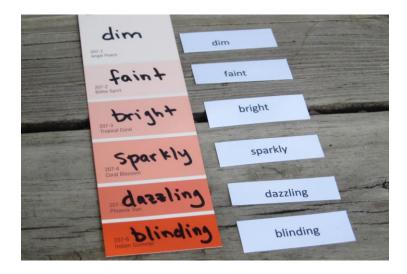


Ranking Words

View Samples: http://the-room-mom.com/ranking-words/



Overview:

Using a group of words related to one theme or topic, students qualify the words from mild to extreme.

Common Core Standards:

4.RFS.3, 4.SL.1, 4.L.4, 4.L.5, 4.L.6

Materials:

White paper (white cardstock if available)
Class set of white envelopes (coin envelopes work really well)
Class set of paint chips (source = Lowe's, Home Depot)
Dictionaries (paper or online)

Directions:

- 1. Print the Ranking Words list and cut the words into strips (pp. 3-6). Keep each themed group together.
- 2. Place each cluster of words in an envelope and write the common theme or topic on the front.
- 3. Students work in pairs or small groups to rank the words in the envelopes from mildest to most extreme.
- 4. Once students finish ranking their word groups, they copy the words onto the paint chips in order. The most mild word appears on the light end of the paint chip, and the most extreme word goes on the darkest portion of the paint chip. The paint chip allows for six words. Some word groupings contain more than six words, so students decide which words were less effective and eliminate the extras.

WARNING: Some students simply eliminate the unfamiliar words, so they do not have to reach for a dictionary.

5. Put all words on a binder ring to create a class thesaurus. Display the paint chips in the classroom, so students can use these while writing.



Extensions:

- Build analogies (synonym or antonym or word families)
- Do not provide the main topic/themes on the front of the envelope and ask students to create a heading for the words in the envelope.
- In a writing activity, challenge students to include 3 (or more) variations of the same word (said, murmured, whispered, etc).





Additional Information

- If you find this lesson useful, please leave feedback, and I would appreciate a follow. I am building my TpT store and will be adding additional ELA resources often.

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Topic: Heat	Topic: Cold	Topic: Hunger	Topic: Light
hot	cold	hungry	bright
sizzling	arctic	starved	glaring
tepid	chilly	ravenous	sparkly
blistering	icy	famished	dazzling
warm	frigid	full	dim
scorching	shivery	satisfied	faint
sweltering	frosty	stuffed	blinding
		gorged	luminous

Topic: Speed	Topic: Thickness	Topic: Energy	Topic: Length
fast	thick	lazy	long
speedy	dense	hyper	short
rapid	soupy	idle	endless
slow	thin	busy	chronic
glacial	impenetrable	active	clipped
swift	tenuous	engaged	fleeting
lightning	sheer	energetic	brief
accelerate	hyperfine	lethargic	curt

Topic: Anger	Topic: Happiness	Topic: Kindness	Topic: Meanness
angry	happy	nice	mean
furious	cheerful	kind	malicious
aggravated	blissful	polite	unkind
livid	ecstatic	friendly	cruel
huffy	content	charitable	nasty
stormy	euphoric	benevolent	awful
irate	joyful	kind-hearted	contemptible
mad	elated	sweet	
	delighted		

Topic: Obedience	Topic: Money	Topic: Speaking	Topic: Impression
tame	cheapskate	said	astounding
docile	miser	state	mediocre
broken	generous	utter	horrible
calm	scrooge	whisper	fair
violent	tightwad	scream	amazing
wild	charitable	murmur	fantastic
undomesticated	misanthrope	shout	great
feral	lavish	announce	tolerable
housebroken	squander	vent	ОК