



Word Express



Objective

The student will identify the meaning of words in context.



Materials

- ▶ Question cards (Activity Master V.034.AM1a - V.034.AM1b)

If words in this activity are not appropriate for your students, use words that are more applicable. Note: First word underlined is the target word and the second is the answer.



Activity

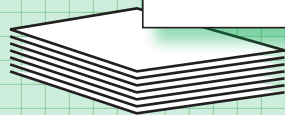
Students identify the meaning of target vocabulary by responding to questions.

1. Place question cards face down in a stack at the center.
2. Working in pairs, student one selects the top card from the stack and reads the sentence to student two (without revealing it). For example, “If a farmer has to prod the cow to move, does he sing to it or push it?”
3. Student two states the answer (i.e., push it). Student one checks to see if the answer is correct by looking at the second underlined word or phrase.
4. If correct, student one gives the card to student two who keeps the card. If incorrect, student one states the correct answer, shows the card to student one and places it at the bottom of the stack.
5. Reverse roles.
6. Continue until all cards are read.
7. Peer evaluation

“If a farmer has to prod the cow to move, does he sing to it or push it?”

“The farmer would have to push the cow to make it move!”

If a farmer has to prod the cow to move, does he sing to it or push it?



Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Write more sentences using the underlined words.
- ▶ Write more question and vocabulary cards to match.

Vocabulary

V.034.AM1a

Word Express

If you had to yank on a door to open it, do you pull hard or use a key?

If a leaf quivers in the wind, does the leaf change colors or shake?

When someone is interested in the stars and gazes at them, is he looking or making wishes?

If a mouse knows that a cat is near, he may scurry away. Will the mouse hurry or will he walk slowly?

If a policeman is stern with a person who runs a red light, is he telling jokes or being firm and strict?

If a woman is in a panic because she needs to make a phone call and can't find a phone, is she upset or tired?

If an office parking lot is vacant on Sunday because no one is at work, is it empty or busy?

If you didn't get enough sleep and are grumpy, are you hungry or in a bad mood?



Vocabulary

Word Express

V.034.AM1b

<p>If a weatherman <u>informs</u> people it is going to storm, is he teasing them or <u>letting them know</u>?</p>	<p>If you <u>complain</u> about taking out the trash, are you <u>unhappy about doing it</u> or don't mind doing it?</p>
<p>If a farmer has to <u>prod</u> the cow to move, does he sing to it or <u>push it</u>?</p>	<p>If a doctor <u>examines</u> the sick patient, is he <u>studying the patient</u> or staying away from the patient?</p>
<p>If the children had a <u>splendid</u> day at the fair, did they have an <u>enjoyable</u> or unhappy day?</p>	<p>If a dress is <u>exquisite</u> because it is made of lace, is it too big or <u>very beautiful</u>?</p>
<p>If you read a story that is strange and <u>absurd</u>, is it from a different country or <u>completely silly</u>?</p>	<p>If the rocks <u>glisten</u> in the river, are they falling from the mountain or <u>reflecting light because they are wet</u>?</p>

