



# Alphabet Animal Tales

'A' book resource - Ally Ann Word Detective

## Standards

- Language Arts - Use context clues to understand word and sentence meanings.

## Objectives

- Students will identify clues within the text to understand the meaning of an unknown word.

## Prior Activities

- Create an anchor chart with the class describing the different ways to use context clues while reading.
  - Synonym – look for words that mean the same thing
  - Antonym – look for words describing the opposite
  - Explanation – look for a section that explains the definition
  - Example – look for words that give an example of the difficult word
  - Pictures – use pictures to help find the meaning of the word
- Give examples of each method and go over them as a class.

## Center or Lesson

- In groups, as a center, or individually, have the students read *Alphabet Animal Tales: A*.
- While reading the book, the students will come across difficult words. Have the students use the activity sheet to record the clues that helped them figure out the meaning of the words.
- Have the students write the definition they discovered.

## Differentiation

- Higher level students will identify the clues as well as the method they used to find the definition.
- One strategy to use for lower level students would be to group them with other students to help them discuss possible definitions for each of the words.

## Conclusion

- Have the class compare the clues they found to figure out the meaning of each word.
- The teacher might also have the students check their definition in a dictionary.



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