

Synonym Snowballs

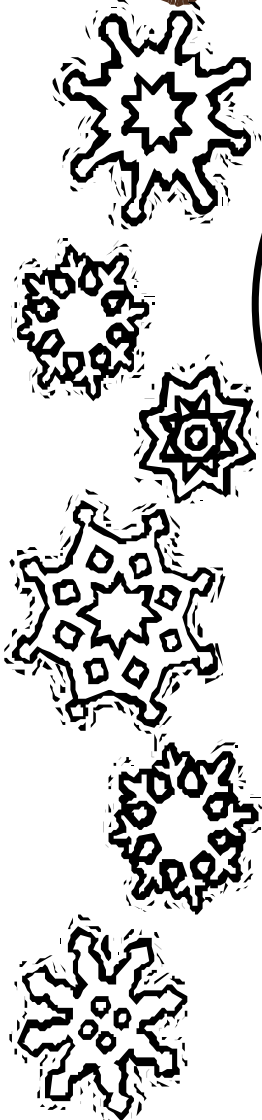
Objective: To Search for new words and generate a student produced thesaurus

Procedure: Hand out Synonym Snowball answer sheets. Provide each student (or student groups) with a dictionary, preferably different styles. Assign the first word. Students record the word and then look it up in the dictionary. Students record the word found in that definition which is similar to their original word, record it and then look up that word. i.e. Word given is "help" - Looks up - finds "aid" - Looks up aid - finds "assist" - continue cycle. Sometimes the snowball is completed very quickly when the team finds the word they had started with used in a definition, other times the snowball may be so full they will have to begin a new snowball of words. Encourage students to refer to their snowballs when they are doing composition activities for stronger choices of words or to use various words instead of repeating a word they have already used.

Winner: The winner is the team with the most words found in a given length of time. A new winner may be crowned if a different team finds additional words on their own.



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