

Subject Area: English Language Arts
Unit Title: Exploring English Word Origins and Their Impact on Language
Grade Level: 8th Grade
Lesson Number: 1 of 15

Duration: 60 minutes
Date: March 10, 2023
Teacher: Ms. Johnson
Room: 204

Curriculum Standards Alignment

Content Standards:

- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.4: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade-level reading and content.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.5: Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.

Skills Standards:

- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.8.1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions to build on others' ideas and to clearly express their own ideas.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.8.2: Analyze in detail how a key sentence, paragraph, or section of text makes a claim, supports it, or develops a topic.

Cross-Curricular Links:

- History: Understanding the historical context of word origins and their impact on language.
- Science: Exploring the scientific terminology and its roots in Greek and Latin.

Essential Questions & Big Ideas

Essential Questions:

- How do word origins impact the meaning and usage of language?
- What are the benefits of understanding word origins in English language arts?

Enduring Understandings:

- Word origins play a significant role in shaping the meaning and usage of language.
- Understanding word origins can enhance vocabulary, spelling, and comprehension skills.

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Student Context Analysis

Class Profile:

- Total Students: 25
- ELL Students: 5
- IEP/504 Plans: 3
- Gifted: 2

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- **Visual:** 40%
- **Auditory:** 30%
- **Kinesthetic:** 30%

Pre-Lesson Preparation

Room Setup:

- Arrange desks in a U-shape to facilitate group discussions.
- Prepare whiteboard and markers for note-taking and illustrations.

Technology Needs:

- Computer with internet access for multimedia resources.
- Projector and screen for presentations.

Materials Preparation:

- Word origins worksheet.
- Online word-building games and activities.

Safety Considerations:

- Ensure students have access to necessary technology and materials.
- Encourage students to ask questions and seek help when needed.

Detailed Lesson Flow

Introduction (10 minutes)

- Introduce the topic of English word origins and their impact on language.
- Provide a brief overview of the history of the English language and its borrowings from other languages.

Direct Instruction (20 minutes)

- Presentation on the origins of 10 common English words, using visual aids and multimedia.
- Focus on words with Greek and Latin roots, providing examples and explanations of their meanings and usage.

Engagement Strategies:

- Interactive quizzes to reinforce understanding and promote engagement.
- Group discussions to encourage collaboration and sharing of ideas.

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Guided Practice (20 minutes)

- Divide students into small groups and assign each group a set of words to research and present.
- Provide online word-building games and activities to help students practice building words from Greek and Latin roots.

Scaffolding Strategies:

- Provide guidance and support as needed during group work.
- Encourage students to ask questions and seek help when needed.

Independent Practice (20 minutes)

- Have students work individually to complete a word origins worksheet.
- Encourage students to use multimedia resources to research and explore word origins.

Closure (10 minutes)

- Review key concepts and vocabulary.
- Provide opportunities for students to ask questions and seek help.

Differentiation & Support Strategies

For Struggling Learners:

- Provide additional support and guidance during group work.
- Offer one-on-one instruction and feedback.

For Advanced Learners:

- Provide additional challenges and extensions, such as researching and presenting on more complex word origins.
- Encourage students to create their own word origins worksheets and activities.

ELL Support Strategies:

- Provide visual aids and multimedia resources to support understanding.
- Offer one-on-one instruction and feedback.

Social-Emotional Learning Integration:

- Encourage students to work collaboratively and support one another.
- Provide opportunities for students to reflect on their learning and set goals.

Assessment & Feedback Plan

Formative Assessment Strategies:

- Observe student participation and engagement during group discussions and activities.
- Review student worksheets and quizzes for understanding.

Success Criteria:

- Students can define and explain the origins of 10 common English words.
- Students can identify and provide examples of words with Greek and Latin roots.

Feedback Methods:

- Provide written feedback on student worksheets and quizzes.
- Offer verbal feedback and guidance during group work and one-on-one instruction.

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Homework & Extension Activities

Homework Assignment:

Have students complete a word origins worksheet and submit it for review.

Extension Activities:

- Have students research and present on a word origin of their choice.
- Encourage students to create their own word origins worksheets and activities.

Parent/Guardian Connection:

Encourage parents/guardians to support their child's learning by discussing word origins and their impact on language.

Teacher Reflection Space

Pre-Lesson Reflection:

- What challenges do I anticipate?
- Which students might need extra support?
- What backup plans should I have ready?

Post-Lesson Reflection:

- What went well?
- What would I change?
- Next steps for instruction?

Word Origins Worksheet

Instructions:

Match the words with their Greek and Latin roots.

Word	Greek/Latin Root
Telephone	Tele- (Greek) + phone (Greek)
Computer	Com- (Latin) + puter (Latin)
Dictionary	Dic- (Latin) + tory (Latin)

Online Word-Building Games

Games and Activities:

- Word building games: [Word Building Site](#)
- Online quizzes: [Quizlet](#)
- Interactive activities: [Interactive Activities](#)

Multimedia Resources

Resources:

- Videos: [YouTube](#)
- Podcasts: [Podcast Site](#)
- Interactive quizzes: [Quizlet](#)

Assessment Rubric

Criteria:

- **Accuracy (40%):**
 - Does the student accurately match the words with their Greek and Latin roots?
- **Completeness (30%):**
 - Does the student complete all parts of the worksheet?
- **Engagement (30%):**
 - Does the student demonstrate engagement and participation during the lesson?

Time Management Tips

Tips:

- Set clear goals and objectives for the lesson.
- Use a timer to keep track of time.
- Provide clear instructions and expectations.

Student Engagement Strategies

Strategies:

- Use interactive quizzes and games to promote engagement.
- Encourage group discussions and collaboration.
- Provide opportunities for students to reflect on their learning.

Conclusion and Reflection

Conclusion:

In conclusion, this lesson plan aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of English word origins and their impact on language.

Reflection:

Reflecting on the lesson, I realize that I need to provide more support for struggling learners and encourage more participation from advanced learners.

References

References:

- [Word Origins](#)
- [Etymology](#)

Appendices

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- Word list: [Word List](#)
- Vocabulary building exercises: [Vocabulary Exercises](#)