

Massachusetts

Standard winner: L.3.4.a

Sleepover Squad #1: Sleeping Over Grade 3 - Vocabulary in Context: Words the Friends Explain

Instructional skill

Vocabulary in context

Audit status

CLEAR WINNER - strict exact-match pass; partial matches excluded.

Regional standards cover added to the approved canonical skill lesson. Lesson content is unchanged.

Look for:

Matches each plan to the friend who actually suggests it.

Uses Chapter 1's description for at least one friend.

Names Jo's plan as the one Emily chooses.

Does not say a plan was silly without saying what the book shows about it.

4. Vocabulary in Context: Words the Friends Explain

Full lesson

TIME

30 minutes

OBJECTIVE

Work out what bridge club, mature and old-fashioned mean by using the way the book uses and explains them.

STUDENT PRODUCT

A list of three words with a meaning for each, in your own words

FOCUS

Three words explained in dialogue

Essential question

How does the book tell you what a bridge club is, and what mature and oldfashioned mean here?

Materials

The book, Chapters 2, 5 and 7 Passages 4, 13 and 17, marked before the lesson One list worksheet each

Text to mark before teaching

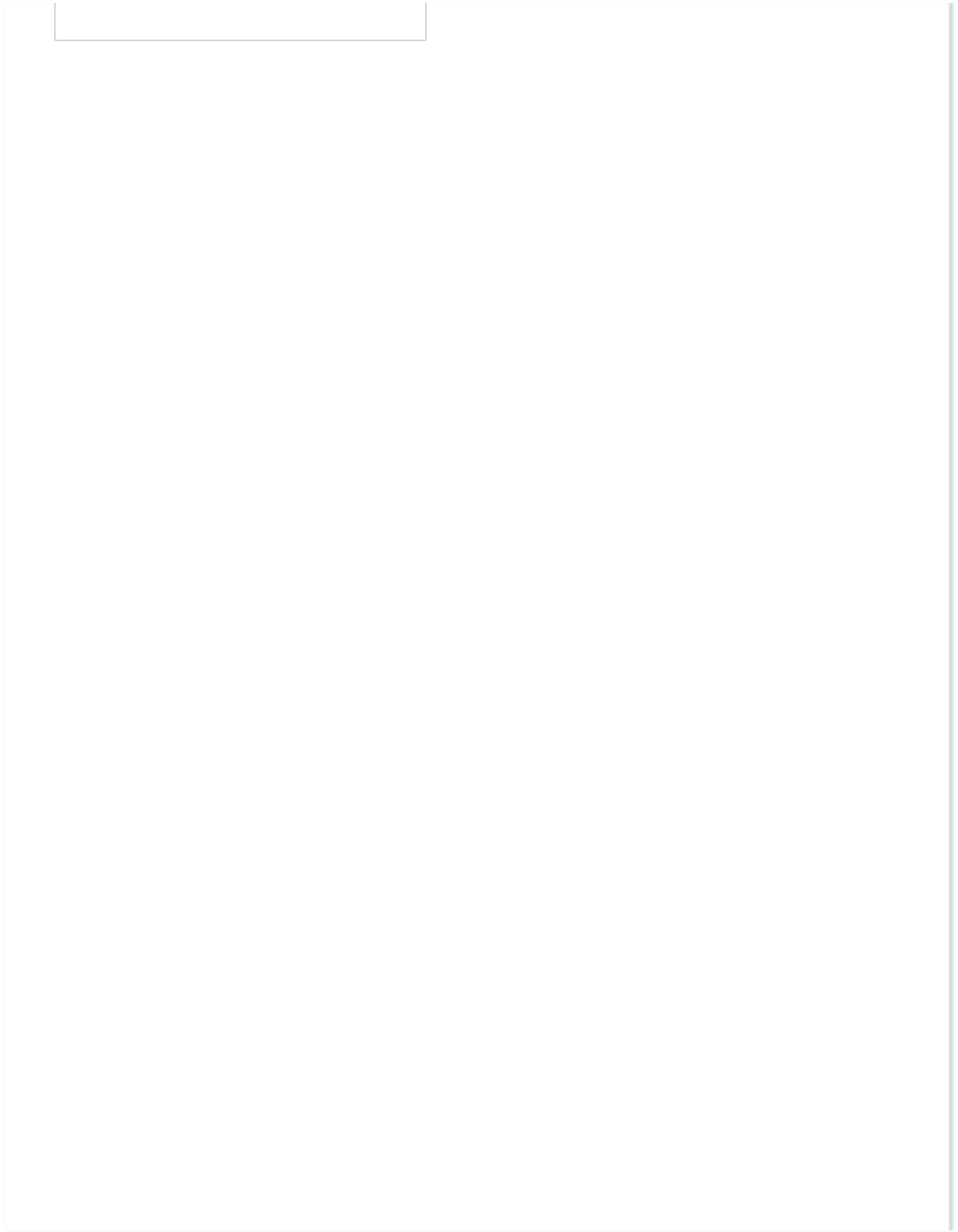
Passage 4 — Chapter 2, what a bridge club is Passage 13 — Chapter 5, Jo's reasoning Passage 17 — Chapter 7, what changed their minds

Lesson sequence

1	Launch · 5 min
Focus:	A sensible wrong guess
Teacher direction:	If you heard that someone belonged to a bridge club, what would you guess they did?
Prepared text:	Passage 4
2	Teacher model · 8 min
Teacher model:	Watch what happens at bridge club. Kara guesses out loud that it means touring bridges, which is a fair guess from the word. Then Jo says the useful part: bridge is the name of a card game. The wrong guess and the correction are one line apart, and the correction is my definition.
Prepared text:	Passage 4

3 Bridge club · 7 min

Focus:	Reading the correction
Teacher direction:	In Passage 4, what does Kara guess a bridge club is, and what does Jo say it really is?



Expected answer:	Kara guesses they go and tour bridges. Jo says bridge is the name of a card game, and that her parents get together with friends once a month to play cards and eat dinner.
Prepared text:	Passage 4

4 Mature · 6 min

Focus:	A word defined by its opposite
Teacher direction:	In Passage 13, Jo sets two ways of acting against each other. Write both, and then write what mature means here.
Expected answer:	Jo says that behaving like a baby keeps you treated as one, while behaving more grown-up gets your growing up noticed. So mature means behaving in a grown-up way.
Prepared text:	Passage 13

5 Finish the list · 4 min

Focus:	All three words
Teacher direction:	Complete your list of three words and their meanings.
Expected answer:	Bridge club: people who meet to play a card game called bridge. Mature: behaving in a grown-up way. Old-fashioned: sticking to older ideas, which is what the friends call Emily's parents about some things.
Student product:	A list of three words with a meaning for each, in your own words
Prepared text:	Passage 4, Passage 13, Passage 17

Teacher guidance

Why this text works: The bridge club exchange is a small model of how a reader should behave: Kara guesses wrong out loud, Jo corrects her in the next line, and the correction is the definition. Mature is then defined by contrast with acting like a baby, and old-fashioned by what the friends say the contrast with acting like a baby, and old-fashioned by what the friends say the parents are like.

Expected answer:

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Support and extension

Above: Kara's guess about touring bridges is wrong but sensible. Explain what made it a reasonable guess, and what part of the sentence should have warned her.

Below: For each word, first copy the sentence that explains it. Then finish:

'____ means ____.'

Assessment**Look for:**

Explains a bridge club as people meeting to play a card game.

Explains mature as behaving in a grown-up way, using Jo's contrast.

Gives a meaning for old-fashioned that fits how the friends use it.

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Short version

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16 minutes

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