

Lesson 6: Tell and Act Out Stories

Standards Alignments

Addressing K.CC.B.5, K.OA.A.1, K.OA.A.2
Building Towards K.OA.A.1

Teacher-facing Learning Goals

- Act out a story.
- Tell a story based on a picture.

Student-facing Learning Goals

- Let's tell and act out stories.

Lesson Purpose

The purpose of this lesson is for students to tell and act out addition and subtraction stories.

In previous lessons, students demonstrated the actions of addition and subtraction with objects and counted to find the total or difference. This lesson introduces students to addition and subtraction in the context of a story, which will be explored throughout this section. The pictures and stories are about students playing at recess, which allows students to relate to and act out the stories directly and helps them understand the connection between what they act out and what happens in the story (MP2).

Because the focus of this activity is on making sense of the actions in the stories, there are no questions included. Questionless story problems encourage students to think about the context and the action in the story without feeling pressure or rushed to solve the problem.

Students may need to hear a story read aloud multiple times to remember what is happening in the story. While students may not be able to read the words in the story, it is important to have the story displayed for students to see so that students can begin to refer back to the problem when they recognize some of the numbers or words. Consider working on recognizing some common words in stories (many, more, how, now, etc.) during other parts of the day.

In this lesson and throughout the section, the teacher demonstrates writing expressions to represent the action in story problems. The teacher continues to use the language of "4 and 3" and "7 take away 5" and also reads expressions as "4 plus 3" and "7 minus 2."

Access for:

Students with Disabilities

- Engagement (Activity 2)

English Learners

- MLR8 (Activity 2)

Instructional Routines

How Many Do You See? (Warm-up)

Materials to Gather

- Connecting cubes: Activity 3
- Materials from previous centers: Activity 3

Lesson Timeline

Warm-up	10 min
Activity 1	10 min
Activity 2	15 min
Activity 3	20 min
Lesson Synthesis	5 min

Materials to Copy

- Number Mat 1–5 (groups of 2): Activity 3

Teacher Reflection Question

As students worked in their small groups today, whose ideas were heard, valued, and accepted? How can you adjust the group structure tomorrow to ensure each student's ideas are a part of the collective learning?

Cool-down (to be completed at the end of the lesson)

 0 min

Unit 4, Section B Checkpoint

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Addressing K.OA.A.1, K.OA.A.2

Student-facing Task Statement

Lesson observations

Student Responses

- Accurately retell a story problem in their own words.
- Understand the action in a story problem and act it out or demonstrate it with objects or drawings.