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Free Lesson Plan

April Fool's Day Vocabulary Lesson

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Objectives: To get a good laugh **Time:** 10-15 minutes

Materials: **Handout:** Vocabulary Lesson Word List **Handout:** Vocabulary Lesson Word Search

Procedure: This Friday is April Fool's Day, so we thought we'd help you set up your students with a fake vocabulary lesson that you can use as a warm up or bell ringer. The prank has two parts. The first is a vocabulary list of increasingly ridiculous fake words and the second is a word search which doesn't include any of the words from the word list. We hope you and your students get a good laugh out of this one. For best results, you could try a classic, obvious April Fool's Day Joke, like turning your desk around backwards, to put your students off guard.

1. Handout both worksheets to students.

2. Introduce the lesson as an extra vocabulary activity full of challenging words that a recent survey shows that 90% of Graduating Seniors were unable to define.

3. Ask for volunteers or assign students to read the vocabulary word, definition, and sample sentences.

Some of these words are nearly impossible to pronounce. Try to keep a straight face and help your students work their way through the pronunciations. As an alternative, you could break your students into small groups and ask them to work review the words among themselves—this might keep the joke going a few minutes longer.

4. Ask your students to find the vocabulary words in the associated word search.

None of these words appear in the word search. The only words that your students should find are "APRIL FOOLS"

5. Enjoy the rest of your April Fool's Day—keep an eye out for a revenge plot!



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2016 Words You Need to Know

A spring 2016 survey of 2,137 graduating seniors identified ten words that 90% of students were unable to identify in national assessment tests. Set yourself apart from the herd by learning these ten commonly misused words.

Word List

1. **Ipdrine** *adj.* (ip drine) having the characteristics of Lama or behaving in a lama-like fashion.
The other patients in the waiting room found Jason's *ipdrine* demeanor unsettling.
2. **Pandricenial** *adj.* (pan dri cen i al) occurring at least once every century
The townsfolk were all terrified that this year they'd see the *pandricenial* hurricane that would destroy their village.
3. **Stradivariac** *adj.* (strad uh ver ik) having an irrationally high monetary value
As much as Megan wanted the latest smart phone, she refused to pay the *stradivariac* price for something so common.
4. **Quandrimonium** *noun* (kwan drim yum) chaos limited to only the persons within a single domicile
Quandimonium ensued when the Francise family discovered that the cat had eaten the three cushions on the sofa.
5. **Axomachilliax** *noun* (ax o ma chill i ax) a person who is remarkably unperturbed by distressing or exciting news
I'm afraid of what Tom will do when he hears about the plane crash, but because Mary is such an *axomachilliax*, I know that she'll be fine.
6. **Castoguine** *noun* (kast oh gwine) untimely joviality or laughter, especially in an apparently dangerous or difficult situation
The baseball team remained *castoguine* in spite of the coach's increasingly harsh punishments.
7. **Pachycephalophobia** *noun* (pack ee see fo lo fo bi a) a fear of slow learners
After eight years of private tuba lessons with the maestro, Andre felt a great sense of *pachycephalophobia* in going to beginners' group lessons.
8. **Ingenodortate** *verb* (en jen o der tat) to differentiate things based on smell
Larry has lived in a fishing community most of his life, and can, therefore, *ingenodortate* many different species of fish.
9. **Srivayatenotchlan** *noun* (shri vay a ten o schlan) a purple dye from India popular for dying Aztec ceremonial head-dresses
During the Spanish conquest of Central America, the trade of spices and *srivayatenotchlan* flourished throughout Mexico.
10. **Ichrothopic** *adj.* (ik ro thop ik) pertaining to biology influenced by public roads and thoroughfare
Turtles, groundhogs, and other *ichrothopic* creatures thrive on the median between the interstate lanes.

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Word Search

W	G	U	F	T	R	C	K	D	L	J	C	H	S	U	K	O	O	H	G	K	Z	U	V	R
T	Y	B	A	W	Z	F	V	E	F	T	N	R	M	Z	E	C	T	I	A	N	P	X	Z	F
R	Z	U	K	A	P	G	O	P	X	Z	F	I	L	R	O	C	Q	B	E	O	Z	W	Y	S
J	W	P	F	I	Y	U	I	B	T	D	T	K	K	H	N	K	B	B	Z	O	R	R	K	B
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Q	A	P	P	D	B	N	F	G	O	Z	U	U	A	K	U	J	T	E	T	E	C	U	Y	F
H	G	P	M	Z	V	I	C	G	N	A	W	F	O	A	P	W	S	Y	K	R	X	J	S	X
V	O	W	R	G	C	Z	J	T	U	H	U	Q	A	K	K	N	I	C	J	M	F	I	O	Y
S	U	M	T	I	N	Z	L	E	O	C	E	R	S	P	Y	T	O	Y	T	O	T	D	E	B
I	M	J	M	N	L	P	D	A	S	S	N	Y	C	A	H	U	W	S	P	N	R	H	H	D
Y	M	B	T	A	C	F	V	F	F	G	D	Y	C	J	G	Q	O	H	A	E	N	B	G	U
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V	W	R	N	M	H	K	G	O	R	I	L	W	W	I	K	Y	N	T	V	X	B	U	Q	B
C	L	Y	F	P	G	X	W	H	L	X	N	E	M	J	T	Y	X	S	R	D	U	U	P	X
C	F	Y	J	O	E	C	Q	R	G	S	E	Z	C	B	J	U	C	W	V	X	O	K	T	L
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