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Unit Overview

Unit 1 deals in depth with the very basic and important aspect of grammar in the target language, the agreement of nouns and adjectives. Extensive time will be taken to revisit all vocabulary already learned and teach why each is formed in the way it is formed. It entails Language Arts and logic to introduce students to a different way of looking at grammar.

Enduring Understanding

A true friend consists of many qualities.

We can give descriptions to anything by using adjectives.

Nouns and adjectives are used to illustrate anything.

Noun and adjective agreement is more apparent in the target language.

Essential Questions

How can I use adjectives to describe people, places or things?

Why are adjectives so important in presenting yourself or other people?

How can I use adjectives to describe things I like and dislike?

Exit Skills

Students will be able to:

Categorize nouns in their gender; masculine or feminine.

Identify the masculine, feminine articles.

Identify the number of nouns; singular or plural.

Match nouns to the correct form of adjectives.

New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS)

Standard 7.1 **Novice-High** for Grades 5 & 6

Strand A: Interpretative Mode

Linguistic - has progressed from understanding and communicating at the word level to understanding and communicating at the sentence level and can use words, lists, and simple sentences to:

- Identify the main idea and some supporting details when reading.
- Understand the gist and some supporting details of conversation dealing with everyday life.
- Infer the meaning of some unfamiliar words when used in familiar contexts.

Cultural

- Immigration changes both the community of origion and the new community.
- The study of another language and culture deepends understanding of where and how people live and why events occur.
- Due to globalization and advances in technology, the products and practices of a culture change over time, and these changes may impact cutlural perspectives.
- Human and animal migration often related to availability of resources and the ability to adapt to the environment.
- Perseonal preferences and skills are key factors to consider when making decisions about postsecondary plans.
- The amount of leisure time available and how it is spent varies among cultures.
- Wellness practices may vary across cultures.
- Online newspapers, magazines, blogs, wikis, podcasts, videos, and government websites provide current information on perspectives of the target culture on local, national, and global problems/issues.
- Current trends and issues influence popular culture.

Strand B: Interpersonal Mode

Linguistic - has progressed from understanding and communicating at the word level to understanding and communicating at the sentence level and can use words, lists, and simple sentences indepednently to:

- Ask and answer questions related to everyday life.
- Handle simple transactions related to everyday life:

Initiate, maintain, and end a conversation
Ask for and give permission

Express needs
Give reasons
Request, suggest, and make arrangements
Extend, accept, and decline an invitation
Express an opinion and preference

Cultural (please see above)

Strand C: Presentational Mode

Linguistic - has progressed from understanding and communicating at the word level to understanding and communicating at the sentence level and can use words, lists, and simple sentences indepednently to:

- Handle simple transactions related to everyday life:

  Express needs

  Give reasons

  Express an opinion and preference

  Request and suggest

Cultural (please see above)

WL.7.1.NM.A.C.1	Personal identity is developed through experiences that occur within one's family, one's community, and the culture at large. (Topics that assist in the development of this understanding should include, but are not limited to: self, friends, family, pets, physical/personality descriptions, school, likes/dislikes, and pastimes.)
WL.7.1.NM.A.C.4	Many products and practices related to home and community are shared across cultures; others are culture - specific. (Topics that assist in the development of this understanding should include, but are not limited to: home life, places in the community, activities within the community, and travel.)
WL.7.1.NM.A.L.1	The Novice - Mid language learner understands and communicates at the word level and can independently identify and recognize memorized words and phrases that bring meaning to text.

Interdisciplinary Connections

LA.RL.6.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
LA.RL.6.9	Compare, contrast and reflect on (e.g., practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories) in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics.

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

Categorize nouns by their gender; masculine or feminine.

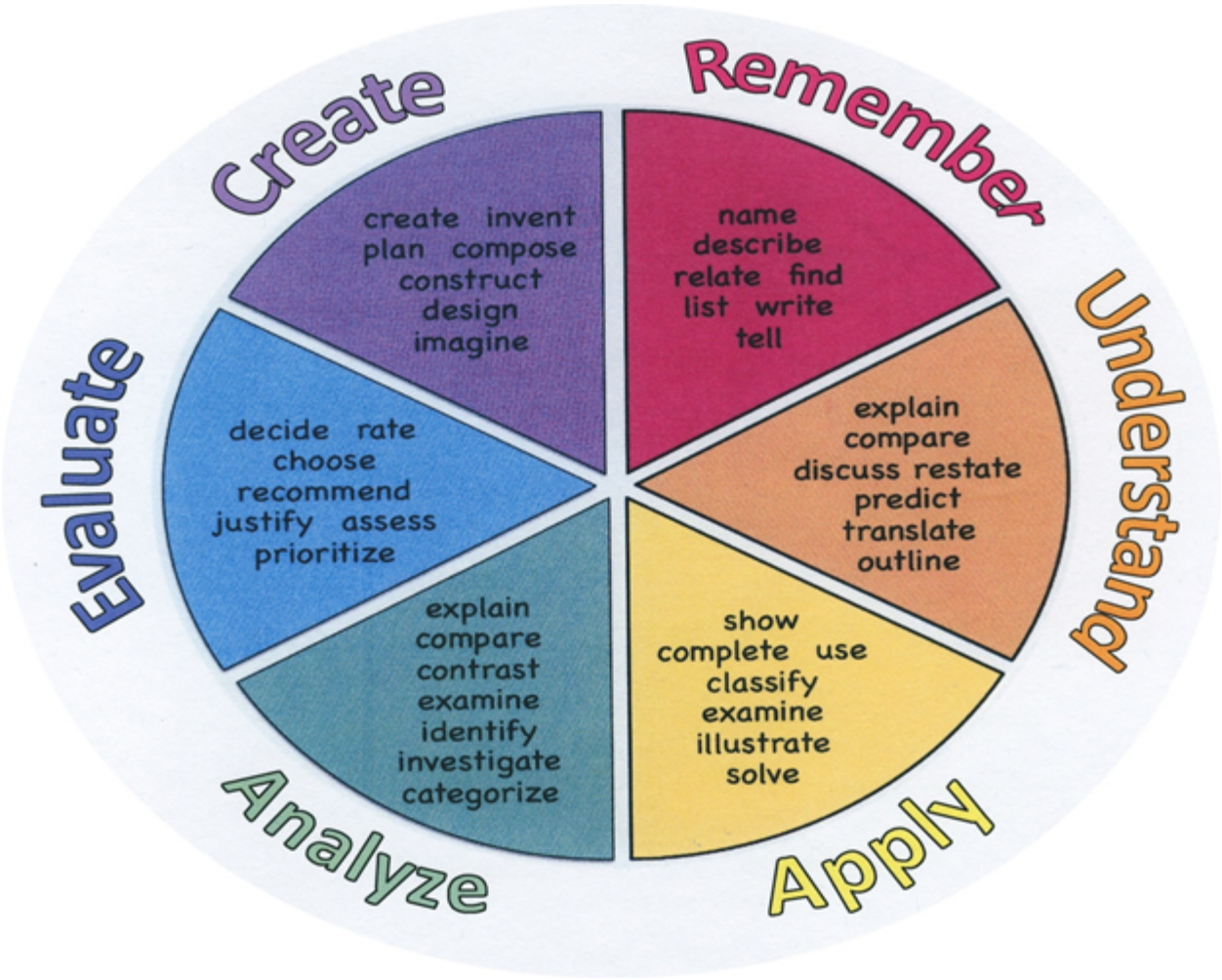
Identify articles, masculine or feminine, singular or plural.

Identify the number of nouns; singular or plural.

Match nouns to the correct form of the adjective.

Action Verbs: Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.

Remember	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Create
Choose	Classify	Choose	Categorize	Appraise	Combine
Describe	Defend	Dramatize	Classify	Judge	Compose
Define	Demonstrate	Explain	Compare	Criticize	Construct
Label	Distinguish	Generalize	Differentiate	Defend	Design
List	Explain	Judge	Distinguish	Compare	Develop
Locate	Express	Organize	Identify	Assess	Formulate
Match	Extend	Paint	Infer	Conclude	Hypothesize
Memorize	Give Examples	Prepare	Point out	Contrast	Invent
Name	Illustrate	Produce	Select	Critique	Make
Omit	Indicate	Select	Subdivide	Determine	Originate
Recite	Interrelate	Show	Survey	Grade	Organize
Select	Interpret	Sketch	Arrange	Justify	Plan
State	Infer	Solve	Breakdown	Measure	Produce
Count	Match	Use	Combine	Rank	Role Play
Draw	Paraphrase	Add	Detect	Rate	Drive
Outline	Represent	Calculate	Diagram	Support	Devise
Point	Restate	Change	Discriminate	Test	Generate
Quote	Rewrite	Classify	Illustrate		Integrate
Recall	Select	Complete	Outline		Prescribe
Recognize	Show	Compute	Point out		Propose
Repeat	Summarize	Discover	Separate		Reconstruct
Reproduce	Tell	Divide			Revise
	Translate	Examine			Rewrite
	Associate	Graph			Transform
	Compute	Interpolate			
	Convert	Manipulate			
	Discuss	Modify			
	Estimate	Operate			
	Extrapolate	Subtract			
	Generalize				
	Predict				



Suggested Activities & Best Practices

Enunciate the article of nouns, which directs the gender, so students may distinguish more easily when listening.

Make it a habit to identify the gender of nouns as they are presented for greater recall.

Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)

Put various articles on the board for students to create different lists from them.

When a noun is stated by teacher, students identify it's gender.

- Admit Tickets
- Anticipation Guide
- Common Benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- DBQ's
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Journals
- KWL Chart
- Learning Center Activities
- Multimedia Reports
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List

- Unit review/Test prep
- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments
- Written Reports

Primary Resources & Materials

Spanish is Fun workbook, Teach Them Spanish workbook, Buen Viaje

Ancillary Resources

SmartBoard, YouTube, Flash cards

Technology Infusion

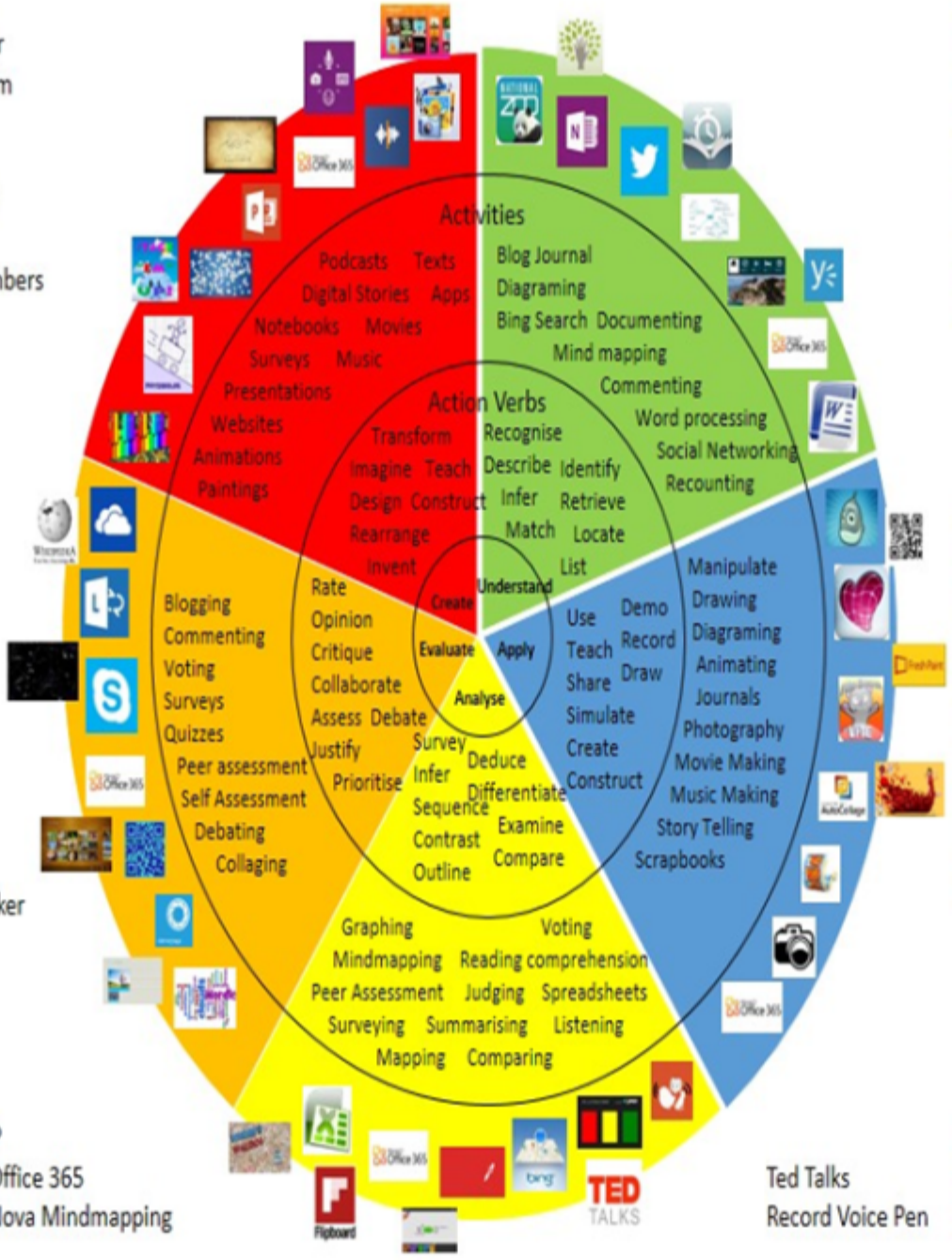
SmartBoard used for categorizing nouns as part of a class activity.

YouTube video demonstrating the rules of correct forms of adjectives.

Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel

Podcasts
Photostory 3
Kid Story Builder
Music Maker Jam
Paint A Story
Office 365
MS PowerPoint
Stack 'Em Up
NqSquared Numbers
Physamajig
Xylophone 8

Wikipedia
Skydrive
Lync
SkyMap
Skype
Office 365
Puzzle Touch
Easy QR
Memorylage
Life Moments
Word Cloud Maker



Where's Waldo?
MS Excel Office 365
Flipboard Nova Mindmapping

Ted Talks
Record Voice Pen

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Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology

Mastery and infusion of **21st Century Skills & Technology** and their Alignment to the core content areas is essential to student learning. The core content areas include:

- English Language Arts;
- Mathematics;
- Science and Scientific Inquiry (Next Generation);
- Social Studies, including American History, World History, Geography, Government and Civics, and Economics;
- World languages;
- Technology;
- Visual and Performing Arts.

CRP.K-12.CRP1	Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CAEP.9.2.8.B	Career Exploration
CAEP.9.2.8.B.3	Evaluate communication, collaboration, and leadership skills that can be developed through school, home, work, and extracurricular activities for use in a career.
TECH.8.1.5.A	Technology Operations and Concepts: Students demonstrate a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems and operations.
TECH.8.1.5.A.CS1	Understand and use technology systems

21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes

- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

21st Century Skills

- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy

- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Global Awareness
- Health Literacy

Differentiation

Arrange nouns in gender order for ease of categorization.

Pair up students for categorization of nouns for a competition of matches.

Differentiations:

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction
- Token economy
- Study guides
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Story guides
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

Hi-Prep Differentiations:

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Independent research and projects
- Interest groups

- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Literature circles
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Problem-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Think-Tac-Toes
- Tiered activities/assignments
- Tiered products
- Varying organizers for instructions

Lo-Prep Differentiations

- Choice of books or activities
- Cubing activities
- Exploration by interest
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied journal prompts
- Varied supplemental materials

Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)

Allow for a shorter list of matches of nouns and adjectives.

Group students for a project on descriptions of a few well known people.

- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction

- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multi-sensory presentation
- multiple test sessions
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

English Language Learning (ELL)

Native speakers may include persons of interest from their language for description project.

Offer common nouns and adjectives from their language to compare to English.

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarif
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of workpresented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments

- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

At Risk

Allow for TPR in responses to noun and adjective identification.

Allow use of Chromebooks for spelling check of noun and adjective vocabulary on written assignment.

- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
- decreasing the amount of workpresented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)

Assign completion of a crossword puzzle with adjectives in the target language for classmates to solve.

Allow students to check accuracy of spelling on noun lists during the class activity.

- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
- Advanced problem-solving
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Cluster grouping

- Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
- Create a blog or social media page about their unit
- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

Sample Lesson

Unit Name: Nouns and Adjectives

NJSLS: See link

Interdisciplinary Connection: Language Arts

Statement of Objective: SWDAT identify gender of nouns by noting the endings; as sounds and spelling

Anticipatory Set/Do Now: Randomly write nouns on the board, some more related to males and other to females for students to identify

Learning Activity: Students will learn the endings used for each gender by noting the similarities of some and not others. Exceptions to the rules are presented in anagram form.

Student Assessment/CFU's: Chorals, Oral responses

Materials: SmartBoard

21st Century Themes and Skills: Civic Literacy

Differentiation/Modifications: Usage of different colors for feminine and masculine nouns and different font for endings needed.

Integration of Technology: SmartBoard is used during class activity where students fill in the endings.

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