

## Lesson 10: Studying Content-Specific Language

### Newspaper Focus: News and Feature Stories

*Background* – Every subject or topic has some vocabulary that is used primarily with it. For example, an *infield fly* is specific to baseball and *adagio* is specific to music. Students who have limited prior knowledge and experiences have difficulty with the vocabulary used in reading about topics that are unfamiliar to them. A student who has never attended, participated in or watched a baseball game has no experience with the jargon of that sport. The newspaper provides opportunities for students to experience a wide range of vocabulary because it contains stories and sections about many different subjects and topics.

### Pre-K-2

#### **A. PROCESS OF READING**

2. Demonstrate an understanding that reading is a way to gain information about the world.
5. Figure out unknown words using a variety of strategies including rereading, context clues, and knowledge of word structures and letter-sound relationships.

#### **C. LANGUAGE AND IMAGES**

3. Make valid observations about the use of words and visual symbols.

#### **H. RESEARCH-RELATED WRITING AND SPEAKING**

1. Develop a search strategy which uses appropriate and available resources.
3. Record and share information gathered.

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#### **A. PROCESS OF READING**

1. Determine the meaning of unknown words by using a dictionary, glossary, or other reference sources.

#### **B. LITERATURE AND CULTURE**

11. Apply effective strategies to the reading and use of nonfiction (e.g., reference sources, articles, histories, biographies, autobiographies, diaries, and letters) using texts with an appropriate complexity of content and sophistication of style.

#### **C. LANGUAGE AND IMAGES**

4. Make observations about the use of language and graphic symbols encountered in various real-life situations.
6. Make observations about specific uses and idioms of language.

#### **H. RESEARCH-RELATED WRITING AND SPEAKING**

2. Use print and non-print resources (e.g., encyclopedias, dictionaries, people, indexes) to gather information on research topics.