
Montana 4 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	4 (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 — Academic and Subject Words

Unit 3: Words Worth Knowing • Month 3 • Quarter 1 • Semester 1 • Instructional Days 41–45

Essential question	What do the words in my textbooks actually mean?
Standards	Academic and Subject Words -> L.4.6 Language Standards / Vocabulary Acquisition and Use — Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., wildlife, conservation, and endangered when discussing animal preservation). RI.4.4 Reading Standards for Informational Text / Craft and Structure — Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a Grade 4 topic or subject area.
Learning target	"I can interpret academic and subject-specific words accurately."
Local dates	_____ (enter your school dates)

Measurable objectives

- Students will accurately interpret general academic words and phrases.
- Students will accurately interpret domain-specific words and phrases.

Success criteria (student-friendly)

- "I say what the word means."
- "I use it correctly."
- "I notice which subject it belongs to."

Academic vocabulary

academic, domain-specific, interpret, precise, term

Materials and technology

- Word banks from other subjects
- Reading notebooks
- Glossaries
- Display chart
- Cross-curricular texts

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.

Support area	This week's plan
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.
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

Interprets and uses academic and domain-specific vocabulary accurately.

Family communication

Ask your child a subject word they learned this week.

Day 41 — Words That Appear in Every Subject

Week 9, Day 1 • Unit 3 • Standards: L.4.6, RI.4.4

Focus	General academic vocabulary.
Learning target	"I can interpret academic and subject-specific words accurately."
Vocabulary in use	academic, domain-specific, interpret
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: context clues. Teach: some words appear across all subjects - compare, analyse, describe. Try: shared listing. Apply: pupils interpret. Reflect: these words carry instructions.

Check for understanding

Student interprets a general academic word accurately.

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 — Words That Belong to One Subject

Week 9, Day 2 • Unit 3 • Standards: L.4.6, RI.4.4

Focus	Domain-specific vocabulary.
Learning target	"I can interpret academic and subject-specific words accurately."
Vocabulary in use	academic, domain-specific, interpret
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: general words. Teach: some words belong to science, maths or history. Try: shared sorting. Apply: pupils interpret. Reflect: the same word can differ by subject.

Check for understanding

Student interprets a domain-specific word accurately.

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 — Getting It Exactly Right

Week 9, Day 3 · Unit 3 · Standards: L.4.6, RI.4.4

Focus	Accuracy.
Learning target	"I can interpret academic and subject-specific words accurately."
Vocabulary in use	academic, domain-specific, interpret
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: interpretation. Teach: the standard says ACCURATELY - close is not correct. Try: shared checking. Apply: pupils refine. Reflect: precision valued.

Check for understanding

Student corrects an imprecise definition.

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 the Word Myself

Week 9, Day 4 • Unit 3 • Standards: L.4.6, RI.4.4

Focus	Production.
Learning target	"I can interpret academic and subject-specific words accurately."
Vocabulary in use	academic, domain-specific, interpret
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: accuracy. Teach: knowing a word means being able to use it. Try: shared sentences. Apply: pupils use words. Reflect: use is the real test.

Check for understanding

Student uses an academic word correctly in a 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)

Fictional Example — Customize and Verify Before School Submission.

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Day 45 — Building My Own Word Collection

Week 9, Day 5 • Unit 3 • Standards: L.4.6, RI.4.4

Focus	Independence.
Learning target	"I can interpret academic and subject-specific words accurately."
Vocabulary in use	academic, domain-specific, interpret
Local date	_____

Learning sequence

Connect: our words. Teach: collecting words we meet, from any subject. Try: shared modelling. Apply: pupils start a collection. Reflect: collection continues all year.

Check for understanding

Student adds an accurately defined word to their collection.

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.

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