

Sentences with Semantic Errors

Students develop meta linguistic skills by finding and correcting errors in meaning.



Appropriate for 3rd through 6th grade



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Semantic Error Sentences

Sentences with semantic errors are a good tool to enhance vocabulary development and improve metalinguistic awareness in sentences. Metalinguistic awareness is the ability to think about language beyond its structure. In this set of cards, students are given sentences that have flaws in meaning. It is the student's task to recognize why a sentence does not make sense and correct it with words that make sense.

Why is this important? It has been found that reading comprehension and metalinguistic skills are strongly linked (Achugar, Schleppegrell, & Oteiza, 2007).

This set contains 10 pages of sentences containing semantic errors. There are 4 sentences with a picture cue on each page for a total of 40 trials or task cards. Four answer pages are included to give examples of corrected sentences. The most plausible answers are given, but it is possible for a student to come up with an alternative correct answer. This should be left to the discretion of the teacher.

There are several options for teacher and student use of this product. You can download the pdf for printing of individual work sheets, make flash cards for multiple uses, or access the product with the Teachers Pay Teachers Digital Overlay for Distant Learning. Students can be assigned lessons through Google Classroom, complete the assignment by writing or typing answers in the text boxes, and returning it to the instructor digitally.

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Semantic Error Sentences: underline the mistake and write a correct sentence.

1. Don't forget to brush your toes after you eat.



2. We couldn't see through the window because it was too clean.



3. I like to eat soup with a shovel.



4. The ice cream melted because it was too cold.





Semantic Error Sentences: underline the mistake and write a correct sentence.

5. My sister is older than my grandmother.



6. We flew our kites in the kitchen.



7. I want you to vacuum your footprints off the ceiling.



8. The zookeeper fed the cars at the zoo every day.





Semantic Error Sentences: example corrections

1. Don't forget to brush your **teeth** after you eat.
2. We couldn't see through the window because it was too **dirty**.
3. I like to eat my soup with a **spoon**.
4. The ice cream melted because it was too **hot**.
5. My **grandmother** is older than my **sister**.
6. We flew our kite **outside**.
7. I want you to vacuum the **carpet**.
8. The zookeeper fed the **animals** at the zoo every day.

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