

Word Work Lesson Plan and Activities

Instructional Focus Based on the Words in the Book

Word Work
Baloney, Henry P.
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Grade Level: 3 / Guided Reading Level: F

Instructional Focus:
Past-tense Verbs

Background:
Spelling of simple past tense verbs that students must practice and use.

Examples:

Ending in silent -e +d	Ending in vowel +d
vote=votes	stay=stays
love=loves	play=plays
like=likes	come=comes

Materials and Preparation:

- A Copy of Book
- Chart Paper
- Poster
- Subtracted Verbs Word Work Practice Sheet
- Past Tense Verbs Word Work Practice Sheet
- Optional: Word Detective Worksheet

Step 1: Introduce the Focus of Word Work

Introduce Past-tense Verbs

- Explain to students that together, you will be reading *Baloney, Henry P.*, and looking for regular past tense verbs that end with the suffix -ed.
- Show students the Poster of Past Tense Spelling Rules and Sample Anchor Chart (provided).
- Go over the rules and examples given using the poster.
- Explain to students that Spelling Rules numbers 2, 3, & 4 are not used in this book. However, students can add words they find in other books, including their textbooks.

Step 2: Connect Word Work to Reading

Past-tense Verbs in the Text

- Tell the students that the book they will be reading today has a lot of examples of regular past-tense verbs.
- Tell the students that you are going to read the book once from beginning to end. Ask the students to listen carefully and look for the words while you read. Tell them to be looking for regular past tense words with -ed.
- Read *Baloney, Henry P.*
- Have the students find regular past-tense verbs in the book and write list on the board.

Examples of Past-tense Verbs Found in the Text:

misplaced	decided	remembered
grabbed	changed	learned
jumped	crushed	stopped
tuned	foiled	
jammed	erased	
entertained	dropped	

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Step by Step Lesson Plan

List of words in the book that match the instructional focus

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Step 3: Guided Word Work Practice

Interactive Exploration

- Explain to the students that we will be using past-tense verbs from the text to do some "subtraction." Not mathematics, but past-tense verb ending subtraction.
- Using some of the words listed on the board, demonstrate how to "subtract" the ending according to the rules chart and finally write the root word. Example: erased - d = erase
- After giving several examples on the board, distribute the **Subtracted Verbs Word Work Practice Sheet** (in pairs or independently).
- Remind students to check to chart if they have any questions.
- Go over together as a class to check for understanding.
- The activity could be extended by having the students determine which Rule number was used in their subtraction process.

Step 4: Independent Word Work Practice

Practice Page

- Give each student a copy of **Past Tense Verb Adding-ed Word Work**.
- Read the directions with the class.
- Tell the students to complete the practice page.
- Monitor for students while they work.

Step 5: Reconnect and Reflect on Word Work

Group Discussion

- Bring the students back together.
- Ask students to explain what they learned about words based on the work they completed.
- Invite students to turn and talk with a partner about their word work.
- Invite 2-3 students to share what they learned with the group.

Step 6: Extend Word Work (optional)

Extension Activity

- Ask students to be on the lookout for **past-tense verbs** in their own reading. Tell them to write their words on a sticky note and add them to the anchor chart (review the added sticky notes with the class later in the day or before moving on to the next word work lesson).
- Alternatively, students can keep track of the words using the **Word Detective worksheet**.

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Interactive Activity

Independent Practice Page

Subtracted Verbs
Word Work Practice Page

Directions:
The following verbs are shown in past tense. Your job is to subtract the ending and write the root word on the line next to the verb. Use the one I did for you.

1. planned -	ned	=	planned
2. searched -		=	
3. lived -		=	
4. eliminated -		=	
5. dropped -		=	
6. erased -		=	
7. remembered -		=	
8. grabbed -		=	
9. misplaced -		=	
10. followed -		=	
11. bullied -		=	
12. created -		=	
13. mastered -		=	
14. guided -		=	
15. moved -		=	
16. obeyed -		=	
17. retraced -		=	
18. spied -		=	

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Extension Activity

Word Detective: Past-tense Verbs
Extension Activity

Directions:
Be a word detective!
Be on the lookout for **past-tense verbs** while you read. Write the word that you find along with the title of the book where you found the word, the page, and the sentence with the word or phrase.

Word	Book Title	Page	Sentence

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Past Tense Verb Adding -ed
Word Work Practice Page

Directions:
Circle the correct past-tense spelling of the regular root verb in each row. Refer to the spelling rules poster if needed.

1. correct	corrected	corrected	corrected
2. formulate	formulated	formulated	formulated
3. mishandle	mishandled	mishandled	mishandled
4. use	used	used	used
5. laugh	laughed	laughed	laughed
6. brag	bragged	bragged	bragged
7. cry	cried	cried	cried
8. play	played	played	played
9. surprise	surprised	surprised	surprised
10. comment	commented	commented	commented
11. arrange	arranged	arranged	arranged
12. tip	tiped	tiped	tiped
13. mold	molded	molded	molded
14. create	creased	creased	creased
15. spray	sprayed	sprayed	sprayed

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