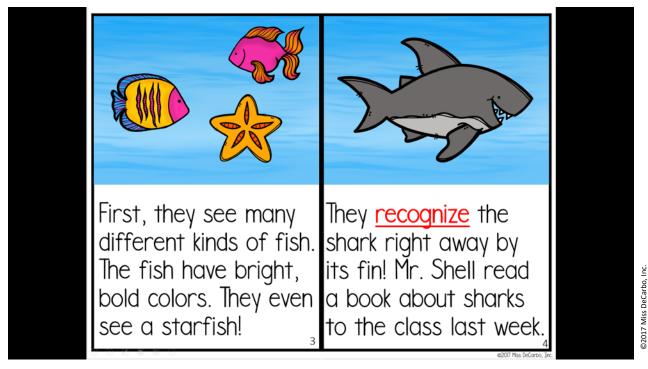


Focus word cards, synonym and antonym word cards, oral discussion cards, anchor chart cards, an optional assessment piece, draw, write, and respond application activity, label the photograph printable, digital book, printable book, and MORE!

DIGITAL BOOKS FOR PC & MAC with teacher discussion questions



The weekly digital booklet can be projected onto a screen for the entire class to see. It is read by the teacher and includes discussion questions and suggested teaching points. Digital booklets can be opened on any computer that has Microsoft PowerPoint installed.



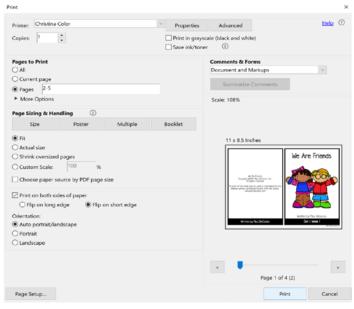
PRINTABLE VERSIONS OF THE READ-Aloud Booklets are included!



PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEEKLY READ-ALOUD BOOKLETS

If you choose not to use the digital read-aloud story for Lesson 2 this week, I have included printable versions for your convenience. A color version and black ϵ white version is included in this file.

- Type in the page numbers you wish to print. If you would like to print the color version of the booklet, you will print pages 2-5. If you wish to print the black ξ white version, print pages 6-9.
- Select "Fit" so that the booklet fills as much of the page as possible when it prints. Sometimes, this option may read, "Scale to Fit Paper" on your printing option screen.
- 3. Select "Print on both sides of paper."
- 4. Select "Flip on short edge."
- 5. Print the booklet.
- 6. Fold the printed pages and staple along the left side.



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EACH WEEK FOLLOWS A Consistent routine

LESSONI: introduction	Create an anchor chart with your students that displays this week's words and definitions. Share the introduction story with your students,
	and complete Lesson I.
LESSON 2: story time	Read the digital (or printable) booklet for the week, and use the discussion questions to guide your conversation with students.
	The students will complete this week's mini book.
LESSON 3: connections	Add this week's synonyms and antonyms to your anchor chart. Complete the synonym and antonym activity of your choice.
LESSON 4: word play	Choose an activity from the word play menu.
LESSON 5: application	Students will complete one of the following independent activities: • "I Can Draw or Write a Story" journal entry • "Finish the Sentence" activity The students will apply this week's words to their everyday lives. (The teacher could also choose an activity off of the alternative options list instead.)

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MASTER LESSON PLANS FOR YOUR WEEKLY ROUTINE

first grade LESSON PLAN I: INTRODUCTION STORY INTRODUCTION Set Up: Write the week's introduction story on sentence strips, and Materials Materials: pocket chart place them in a pocket chart for the whole group to see. You can also write it largely on an anchor chart. Draw a blank (___) on your sentence strips . sentence strips, just as it is shown on the story printable. Place the chart paper word cards in a row above or below the pocket chart story. Flip the cards over so that students cannot see them vet. Mix up the order . marker word cards of the word cards. If you would prefer not to use a pocket chart or introduction story an anchor chart, place the introduction story printable under a for Lesson | this week's mini document camera, or display it on a screen. If you're projecting the book (optional) story on a screen, cover up the focus words with a sticky note "I have a story that I want to share with y first grade LESSON PLAN 3: SYNONYMS & I'm going to need your help to find some n CONNECTIONS ANTONYMS Do NOT read the word cards yet. First, read "blank" whenever there is an empty space. T again. Ask the students, "Does anyone know Materials Set Up: This lesson can be completed in a whole-group setting or a small-group setting. You will be adding synonyms and antonyms to your weekly word chart (anchor chart) for the This exercise helps students draw from thei weekly word chart that includes the week's focus already know. The exercise also exposes you words and kid-friendly week, so you will want to have it nearby. A pocket chart is otherwise thought of, used, or shared, had definitions needed if you choose to complete the word sort activity. Cut It also allows them to put these known wor pocket chart out (laminate if you wish) this week's synonym and antonym as they can think of that make sense in the synonym and antonym word cards routine with the remaining sentences in the word cards for the week Now, flip each word card over (or remove markers screen), and read the week's focus words to each word back to you after you read it to This lesson is designed to be straightforward and simple: The teacher will engage in a discussion with the students to share words that mean the same and words that are different from the paper to use and refer to throughout the w week's four focus words. You'll notice that for some weeks, the synonym and antonym list is already know the meanings of any of the w minimal. (This frequently happens if the focus words are nouns rather than adjectives.) Since we teacher word guide to discuss each word's want to expose students to as many vocabulary words as possible, understanding synonyms and example sentences provided. Add the definit each word's meaning. (You will be adding to antonyms for the words they are learning is a vital component to building vocabulary. For instance, if a student learns two synonyms and two antonyms for each focus word, we've now the blanks for our story with the new words exposed the student to twenty words for the week, rather than just four words! Read the story again to the students (chor Choose one of the activities below as a way to discuss the synonyms and antonyms for the week with your students. Remember to first review with your students that **Synonyms are** each appropriate spot. Stop after each se hat are opposite (or different)."Use nyms and antonyms for each focus first grade th Ri ith your students to the weekly word LESSON PLAN 4 : WORD PLAY ACTIVITY **WORD PLAY** like th ee fe WORD SORT Set Up: Every week for Lesson 4, you will choose an activity off of the word play menu on page 49. These also make excellent review activities! Materials: four focus word cards horizontally ur pocket chart. Hold up a synonym I, and read it aloud. Have the students The materials for this lesson will vary You can choose to work your way through all six activities over the next eight weeks and then repeat them, or complete the same activity for depending on the word play activity you choose to use for the week. word back to you and share anything two or three weeks in a row. Use as many of them or as few of them dy know about the word. Ask, "Does as you would like. The choice is yours! These word play activities are also Each word play activity mean the same thing as any of the wonderful to use as additional or supplemental vocabulary activities if has a full sheet of you want to mix up your weekly routine or add more activities to it. at are in our pocket chart this week? directions. The materials These word play activities would also make fantastic w for each activity can be activities that you can complete within a small group challenge, differentiate, or provide extra practice. found on those pages. Boys and girls, today is word play activity day! I'm so excited to have some words we've been learning this week You will then choose a word play activity from the included word play menu. The activity options for Set 2 include the following activities: Word Wondering Word Artist Word Sing-Along Word Theater Word Chat Word Chant Fach word play activity has its own designated instruction/lesson plan page the directions, set-up, and materials you will need for each activity. Read thr of your choice, and complete it with your students. Important: The word play activities are designed to promote creativity and c a result, it's important to include as many synonyms and antonyms as you car the word play activities you complete with your students. Simply teaching our four focus words will limit their vocabulary acquisition. This resource is set up expansive as you make it. The activities and lesson plans can accommodate n

Focus words and even more than the number of synonym and antonyms I've i focus words and even more than the number of synonym and antonyms I've i 'Weekly Teacher Word Guides' Feel free to expose your students to as many antonyms as you'd like, and encourage them to use those words during the w Your students do not need to be able to read or spell the vocabulary words. That is not the goal of this resource. The goal is for our students to see, hec and use as many new Tier 2 words as they can acquire. They will use these w everyday lives, apply them to new situations, experiences, and scenarios, and comprehend and apply them as they become more capable, independent rea

If you have extra time throughout the week, feel free to choose any of the word play activities to add to your daily schedule, revisit, and repeat! Have fun playing with words! @2017 Miss Decarbo, Ir

first grade **STORY TIME**

digital booklet for this week OR a printable copy (color or black and white) student copies of

LESSON PLAN 2: WHOLE-GROUP READ-ALOUD AND PRINTABLE MINI BOOK

Set Up: Story time can take place in a whole-group or a smallgroup setting. I prefer to complete this lesson in a whole-group setting so that the entire class can hear and participate in the same discussion about the story and our weekly words

If you are using the digital booklet, open up the file for the week you are on. The digital booklets are found in the zip folder of this resource. You can open the digital booklets on any computer that has Microsoft PowerPoint installed. When you open the file, the

automatically open up and be ready for use. If you are digital booklet, both color and black and white printable ach week's booklets are available.

eekly word chart (anchor chart) that you made with the rby for reference when needed.

story to share with you today! It is a different story d it will help us learn even more about our new words to listen very carefully and very closely because we appens in the book and sharing our thoughts.

ping to review and discuss the vocabulary and what is ad. (You may need to reteach what the vocabulary chart you created for the week with your students) ional teacher discussion questions page that will help students about the book. Use this scripted teacher in order to discuss the words and put them into discussion questions do a nice job of asking the own lives, and they help them work on comprehension are listening to within the book. Since it is vocabulary used in different ways, these weekly readou and your students to see, hear, and talk about ithin new situations and stories.

N PLAN 5: DRAW A STORY, WRITE A STORY. OR FINISH THE SENTENCE

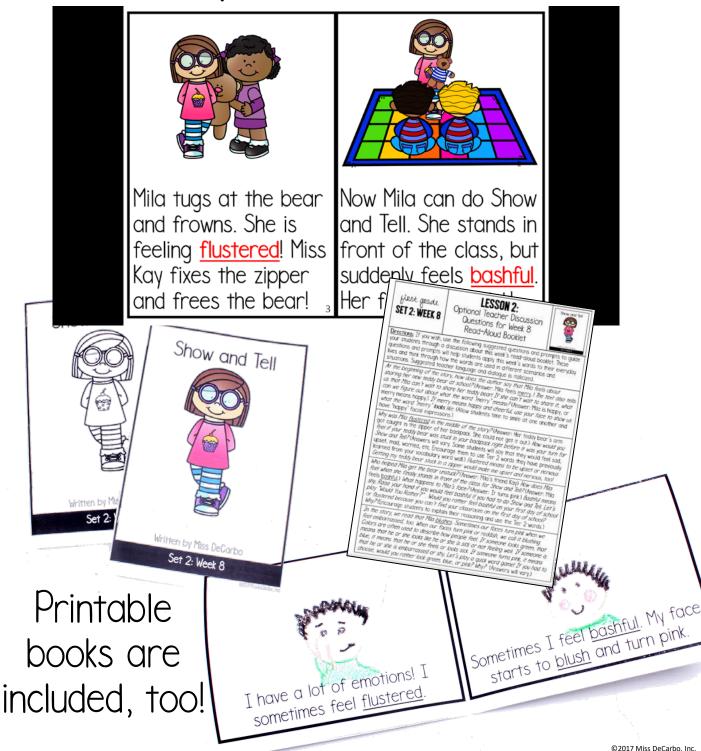
is lesson is completed independently by the students (with rom the teacher). You will want to ensure that your weekly In an international of the second state of the ions below for the activity you choose for the week

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d be able to aders and writers. word play activities	students to label their pictures with focus words. You could also have th cut out and glue the words onto th illustrations in order to label them.	ic students icir story	You may want to use the illustration version for a few weeks and then switch to the writing version. The illustration version will not be included in Set 3.

LESSON I: INTRODUCTION Share the introduction story, and teach the words within context.

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LESSON 2: STORY TIME Read the digital booklet aloud, and complete the mini book.



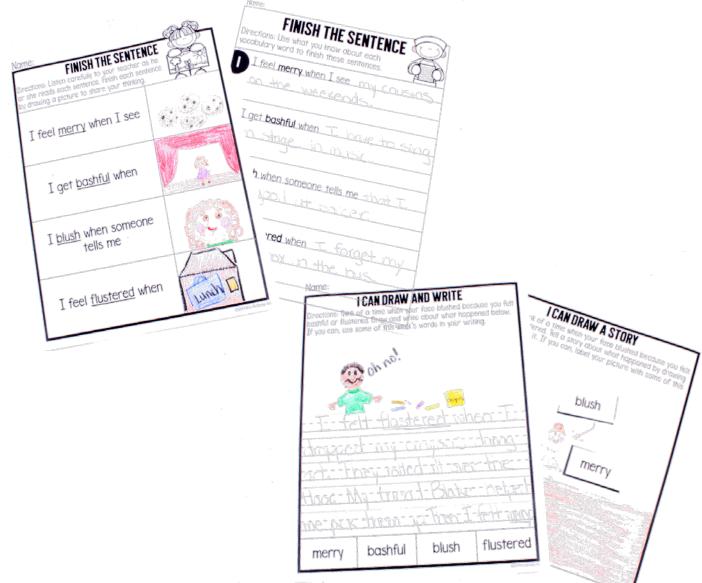
LESSON 3: CONNECTIONS Share, discuss, and sort synonyms and antonyms.

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LESSON 4: WORD PLAY Choose a hands-on activity to practice using the week's words.

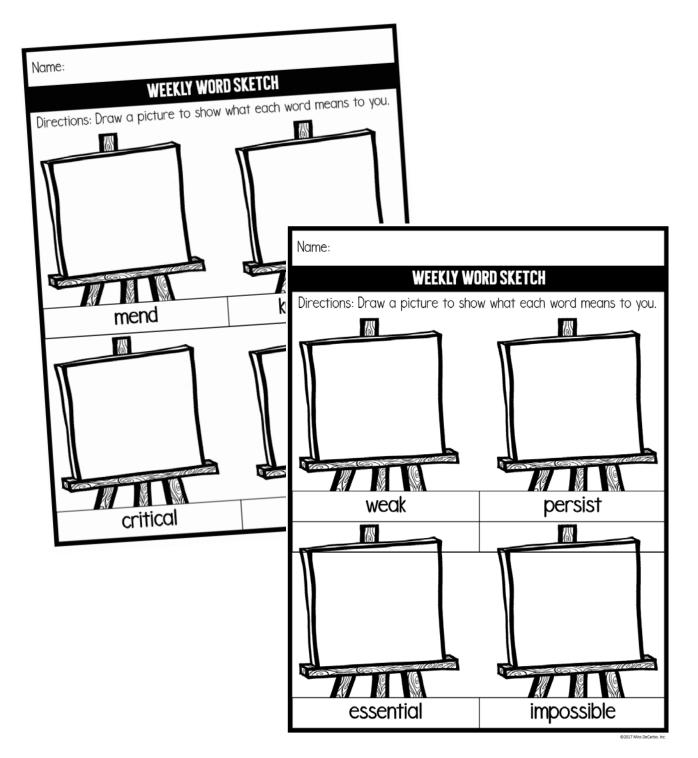


LESSON 5: APPLICATION The students will apply the words to their lives by drawing and writing journal entries or completing a "Finish the Sentence" writing activity.



Choose the differentiated activity that work best for your students!

OPTIONAL WORD SKETCH ASSESSMENTS ARE INCLUDED



ALTERNATIVE & ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

This resource can be as flexible or as guided as you would like! Feel free to mix things up a bit during the week by swapping out a weekly lesson plan for any of the following activities, or use any of the following ideas as additional vocabulary activities to enhance your instruction or routine for the week.

Name of Activity	Ideas for Use
Oral Discussion Word Chat Activity	This oral language/class discussion activity encourages critical thinking and fits nicely into Lesson 3 as a follow-up activity, in exchange for the activity in Lesson 4, or as an additional activity to your week.
Label the Photograph	This is a great follow-up to the "Word Chat" activity. It can also be easily used as an independent application activity in exchange for the "I Can Draw a Story" printable.
Vocabulary Notebook	Have students illustrate the vocabulary cards for the week and paste them into personal vocabulary notebooks. Students can write synonyms and antonyms beside each word card in their notebooks.
Finish the Sentence	If you do not use the "Finish the Sentence" activity on Day 5, this makes an excellent additional activity, review activity, or small-group follow-up.
Quick Sketch	The quick sketch page was designed to be used as an optional, end-of-the-week assessment. However, this page can also be used as an additional activity for the week or in exchange for one of the lesson plan activities.

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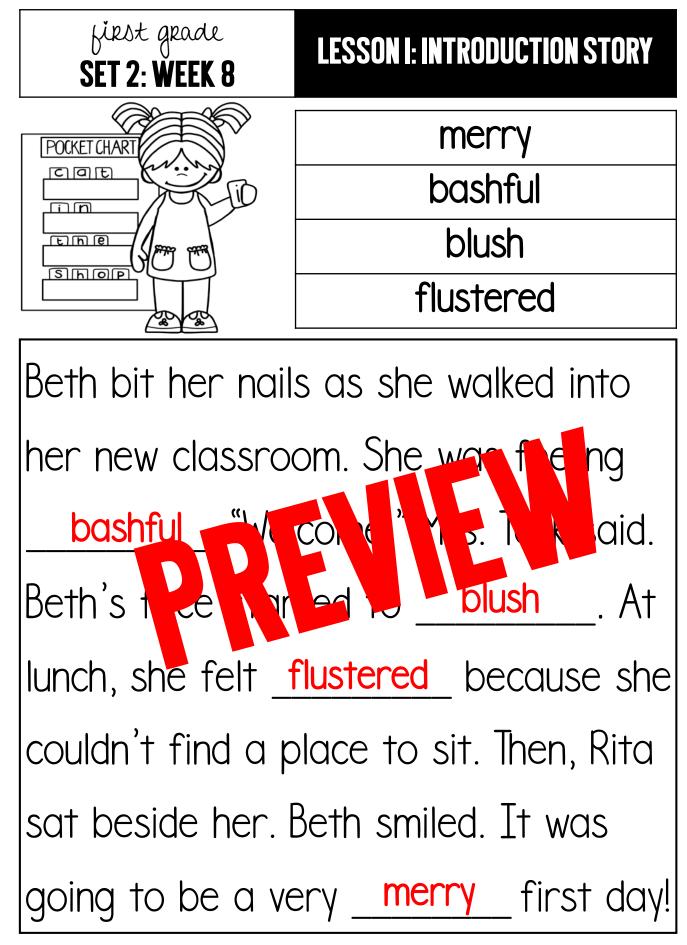
first grade SET 2: WEEK 8	AT-A-GLANCE	WEEKLY GUIDE	
THEME	Making New Friends		
	merry		
FOCUS	bashful		
WORDS	blush		
	flustered		
LESSON I: introduction	Complete "Lesson Plan I: Introduction Story" using this week's words. Use the discussion questions to guide your conversation. If you want, have the students fill in the words on their own student copies for this week's introduction story. Create a chart with your students that displays this week's focus words and their kid- friendly definitions. (Use your "Weekly Teacher Word Guide" for assistance.) Add the anchor chart pictures to the court (optional).		
LESSON 2: story time	Read "Week 8 Digital Read-Alard discussion question for the second students contract in the second of the me state of the second of the me	guide y sation. Your e e m b this week's on e mini b y an	
LESSON 3: connections	 on a set "Learn Plan Stranony and Antonyms" using this week a week's words to your class and only no and antonyms for this week's words to your class and on the complete this week's mini book if you didn't complete it yesterday. Choose a word play activity from the word play menu. Follow the directions for the activity you choose. Use this week's focus words and/or synonyms and antonyms. Complete one of the following activities today: "I Can Draw a Story", "I Can Write a Story", <u>OR</u> the "Finish the Sentence" page. Follow the directions on the printable. (You could also choose an alternative word play activity such as "Label the Photograph". 		
LESSON 4: Word play			
LESSON 5: application			
QUICK CHECK: Word sketch	(Optional) Complete the quick ske week. Use it to assess the studen or simply use the quick check as c vocabulary activity throughout the	ts' understanding of each word, an alternative (or additional)	

S	first grade ET 2: WEEK 8	THIS WEEK'S TEACHER WORD GUIDE
	definition	(adj.) happy and cheerful
MERRY	example sentence	I hope you have a very merry time at the movies!
ME	synonyms	happy, joyful, cheerful
	antonyms	gloomy, grave, sad, serious
BASHFUL	definition	(adj.) shy
	example sentence	He was very <u>bashful</u> when he stepped onto the stage.
AS	synonyms	shy, sheepish, timid
	antonyms	aggressive, bold from d, infinit
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BLUS	synor as antonyms	riush, redden n/a
	multiple meaning	(adj.) rosy or pinkish in color She wore a blush-colored blouse and blue jeans.
RED	definition	(adj.) upset or nervous
		He seemed flustered when he got up to give his

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G	definition	(adj.) upset or nervous
	example sentence	He seemed <u>flustered</u> when he got up to give his speech in front of the class.
3	synonyms	upset, confused, rattled
	antonyms	composed, calm





Name



LESSON I: INTRODUCTION STORY Student Copy

<u>Directions</u>: Read the passage with your teacher, and talk about each word's meaning. Then, write the word that belongs in each blank. Be sure that each word makes sense in the story. Read the completed passage again for fluency.

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blush

flustered

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lunch, she felt _____ because she couldn't find a place to sit. Then, Rita sat beside her. Beth smiled. It was going to be a very first day!

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first grade SET 2: WEEK 8

LESSON I: Optional Teacher Discussion Questions for Introduction Story

<u>Directions</u>: If you wish, use the following suggested questions and prompts to guide your students through a discussion about this week's introduction story. These questions and prompts will help them better comprehend the story and allow them to think about and apply this week's focus words to their everyday lives. Suggested teacher language and dialogue is italicized.

Why do you think Beth felt <u>bashful</u> at the beginning of the story? (Answer: She was walking into her new classroom, or she was a new student.) Bashful means shy. There's a clue in the story that helps us know how Beth was feeling. What was Beth doing at the beginning of the story that people sometimes do when they are shy and nervous? (Answer: Beth was biting her nails.) People who are nervous or shy sometimes bite their nails.

What happened to Beth's face after Mrs. Teck welcomed he classroom? (Answer: Beth's face started to b e blushes, his or her face turns pinkish or redu omeone is embarrassed or shy. Have happen ver to you that ma tell a silly may ned to you in order short story of s ne issing g fo lepts ' to model this the

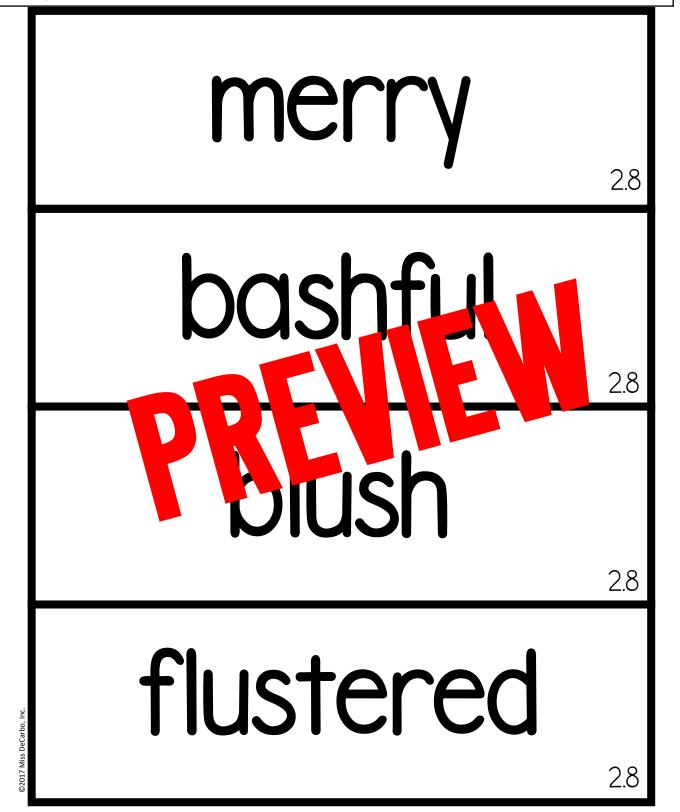
At lunchtime, Betweelt <u>fluenced</u>. Hustered means to feel upset or nervous. Why did Beth get wastered in the story at lunch? (Answer: She couldn't find a place to sit.) Right! I'm so glad Rita came and sat down beside her. That must have made Beth feel happy and relieved instead of flustered. If you lost your homework and you were looking everywhere for it, you might feel flustered. What are some other things that might make you flustered? (Possible answers: taking a test, forgetting your lunchbox at home, when a cat or dog runs away, not knowing how to do something, etc.)

What kind of day did Beth think it was going to be at the end of the story? (Answer: a <u>merry</u> day) Merry means happy. Why was Beth merry at the end of the story? (Answer: Rita sat beside her, and she made a new friend.) What makes you have a merry day? (Answers will vary.)



LESSON I: INTRODUCTION STORY Focus word cards

Cut out the following focus word cards to use with your introduction story for the week.



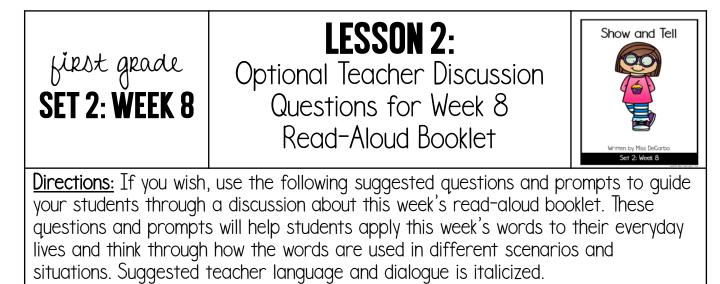


PICTURE CARD TO USE ON THIS WEEK'S WORD CHART

Optional: You may wish to cut out and color the following picture card that matches this week's theme for your vocabulary anchor chart. Simply print in color or black and white, and cut out the card you need.



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At the beginning of the story, how does the author say that Mila feels about sharing her new teddy bear at school? (Answer: Mila feels merry.) The text also tells us that Mila can't wait to share her teddy bear! If she can't wait to share it, what can we figure out about what the word "merry" means? (Answer: Mila is happy, or merry means happy.) If merry means happy and cheerful, use your face to show us what the word "merry" looks like. (Allow students time to smile at one another and have "happy" facial expressions.)

Why was Mila flustered in the middle of the story? ar's arm got caught in the zipper of her backpack She get i would you feel if your teddy bear was stud ir turn for sc 2 7/ Show and Tell? (Answers feel sad, ome s that th ords the upset, mad, wor ave previously learned from you 100 , pe upset or nervous. all.) *Hu*. d N

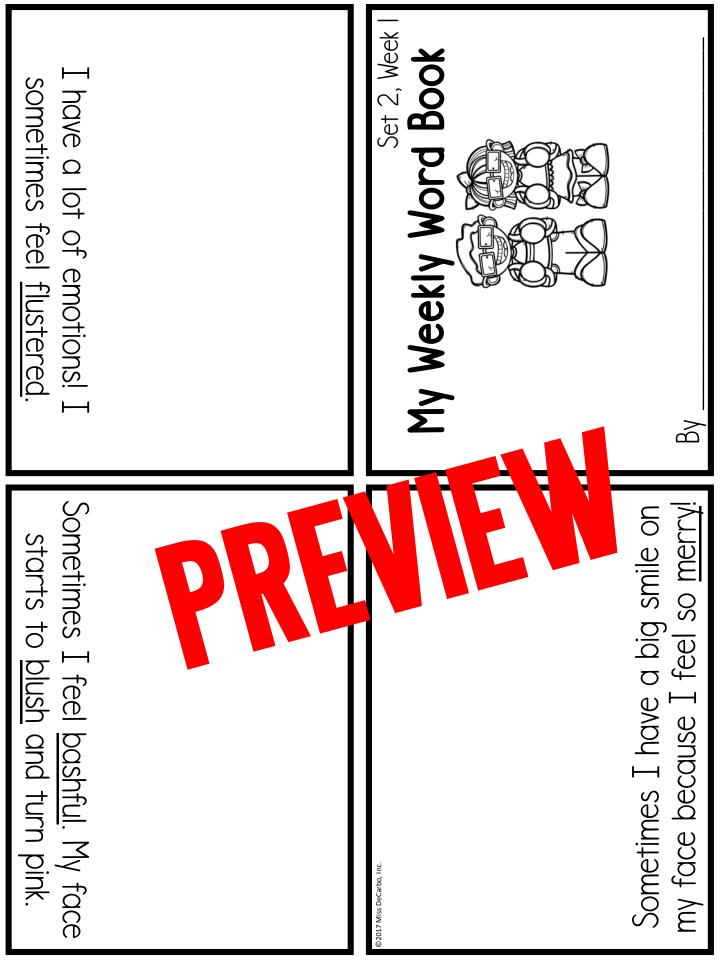
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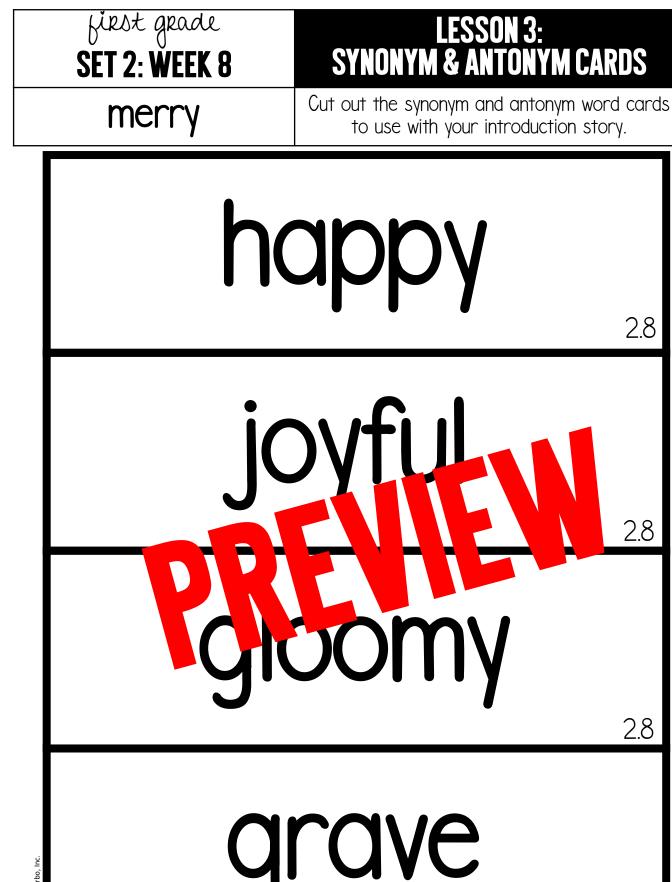
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ake me upset and nervous, too! Getting my teddy Who helped Mila get the bed under (Answer: Mila's friend Kay) How does Mila feel when she final tands in front of the class for Show and Tell? (Answer: Mila feels bashful.) What happens to Mila's face? (Answer: It turns pink.) Bashful means shy. Raise your hand if you would feel bashful if you had to do Show and Tell. Let's play "Would You Rather?". Would you rather feel bashful on your first day of school or flustered because you can't find your classroom on the first day of school? *Why?* (Encourage students to explain their reasoning and use the Tier 2 words.)

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In the story, we read that Mila blushes. Sometimes our faces turn pink when we feel embarrassed, too. When our faces turn pink or reddish, we call it blushing. Colors are often used to describe how people feel. If someone looks green, that means that he or she looks like he or she is sick or not feeling well. If someone is blue, it means that he or she feels or looks sick. If someone turns pink, it means that he or she is embarrassed or shy. Let's play a quick word game! If you had to choose, would you rather look green, blue, or pink? Why? (Answers will vary.)



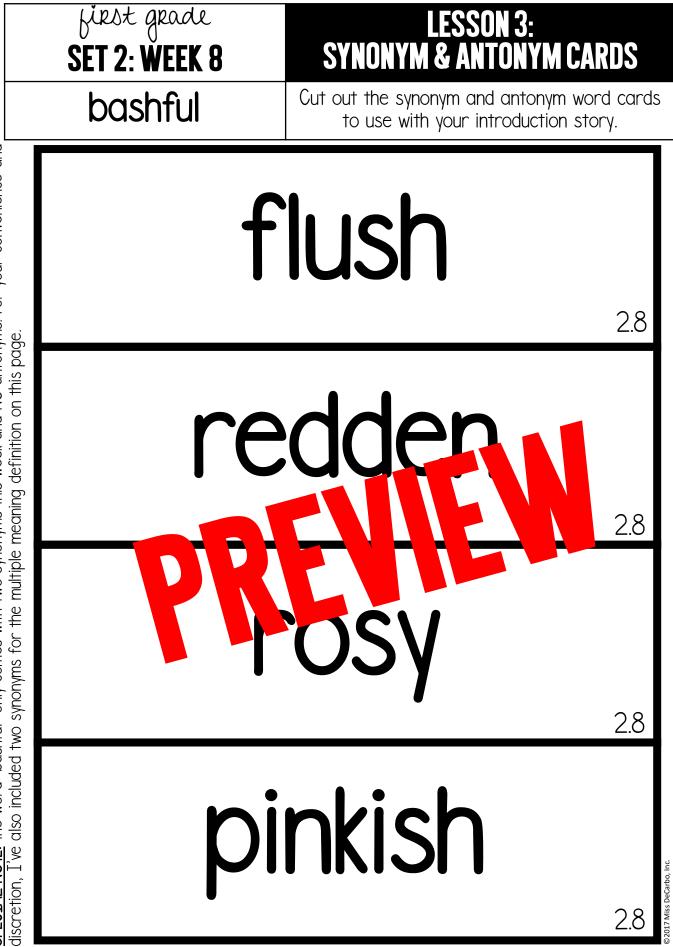


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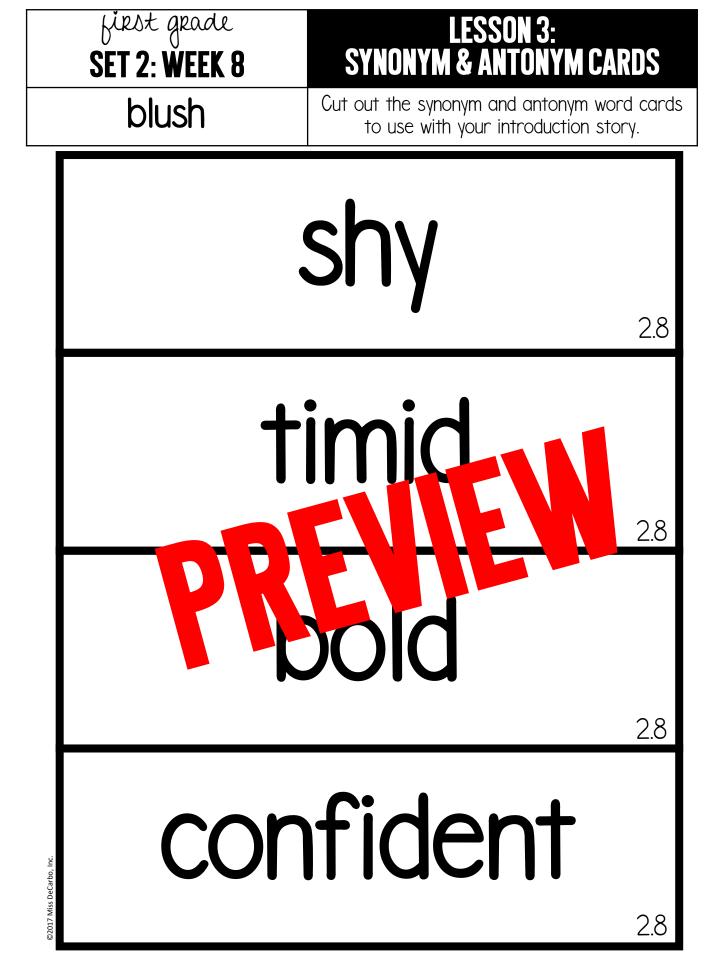
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<u>SPECIAL NOTE:</u> The word "bashful" only comes with two synonyms this week and NO antonyms. For your convenience and





LESSON 3: Synonym & Antonym Cards

Cut out the synonym and antonym word cards to use with your introduction story.



Name:

I CAN DRAW A STORY

Directions: Think of a time when your face blushed because you felt bashful or flustered. Tell a story about what happened by drawing a picture about it. If you can, label your picture with some of this week's words.



merry

bashful

blush

flustered

Name:

I CAN DRAW AND WRITE

Directions: Think of a time when your face blushed because you felt bashful or flustered. Draw and write about what happened below. If you can, use some of this week's words in your writing.

merry	bashful	blush	flustered



FINISH THE SENTENCE

Directions: Listen carefully to your teacher as he or she reads each sentence. Finish each sentence by drawing a picture to share your thinking.



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FINISH THE SENTENCE

Directions: Use what you know about each vocabulary word to finish these sentences.



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WEEKLY WORD SKETCH

Directions: Draw a picture to show what each word means to you.



PICTURE CARDS FOR WORD CHAT WORD PLAY ACTIVITY

Optional/Supplemental Activity: The following picture cards can be used with the class as an optional, additional, or supplemental word play activity throughout the week. Cut out the cards, and display them on an anchor chart or in your pocket chart. These picture cards can be used with your word cards. Students will engage in a discussion as a whole class, partners, or in small groups about which of this week's words can be used to label each picture. An answer sheet is intentionally not included because we want students to form their own conclusions, opinions, and justifications about which picture best matches the meaning of each word. In many cases, there is no "right" or "wrong" answer, as long as the students can justify their reasoning through their oral explanations. You can also have students assign the synonym and antonym cards to each picture as an extension activity and/or vocabulary challenge. If you would like, you can laminate the picture can 1 have students circle which word they assign to each Dİ se markers. This would also make a great small-on cen



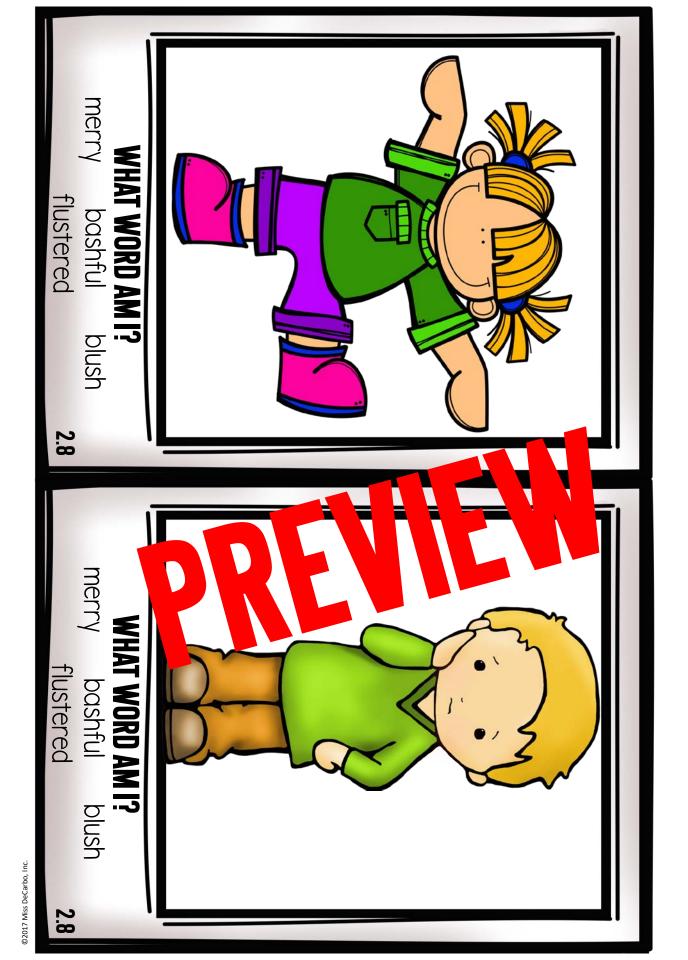
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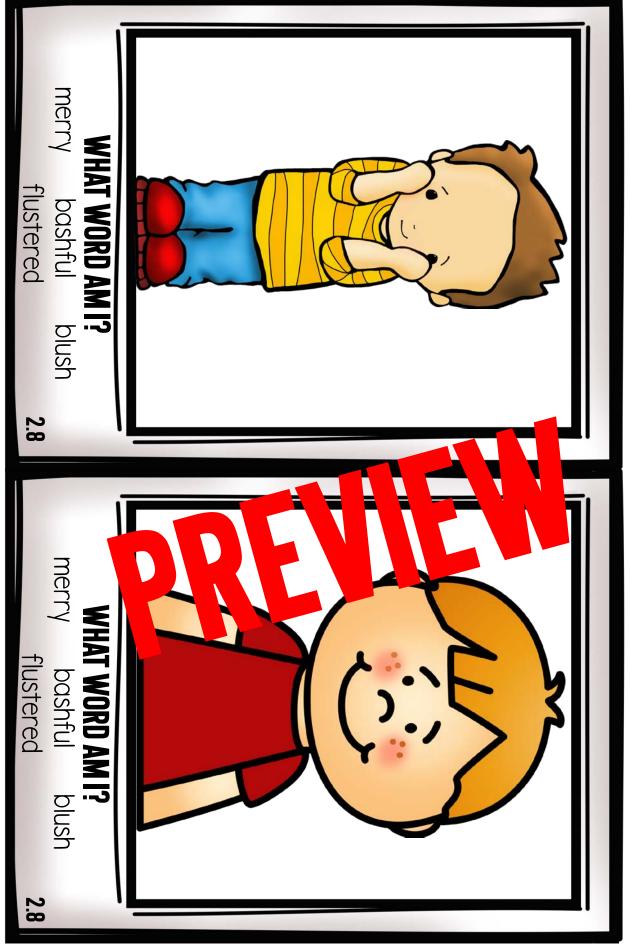
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Directions: Cut out the words at the bottom of the page. Glue each word beside the picture that you think best shows the meaning of the word. Be ready to share why you made each choice!



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VOCABULARY CARDS WEEK 8



RATIONALE AND RESEARCH Why was this resource created?

As primary teachers, we know the importance of vocabulary instruction for our beginning readers. It is no surprise that research tells us there is a direct correlation between vocabulary instruction and our students' reading comprehension skills (Anderson and Nagy, 1991). In fact, the following research studies show us how vital vocabulary instruction is within our classrooms:

- In a study by Cunningham and Stanovich (1997), the vocabulary skills of first-grade students predicted their reading achievement in their junior year of high school.
- A study by Hart & Risley in 1995 found that by the age of 3, many low SES children already displayed a large gap in vocabulary compared to peers of higher SES.
- Three years later, we learned that this gap in vocabulary was directly related to reading and comprehension success (Snow, 1998).

We want students to acquire new vocabulary words through the authentic books they read, the books we read to them, and through the rich and robust conversations they have with others. Using picture books that contain rich vocabulary was not a struggle for me as a primary teacher, but finding additional vocabulary activities, resources, and hands-on engagement for vocabulary was often difficult. The leveled books our students read at the small-group table are often not packed with the amount of Tier 2 vocabulary words we hope to expose students to on a weekly basis. As a primary teacher myself, I craved an effective, simple weekly routine that would immerse my students in important Tier 2 vocabulary instruction that they could relate to their everyday lives.

Even more important than a desire for a weekly routine is the need for vocabulary instruction to be embedded in context and not in isolation. Teaching vocabulary words in isolation is not best practice, is not highly supported in educational research, and is not brain-based instruction. When students learn words in isolation, they often fail to remember those words and definitions, and the words are meaningless to their lives. Within this resource, the vocabulary words are always first introduced within the context of a short, kid-friendly passage. Students will make word predictions with this passage and then put the week's new words into the text based on meaning and comprehension. In addition, each week also has an additional book that focuses on the week's words. This booklet is read aloud by the teacher, and the story is different from the initial introduction passage. As a result, the students are reading, seeing, hearing, and discussing the vocabulary words in multiple ways through various scenarios, situations, and examples. We also know that students will retain their understanding of new words when they can use the words and apply them to their real lives. We are proud to share that each week's materials and lessons provide students with ample opportunities to do just that!

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What kind of words does this vocabulary resource focus on? Vocabulary words, for instructional purposes, can be divided up into three categories: Tier I words, Tier 2 words, and Tier 3 words.

<u>Tier I words</u> consist of commonly-known words. These are words that our students likely learn from their everyday experiences. Your students will most likely already know Tier I words. Examples of Tier I words consist of words such as *house*, *dog*, *lamp*, *phone*, and *apple*.

<u>Tier 2 words</u> are high-frequency words that often have multiple meanings and are seen across several content areas. These general academic words are often seen in descriptive language. Tier 2 words are the words students have the most difficulty with. They are also the words that are widely misinterpreted when reading text. Examples of Tier 2 words consist of words such as *predict*, *performed*, *timid*, and *content*.

<u>Tier 3 words</u> are low-frequency words and are very domain-specific. They are generally specific to a particular concept. These are words that students will most likely not use outside of their academic courses or careers and include words such as *photosynthesis*, *peninsula*, *economics*.

This resource focuses strictly on Tier 2 words. Building one's understanding of Tier 2 words is the fastest way to close vocabulary gaps in struggling students, because they are the words most widely used and misunderstood.

If I use this resource, is this the only vocabulary instruction and words my students will need to learn?

It is important to understand that going through the activities and lessons in this vocabulary resource will NOT result in your students knowing all of the vocabulary words they will need to know this school year. This resource is designed to be an important part of your overall vocabulary instruction and help you feel assured that you are explicitly teaching vocabulary and integrating it into your instruction on a daily and weekly basis. Just like you always have, you will continue to teach your students many more words every week through the books you read to them, the content you teach, the small-group lessons you instruct, and the conversations you have. This resource provides you with the tools you need to teach vocabulary, strategies, a routine, word play activities that can be used over and over again, and engaging discussions that will lead to additional vocabulary word exposure and rich conversations.

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Why are there only four weekly focus words? Is that enough?

Since our goal as teachers should be to expose our students to as many meaningful vocabulary words as we can, understanding synonyms and antonyms is an important part of vocabulary instruction. The resource is set up to contain four "focus words" each week, but those are not the only words they will learn and be exposed to! Throughout the week, you will share synonyms and antonyms for each of the week's focus words with your students. You should use the synonyms interchangeably, and the students will engage with these synonyms and antonyms throughout the week within their word play and application activities. Therefore, your students will be constantly making connections and associations between words for each of the week's focus words. For instance, if a student hears and is exposed to two synonyms and two antonyms for each focus word, we've now exposed the student to twenty words for the week, rather than just four focus words!

I don't know if I can fit "one more thing" into my daily schedule. How long will the daily lessons take? Is the routine flexible?

It can often feel like we are trying to "fit it all in" throughout our school day. The weekly routine and program is set up to be able to be as flexible or as rigid as you would like. There are 5 lessons per week, but you can certainly complete all of them each week, or you may pick and choose two or three that you like best. The flexibility is one of the greatest beauties of this resource! I've also set it up in a simple way that allows you to swap different activities in and out if you want to mix things up and do something "different" from week to week. So for example, instead of completing the writing application activity for Lesson 5 one week, you may choose to toss that and complete a different word play activity instead. Or, you may have a three day week at school, and choose to just do the first two lessons for that week. You'll still be exposing your students to new vocabulary in a meaningful, content-rich way, even if you do not complete all five lessons throughout the week. It's a win-win for both teachers and students alike!

The activities and lessons can generally be completed in about 20 minutes. However, once again, you can extend your discussions and activities or you can complete the lessons quickly in just 15 minutes a day, if you wish.

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Is this a "no-prep" or "just-print" vocabulary resource?

Even though everything has been created for you in an effort to make this intentional vocabulary time as easy and stress-free as possible, this is not a "justprint" or "no-prep" resource. Why? As a teacher and a curriculum author, I do not believe that such an important concept as vocabulary can possibly be given the credit it deserves in a "just-print" format. Each week, I suggest reading through the short introduction passage, read-aloud booklet, and teacher suggested discussion questions so that you can be prepared to discuss the concepts, scenarios, and comprehension material with your students. I also suggest previewing the weekly focus words and taking a look at the synonyms, antonyms, definitions, and example sentences. You may even want to come up with additional examples of your own to meet the individual background needs of your students. In addition to previewing the material, there will be vocabulary cards and some supplemental material to cut out and laminate (if you wish). Personally, I like to present the introduction stories for Lesson I in a pocket chart with pocket chart sentence strips. If this is something you wish to do it will require just a few minutes of prep time at the beginning of the week. The weekly anchor chart that you create with your students can be completed with them during Lesson I and will not take more than a few minutes.

I have other word lists my district requires me to teach. Can you add these words, or can I use the lessons with my own word lists?

The specific design of this resource was created for grades K-2. In each grade level, the word lists are entirely different so that students can complete the curriculum from kindergarten to second grade and not have any repeated words from week to week. I have chosen Tier 2 words that are important for your students to know and words they will commonly use, hear, see, and read throughout their entire lives. Due to the time it took to coordinate these weekly word lists across three grade levels, I will not be adding custom word lists or editable features to the resource at this time. However, if your district requires additional vocabulary words, the basic strategies, concepts, and activities can be used with your other words. For example, with a little creativity, you could certainly use most of the word play menu activities with other word lists from your classroom!

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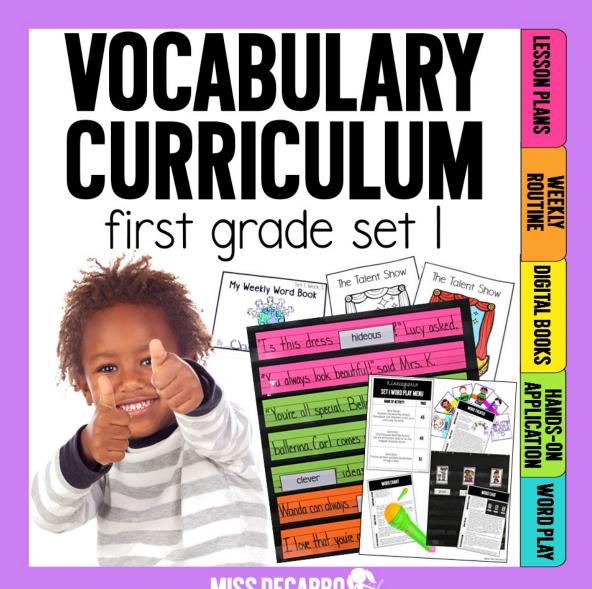
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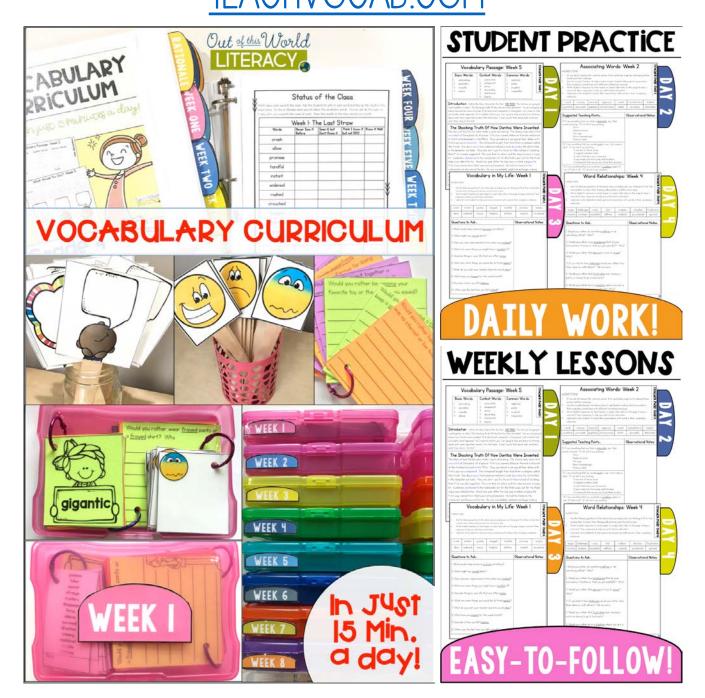
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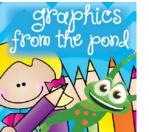
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