

Word Power Play

Build meaning together, one move at a time.

GRADE 7 • 7.RV

7.RV "The student will systematically build vocabulary and word knowledge based on grade seven 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 Use details from the topic task as evidence.

2 Play a card only after you say its starter aloud.

3 Let each player speak before anyone plays a second card.

4 Build on, question, or politely revise an idea.

HOW TO PLAY Teams of 3 or 4

1. Choose one Topic Card for your group.
2. Each player takes one Role Card.
3. Copy the Move Cards as needed, then deal four cards to each player.
4. Take turns using a card starter to help solve the topic task, then place that 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 clues to explain a word's meaning.

☐ I used a Greek or Latin root or affix to predict meaning.

☐ I explained how related words can have different feelings.

☐ I identified and explained figurative language.

**TOPIC CARDS** · pick one per round

TOPIC Stormy Kite Rescue Create a four-sentence scene about rescuing a kite as rain begins. Use submerge so context shows its meaning, choose adventurous or reckless to set the tone, and add a simile, metaphor, or personification.	TOPIC Library Book Hunt Create a four-sentence scene about finding a missing library book. Use reconsider so context shows its meaning, choose curious or nosy to set the tone, and add a simile, metaphor, or personification.	TOPIC Trail Supply Detour Create a four-sentence scene about getting supplies across a blocked trail. Use transport so context shows its meaning, choose determined or stubborn to set the tone, and add a simile, metaphor, or personification.
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ROLE CARDS · one per player

ROLE Clue Hunter Listen for words around an unfamiliar word and ask how they reveal its meaning.	ROLE Word Builder Notice prefixes or roots and ask the group to test a predicted meaning against the sentence.	ROLE Tone Tuner Listen for related words and point out which word has the most fitting feeling.	ROLE Image Scout Listen for figurative language and ask what picture or nonliteral meaning it creates.
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MOVE CARDS · deal 4 to each player

MOVE CARD USE CONTEXT “In our sentence, ____ probably means ____ because ____.”	MOVE CARD FIND CONTEXT “A clue before or after ____ is ____, so I think ____ means ____.”	MOVE CARD CHECK WORD PARTS “The prefix or root ____ in ____ points to the meaning ____.”	MOVE CARD PREDICT MEANING “Because ____ can mean ____, I predict that ____ means ____.”
MOVE CARD COMPARE FEELINGS “____ and ____ are similar, but ____ feels more ____.”	MOVE CARD CHOOSE PRECISELY “I would choose ____ instead of ____ because it sounds more ____.”	MOVE CARD NAME THE FIGURE “The phrase ____ is a ____ because ____.”	MOVE CARD EXPLAIN THE IMAGE “When the author says ____, I picture or understand ____.”

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

RUNNING THE ROUNDS

For each group, copy or reuse the eight Move Cards so every student receives four cards, then run one Topic Card per round. If participation is uneven, require each student to play one card before anyone plays a second card, and have role holders ask their assigned questions when the discussion stalls.

WHAT A STRONG ROUND SOUNDS LIKE

Alia	In our sentence, submerge probably means cover completely with water because the rising creek covered the path before we reached the kite.
Mateo	The prefix or root sub- in submerge points to the meaning under.
Jada	Adventurous and reckless are similar, but adventurous feels more positive.
Evan	The phrase "The rain begged us to run home" is personification because rain cannot really beg.
Alia	A clue before or after submerge is "the rising creek covered the path," so I think submerge means to put something under water.

LISTEN FOR

- Context clues connected clearly to a predicted meaning
- Accurate use of prefixes, roots, or affixes
- Precise comparisons of connotation and tone
- Figurative language named and explained with its nonliteral meaning

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