

Word Detectives: Strategies for Using High-Frequency Words and for Decoding

Session/Minilesson	Conferring and Small-Group Work	Mid-Workshop Teaching	Transition to Partner Time	Share	
BEND I: Word Detectives in Training					
1	Word Detectives Are Always on the Lookout	Supporting Children to Build on Skills and Strategies	Checking In with Readers	Readers Help Each Other Solve Problems	Readers Check Their Reading
2	Word Detectives Look Closely	Running Records Help to Determine Reading Levels, Inform Your Teaching, Provide Feedback	Readers Can Mark Tough Words with a Post-it	Partners Help Each Other Solve Words	Readers Remember to Look across Words
3	Word Detectives Use Everything They Know	Supporting Children to Move Up Reading Levels	Readers Have Good Habits for Solving Hard Words	Partners Can Help Each Other Use All Their Word-Solving Strategies	Becoming a Class of Reading Teachers
4	Word Detectives Check Their Words Slowly	Supporting Children Reading Well below Benchmark	Readers Use Their Eyes to Track, Not Their Finger	Using a Slow Check Together to Solve Hard Words	Readers Reread to Smooth Out Their Voices
5	Readers Investigate What Makes a Good Reading Partner	Helping Students to Monitor Their Reading	A Special Detective Checklist to Fix Up Problems	Partners Can Monitor Each Other	Play "Guess the Covered Word"
BEND II: Word Detectives Tap into the Power of Snap Words					
6	Word Detectives Read Words in a Snap	Assess Student Knowledge of High-Frequency Words to Guide Instruction	Reading Recurring Words in a Snap	Partners Can Play "I Spy" with the Word Wall	Word Detectives Offer Their Expertise to Other Kids
7	Word Detectives Use Snap Words as Clues to Think about What Makes Sense	Using Guided Reading to Build a Repertoire of Words	Readers Remember to Do a Slow Check Once a Word Is "Solved"	Partners Can Play "Guess the Covered Word" Together	Word Detectives Use Snap Words to Write, Too!
8	Word Detectives Solve Mystery Words by Thinking of Similar Snap Words	Using a Variety of Methods to Teach Analogy	Using a Word-Sorting Chart to Collect Words Similar to Snap Words	Partners Can Play "I Spy" with Snap Words and Words that Look Similar	Word Detectives to the Rescue!
9	Word Detectives Turn New Words into Snap Words	Learning New Words by Working with Different Texts and with Different Media	Growing a Collection of New Words	Partners Can Trade Words with Each Other	Becoming a Class of Word Collectors
10	Word Detectives Scoop Up Words to Make Their Reading Sound Smooth				
BEND III: Word Detectives Take an Even Closer Look: Using Knowledge of Letters, Sounds, and Words to Read					
11	Word Detectives Break Words into Parts	Practicing Word Solving through Independent, Guided, and Shared Reading	Readers Need to Zoom Out to Think about the Story	Partners Can Zoom <i>In</i> to Take a Closer Look—and Zoom <i>Out</i> to Think about What Would Make Sense	Word Detectives Don't Give Up
12	Word Detectives Pay Special Attention to the Beginning of Words				
13	Word Detectives Watch Out for Endings	Supporting Students by Creating Linking Charts and Word Sorts for Words Ending in <i>-ed</i>	Word Detectives Know: There's More Than One Way to Solve Hard Words	Partners Explain How They Solved Big, Scary Words	Noticing Blends and Digraphs at the End of a Word
14	Word Detectives Don't Let Vowels Trip Them Up	Using Your Word Wall as a Reference during Reading Workshop	Noticing Vowel Teams that Hide in Words	Partners Look and Listen Carefully to Help Each Other Solve Words	Using Word-Detective Strategies to Solve Mystery Words
15	Word Detectives Use Word Parts They Know to Read New Words	Helping Readers Continue to Move into Higher Levels of Text	Revisiting Words and Making Them into Stronger Snap Words	Partners Use Lots of Different Ways to Look Closely at Mystery Words	Writing a Thank-You Letter to the Detective Agency
16	Word Detectives Watch Out for Unusual Words	Supporting Students to Solve Contractions as They Read	Readers Collect Contractions and Turn Them into Snap Words	Partners Work Together to Solve Unusual Words	Readers Watch Out for Compound Words
17	Word Detectives Smooth Out Their Reading	Rereading to Build Meaning	Rereading to See More	Partners Can Help Make Reading Smoother—and Help Make Book-Shopping Decisions	Readers Think about How to Read a Page
18	Word Detectives Show Off Their Skills: A Celebration	Using Compliments, Coaching, and Goal-Setting to Support Students	Tackling the Final Mission for This Unit	Partners Solve Mystery Words	Word Detectives Use Mystery Words to Figure Out the Secret Message
Read-Aloud and Shared Reading					