

JUMP START 2nd Grade

FOCUS

Language Arts: spelling and phonics (common letter combinations), parts of speech, present and past tense

SOFTWARE CONNECTION

Outback Howcraft Trek, Red Squares

GROUPING

small groups

WORD PLAY

SUPPLIES

copies of the Word Play Activity Sheets
[1 per small group]
pencils
chalkboard and chalk
[or chart paper and markers]

ACTIVITY

1. Divide the class into small groups of about five students each. Each group will need to be near a section of chalkboard [or substitute chart paper and markers]. Explain that each group will play the game Word Play.
2. Have each group designate a game show host. The other students will be contestants. Give each game show host an activity sheet. Have each host copy the clue box from the activity sheet onto the chalkboard.
3. Explain the rules of the game:
 - The game show host secretly selects a word from the activity sheet [small, for example]. Then he checks the word's box on the activity sheet, counts the number of letters in the word, and draws that number boxes on the board, under the clue box. The host should also mark the appropriate clue in the clue box ["Adjective or Adverb" in this example]:

Clue Box	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Noun
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verb, present tense
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verb, past tense
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adjective or Adverb

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- Contestants take turns, naming one letter at a time and trying to guess the secret word. If the letter named is in the word, the host writes it in the appropriate box(es), and the contestant has an opportunity to guess the word. Continue until a contestant guesses the word and earns a point.
- Then the host erases the word and begins with a new word. The winner is the player with the most points when time is up. Tip: Save the activity sheets and play another day with different hosts and different words.