

Creative Activities for Learning the Word "Nervous" (Grade 5)

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Introduction
Etymology: The word "nervous" comes from the Latin word "nervosus," meaning "sinewy" or "strong."
Fun Fact: Being nervous can actually be helpful! It can make you more alert and focused.
STEM Fact: Did you know that feeling nervous can affect your heart rate? When you're nervous, your heart can beat faster!
Popular Culture References: Characters like Shaggy from Scooby-Doo or even the first day at a new school can show feelings of being nervous.
Common Context: We often hear the word "nervous" when talking about public speaking, taking tests, or trying something new.
Synonyms: anxious, uneasy, jittery, apprehensive
Antonyms: calm, relaxed, confident, assured
Example Sentences:
1. Declarative: I feel nervous before a big presentation.
2. Imperative: Don't be nervous ; just take a deep breath.
3. Interrogative: Why do you feel nervous when meeting new people?
4. Exclamatory: I can't believe how nervous I was for the audition!

Activities

- Draw Your Nervous Moments**
Have students draw a picture depicting a time when they felt **nervous**. They should label their drawing with the word and a few feelings they experienced.
Example Answer: A drawing of a kid standing in front of a big crowd, with labels like "nervous" and "scared".
- Role Play Nervous Situations**
In pairs, students will act out a situation where someone feels **nervous** (like giving a speech). The other student will guess what the situation is.
Example Answer: One student pretends to give a speech while fidgeting, and the other says, "You're feeling nervous about speaking in front of the class!"
- Nervous Analogies**
Ask students to write an analogy using the word **nervous**. For example, "Feeling nervous is like a cat hiding under the bed."
Example Answer: "Being nervous is like a balloon that might pop at any moment."
- Share Your Feelings**
In a circle, students will share a time they felt **nervous**. Encourage them to use the word in their sentences.
Example Answer: "I felt **nervous** when I tried out for the basketball team."

5. **Compliments for Confidence**

Each student will write a compliment to someone in class to help them feel less **nervous** about a situation they might face.

Example Answer: "You are very brave, and I know you will do great on your test!"

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