

Word Choice Lesson

Please follow the script and the directions to lead your group through this lesson. We will meet back on the rug to share our tales with the class. ☺



Adult: The story I am going to read has some pretty *tired, overused* words in it. They aren't very interesting. I know you have been working a little bit on thinking about WOW words. I bet we can add some WOW words to make the story sound even better and more interesting.

Adult: I am going to read the story aloud to you. The first time, just listen to it and try to picture the story happening in your brain. *Visualize* it! Then I will re-read it and stop at the words I want us to change.

The big alligator felt hungry. He moved along the river, looking for something to eat. He saw a nice fish. He went after it. The fish moved away. But the alligator was too quick for him. Snap! He ate that nice fish right down.

Adult: Ok, now we are going to try to change some of these words. I will read the story and stop at the word I want to change. I will ask each of you for an idea. If you don't have one, that is ok. Maybe you will have one for the next word. After we hear everyone's ideas, we will try them in the sentence and see which one we like best.

Direction: Take an idea from each student. Make sure the word doesn't change the meaning of the sentence/idea. Remind students to be open to other people's ideas... they might find they like someone else's even more than their own! (*If it helps: you can write the ideas on the dry erase board to keep track of them and then erase as you move onto the next word.*) Have the group do a quick vote to pick a word, write that word on the attached paper above the "tired" underlined word and then move on to the next sentence.

Adult: Ok, now I am going to read the story to you again with our words. See if you think it sounds more interesting and exciting!

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