



Lesson Plan 5:

Language Arts Activities

Subject: Language Arts

Course/Grade: 4-8

Objectives/Outcomes:

- To improve language arts skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening, research) by applying them to high interest material.

Curriculum Framework Standard(s): 4, 6, 10, 21

Procedure:

1. “Frontloading”- (Before)

a. Preparation & Planning

- What will you do to assist students, materials:**
- Paper, pencil/pen, worksheets, computers, art supplies (markers, crayons, construction paper, ect.)

2. Assistance and Associations (During)

- Have students complete the language arts activities and worksheets related to football. They may work independently or virtually with others. Adaptations to suit your students’ needs may be made to any of the activities/worksheets. Answers to worksheets are provided.

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3. Reflection & Readiness for Application (After)

- Teacher can have students provide peer virtual feedback when the class goes over the activity together in the virtual setting.
- Teacher could digitally collect worksheets when students are finished and assess their progress.
- Teacher can use a rubric for writing assignments, oral reports/presentation, etc.
- Peer assessment can be used for writing assignments oral reports or displays.

"Literacy and America's Game", Pro Football Hall of Fame Youth and Education; English & Language Arts Teacher Activity Guide 2019-2020 pg. 32-51. https://www.profootballhof.com/assets/1/6/LA_2019.pdf.





Fact vs. Opinion

FACT: Something that has actually happened or that is really true and can be proved. (Jerry Rice is the NFL's all-time leading receiver.)

OPINION: A belief, conclusion or judgment not supported by proof. (Jerry Rice is the best receiver of all time.)

Choose an article from the sports section of an online newspaper or magazine.

Using the two definitions above as a guide read the story and list the following information:

Headline of the story:

Name and date of the newspaper or magazine:

Who wrote the story?

Write some sentences that are **FACTS**:

Write some sentences that are **OPINIONS**:

Do you agree or disagree with the writer's opinions? Explain why or why not.

Write a story using all **FACTS** and **NO OPINIONS** about your favorite team's upcoming season. Tell why your team is going to make it to the Super Bowl.





Fan Support

Poll after poll proves that football is America's # 1 sport to watch.

Take an online survey in your friends in school and see which sport your school calls No. 1.

Start small by surveying your class; then expand to ask others.

Compile the data:

You can add other items to your survey, such as:

Favorite Player

Favorite Sport to Play

Favorite Sports Team

Sample student survey:

What is your favorite sport to watch?

(Circle only one)

Baseball Basketball Football Hockey Softball

Golf Tennis Soccer Volleyball Other: _____

Who is your favorite professional athlete?

What is your favorite sport to play?

Who is your favorite sports team?

When all the results have been tallied you can create a graph and poster displaying the results of your survey. Everyone will know your school's favorite sport to watch.



Football Mix-Up

Using the team names to the right, match these with the clues about the 32 NFL teams. The names are only used once. Good Luck!

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| 1. Fe Fi Fo Fum _____ | Lions |
| 2. Seven Squared _____ | Colts |
| 3. I Love Honey _____ | Cowboys |
| 4. A 747 _____ | Bengals |
| 5. Member of the Cat Family _____ | Broncos |
| 6. Various Ironworkers _____ | Saints |
| 7. Black Bird _____ | Vikings |
| 8. I.O.U.s _____ | Ravens |
| 9. Helpers to Relocate _____ | Giants |
| 10. Travel in Ships _____ | Dolphins |
| 11. They Won Their Independence in 1836 _____ | Texans |
| 12. Stars and Stripes Forever _____ | Patriots |
| 13. A Man of Strength and Power _____ | Bears |
| 14. Our Friends in the Ocean _____ | Cardinals |
| 15. Opposite of Ewe _____ | Steelers |
| 16. Class of Boy Scouts _____ | 49ers |
| 17. Wild Wild West _____ | Buccaneers |
| 18. Fundamental Rules _____ | Chiefs |
| 19. The Pink Detective _____ | Jaguars |
| 20. Credit Card Users _____ | Rams |
| 21. Native American Leaders _____ | Seahawks |
| 22. Add "ie" Mmmm Yummy _____ | Jets |
| 23. King of the Beasts _____ | Redskins |
| 24. A Dollar A Corn _____ | Raiders |
| 25. Ocean Going Bird _____ | Browns |
| 26. Hot Epidermis _____ | Chargers |
| 27. Luxury Car _____ | Falcons |
| 28. Louis Armstrong's Song _____ | Eagles |
| 29. Baby Horse _____ | Titans |
| 30. Rodeo Horses _____ | Bills |
| 31. Rhymes with "Later!" _____ | Packers |
| 32. What Team Is Missing? _____ | Panthers |





Sports Findings

Choose a sports article from an online newspaper or magazine. Print it. After you have read the article, go back and underline all the subjects in **GREEN**, underline all the verbs in **BLUE** and circle all the descriptive words in **RED**.

Using the same article, complete the following:

1. List as many compound words that you can find.

EXAMPLE: Football = foot + ball

2. List all the contractions you can find.

EXAMPLE: Shouldn't = should + not

3. List all the words that have a prefix.

EXAMPLE: Unbeaten = un + beaten

4. List all the four syllable words.

EXAMPLE: Promotional = pro/mo/tion/al

Can you find any five-syllable words?

5. How many homonyms can you find? Remember a homonym is a word that sounds like another word but is spelled differently.

EXAMPLE: piece and peace

6. Write down all the abbreviations in the article.

EXAMPLE: TD = touchdown

7. List ten action verbs. Use those verbs to write ten sentences. Underline the action verb in each sentence.

EXAMPLE: Jim threw the ball to the receiver.

8. Answer these questions based on the information obtained in the article.

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY and HOW.





“The Athlete”

Pretend you are a professional athlete. Write a story about yourself and the sport you play. Be sure to include:

- What it is like to be admired by thousands of fans?
- What it feels like when you are surrounded by fans that want your autograph?
- How you personally prepare for each game or event?
- When would you be too old to participate in the sport?
- What job or career would you like to pursue when you can no longer play?
- What has been your greatest accomplishment professionally?
- How do you handle defeat?
- Anything else you would like to include.





Sports Journal Writing

Pick a question below, research and write a journal entry pertaining to the question.

- If you had the opportunity to change one thing in the game of football today, what would it be?
- Do girls get the same opportunities to play sports that boys get?
- If you could meet any professional athlete, who would it be and why?
- What sport do you believe is the safest to play?
- Should a referee be fined for making bad calls?
- Should there be a limit on how much money an athlete may make?
- Do you think kids look up to athletes too much?
- Should a boy be allowed to play on a girls team?
- I like or dislike football because...
- Should cheerleading be a professional sport?
- Should the NFL allow touchdown celebrations?
- Do sports heroes have an obligation to maintain high moral standards?
- If you could, what would you change about pro sports?
- What is your favorite sport and why?
- My favorite professional sports team is...
- The funniest thing that ever happened to me while playing a sport was...
- Do you have to finish first to be a winner?





Alphabet Football

Think of words that begin with each letter of the alphabet that relate to the topic of football.

Use these words to complete as many spaces as you can.

FOOTBALL

A is for _____

B is for _____

C is for _____

D is for _____

E is for _____

F is for _____

G is for _____

H is for _____

I is for _____

J is for _____

K is for _____

L is for _____

M is for _____

N is for _____

O is for _____

P is for _____

Q is for _____

R is for _____

S is for _____

T is for _____

U is for _____

V is for _____

W is for _____

X is for _____

Y is for _____

Z is for _____





Answer Key

Football Mix-up pg. 14

1. Giants
2. 49ers
3. Bears
4. Jets
5. Bengals
6. Steelers
7. Ravens
8. Bills
9. Packers
10. Vikings
11. Texans
12. Patriots
13. Titans
14. Dolphins
15. Rams
16. Eagles
17. Cowboys
18. Cardinals
19. Panthers
20. Chargers
21. Chiefs
22. Browns
23. Lions
24. Buccaneers
25. Seahawks
26. Redskins
27. Jaguars
28. Saints
29. Colts
30. Broncos
31. Raiders
32. Falcons

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- A = Audible
- B = Blitz
- C = Center
- D = Defense
- E = End zone
- F = Fumble
- G = Goal post
- H = Half-time
- I = Interception
- J = Jumping
- K = Kicker
- L = Linebacker
- M = Motion
- N = National Football League
- O = Offense
- P = Penalties
- Q = Quarterback
- R = Referee
- S = Safety
- T = Touchdown
- U = Uprights
- V = Victory
- W = Wide Receiver
- X = X-ray
- Y = Yards
- Z = Zone