

Working with Words

Objective

Using words related to hot air balloons to write sentences and creative compositions.

Materials

- Poster board, tagboard, or file folder
- Markers or colored pencils
- Glue or rubber cement
- Center (page 69)



Directions

Reproduce page 69 and glue it on poster board, tagboard, or inside a file folder. With fine-line markers, highlight the center title and the directions for each of the three activities. Use a variety of colors to highlight the balloon words and to decorate the hot air balloons. Place dictionaries in or near the center.

Additional Activities

1. For additional skill development using the balloon words on page 69, have students practice putting them in alphabetical order and/or dividing them into syllables.
2. Let students pretend to take a ride in a hot air balloon. Ask them to prepare written accounts of their travels and adventures. Encourage students to use several of the balloon words (page 69) in their reports and draw illustrations to go with them. Have students share their hot air balloon travel-adventure reports with the class.
3. To further extend this activity into a fun and creative learning project, have students create hot air balloon posters using several of the balloon words (page 69). Provide each student with a large piece of poster board or tagboard, assorted colors of construction paper, scissors, glue or paste, and crayons or colored markers. Using the construction paper, have students design, cut out, and glue several hot air balloons on the poster board or tagboard. Have them give the poster a title. Using the markers or crayons, randomly print several of the balloon words around the balloons. Display the posters in the classroom or hallway for classmates and friends to enjoy.

Other Center Ideas

Following the same format as “Working with Words,” create similar center activities using different themes and words that are related to those themes. The circus, ocean life, outer space, and wildlife make great themes.

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Directions: Use the balloon words shown on this page to complete the activities that your teacher assigns. Have your teacher check your work.

Activity 1: On another piece of paper, write a list of all the words that are shown below. Use a dictionary to look up the definitions. Write a definition next to each word.

Activity 2: Make up sentences using 6 or more of the words shown below. Write your sentences on another piece of paper.

Activity 3: On another piece of paper, write a story using at least 8 of the words shown below. Make up a title for your story, and draw a picture to go with it.

