

Word Move Mission

Build a message while making vocabulary moves.

GRADE 6 • 6.RV

6.RV "The student will systematically build vocabulary and word knowledge based on grade six content and texts. Vocabulary Development and Word Analysis Develop and accurately use general academic language and content-specific vocabulary by..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

OUR GROUND RULES Read together first

1 Listen before you respond.

2 Use your exact card starter before playing a card.

3 Keep your ideas connected to the topic card.

4 Ask when a word or phrase is unclear.

HOW TO PLAY Teams of 3 or 4

1. Choose one Topic card. Each player takes one Role card.
2. Cut one full set of eight Move cards for each player.
3. Give each player four cards, one Word Part, one Word Link, one Figure It, and one Source Check.
4. Discuss the task. When you genuinely use a card starter, place that card in the middle.
5. Keep talking until every player has played all four cards. Then check the reflection.

AFTER THE ROUND Check what you did

☐ I used word parts to predict a word's meaning.

☐ I explained a synonym or antonym relationship.

☐ I identified and explained figurative language.

☐ I chose a useful reference source for a word.

TOPIC CARDS · pick one per round

TOPIC	TOPIC	TOPIC
Weather Watch What three-sentence weather safety message can your group create that includes a word with a Greek or Latin root or affix, a synonym or antonym pair, figurative language, and a word to check in a reference source?	Library Buzz What three-sentence library announcement can your group create that includes a word with a Greek or Latin root or affix, a synonym or antonym pair, figurative language, and a word to check in a reference source?	Garden Guide What three-sentence school garden guide can your group create that includes a word with a Greek or Latin root or affix, a synonym or antonym pair, figurative language, and a word to check in a reference source?

ROLE CARDS · one per player

ROLE	ROLE	ROLE	ROLE
Part Picker Listen for prefixes, roots, and suffixes, and ask the group to explain how a word part helps predict meaning.	Link Builder Listen for related words, and ask whether the words are synonyms or antonyms.	Image Scout Listen for figurative language, and ask the group to explain what it means.	Source Sleuth Listen for words that need checking, and ask which reference source would help most.

MOVE CARDS · deal 4 to each player

MOVE CARD WORD PART “I notice ____ has the word part ____, so I predict it means ____.”	MOVE CARD WORD PART “Because ____ can mean ____, I think ____ means ____.”	MOVE CARD WORD LINK “The words ____ and ____ are synonyms or antonyms because ____.”	MOVE CARD WORD LINK “I would replace ____ with ____ because they are synonyms and ____.”
MOVE CARD FIGURE IT “The phrase “____” is a ____ because ____.”	MOVE CARD FIGURE IT “I think “____” is ____ because ____.”	MOVE CARD SOURCE CHECK “To check ____, I would use a ____ because ____.”	MOVE CARD SOURCE CHECK “I would use a ____ to find ____, especially its ____.”

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

RUNNING THE ROUNDS

Print and cut one complete eight-card set for each player, then give every player one card from each of the four move types. Run a new round with a different Topic card and the alternate version of each move type when possible. If participation is uneven, pause after a card is played and have the role holder ask one focused question before the next player speaks.

WHAT A STRONG ROUND SOUNDS LIKE

Ava	I notice portable has the word part port, so I predict it means easy to carry.
Ben	The words indoors and outdoors are antonyms because they mean inside and outside.
Cara	The phrase "The wind is a giant hand pushing trees" is a metaphor because it compares wind to a hand without using like or as.
Diego	To check portable, I would use a dictionary because it gives its meaning and pronunciation.
Ava	Our message is: Stay indoors, not outdoors, when lightning is near. The wind is a giant hand pushing trees, so move away from windows. Keep a portable radio in your emergency kit.

LISTEN FOR

- A prefix, root, or suffix linked to a reasonable predicted meaning
- A precise explanation of why words are synonyms or antonyms
- A correct figurative-language label with an explanation of the comparison or effect
- A reference source matched to checking meaning, pronunciation, origin, or word form

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