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Word Ladders 40 min

Objective:

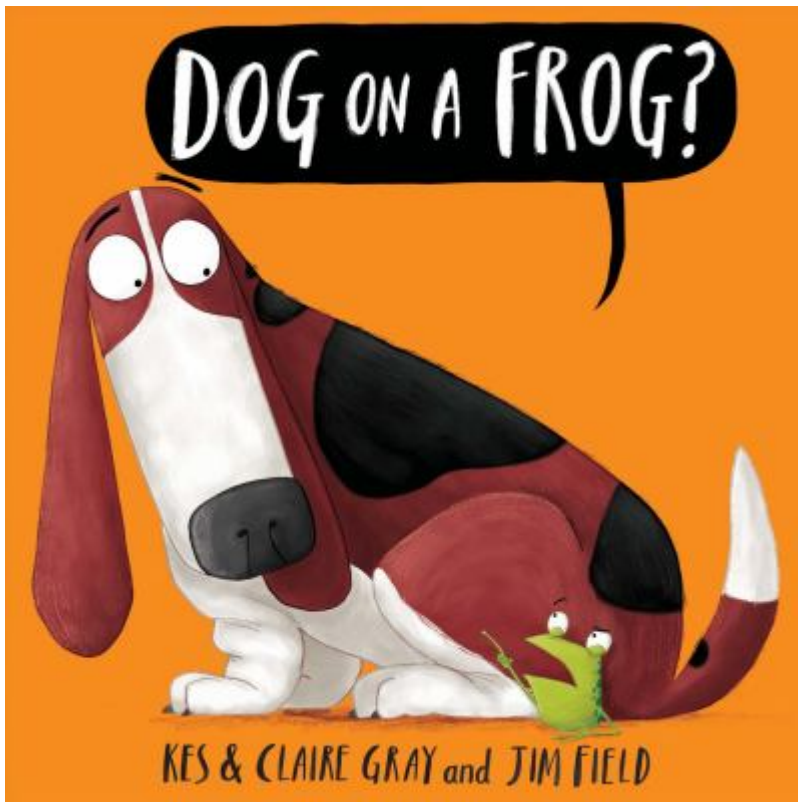
Improve vocabulary and spelling

Big Idea:

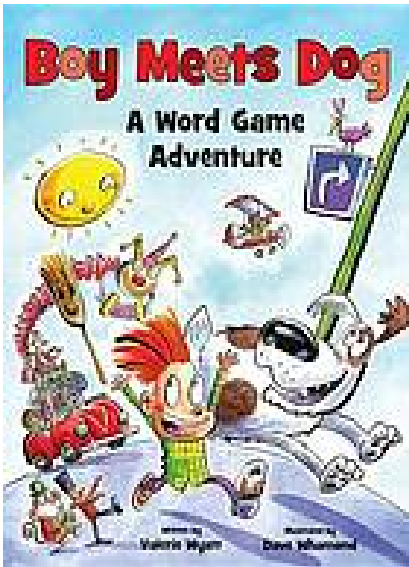
Have fun playing with words!

1. Warm Up / Anticipatory

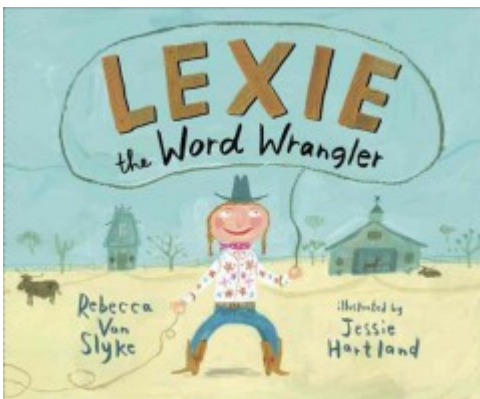
Read [Dog on a Log](#) by Kes and Claire Gray



[Boy Meets Dog](#) A Word Game Adventure by Valerie Wyatt and illustrated by Dave Whamond



Read [Lexie the Word Wrangler](#) by Rebecca Van Slyke and illustrated by Jessie Hartland



Resources

- Word Ladder Printables <http://discoveringjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WordLadders.pdf>
- <http://wg.wonderopolis.org/uploads/users/1209/419/word-ladders-for-kids.pdf>

2. Investigation and New Learning

From the book: Lewis Carroll, the author of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland is credited with inventing the game of Doublets. The game has since gone on to viral popularity and is most commonly called word ladders or word chains. How many words can students come up with starting with four lettered words like "four" and "head"

Four>five head>tail calf>bull fast>slow

3. Review & Check for Understanding

Play some of the on line games available like Sporcle

<https://www.sporcle.com/games/subcategory/wordladd...>