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Course Guide Information

This guide was created to help you process and take action on the information provided in the corresponding course.

How to Use this Guide

Lesson Overview

Each lesson includes an overview with a brief description of the lesson and major objectives. Rate your current knowledge of the information on the scale before watching the lesson.

Notes Page

As you watch each lesson, a page is provided for taking notes, allowing you to refer back to them whenever needed.

Reflection Page

After you watch the lesson, use the reflection questions to think about what you learned and how you can apply it to improve instruction.

Extension Activities

After you finish the entire lesson, rate your knowledge again to self-assess how much you learned.

There is a list of relevant activities you can do to further deepen your understanding and improve your practice.

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Lesson 1: Knowledge Building Activities (2nd-5th)

In this lesson, you will learn how to identify and evaluate intentional knowledge-building routines and activities that strengthen students' language comprehension, vocabulary development, content knowledge, mental model formation, meaningful use of new vocabulary, and long-term reading comprehension.

Major Goals for the Lesson Are To:

1. Identify how intentional knowledge-building routines and activities support students' language comprehension, vocabulary development, mental model formation, and long-term reading comprehension.
2. Evaluate knowledge-building activities to determine how well they build language, reinforce content knowledge, and encourage students to use new vocabulary in meaningful conversations.

Rate Your Knowledge

On a scale of 1–10, rate your knowledge of the lesson topic.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Notes

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Take Notes

Inquiry and Project-Based Learning

Role Play and Simulations

Make and Explain a Model

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Reflect

What was your biggest takeaway from this lesson?

Reflect

What are you currently doing that supports what you learned?

Reflect

What action step(s) will you take as a result of this lesson?

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Revisit Lesson Goals:

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2. Evaluate knowledge-building activities to determine how well they build language, reinforce content knowledge, and encourage students to use new vocabulary in meaningful conversations.

Rate Your Knowledge

Now that you have completed lesson one, rate your knowledge of the lesson topic on a scale of 1 - 10.

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Application Checklist

1. Audit your current curriculum using the Knowledge Matters Curriculum Review Tool.
2. Plan a knowledge-building activity for an upcoming unit.
3. Download the Building Vocabulary Teaching Aid and take the course: Vocabulary Instruction.