Vocabulary

If the Word Fits

Objective

The student will identify the meaning of words in context.

Materials

▶ Sentence cards

If words in this activity are not appropriate for your students, make and use sentence cards that are more applicable.

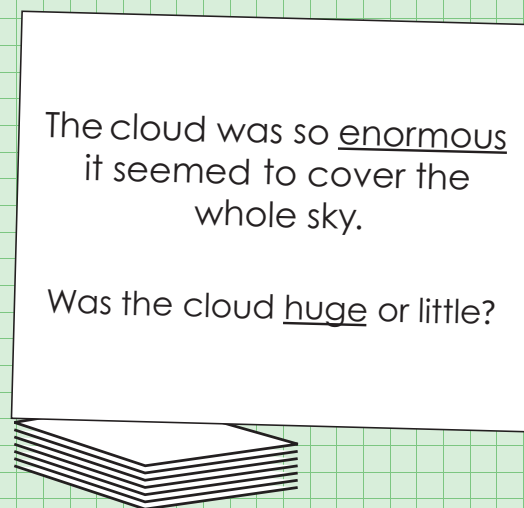*Note: The first underlined word is the target word and the second underlined word is the answer.*

Activity

Students identify the meaning of target words by using the context of the sentence.

1. Place sentence cards face down in a stack at the center.
2. Working in pairs, student one selects the top card from the stack and reads the sentence to student two without showing the card (e.g., "The cloud was so enormous it seemed to cover the whole sky. Was it huge or little?").
3. Student two states the answer (i.e., "it was huge"). Student one checks to see if the answer is correct by looking at the second underlined word or phrase.
4. If correct, student one gives the card to student two. If incorrect, student one states the correct answer, shows the card to student two, and places it at the bottom of the stack.
5. Reverse roles and continue until all cards are read.
6. Peer evaluation

"The cloud was so enormous that it seemed to cover the whole sky. Was the cloud huge or little?"

The cloud was so <u>enormous</u> it seemed to cover the whole sky.

Was the cloud <u>huge</u> or little?

Extensions and Adaptations

▶ Make and use other sentence cards.

The cloud was so _enormous_ it seemed to cover the whole sky.

Was the cloud _huge_ or _little_?

I can't find my dog. He just _disappeared._

Is the dog eating or _unable to be seen?_

The cat was very _curious_ and tried to discover what was making the noise.

Did the cat _want to find out_ what was making the noise or want to go to sleep?

The bike _gained_ speed as it went down the hill.

Did the bike _lose_ or _add_ speed?

sentence cards

The girl's <u>reply</u> to the question was right.

Did she repeat or <u>answer</u> the question?

I need to go to sleep now because I am very <u>drowsy</u>.

Am I thirsty or <u>tired</u>?

He was <u>eager</u> to go downstairs and open his gifts.

Was he scared or <u>excited</u>?

<u>Autumn</u> is the season before winter when the weather turns cooler.

Is the season <u>fall</u> or spring?

sentence cards

blank cards