

Program Overview

TAKING FLIGHT · BOOK 3

Welcome to the Flock and Taking Flight Book 3!

This is a mastery-based program designed to develop a keen “Word Sense” among both teachers and students. What is Word Sense? It is a deep, conceptual understanding of the underlying patterns in the English language that provide the framework for purposefully and creatively employing the eight parts of speech in order to communicate effectively and increase reading comprehension. Our fun and engaging Flock helps students learn how English actually works without even knowing it! When these critical foundational skills are mastered, students have the ability to soar academically.

At Book 3 students revisit every concept from Book 2, but the answers always differ because their vocabulary and their skills keep improving. Creative repetition lets students have fun and keep learning. Feel free to add complexity by bringing in content-area vocabulary. Students solidify what they know about linking verbs and focus on the verbs that can be either active or linking. They are introduced to adjectival and adverbial prepositional phrases, which sets them up for clauses, and finally to sentence-combining activities. The workbook closes with a homonyms page to use as time allows.

Word Sense Practices

- Demonstrate the use of precise language when discussing language concepts.
- Strategically employ the eight parts of speech while understanding the underlying structure of the English language in all content areas.
- Demonstrate the ability to express the same thoughts and ideas in a variety of ways depending on audience and purpose.
- Demonstrate an understanding that words can be used to make an impact on others in the world in which we live.
- Demonstrate an ability to construct effective arguments using a variety of rhetorical strategies and respond to the arguments of others.
- Demonstrate an enjoyment in the ability to effectively express thoughts in both the written and spoken word.

Program Order and Length

Estimated days: about 55–92 · Average lesson: 30–40 min

Introduction & Sentences	About 1–2 days
Nouns	About 5–9 days
Verbs	About 22–36 days
Adjectives	About 4–6 days
Adverbs	About 4–8 days
Prepositions	About 5–8 days
Pronouns	About 8–13 days
Conjunctions	About 3–4 days · lessons 25–40 min
Interjections	About 3–6 days · lessons 15–40 min

Units, Lesson Plans and Resource Lists

Each unit links to a preview of its Resource List. The lesson plans and every resource are included with the purchase of the program.

Introduction & Sentences

Lesson Plans — 1 lesson, 3 activities

Resource List — 12 resources, including the full-course pre-test and post-test

Nouns

Lesson Plans — 3 lessons, 12 activities, 2 optional reinforcement activities

Resource List — 61 resources, including assessments

Verbs

Lesson Plans — 14 lessons, 65 activities

Resource List — 87 resources, including assessments

Adjectives

Lesson Plans — 4 lessons, 11 activities, 5 optional reinforcement activities

Resource List — 39 resources, including assessments

Adverbs

Lesson Plans — 4 lessons, 6 activities

Resource List — 36 resources, including assessments

Prepositions

Lesson Plans — 5 lessons, 9 activities

Resource List — 26 resources, including assessments

Pronouns

Lesson Plans — 5 lessons, 15 activities, 5 optional reinforcement activities

Resource List — 55 resources, including assessments

Conjunctions

Lesson Plans — 3 lessons, 4 activities

Resource List — 32 resources, including assessments

Interjections

Lesson Plans — 3 lessons, 6 activities

Resource List — 18 resources, including assessments