

Lesson Plan 9: Technology Lesson

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbXVz0Q40lw&feature=youtu.be>

Materials

Reading Passages
Wordle Software

Objectives

Demonstrate accurate understanding of the most frequently used words in a story.
Demonstrate ability to use vocabulary words to construct a story.

Objective Discussion

Discuss with students the importance of identifying the most frequently used words in a story or any other kind of reading passage. Explain the importance of a focused vocabulary list for efficient language practice.

Warm-up

Read a fairy tale out loud to the class. Then ask the class to tell you the most frequently used words in the story. After seeing blank stares, fire up the Wordle software to show the class a beautiful representation of the most common words in the story.

Instruct/Model

Give a brief overview of the [Wordle software](#), accessed at the website Wordle.net. Explain that it will be used to quickly build a vocabulary list. The software will instantly highlight the most frequently used words for the entire passage, showing students exactly which words to include on their vocabulary list.

Guided Practice

Ask students to choose a fairy tale to read from this list of the [Brothers Grimm's fairy tales](#). After they finish reading, instruct them to input the entire text into the Wordle software to see a visual of the most frequently used words. Explain that the larger the word, the more frequent. Students will write down the top 5 largest words they see in the software to create their vocabulary list.

Independent Practice/Assessment

Students will be split into groups and will use the texting features of their mobile phone combined with a shared note-taking app. Students will work together to create chain stories by texting one sentence at a time to the note-taking app. Each student's sentence must include a word from their own top 5 most frequently used vocabulary list created for the fairy tale.

The total story will include all 5 of the frequently used words from each student; in a group of 4 students, there will be a total of 20 sentences in the story.

Note: As an alternative, students could use an audio or video app to create their sentences instead of a note-taking app.