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Sample

Grade Level 5

Lesson 1

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Objective

Students will use phonetic and structural analysis and knowledge of words to expand their vocabulary.

Activities

1. Write the letters and point values on the board before the students arrive.
2. Give the students a couple of minutes to create the highest scoring word out of the letters of the day. Remind them that if they use all 7 letters, they score a Scrabble "bingo" and get a 50-point bonus.
3. Ask the students to volunteer the words they have created and list those words on the board with their point values. Make sure to point out homophones, homonyms, prefixes, suffixes, word roots and words with more than one definition.
4. Today's highest scoring word is AGENDAS with a point value of 59 points. If no one in the class identifies the word, then take a few minutes to introduce the word by discussing its (1) spelling (2) pronunciation, (3) definition, (4) part of speech and (5) use in a sentence.

AGENDAS: lists of things to be done

5. Here are some other words that can be derived from today's set of letters. The definitions come from the *Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, Fourth Edition*.

ADAGE: a traditional saying expressing a common observation

SEDAN: a type of automobile

SAGA: a medieval Scandinavian narrative

SAGE: wise; an aromatic herb used as seasoning

6. Ask students to reflect on the strategies they used to create their highest scoring word.
7. Ask students to add these new words to their vocabulary notebook.