

Lesson Plan

Winter Words

Book: *Get Outside in Winter*

Series: Get Outside

Level: Beacon

Objective

To help students practice forming compound words, using knowledge of individual words to predict each compound word's meaning.

Supplies

- *Get Outside in Winter* book
- Whiteboard
- Winter Words worksheet (attached)

Before the Activity

Read *Get Outside in Winter* with students, or assign it to them to read on their own.

Activity

Get Outside in Winter describes things to see and do outdoors. For instance, page 5 says, "Look for bird nests as you walk. Search for nests in evergreen trees." Write the word *evergreen* on the whiteboard. Then choose a student to look up this word in the book's glossary on page 30:

- evergreen: "Relating to plants that keep their leaves or needles all year long."

Explain that *evergreen* is a compound word, or a word that is made by joining two words together. Each word contributes to part of the new word's meaning. For example, use a whiteboard marker to draw brackets around "ever" and "green." Because an evergreen tree has leaves or needles all year, it stays green forever.

There are many other compound words that describe things people see and do in winter. To practice forming these words, give each student a Winter Words worksheet. This worksheet has clues describing compound words. Students should combine the word *snow* with a word from the word bank to create a compound word that answers each clue.

Evaluation

Collect students' worksheets and use the attached answer key to give them 1 point for each correct answer, up to 12 points total.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' language standards, grade 2 (L 2.4).

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Combine the word *snow* with a word from the word bank to find the answer to each clue.

Word Bank

bank	fall	plow
blower	flake	shoes
board	man	storm
cap	mobile	suit

1. A heavy fall of snow combined with strong, fast wind.
2. A mound or slope of snow.
3. A machine that uses blasts of air to clear away snow.
4. The amount of snow that comes down in a certain area during a certain time.
5. A single crystal of snow.
6. A warm outfit people wear when going outside in winter.
7. A machine that pushes snow off streets.
8. Something people wear on their feet so they can walk on snow without sinking.
9. A vehicle that glides through the snow.
10. Something people strap to their feet so they can slide down a hill.
11. A snow sculpture that is shaped like a person.
12. The covering of snow at the top of a mountain.

Winter Words **ANSWER KEY**

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