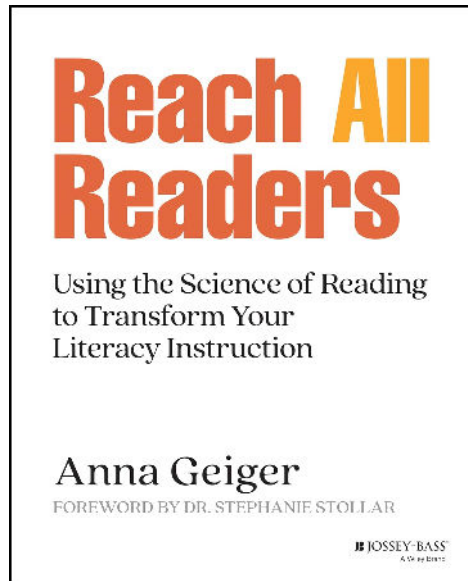


Words Working Together



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How to Use

The idea for this activity came from Nancy Hennessey's wonderful book, *The Reading Comprehension Blueprint*.

- Post the sentence at the top of the following page in a place where everyone can see it.
- Using the sample sentence, ask the questions that are listed below it. Doing this will help students understand how different parts of speech work together.

Activity #1

Post this sentence:

Many animals migrate to places where they can hibernate during the winter.

Ask these questions:

Which word answers *what?* (animals)

Which word tells what animals do? (migrate)

Which word tells *which* animals? (many)

Which word tells where animals migrate? (places)

Which word tells what animals *do* in those places? (hibernate)

Which phrase tells when animals hibernate? (during the winter)

Activity #2

Post this sentence:

Some whales swim from cold polar regions to warmer waters in winter.

Ask these questions:

Which word answers *what*? (whales)

Which word tells *which* whales? (some)

Which word tells what whales *do*? (swim)

Which word tells where whales swim *from*? (regions)

Which two words *describe* the regions? (cold, polar)

Which word tells *where* whales swim to? (waters)

Which word describes waters? (warmer)

Which phrase describes *when* whales swim from cold polar regions to warmer waters? (in winter)

Activity #3

Post this sentence:

Migrating animals use land features to help them find their way over long and complex routes.

Ask these questions:

Which word answers *what?* (animals)

Which word tells *which* animals? (migrating)

Which word tells what migrating animals *do?* (use)

Which word tells what migrating animals use? (features)

Which word describes the features? (land)

Which phrase tells why animals use land features? (to help them find their way)

Which word answers *over what?* (routes)

Which two words describe routes? (long, complex)

Activity #4

Post this sentence:

Geese travel by day, while sparrows, warblers, and thrushes migrate by night.

Ask these questions:

Which four words answer *who*? (geese, sparrows, warblers, thrushes)

Which word tells what geese do? (travel)

Which word tells what sparrows, warblers, and thrushes do? (migrate)

Which phrase tells when geese travel? (by day)

Which phrase tells when sparrows, warblers, and thrushes travel? (by night)

Activity #5

Post this sentence:

Caribou live in the snowy tundra of the far north and migrate each spring to the northern coast.

Ask these questions:

Which word answers *what*? (caribou)

Which two words tell what caribou *do*? (live, migrate)

Which word tells where caribou live? (tundra)

Which word describes tundra? (snowy)

Which phrase describes the tundra? (of the far north)

Which phrase tells where caribou migrate? (to the northern coast)

Which word describes coast? (northern)