

Massachusetts

2017 Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for English Language Arts and Literacy

LESSON

Two Meanings of Gain

Around the World in 80 Days

TEACHES

RL.4.4

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean); explain how figurative language (e.g., simile, metaphor) enriches a text. (See grade 4 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

WHY THIS EARNS THE STANDARD

Students determine multiple meanings of the same word from the contexts in which it appears.

The canonical lesson that follows is unchanged. This cover is an additive curriculum-placement layer.

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20 minutes

OBJECTIVE

Distinguish a literal use of gain from a broader figurative use and explain how the two meanings connect at the ending.

STUDENT PRODUCT

A two-meaning chart and a connection sentence.

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How can Fogg gain a day and also gain something that is not measured in time or money?

TEXT FOCUS

The gained calendar day and the ending's larger idea of personal gain.

LESSON SEQUENCE

1. Literal meaning | 3 min Explain what it means to gain a calendar day in the plot.
2. Second meaning | 4 min Identify what Fogg gains in a broader personal sense.
3. Compare meanings | 5 min State what is different about the two uses of gain.
4. Connect | 6 min Explain why placing them near the ending matters.
5. Check | 2 min Use context for both meanings.

TEACHER KEY / EXPECTED THINKING

One gain is a literal correction in time; the other is personal and relational. The repeated word lets the ending contrast measurable success with a different kind of value.

LOOK FOR

- Distinguishes literal and broader meanings.
- Uses context for both.
- Explains why the repeated word matters.

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