

Flyswatter Vocabulary



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STUDIO

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How to Play the Game

Preparation - When preparing for this game make sure you have the following materials ready:

Word Cards (These need to be posted on a wall or whiteboard)

Flyswatters (Preferable the clean kind)

You might also like to have a tape line which the students would need to stand behind before you start reading the word clue.

Game Play

1. Divide the class in half
2. Have two students from each team stand side by side in front of the whiteboard.
3. After you start to read a definition to a word the first student to hit the correct vocabulary word with their flyswatter earns a point for their team.
4. Switch players and continue until all of the vocabulary words have been used or until a certain number of points has been reached.

Introducing New Vocabulary Words

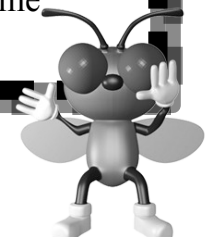
Vocabulary instruction should be a part of any reading program but often it is found to be pushed aside or missing completely. This e-book will provide you with a resource to provide a fun, and engaging activity that will help your students to expand their vocabularies.

This e-book is geared toward one vocabulary game, but an effective vocabulary program will not only include games but will include a description or explanation of key vocabulary terms, a chance for students to restate the description in their own words, students will be able to draw or visually represent the word, activities and discussions. These six steps are taken from Marzano's Building Academic Vocabulary (2005).

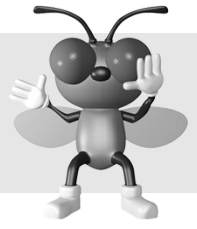
To help your students get the most from their excitement about playing the Flyswatter Vocabulary Game I've also included in this e-book, some graphic organizers with a flyswatter theme, and some practice sheets to get your students to familiarize themselves with the vocabulary words before playing the game.

What you will find in this e-book

Each unit contains printable word cards, a reference page that includes kid friendly definitions and sentences, and worksheets. At the end of this e-book there will also be blank templates of word cards so you can use your own vocabulary words and some graphic organizers.



Week 1



absent (something that is missing)

Synonyms are : missing, away, gone, no-show, not present

Sentence #1 – Steven is not at school today, he is _____.

Sentence #2 – Why were you _____ from school yesterday?

drowsy (sleepy)

Synonyms are : sleepy, tired, half asleep, lethargic

Sentence #1 – Marissa stayed up till late in the night so she was _____ all of the next day.

Sentence #2 – After a huge meal I often feel _____.

feeble (weak)

Synonyms are : weak, frail, powerless, infirm, sickly

Sentence #1 – Jake was amazed that the _____ legs of the newborn deer were able to stand.

Sentence #2 – Her _____ attempts to make an apology failed to win over her teacher.

foe (enemy)

Synonyms are : enemy, adversary, opponent, rival

Sentence #1 – Are you my friend or are you my _____.

Sentence #2 – Sarah was everyone's friend. She didn't have any _____.

shiver (shudder)

Synonyms are : shudder, tremble, shake, quiver,

Sentence #1 – The chill in the air caused Patty to _____.

Sentence #2 – Ben went as close to the camp fire as he dared but the warmth still wasn't enough to stop him from _____ (shivering).

Slumber (sleep)

Synonyms are : sleep, nap, rest, shut-eye, cat-nap,

Sentence #1 – Wesley tried to be very quiet. He didn't wake to disturb the baby's _____.

Sentence #2 – A loud fire alarm will quickly end a peaceful nights _____.

sturdy (strong)

Synonyms are : strong, solid, durable, steadfast, steady

Sentence #1 – Yolanda placed her heavy books on the table, but the legs weren't _____ enough and it all came crashing down.

Sentence #2 – Before going a long hike Jessie made sure he had on a _____ pair of shoes.

Vacant (empty)

Synonyms are : empty, unoccupied, bare, devoid, not in use.

Sentence #1 – During summer vacation the school is completely _____.

Sentence #2 – We don't have any neighbors because the house next to ours has been _____ for years.

Vast (huge)

Synonyms are : huge, enormous, broad, extensive, widespread

Sentence #1 – During the celebration, _____ amounts of food was eaten. Everyone who attended left completely full.

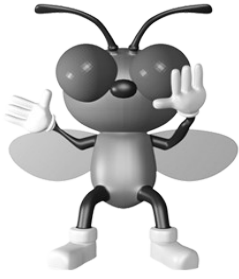
Sentence #2 – When Angie saw the ocean for the first time she couldn't believe how _____ it was.

Voyage (trip - usually over water)

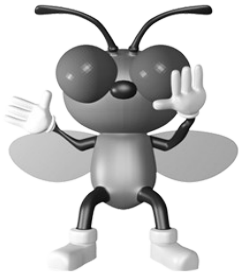
Synonyms are : trip, journey, travel, cruise,

Sentence #1 – Keith was excited to be on a ship for the first time. He couldn't wait to start the _____.

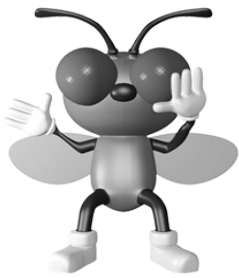
Sentence #2 – Johnathan made sure that he had everything prepared for his long _____ overseas.



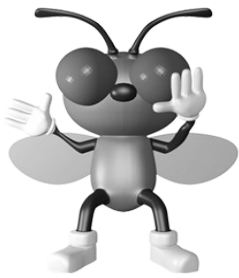
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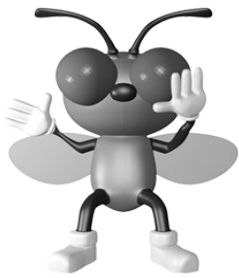
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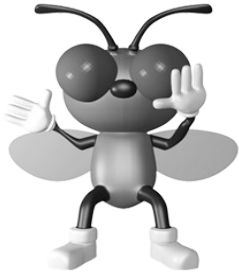
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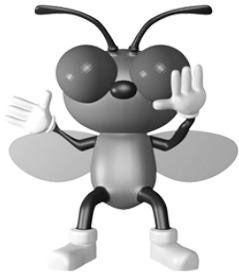
foe



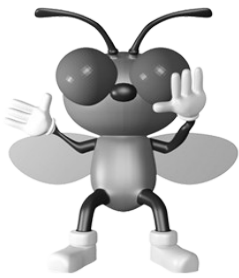
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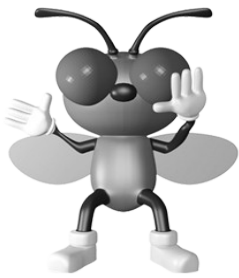
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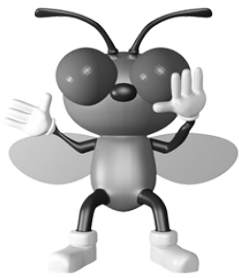
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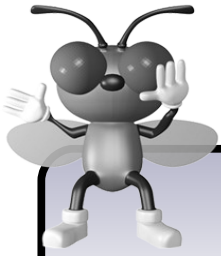
vacant



vast



voyage



Name: _____ Date: _____

absent drowsy feeble foe shiver
slumber sturdy vacant vast voyage

Only Vowels

Each word below only has the vowels. Use the clues given to fill in the missing consonants.

a _ _ e _ _
not present

_ _ u _ _ e _ _
peaceful sleep

_ _ a _ _ a _ _ _
empty

_ _ o y a _ _ e
journey

Write a definition

Write a definition of the word in your own words.

1. feeble - _____

2. vast - _____

3. sturdy - _____

4. foe - _____

5. drowsy - _____

Read each question and choose the best answer.

1. A cold wind might make you _____.

- drowsy shiver

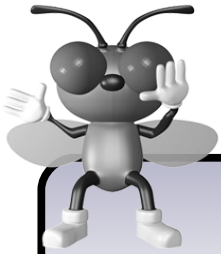
2. An empty house is a _____ house.

- vacant sturdy

Your Turn

Create an additional question for one of the 3 activities.

See if a partner can figure out the correct answer.



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___ u ___ d ___
solid and durable

___ o ___ y
tired and sleepy

___ a ___
wide and expansive

___ i ___ e ___
shake and shudder

Missing words

Choose the best words to complete each sentence.

- After a long days work, old Mrs. Parry's _____ knees needed rest.
- Look at all the souvenirs that we collected on our _____.
- I have so much make-up work to do because yesterday I was _____.
- After a restful _____, Terry was ready to have a great day.
- Your not my friend anymore. From now on you are my worst _____.

Read each question and choose the best answer.

- A person who doesn't get enough sleep will be?
 drowsy energized
- An antonym for foe is?
 buddy bully

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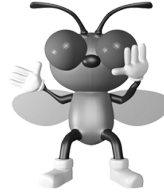
Name: _____

Date: _____

Get that fly!

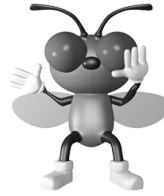
Directions - Match each flyswatter to the correct fly.

sleepy, tired
and lethargic



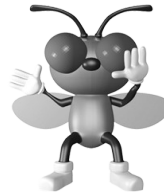
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Peaceful
sleep



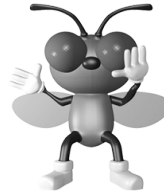
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weak, frail
and powerless



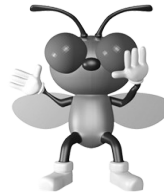
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enemy or
opponent



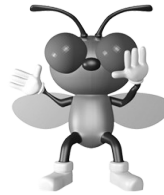
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Not present
or missing



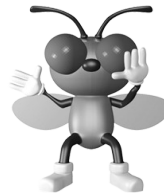
foe

Empty or
unoccupied



voyage

travel by sea
or journey



absent