Lesson 7: Portmanteau Words

All-STAR Readers Know

A portmanteau word is formed by combining two words. It is sometimes called a blended word. Unlike compound words, portmanteau words drop some letters when two words are blended.

\[\text{smoke} + \text{fog} = \text{smog} \quad \text{internal} + \text{communication} = \text{intercom}\]

Solve It! Write the portmanteau word from the box that best completes each sentence. Then circle the two words that formed it.

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4. A faint gleam with a brief shimmer is a _____________.
5. When you drop a blot of paint and botch a painting job, you make a _____________.
6. A flame that causes a brief, bright glare is a _____________.
7. Some vehicles run on a combination of gas and alcohol called _____________.
8. When you want to describe the time span that takes place within fourteen nights, you can use the old-fashioned term _____________.
9. A bold and rash move is _____________.
10. An emotion shown as an icon is an _____________.

Name ____________________________

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Objectives
Students will
• understand what portmanteau words are and identify them in oral and written activities.
• correctly write and spell portmanteau words to best complete sentences.

5-STAR Pointers

Activating Prior Knowledge
Remind students that there are various shortened forms of words, such as contractions and clipped words. Show students a science fiction book. Share a brief summary of the book, making it clear what genre it is. Ask students if they have ever heard of science fiction and write the phrase on the board. Ask students if they can think of a shorter way to write or say science fiction. Write sci-fi on the board.

Introducing the Lesson
Read aloud the All-STAR Readers Know box on page 187. Write the examples on an overhead. Emphasize that not just any letters can be dropped from each of the two words that are combined to form a portmanteau word; each word portion should make sense and sound correct once combined (smog sounds more sensible than foke). Explain that portmanteau words are usually informal and some require hyphens.

Guided Practice
Write these word equations, without the answers, on an overhead: motorcycle + crossing = motocross; website + camera = webcam; slow + motion = slo-mo; and simultaneous + broadcast = simulcast. Select students to complete each equation. Discuss any errors as a class.

Informal Assessment
Observe students during guided practice. Do they understand how to form portmanteau words? Do they avoid participation? Use the All-STAR Intervention Strategies on the next page as needed to reteach or reinforce.

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Independent Practice
Review the All-STAR Readers Know box on page 187. Assign pages 187 and 188. Read aloud each activity’s directions. Observe students as they finish the pages. Assess each student’s understanding. Discuss the Think & Link on page 188.
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1. haggle + tussle = hassle
2. motor + pedal = moped
3. information + commercial = infomercial
4. chuckle + snort = chortle
5. International + network = Internet
6. blow + spurt = blurt
7. globe + blob = glob

Write It! Complete each sentence with a portmanteau word from above.

8. Have you found any good jokes on the Internet recently?
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10. Some comedians find it a hassle when conversations in the audience are too loud.
11. Instead of laughing, some people quietly chortle.
12. I saw an infomercial where you could buy the ultimate joke book.
13. Do you really think a falling glob of slime is funny?
14. I think a clown riding a moped is hilarious.

Think & Link The word portmanteau is French for suitcase. Just as old-fashioned suitcases have two parts folded into one, so do portmanteau words. The author Lewis Carroll wrote about portmanteau words in his story Through the Looking-Glass:

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