

Word Move Match

Use clues, word parts, and word relationships to build meaning.

GRADE 6 • 6.RV.1

6.RV.1 "Vocabulary Development and Word Analysis Develop and accurately use general academic language and content-specific vocabulary by listening to, reading, and discussing a variety of grade-six texts and topics..."

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DATE _____

OUR GROUND RULES Read together first

1 Connect every move to the Topic card.

2 Say your whole sentence starter before playing a card.

3 Build on an idea before repeating it.

4 Ask for an explanation when a meaning is unclear.

HOW TO PLAY Teams of 3 or 4

1. Put one Topic card in the middle and read it aloud.
2. Each player takes one Role card and follows that job during the round.
3. Use two copies of the Move cards, shuffle them, and deal four cards to each player.
4. When you can honestly finish a card's starter with evidence from the topic, say it and place the card in the middle.
5. Keep talking until every player has played all four cards, then complete the reflection.

AFTER THE ROUND Check what you did

☐ I used context or sentence structure to explain a word.

☐ I used a root or affix to predict a word's meaning.

☐ I used a synonym, antonym, or related word to sharpen meaning.

☐ I explained figurative language and named a source that could verify a word.


TOPIC CARDS · pick one per round

TOPIC Tunnel at Sunset Read: "The trail enters a subterranean tunnel. The passage lies below the ground, so carry a flashlight. At sunset, the tunnel swallowed the last beam of light." What does subterranean mean? Use context and word parts, give a synonym and antonym, explain the figurative phrase, and name a source that could verify your meaning.	TOPIC Garden Pot Problem Read: "In the school garden, biodegradable pots held young plants. The pots are made to break down naturally after they are planted. By noon, the thirsty seedlings begged for water." What does biodegradable mean? Use context and word parts, give a synonym and antonym, explain the figurative phrase, and name a source that could verify your meaning.	TOPIC Robot Race Read: "During the robot contest, a student used a rechargeable battery. After its power ran low, the battery could be charged again. 'My robot is a lightning bolt,' she said when it raced across the floor." What does rechargeable mean? Use context and word parts, give a synonym and antonym, explain the figurative phrase, and name a source that could verify your meaning.
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ROLE CARDS · one per player

ROLE Clue Scout Point out words and sentence parts that give meaning clues.	ROLE Root Ranger Spot roots and affixes, then ask how they shape a word's meaning.	ROLE Link Builder Ask for a precise synonym, antonym, or related word.	ROLE Meaning Mapper Notice figurative language and ask which source could check a word.
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MOVE CARDS · deal 4 to each player

MOVE CARD CONTEXT CLUE "The clue ____ makes me think ____ means ____."	MOVE CARD SENTENCE SHAPE "The sentence structure shows ____ is probably ____ because ____."	MOVE CARD WORD PARTS "I notice ____ has ____, so I predict it means ____."	MOVE CARD ROOT CONNECTION "The root or affix ____ helps me connect ____ to ____."
MOVE CARD WORD LINK "A synonym for ____ is ____, but an antonym is ____."	MOVE CARD RELATED WORDS "The words ____ and ____ are related because ____."	MOVE CARD FIGURE IT OUT "The phrase ____ is a ____, and it means ____."	MOVE CARD CHECK A SOURCE "I would use a ____ to check ____, especially its ____."

Print one card sheet per team. Cards last longer on thick paper.

RUNNING THE ROUNDS

Use two printed Move-card sets so a group of four can receive four cards each. After a player uses a card, have the group briefly confirm that the clue, word part, relationship, figurative meaning, or source fits the topic before the card stays in the center. If one student is taking over, require that student to wait until every other player has played one card, and let a stuck student trade one card after asking the group a question.

WHAT A STRONG ROUND SOUNDS LIKE

Ava	The clue “lies below the ground” makes me think subterranean means underground.
Luis	I notice subterranean has sub-, so I predict it means under the earth.
Noah	A synonym for subterranean is underground, but an antonym is aboveground.
Mia	The phrase “the tunnel swallowed the last beam of light” is personification, and it means the darkness hid the light.
Ava	I would use an online dictionary to check subterranean, especially its origin and pronunciation.

LISTEN FOR

- Specific context clues connected to a claimed meaning
- Accurate use of roots or affixes to make a prediction
- Synonyms and antonyms that fit the sentence precisely
- Figurative language named and explained in literal terms

There are no right answers to the topic cards. Score the moves students make, not their opinions.