
Montana 3 English Language Arts / Reading

FREE PREVIEW

Full-Year Teacher Planner, Blank Editable Planner & School-Submission Binder

This preview shows the real structure and a genuine sample of the completed planner. The full product contains 9 units, 36 weekly plans and 180 daily plans, plus blank editable versions of every form.

State	Montana
Grade	3 (Elementary)
Subject	English Language Arts / Reading
Course category	Core
Standards family	English Language Arts / Literacy
Framework	Montana Content Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy (2011)
Issuing agency	Montana Office of Public Instruction
Scope	36 instructional weeks · 180 instructional days · 9 units

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Week 9 — New Words, Old Knowledge

Unit 3: Words and What They Mean · Month 3 · Quarter 1 · Semester 1 · Instructional Days 41–45

Essential question	How does a word I already know help me learn a new one?
Standards	Connecting New Words to Old -> L.3.4, L.3.6, RI.3.4 — 3 standards; full text in the standards table Building Background Knowledge -> RI.3.1 Reading Standards for Informational Text / Key Ideas and Details — Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
Learning target	"I can connect a new word to words and knowledge I already have."
Local dates	_____ (enter your school dates)

Measurable objectives

- Students will utilize new academic, content-specific, grade-level vocabulary to make connections to previously learned words and relate new words to background knowledge.
- Students will connect a new word to what they already know.

Success criteria (student-friendly)

- "I learn the new word."
- "I link it to a word I know."
- "I link it to what I know about the topic."

Academic vocabulary

academic vocabulary, connection, background knowledge, related, content-specific

Materials and technology

- Word maps
- Topic texts selected by the teacher
- Chart paper
- Partner mats
- Vocabulary journals

Differentiation and supports

Support area	This week's plan
Special education / IEP	Reduce group size; pair visual cue cards with all verbal directions; allow gesture or picture response in place of speech; pre-teach the week's target in a 1:1 warm-up.
Section 504	Provide the child's documented accommodations throughout; permit movement breaks and alternative seating at any point in the sequence.
Multilingual learners	Introduce each vocabulary word with an object or image; accept home-language responses; send the vocabulary list home where a translation is available; pair with a peer who shares the home language.

Support area	This week's plan
Advanced / extension	Ask the learner to teach the skill to a peer, extend the task, or record a demonstration for the class reference wall.
Intervention / reteach	Reteach the target in a short small group using the same materials; split the day's check for understanding into two smaller steps.
Enrichment	Extend into an open-ended centre or project connected to the essential question.

Assessment and evidence

Observation: child connects new vocabulary to prior knowledge.

Family communication

Ask your child a new word they learned and what it reminds them of.

Day 41 — Meeting a New Word

Week 9, Day 1 · Unit 3 · Standards: L.3.4, L.3.6, RI.3.4, RI.3.1

Focus	Introduction.
Learning target	"I can connect a new word to words and knowledge I already have."
Vocabulary in use	academic vocabulary, connection, background knowledge
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: reading. Teach: noticing and capturing a new word. Try: guided noticing. Apply: children record. Reflect: journals started.

Check for understanding

Student records a new academic word with its meaning.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

Fictional Example — Customize and Verify Before School Submission.

Most learners met the target. Two needed the visual cue repeated during guided practice; I will pre-teach with them tomorrow. The extension held attention longer than planned, so I shortened closure.

Day 42 — A Word It Reminds Me Of

Week 9, Day 2 · Unit 3 · Standards: L.3.4, L.3.6, RI.3.4, RI.3.1

Focus	Lexical connection.
Learning target	"I can connect a new word to words and knowledge I already have."
Vocabulary in use	academic vocabulary, connection, background knowledge
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: new words. Teach: linking to known words. Try: guided linking. Apply: children link. Reflect: networks build.

Check for understanding

Student links a new word to a previously learned word.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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Day 43 — What I Already Knew About This

Week 9, Day 3 · Unit 3 · Standards: L.3.4, L.3.6, RI.3.4, RI.3.1

Focus	Background knowledge.
Learning target	"I can connect a new word to words and knowledge I already have."
Vocabulary in use	academic vocabulary, connection, background knowledge
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: word links. Teach: linking to topic knowledge. Try: guided linking. Apply: children link. Reflect: knowledge aids vocabulary.

Check for understanding

Student relates a new word to background knowledge on the topic.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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Day 44 — Using It Myself

Week 9, Day 4 · Unit 3 · Standards: L.3.4, L.3.6, RI.3.4, RI.3.1

Focus	Production.
Learning target	"I can connect a new word to words and knowledge I already have."
Vocabulary in use	academic vocabulary, connection, background knowledge
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: understanding. Teach: using the word in our own sentence. Try: guided writing. Apply: children use.
Reflect: usage checked.

Check for understanding

Student uses a new word accurately in their own sentence.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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Day 45 — Our Word Maps

Week 9, Day 5 · Unit 3 · Standards: L.3.4, L.3.6, RI.3.4, RI.3.1

Focus	Week 9 consolidation.
Learning target	"I can connect a new word to words and knowledge I already have."
Vocabulary in use	academic vocabulary, connection, background knowledge
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: our connections. Teach: mapping a word's relationships. Try: shared mapping. Apply: children complete. Reflect: maps displayed.

Check for understanding

Student completes a word map showing connections.

Differentiation in the moment

If the learner...	Then...
needs more support	Model the step again with guided support, then fade to a gesture cue.
is ready for more	Invite the learner to demonstrate for a peer or add a second example.
is dysregulated	Pause instruction, move to co-regulation, and return to the target later.

Closure and reflection

Gather the group. Restate the learning target. Ask one learner to demonstrate. Name one specific thing the group did well, then preview tomorrow.

Teacher reflection (fictional example)

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