

Words, Words, Words

Word Choice



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Word Sort

Word Sort A

Cut out each word. Sort the words into two groups.

Kind	Mean	Bossy	Helpful
Nice	Rude	Smile	Frown
Happy	Mad	Sad	Caring
Yell	Polite	Angry	Sweet

Word Sort B

Cut out each word. Sort the words into two groups.

Considerate	Disgusting	Understand	Cooperate
Responsible	Celebrate	Greedy	Unfair
Jealous	Pessimistic	Optimistic	Generous
Loyal	Courageous	Regret	Lying
Honest	Selfish	Boasting	Humble

Word Sort

- How did you sort your words?
- Why did you put certain words together?
- What are some words that help us create a force field for good?

Let's Chart it!



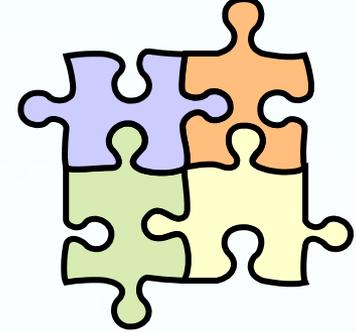
- What are words that lift us up and create a force field for good?

Let's Chat



- Take a peek at the word list we created, what do you notice?
- Do we always use words that lift us up?
- How can words actually hurt us? They are only words.

Connections



- Have any of you used words that maybe brought someone down?
- Have any of you used words that lifted someone up?
- Can you think of a time when you wish you would have chosen your words more carefully?
- When is it most challenging to choose your words carefully?

Soak in the Song!

- Let's just listen to the song, let is soak in!



Words, Words, Words

by Barry Lane and Jay Banta

You didn't call me names
You didn't punch my arm.
You didn't tell me lies
but you really did me harm

'Cause when you talked about me,
out there is cyberspace,
you may as well have stood there,
and punched me right in the face.

Words, words, words
where ever they're found.
They can lift you way up
or throw you on the ground
so choose your words wisely
and we can still hang around.

Our words are what connect us
Where ever we are found..

You said you were so sorry
you didn't mean no harm.
It was all a stupid joke,
No cause for great alarm.
I told you I forgave you
I really meant it too.

But old words
can come to haunt us ,
It's time to try out something new

So
think before you speak
Imagine they are you
Remember all the words
that make you feel so blue.
Our words can be like wings
that lift hearts to the sky
Don't waste them on things

that make an angel cry
boo hooo oow

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You friended me on Facebook
You gave me a big hug
We're buddies now forever
Sit with me on the rug
but what about the new kid
who sits there all alone

Let's talk with her this morning
and let her know that she's at home

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Digging Deeper



Listen For:

- Evidence of words lifting us up or bringing us down.
- Examples of when words hurt someone. How do they hurt?
- Images of choosing your words carefully.

Think, Pair, Share



- What does it mean when the song says, “Words are what connect us”?
- What images of words lifting us up do you have?
- What is the heart of the song?
- Is it only spoken words that hurt us, or written words too? Emails? Facebook?

EXPANDING VOCABULARY

Word Choice:

choose your words carefully
when interacting with others





Name _____

Words, Words, Words

Below, write words, phrases or a sentence that either lift us up or bring us down.

Then illustrate your visualization for each set of words.

Words That LIFT is UP

Words That bring us DOWN

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Wisdom Wall



*“Words are like eggs dropped from great heights;
you can no more call them back than ignore the
mess they leave when they fall.”*

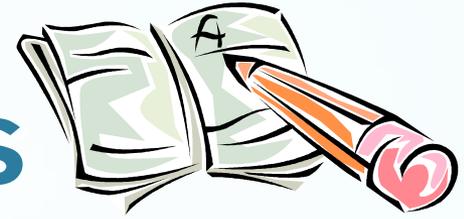
Jodi Picoult

Radical Questions



- Why is it important to choose our words wisely?
- What happens when we think before we speak?
- What strategies can we use to prevent saying mean things to others?

Paper Ponderings



Non-fiction

Write about a time you did not use your words wisely. What were the consequences?

Make a poster for the kinds of words that create kindness. include images and pictures.

Fiction

Write a story about a character who learns the power of words.