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Force of Eating

Teacher Note

For detailed instructions on how to implement the components of this lesson, see pages 15–19.

Objective

Students will analyze words related to eating, from **weak** to **strong**.

Materials

- *Vocabulary Ladders* template (page 142)
- *Activity Cards* (page 41)
- *Ordering Words* (page 42)
- *Sentence Clues* (page 43)
- *Sentence Stems* (page 44)
- *Write About It!* (page 45)

Additional Words

Introduce students to additional words such as *gorge* and *polish off* as you work through the lesson.

Answer Key

Vocabulary Ladders

Word	Definition
nibble	to take small bites or eat a small amount of food
snack	to eat a little, usually between meals
munch	to chew steadily and sometimes loudly
gobble	to eat quickly and sometimes sloppily
chow down	to eat a large meal, sometimes very fast
devour	to eat hungrily until nothing is left

Ordering Words

Check that students can explain why the words are ordered the way they are.

Sentence Clues

1. Apples are a treat horses love to (snack/munch) on.
2. The mouse took a small (nibble) at the cheese.
3. After a long, hard practice, Martina is known to (gobble/chow down/devour) her dinner.
4. The hikers were lost for two days and wanted to (devour) a meal immediately.

Sentence Stems

Check that student responses reflect the meaning of the underlined word in each sentence frame.

Write About It!

Check that responses include the new vocabulary terms used in the correct way.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Activity Cards

Directions: Cut apart and match the words and definitions below. Then, glue them onto the *Vocabulary Ladders* activity sheet in order, from **weak eating** to **strong eating**.

chow down	to eat hungrily until nothing is left
devour	to eat a large meal, sometimes very fast
gobble	to eat quickly and sometimes sloppily
munch	to chew steadily and sometimes loudly
nibble	to take small bites or eat a small amount of food
snack	to eat a little, usually between meals

Name: _____ Date: _____

Ordering Words

Directions: Write the words from the Word Bank in the order you choose, from **weak eating** to **strong eating**, on the ladder. Then, explain an important difference between two of the words.

Word Bank

chow down	devour	gobble
munch	nibble	snack



Comparing Words

Choose two words.

Word 1: _____

Word 2: _____

One difference between these words is:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Sentence Clues

Directions: Choose the best word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence.

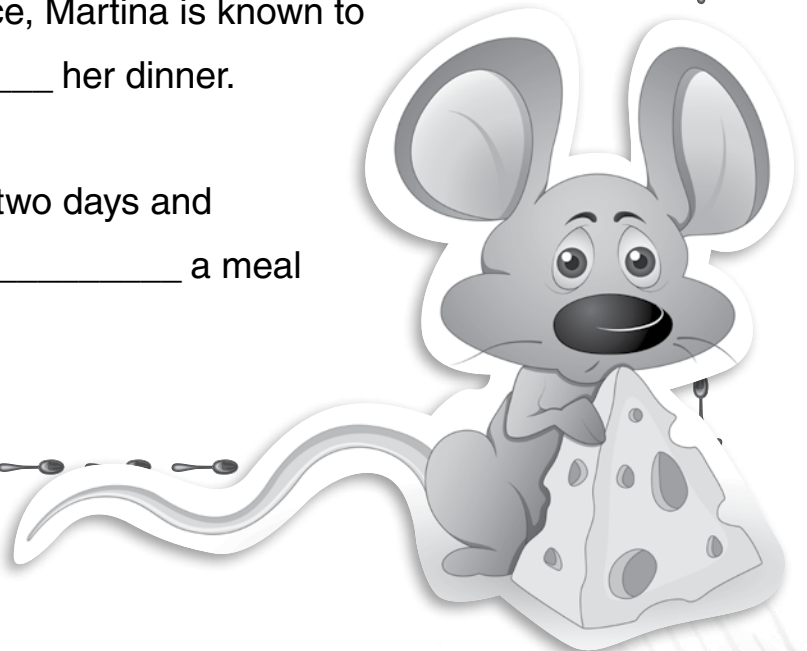
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devour
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Name: _____ Date: _____

Sentence Stems

Directions: Complete each statement.



1. One dinner I can really chow down is _____

_____.

2. Two foods that are healthy to snack on are _____

_____.

3. Three things a squirrel might nibble are _____

_____.

4. Some crunchy foods to munch on are _____

_____.

5. A few things the Big Bad Wolf might gobble are _____

_____.

6. Sharks are known to devour _____

_____.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Write About It!

Directions: Read the prompt. Then, write a response. Underline the new vocabulary you use in your response.

Lots of fairy tales involve eating. There's *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *Hansel and Gretel*, and even the *Three Little Pigs*. Pick one fairy tale and retell a part of it, using as many of your new vocabulary words from the Word Bank as possible in your writing.



Word Bank

chow down
munch

devour
nibble

gobble
snack

A writing area enclosed by a decorative border of paw prints. It contains ten horizontal lines for writing.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Vocabulary Ladders



Directions: Match the cut out words and definitions. Then, glue them in the correct order on the ladders.

Words	Definitions
