

WORD DETECTIVES



Weekly Routines for Using Context Clues

WHAT GRADE DO YOU TEACH?

This vocabulary routine is highly effective in helping students learn how to use context clues to identify the meaning of unknown words. Knowing that there is a range of levels and abilities in upper elementary, I have created three different sets of this resource each one with a different word list to meet the needs of your students. (Click on each picture to learn more about that specific set.

CONTEXT CLUE OF THE WEEK

SET 1 - 3rd Grade List



INCLUDES DIGITAL VERSION

Set 1 - Includes the easiest list of words, perfect for 3rd grade.

CONTEXT CLUE OF THE WEEK

Set 2 - 4th Grade List



INCLUDES DIGITAL VERSION

Set 2 - This was the original resource and is perfect for 4th grade.

CONTEXT CLUE OF THE WEEK

SET 3 - 5th Grade List



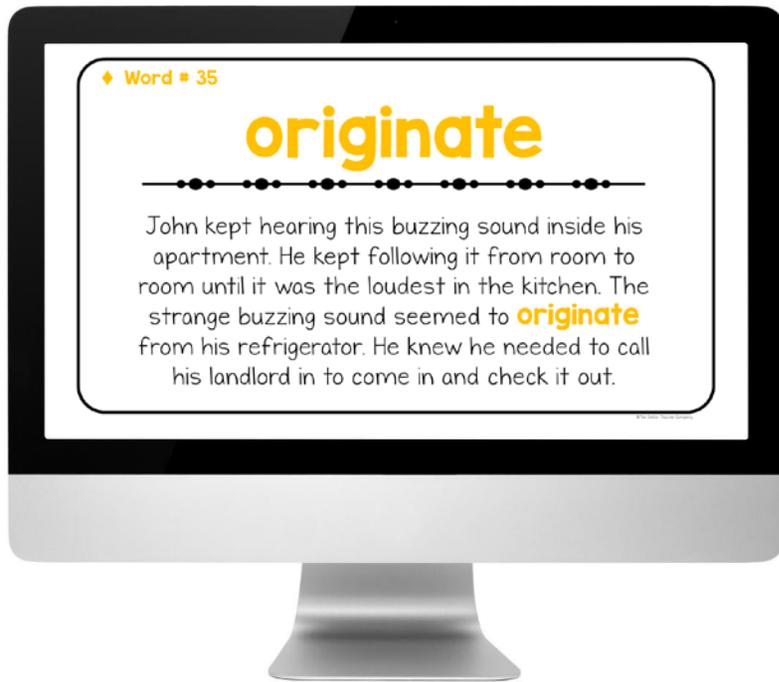
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Set 3 - Includes more challenging words and is perfect for 5th grade.

***OR you can get [all three sets in one bundle](#) and easily create a differentiated vocabulary center regardless of the grade you teach.**

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Includes a PowerPoint Presentation or printable word cards for each of the 40 vocabulary words. Each day or week students will read the word and the short paragraph to help determine the meaning of the unknown word.



Vocabulary words can be displayed in a PowerPoint presentation for whole group practice.



Vocabulary words can be printed on cardstock for individual use or to incorporate into a center.

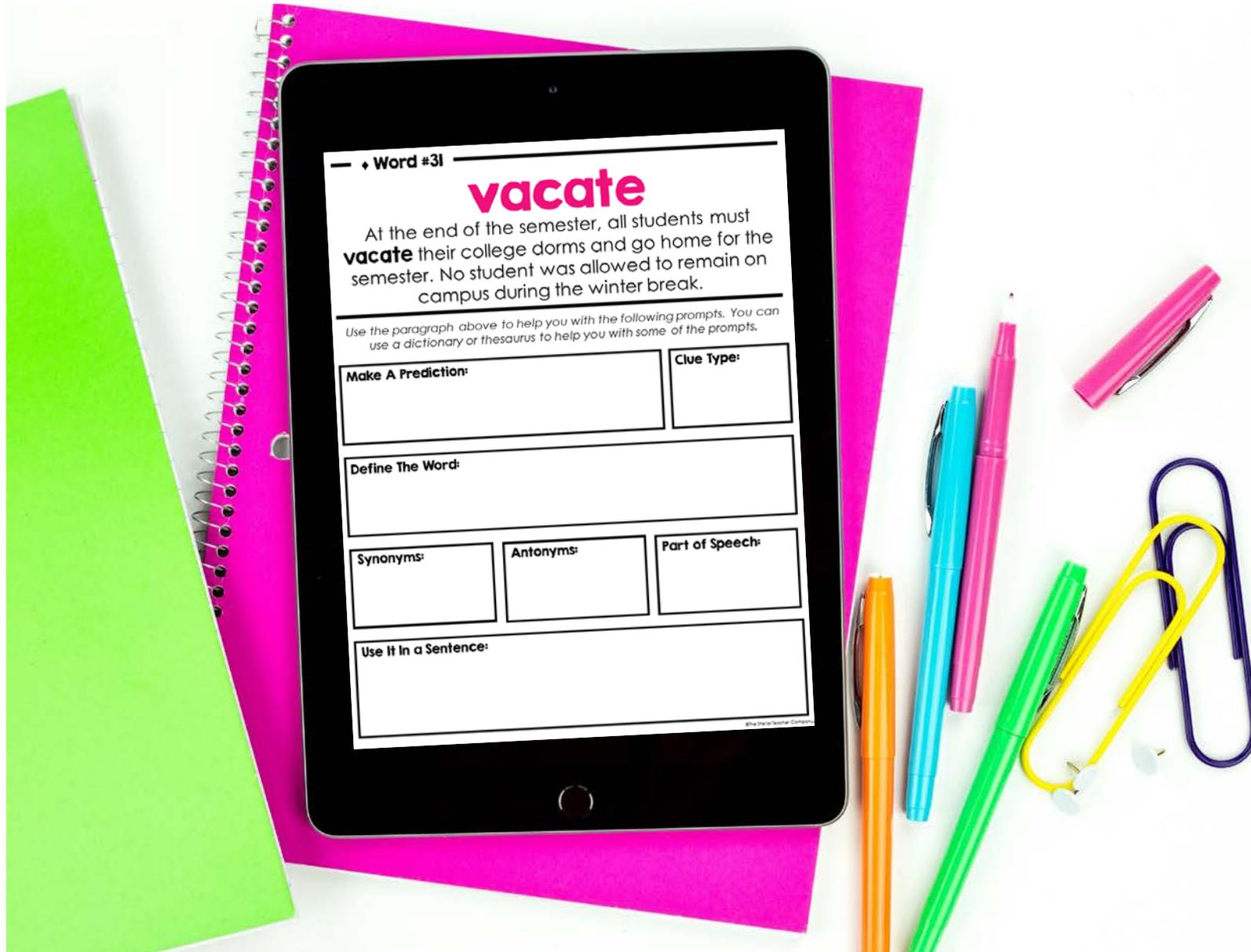
WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Teacher guide and answer key make it really easy to provide feedback to student work.



DIGITAL VERSION INCLUDED...

You also get access to a digital version of this resource created using Google Slides.



WHAT WORDS ARE INCLUDED?

The words included in this set are listed below. This set of words could be used in any upper elementary classroom but are ideal for 3rd grade students.

- adhere
- apprehensive
- approximate
- bland
- blunder
- civic
- convert
- credible
- designate
- dominate
- eerie
- elude
- escalate
- evade
- exult
- extensive
- futile
- harsh
- heroic
- hoax
- ignite
- illuminate
- industrious
- insists
- jovial
- knack
- loathe
- lofty
- originate
- overthrow
- painstakingly
- paraphrase
- peculiar
- predicament
- provoke
- revert
- solitary
- strive
- swarm
- vacate

If you are looking for more challenging words, check out Set 2 and Set 3 of this resource.

A LOOK INSIDE: Set 3 Words

◆ Word # 1

abrupt

The laughter and chatter came to an **abrupt** end the minute Mr. Jones walked through the door. The students knew he meant business and instruction began the instant he walked through the door.

◆ Word # 2

harsh

The winter of 2008 was a record breaking season. While the South experienced warmer than average temperatures the **harsh** conditions in the Midwest and Northeast led to above average snowfall and a record number of blizzards across the country.

◆ Word # 4

dominate

Andrea **dominated** the tennis match. She never let her opponent score a single point. It was one of the fastest games in state history, and she destroyed the previous record held at her high school.

◆ Word # 5

illuminate

The anglerfish is one of the most fascinating creatures. While it lives in one of the deepest and darkest parts of the ocean, the females have developed an adaptation that allows them to survive in this dark abyss. A piece of dorsal spine protrudes and will **illuminate** the area directly in front of their mouth. This allows them to lure, trap, and devour prey in the dark depths of the ocean.

◆ Word # 6

blunder

The baker didn't realize his careless **blunder** until after he delivered the cakes. He had accidently delivered a "congrats on your retirement" to the wedding venue instead of the retirement party.

◆ Word # 7

exult

After watching Antonio cross the finish line way before every other runner, his mom ran over to **exult** his significant victory. He had been training so hard for his final race of the season.

◆ Word # 8

overthrow

The peasants and commoners were extremely dissatisfied with how the current monarchy had been ruling the country. The townspeople were prepared to go to war and **overthrow** the King in order to remove him from power.

◆ Word # 9

bland

"Ugh. Mom, why do we have to have meatloaf again. It is so **bland** and has absolutely no flavor." Madeline complained. "I wish we could eat tacos or fajitas every night. At least those dishes have some zip."

◆ Word # 10

approximate

Maria had a flat tire. She needed to get new tires anyways and decided to call around to get some quotes. She needed to know the **approximate** cost of replacing all her tires compared to just one before she decided what to do.

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