

Brief Focus Lesson

Expand Vocabulary: Voracious Reading for Grade 5

Text: *Night of the Gargoyles* by Eve Bunting

<p>CAFE Goal</p>	<p>Expand Vocabulary</p>
<p>CAFE Strategy</p>	<p>Voracious Reading</p>
<p>Observe/Relate (1 – 2 min.)</p>	<p>Have you ever done a crossword puzzle? I have a friend who does the crossword puzzle in the newspaper every day. She is very good at figuring out the answers right away.</p> <p>One day I asked her, “How did you get to be such an expert at crossword puzzles?”</p> <p>“Oh, that’s simple!” she explained. “I love to read, and the more I read, the bigger my vocabulary gets. If I see a word that interests me, I try to remember it and use it when I talk or write. That helps me to make the word part of my vocabulary. When I do crossword puzzles, it’s fun and easy for me to figure out the answer. There are so many words that I have learned through reading that I just choose the one that I think is best and see if it fits in the puzzle.”</p> <p>“So, I know that you do a crossword puzzle every day....Do you read every day, too?”</p> <p>“I sure do!” she exclaimed as she held up the latest book she was reading. “I can only guess how many great words I’ll find in this book!” she explained.</p>
<p>Teach and Reinforce (2 – 3 min.)</p>	<p>Establish purpose – Today we are learning to do voracious reading to expand our vocabulary.</p> <p>Create urgency – We are learning to do voracious reading because it is one of the best ways to get to know more words. It’s fun, too!</p> <p>Explicit teacher modeling – <i>(Please pencil in the page numbers since the pages of this book are unnumbered).</i> “Today I want to share part of a book called <i>Night of the Gargoyles</i> with you. Eve Bunting is the author, and she has written many different kinds of books. One of the reasons that I love to read her books is because she uses so much rich language and so many fantastic words. For example, that word ‘gargoyle’ in the title of the book is great fun to say. Let’s say it together. When I meet a word like <i>gargoyle</i>, I say <i>Wow!</i> because it’s a great word. For me, gargoyle is a WOW word!</p>

	<p>“I wonder what other interesting words are in this book.” <i>Begin by reading page 5 and say, “The author used such wonderful words. There’s a few words here that I would really like to make part of my vocabulary. One of those words is squat. That’s a word that I never use, but it’s a unique word that illustrates exactly the way those gargoyles were sitting. Another word that would expand my vocabulary is unblinking—I might have written that the gargoyles were staring straight ahead, but unblinking is so much better. I’m going to continue reading to find other words that I can make part of my vocabulary.” Read page 8 and note: “There are even more terrific words here—I really like the way that the author describes the gargoyles now that they are awake. Listen to that phrase ‘as the gargoyles creep on stubs of feet along the high ledges.’ Those words creep and stubs are just perfect for telling how the gargoyles look as they move. I want those words to be part of my vocabulary, too! I can expand my vocabulary by reading more books by Eve Bunting along with other favorite authors I have. After sharing <i>Night of the Gargoyles</i> with you, I want to read more about gargoyles!”</i></p>
<p>Practice (2 – 3 min.)</p>	<p>Now, I’d like you to expand your vocabulary by reading one of your good fit books. It’s time to find a “WOW” Word like the ones I shared with you. Begin reading and find one word that you want to make part of your vocabulary. Write it on a sticky note. When I give you the signal, you’ll place it this chart (<i>you can make a simple chart titled WOW Words if you like</i>). Soon we’ll have a great collection of words from your voracious reading. If you find a few WOW words in every book you read, think of all the words you will learn through voracious reading.</p>
<p>Encourage and Plan (1 – 2 min.)</p>	<p>We just learned a fun and easy way to learn new words. Do you remember what it is? The answer is reading, of course! Voracious reading can help you to expand your vocabulary. You need to be sure that you read good fit books every day. Those good fit books will contain lots of interesting words. It will be fun for you to see how many you can learn and use in your speaking and writing. The more you read, the more words you will discover.</p>
<p>Common Core Alignment</p>	<p>Most strategies are applicable to all grade levels. Voracious Reading to Expand Vocabulary aligns with Standards RL.5.10, RI. 5.10, and L.5.6 on our Grade 5 CAFÉ menu or CCSS Grade Level Matrix</p>