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Lesson Plan

Find the Meaning

Lesson Plan for *Post Offices*

Grade 1

Objective

To help students practice using context clues and glossaries to determine and clarify the meaning of words in a text.

Things Needed

- *Post Offices* book
- Whiteboard

Before the Activity

Write the following words on the whiteboard: *address, clerk, communicate, envelope, mail carrier, stamp.*

Activity

Read *Post Offices* out loud to students. At each page with an orange glossary word, ask students what they think the word means based on the surrounding text and images. Use the following prompts, having students use the glossary on page 23 to check their answers:

- pages 4–5, clerk: The book says, “A clerk helps her send her mail.” Based on this sentence, what do you think the word *clerk* means?
- pages 6–7, envelopes: The books says, “People can buy boxes and envelopes.” Based on this sentence and the images on page 7, what do you think *envelopes* are?
- page 8, address: The book says, “To be sent, mail needs an address. The address tells the post office where to send the mail.” Based on these sentences and the image on page 8, what do you think the word *address* means?
- page 9, stamp: The book says, “Mail also needs a stamp. The stamp tells the post office the mail has been paid for.” Based on these sentences and the image on page 9, what do you think the word *stamp* means?



- page 13, mail carrier: The book says, “Or mail carriers deliver the mail. They go to people’s homes.” Based on these sentences and the image on page 13, what do you think a *mail carrier* is?
- page 20, communicate: The book says, “Mail helps people communicate. People around the world send mail.” Based on these sentences, what do you think the word *communicate* means?

Evaluation

Could students identify the meaning of each word based on its context? Could they use the glossary at the back of the book to check their answers?

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards’ reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.4, 1.5).

